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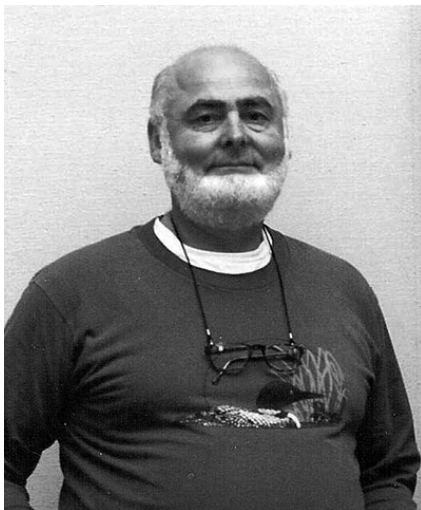
## Birding Hungary

**Matt Jung and Lonnie Gamble will be the presenters at the September 15 meeting of the Oklahoma City Audubon Society. They will talk about their recent birding trip to Hungary.**

Matt and Lonnie traveled to Hungary in April 2014 where they birding within Budapest and four national parks. They tallied 142 species during their adventure.

Hungary is a country in Central Europe and totally landlocked. It is situated in the Carpathian Basin bordered by Slovakia to the north; Ukraine/Romania to the east; Serbia/Croatia to the south; Slovenia to the south-west and Austria to the west.

Matt was born in Békéscsaba, Hungary. His family fled Hungary in 1944 by horse-drawn wagon and settled in a refugee camp in



Matt Jung

Vichtenstein, Austria. A year later, the US Army re-settled Matt and his family in Maihingen, West Germany where he attended school. As a boy growing up, Matt was interested in all wildlife around town.

He immigrated to the United States in 1956, settled in Oklahoma City and worked for Macklamburg and Duncan. He went on to serve in the US Army and after his discharge earned a BA and MBA from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Matt retired from Seagate as Director of Supplier Quality Engineering in 2004. He and his wife Maria have two children.

Lonnie Gamble is a native of Elk City and a long time resident of Yukon. He is also a Seagate retiree and enjoys birding, photography, golf, hunting, fishing, collecting and studying firearms. He and his wife Wanda have two daughters and two granddaughters.

Our meetings are held September through June on the third Monday of each month (with the exception of January). They begin at 7 p.m. at the Will Rogers Garden Center, I-44 and NW 36th Street. Visitors are always welcome.



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### Welcome!

The Oklahoma City Audubon Society  
welcomes:

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## President's Perspective

By Bill Diffin



Hi, Members. I hope you had a great summer of birding and nature watching. The local lakes stayed relatively full this year which should lead to a great fall migration season for the shorebirds and waterfowl. The lake levels did fall enough to promote a growth of shore plants which will provide cover and food for some

species we don't normally think of as lake birds. If you have an idea for a field trip, you should communicate it to our Field Trip Committee Charman, Mark Delgrosso. Almost everyone has a special spot, a local park or some other place that they know particularly well because it is their default birding spot. Why not schedule a trip to that place? You almost certainly know a few things from your observations over the years that would be interesting focal points for the trip.

Our picnic in June was a delightful event again this year thanks to Patti Muzny and her family. Her back yard was beautiful. We couldn't have asked for more pleasant surroundings. The attendees at this event always seem to have a great time. If you haven't tried it yet, there's always next year.

From now until our club election at the December meeting, we must necessarily think and plan on the leadership of the club for 2015. It is not hard to serve this club. The other folks who are there to serve with you are cooperative and supportive. The time required is not large, just regular. If you have the ability to put in a little time each month, you should consider a position. Talk to the current office holders. It is immensely satisfying to participate in the team effort that is OKC Audubon, to see how all the diverse contributions add up to a wonderful source of activity and learning for so many people. I will ask for volunteers to be on the Election Committee in the October meeting. The Election Committee members will come up with a slate of candidates to be nominated at the November meeting. The election itself is in the December meeting.

What did you see this summer that inspired you? Did you find something new and surprising about nature? Did you add another bird or two to your life list or yard list? Did a new feeder perform surprisingly well? Consider writing a short article for our newsletter. A little bit of quality input is a better concept for an article than a long-winded piece. Keep it simple. Say what you have to say. I'm sure the other members will appreciate it.

There are about 10,000 bird species in the world. No one has ever seen them all as far as I know. Despite the popularity of birding world wide, only a very few people have even half the species on their life lists. Why so many species? So many different ways to make a living, to fit in to the tapestry of the natural world. And yet the birds are just one branch on the tree of life. Like the branches on a real tree, each branch on the tree of life has a similarity to the other branches. Using the birds as a model, we can try for insights concerning the whole tree. This is just one of the fascinations of birding.

Most of you who have been birding for a while will be knowledgeable on the recent change to the higher level taxonomy of the North American tanagers in genus *Piranga*. These tanagers, once thought to be part of the large group of colorful true tanagers in tropical America, were discovered through genetic research to be part of the family, *Cardinalidae*, containing our Northern Cardinal, Blue Grosbeak, Dickcissel, Indigo Bunting, Painted Bunting and their relatives.

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## Bird of the Month

By John Shackford



My best birding moment over the summer was not in Oklahoma but at Grand Canyon National Park; that is where my wife and I got a great look at a California Condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*). I am justifying the use of this species for the Bird of the Month because Grand Canyon National Park belongs to all of us and many people around the world—including Oklahomans—visit the park every year; also the story of the condors

comeback from near extinction is quite remarkable and truly interesting.

My wife and 3 youngest kids went on a vacation to California. The primary purpose of the trip was to take our 17-year-old daughter to visit one of the California universities where she is planning to apply. On the way out to California, we built in a half day to visit the Grand Canyon. I was the only one of the 5 of us who had ever seen it, and that was many years ago.

As we were pulling into the parking lot at the park, I saw 2 large birds in the distance that looked like they had the white underwing pattern of the California Condor, but I don't like to call life birds based on far

away IDs and especially when I am just getting oriented to an area. A little later I thought I saw another distant condor, but again it was far away so I passed on a firm ID.

But our time did come later that afternoon—a California Condor flew right over our heads about 50 feet away, the first life bird I have added to my extremely unkempt life list in a long time. My wife Melissa also saw it well, and we high-fived it, both for seeing the condor and for seeing the first life bird we had ever seen together. Later there was one other distant view of a probable condor. Thus, the total number of condors I thought I saw that day could have been as low as only 2 birds, but possibly as many as 5.

In the 1980s the California Condor was fast slipping into extinction. Cornell University's All About Birds says that the last remaining 27 were brought into captivity in 1987 to be part of what turned out to be a very successful captive breeding program; now over 230 birds have been released into the wild in California, Arizona, and Baja California; some 170 birds remain in captivity.

Introducing captive bred condors to Grand Canyon appears to have been very much a win-win for the condor as well as park visitors. The park offers people the opportunity to see a rare species at close range that would now almost surely be extinct, except for the captive breeding program since 1987. As for the birds, the Grand Canyon offers suitable habitat for feeding and nesting in wide-open spaces, as well as a large gun-free zone. Also, I would not be surprised if there is occasional supplemental feeding of the local population, either to encourage the population in times of food stress or to encourage the birds to remain in the Grand Canyon area, partly so tourists have a chance to see them. I have, however, no direct knowledge that supplemental feeding does occur—this is just a guess on my part.



Populations of the condor build up slowly—some pairs skip a year between nestings and when they do nest the female lays only 1 egg. In prehistoric times the birds were apparently found in western and southeastern parts of the U.S. Such determinations of range have been made on the basis of condor bones found in the caves of prehistoric people. Perhaps condors once were found in Oklahoma and,

given enough time, perhaps they will once again grace our state. One reason to suggest such a "far out" possibility is that a close relative of the condor, the Turkey Vulture, has shown a positive population trend over most of its U.S. range in the last 48 years, according to Breeding Bird Survey data; I suspect range expansion of the Turkey Vulture has occurred as well, but do not have verification of this at hand.

Incidentally, the Grand Canyon was beautiful that sunshiny day. There was a bit of haze in the air and that, combined with my not perfect eyesight, made me think that the canyon more resembled a huge painting than the amazing natural wonder it is.

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## Minutes of June 16, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Diffin. Minutes of the May 19th meeting were approved without changes.

Guests: Long-time member Joyce Varner is visiting from NE Oklahoma. Marilyn and Jerry Taylor of OKC. Dawn Underwood of Edmond. Diane McGee of Oklahoma City is a new member.

Committee reports

Treasurer's report:

Nancy Vicars reports \$6360 in the account

Field Trips: Mark Delgrosso was absent, and there are no upcoming field trips.

Conservation Committee: 1. Dave Woodson reports that the City Kids event at Crystal Lake was postponed due to weather; rescheduled for the weekend of June 21-22.

Adopt-a-Park: Litter pickup leader Sharon Henthorn welcomes individual efforts in cleaning up visible trash at Prairie Dog Point at Lake Hefner. Recent rains and high grass are compromising efforts for scheduling a group cleanup date.

New business: Thanks to Patti and Sam Muzny for Saturday's annual picnic, and to Bill Diffin for manning the charcoal grill.

Sightings: a brown pelican has been seen daily at Lake Overholser for the past several days.

Presentation: Dave Woodson gave an entertaining slide presentation on his photos of birds of the US. He also displayed posters of his photos and Sue's artwork.

Next meeting will be September 15th, as the OCAS meetings are not held in July and August each year.

*Sharon Henthorn, Secretary*

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## Cookie Patrol

Refreshments for September 15th meeting will be provided by Sharon Henthorn, Mary Lane & Steve Davis, and Dolores Smith

## Perspective (cont.)

There was a flip side to this story which you would not be familiar with unless you keep close track of the changes in bird taxonomy in tropical America. Many drab, thick-billed birds which were once considered finches (Fringillidae) or emberizids (Emberizidae) were discovered through genetic research to belong in the true tanager family, Thraupidae. Here are links to photos of some examples:

Bright-rumped Yellow Finch -

<http://goo.gl/JKj3oM>

White-collared Seedeater -

<http://goo.gl/s17mDt>

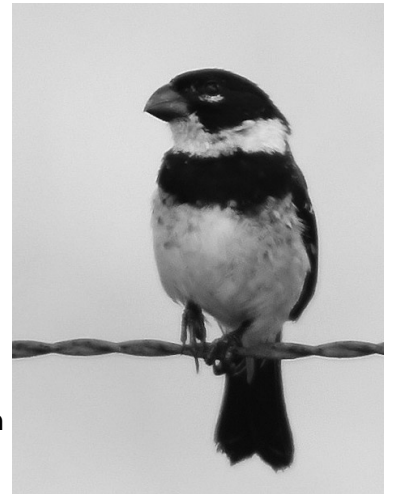
Black-and-rufous Warbling Finch -

<http://goo.gl/wZH5HM>

Lesser Grass Finch -

<http://goo.gl/LTyee8>

Note the White-collared Seedeater can be seen along the Rio Grande River in south Texas. One of the groups involved in the shakeup are the Galapagos Finches, aka Darwin's Finches, which are now known to be tanagers. Two other birds you may have run across if you have ever been birding in south Florida are the Western Spindalis, now known to be in Cardinalidae, and the Bananaquit, confirmed as a member of Thraupidae.



## Wildlife Expo

The 2014 Wildlife Expo is September 27th and 28th at the Lazy E Arena 5600 E. Forrest Hills Rd, Guthrie.

Presented by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and a coalition of conservation organizations, agencies and sponsors, Expo celebrates our great state's natural diversity and opportunities for the sporting enthusiasts and newcomers. From camping and outdoor skills to shooting sports and fishing, from bird watching to kayaking, Expo visitors have an opportunity to try their hands at two days of fun in the outdoors.

To learn more, visit <http://>

[www.wildlifedepartmentexpo.com/](http://www.wildlifedepartmentexpo.com/)

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# Chirpings

By Patti Muzny

## Summer 2014

The calendar indicates summer is on its way to wherever it goes, but the temperatures reflect that summer has finally achieved a foothold in Oklahoma and its digging in and holding on. Our Oklahoma City backyard was interesting during the nesting season. For the very first time ever we had American Goldfinches nesting somewhere nearby.

Brilliant flashes of yellow and black would come to the thistle feeder, which was the only feeder I left up all summer. We are over-run with English Sparrows and I chose not to be such a good steward for this particular species. I wasn't really sure they were nesting until I finally saw a female and a second male came into the yard. A vicious altercation ensued and one of the males was chased quite a distance from the thistle feeder. Scrappy little guys.



When the month of June comes around my thoughts turn to BBSs. In the past Nancy Vicars and I had quite a list of BBS routes and I always looked forward to doing them. This year, Nadine Varner and I headed to the Duncan area and once again had the pleasure of bunking at the Ketchum Ranch, thanks to June and Leonard Ketchum. After dinner we rode the 4-wheeler around to June's house to hang out with her for a while. The drive back to the bunkhouse was a pleasant experience, even if Nadine was driving an ATV for the first time. That's what those grab bars are for! The evening was cool and we stationed ourselves on the bunkhouse porch to watch the ranch critters tuck in for the night. There were even Bobwhite calling – much to Leonard's delight, I'm sure.

Early the next morning we dutifully arose in the dark of night to drive the 25 minutes to the first stop, and were exactly in place 30 minutes prior to sunrise. We might have been still yawning, but we were ready! Chuck-wills Widows made sure we counted them at the first few stops. This particular route doesn't seem to be one that attracts any birding surprises, but this year we noted an aspect of bird behavior that was extremely amusing. We had completed our three-minute look and listen duties at one stop, but as we continued toward the next stop, we noticed a bird had flown onto a moving oilfield pump jack. We looked at it as we drove and identified it as a Starling. We drove slowly, then even stopped to watch as this adventurous avian thrill-seeker continued to perch on the head of the pump jack and simply ride it up and down.

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# Conservation Report

by Dave Woodson

## Why is Bird Conservation important?

Should Birders be concerned about the declining

numbers of birds reported each year? Yes!

Where should we focus our local efforts to help ensure our children and grandchildren can enjoy the beauty of our feathered friends? What

can we do to help? These are questions I ask myself but feel helpless to come up with any satisfying answers. An education campaign may help.



Birds are an integral part of our ecosystem and serve many important purposes; they help control insects and rodent populations, they distribute seeds that generate plants and are food sources for predators.

There are many environmental issues, including: Pollution, Habitat destruction, Pesticide effects, endangered species, Bird hunting regulations, and Predator populations. Each of these issues is interconnected and can impact birds in often unexpected ways.

Some local issues that concern me are the large number of feral cats and trash around Lake Hefner and Lake Overhoser. We may not be able to do anything about the feral cats but helping stop the pollution is an area of deep concern.

Trash is seen all around; in our shopping centers, caught in fences in fields, hanging from trees left behind in picnic and fishing spots or dumped on roads around our State's lakes. The frustrating issue for me is the apparent lack of respect people apparently have for the Earth. An effort to educate people to pack in pack out "The Earth is not our Trash can."

# Recorders Report – Summer 2014

## A delightful summer

After the long drought, it was a delight to find summer filled with frequent showers and cooler temperatures. Birds nested, fledglings left the nest, adults helped them learn to fly and find food, and then they started gathering. During the summer in eBird, how many species did each county increase?

### JUNE

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave and Sue Woodson watched 30 Black Terns at Prairie Dog Point on Lake Hefner and Matt Jung found 4 American Pelicans at Lake Overholser. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jimmy Woodard discovered an Inca Dove in his Midwest City yard. On the 7<sup>th</sup> Randy Hiatt noticed the vegetation is really growing up on the flats at Lake Hefner and he located an American Widgeon loafing there. Jimmy did a bit of birding in southern Logan County and discovered Ruddy Duck, White-rumped Sandpiper, possible nesting Least Tern, Belted Kingfisher, Black-and-white Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Northern Paula, Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, and a Broad-winged Hawk bringing the Logan county species up 12 to a total of 148.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> Dala Grissim saw a Brown Pelican at Lake Overholser sitting on a dead log. Thanks to her report quite a few people got to see it. On the 10<sup>th</sup> Deanne McKinney photographed 2 young Eastern Screech-Owls being fed by the parents as they waited on the fence in her yard in OKC. Grace Huffman checked the west side of Lake Overholser and noted a Black-crowned Night-Heron which helped raise the Canadian County species count to 195. Will it make 200 by the end of the year?



On the 20<sup>th</sup> Matt scanned Lake Hefner and found a **Neotropic Cormorant**. On the 25<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Harris heard a Chuck-Will's-widow and Yellow-throated Warbler at Wewoka Woods Camp in Seminole County and his

plus Jimmy's report increased the county's species count by 17 to 103. On the 29<sup>th</sup> Tony Solorio and his Dad saw some Caspian Terns on Lake Hefner, and Deanne saw a Willet at Rose Lake. On the 28<sup>th</sup> Esther Key spotted a Western Kingbird in Lincoln County bringing the count up 1 to 122.

### JULY

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Calvin Rees saw two Bald Eagles at the NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge near Douglas Avenue. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend Diane Pedicord observed a female Wood Duck and 3 ducklings at a playa lake on the Yukon Parkway, and on the 5<sup>th</sup> Matt walked Stinchcomb WMA East and heard a Fish Crow.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> Scott Loss had 3 Caspian Terns arrive at Boomer Lake just before dusk. On the 19<sup>th</sup> Jimmy birded in Seminole County and noted Eastern Wood-Pewee, and Acadian Flycatcher. Bob Eillis found Mississippi Kite, Brown Thrasher and Blue Grosbeak at Wiley Post Reservoir (Maysville's water supply) in McClain County, and along with Larry Mays and Joe Grzybowski, this county's species list was increased by 14 to 103. On the 20<sup>th</sup> Bill Adams and his Mom went to Dick Ledbetter's house in Chickasha to check out the hummingbird babies, as well as adult Ruby-throated and Black-chinned Hummingbird, and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Jason Shaw reported Warbling Vireo and along with other reporters the species count in Grady County increased 13 for a total of 143.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> in OKC Jan Dolph noticed a Greater Roadrunner walking up her brick walkway. On the 24<sup>th</sup> Mary and Lou Truex birded Kingfisher County and located an Eastern Wood-Pewee and Least Flycatcher increasing the county count by 15 to a total of 82. On the 26<sup>th</sup> Dick Gunn saw a Spotted Sandpiper out in the river along South Jenkins in Norman, the beginning of shorebird fall migration. On the 27<sup>th</sup> Jimmy birded Pottawatomie County and located Cattle Egret, White-breasted Nuthatch, and Common Yellowthroat increasing the count by 26 for a total of 122.



### AUGUST

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Joe Grzybowski reported that water is high at Lake Hefner, where he saw Ring-billed Gulls, Least Terns and Black Terns. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> in south OKC Patti Muzny reported a pair of American Goldfinches have been at her feeder all summer but now a second male has appeared and the fight is on. Eric Duell had a Pine Warbler at Lake Carl Blackwell. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> along South Jenkins Dick Gunn had a Swainson's Hawk and on the 5<sup>th</sup> a **Willow Flycatcher**. Also a Lazuli Bunting was spotted thanks to John Tharp and Rachel Wrenn. Tomasz Kuder saw Yellow Warbler at Lake Thunderbird.

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## Recorder's Report (cont.)

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Kidney spotted some featureless, grayish baby birds fluttering their wings in the woods along South Jenkins but by the end of the week, they were recognizable as immature Yellow-throated Warblers. On the 7<sup>th</sup> John Tharp saw a Peregrine Falcon, and on the 8<sup>th</sup> John Tharp had an Upland Sandpiper flyover South Jenkins.



On the 9<sup>th</sup> T K located a Black-throated Green Warbler at Lake Thunderbird. Along South Jenkins Jennifer Kidney last saw a Prothonotary Warbler and on the 18<sup>th</sup> Rachel saw one feeding a little Brown-headed Cowbird. On the 10<sup>th</sup> Dave and Sue Woodson spotted a **Black-throated Green Warbler** along Lake Hefner. Jimmy did a bike ride through Joe Barnes Park in Midwest City and noted about a dozen Mississippi Kites and some Redheaded Woodpeckers. Kevin Groenweweg visited Lake Hefner and noted Baird Sandpipers, Semipalmated Sandpiper and Caspian Terns.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> Michelle Colbaugh reported about a week ago the juveniles Mississippi Kites in the backyard had left the nest but are returning to it on a regular basis. On the 13<sup>th</sup> Bill Diffin noticed a Least Flycatcher while walking along NW 122<sup>nd</sup> between Rockwell and Council. On the 18<sup>th</sup> Emily Hjalmarson identified a Snowy Plover at Lake Hefner. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> T K located a White-faced Ibis and Black-bellied Plover at Lake Hefner. Joe photographed a juvenile Olive-sided Flycatcher, and thinks it may have already migrated from its home in the far north.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> John Polo reported a Chipping Sparrow in Stillwater. On the 25<sup>th</sup> David McNeely had a female Wilson's Warbler in his Edmond backyard. On the 27<sup>th</sup> Sharon Henthorn reported an increase in numbers and varieties of birds at Rose Lake. On the 30<sup>th</sup> Chad Ellis reported a possible **Jaeger** and Deanne McKinney photographed a Laughing Gull at Lake Hefner. On the 31<sup>st</sup> Hal Yocum and buddies saw a **Black-billed Cuckoo** in Mitch Park in Edmond. Ah yes, fall migration is beginning. So which county had the most species added to their eBird total this summer, and which county has the lowest count?

In the Central Oklahoma area **149** bird species were reported this summer with 5 new species which brings the total for the year to **283**. I appreciate those who help provide the history of central Oklahoma birds and can be contacted by e-mail at [emkok@earthlink.net](mailto:emkok@earthlink.net). Esther M. Key, Editor.

## Chirpings (cont.)

Maybe these birds have to make their own fun out in the middle of nearly nowhere?

In late August, my sister, my niece and I flew to Anchorage, Alaska, and drove down the Kenai Peninsula to spend a few days in Homer, Alaska. All I can say is this area is by far the most beautiful place I have ever been. Words and photos don't come close to describing the beauty of this place. And it was COOL! I did get two life birds on this trip that wasn't an actual birding trip. We were hiking a nature trail above the bay on the side of a mountain when my sister flushed a female Spruce Grouse. Sister nearly jumped out of her hiking boots, and I was totally excited. The bird only flew a few feet and landed in a spruce tree directly above my niece. I wasn't planning on that lifer, but was pretty excited about this one, since we had looked extensively for it on our trip to Oregon.

A water taxi trip to the village of Soldovia by way of Gull Island, a unique rock that is chosen as a nesting site for both Tufted and Horned Puffins, Pigeon Guillemots, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Glaucous-winged gulls and Common Murres, did indeed allow us to find both puffins. The Horned Puffin was a lifer for me.



A sizeable kelp bed was the venue for a large number of sea otters that decided to put on the next-best entertainment of the day. The most spectacular entertainment was saved for the return trip, near the Homer Spit harbor. I was one of the fortunate ones who just happened to be hanging out in the captain's cabin because his first-mate was an avid birder. From our lofty vantage point, we spotted the "blow" of a humpback ahead of the boat. Then there was a roll or two. Just as the captain picked up the mike to announce a whale spotting, the bay seemed to erupt in front of us as this remarkable creature breached totally out of the water and made a splash almost as impressive as a calving glacier! Most of the group missed it and only got to see small rolls and blows before it disappeared. We were told that this was the only time this summer this crew had seen this breathtaking delight.

Fall should be just around the corner and I'm so ready for some of the cool to arrive. Have a wonderful fall migration.

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## 2014 - 15 Field Trip Schedule

As of this writing many of the trips/ dates are tentative for 2014-15. Check with Mark Delgrosso at: mark-delg94@gmail.com or the website/ newsletter for updates and final scheduling/ cancellations.

**OCTOBER.**(TBA): Big Sit: at Jimmy Woodard's Leader: Jimmy Woodard (jwoodard@cox.net)

**FALL** (TBA): Guthrie Sand Pits: Leader: Jimmy Woodard (j.woodard@cox.net)

**NOVEMBER:** Whooping Crane trip to Great Salt Plain

**WINTER:**

- Overholser/Hefner lakes: Leader(s): Bill Diffin (williamdiffin@aol.com)/ Jimmy Woodard

- Canton Lake: Leader(s): Bill Diffin Jimmy Woodard

**DECEMBER** (TBA): Pre-CBC Scouting trip: Leader: John Shackford (johnsshack@aol.com)

**FEBRUARY** (TBA): Woodcock mating: Leader: Jimmy Woodard

**SPRING:**

- In/around OKC Zoo: Leader: Nadine Varner

- Mitch Park: Leader: John Shackford (johnsshack@aol.com)

**APRIL** (TBA): Backyard birding: once again member Nancy Reed has invited interested birders to her property in Norman for spring migration. Her extensive property hosts a diversity of habitats that should make for a productive and exciting morning of birding. Leader: Mark Delgrosso (markdelg94@gmail.com)

**MAY [Memorial Day weekend]:** Quivira Nat'l Wildlife Refuge: on to Kansas and Quivira for possible breeding Black Rails- possible side-trip to Cheyenne Bottoms. Leader: Mark Delgrosso (405 445 2300)

**JUNE:** Club Picnic

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