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Bird Photography: Everything you wanted to know about how to photograph birds.

The speaker for our May 16 meeting will be professional photographer Duane Angles.

Duane started his photography journey in 1973 on the island of Guam. He bought a Pentax Spotmatic II with 50mm lens and fell in love. He got interested in processing his own film and has done color, black and white, and slides. After he left Guam he was transferred to Avon Park in Florida. This is where he honed his skills doing weddings and working as a free-lance photographer for the Sebring Sun.



He returned to Guam for a second tour in 1976 and decided to take the School of Modern Photography correspondence course. Through the years he dabbled in photography but nothing long term. In 2003 he met Oklahoma photographer Bill Horn and was introduced to digital photography. Duane started with a Canon 20D and went up from there. Before he went Sony in March of 2019, he shot Canon, ending up with a Canon 1d MKIV and a Canon 5D MKIII and a 500mm telephoto, along with several other lenses.

Duane has given several bird photography presentations to the OKC Camera club, the Audubon Society of Central Oklahoma, the Department of Wildlife Conservation at The Great Salt Plains Refuge and for several years at the Wildlife Expo in Guthrie. Although he is a wildlife photographer at heart Duane has done wedding, food, landscape, aircraft photography and the occasional moon shot. He currently shoots Sony A7RIV and A7III cameras with a 24-105, 200-600, 90mm macro, 55mm 1.8 and a 35mm 2.8 lens. Duane is a member of the Professional Photographers of America and the North American Nature Photography Association.

Our meetings are held September through June on the third Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Meeting Location:

Our meetings are held at the Will Rogers Garden center, located at the intersection of NW 36th Street and I-44.

President's Perspective

Patience.

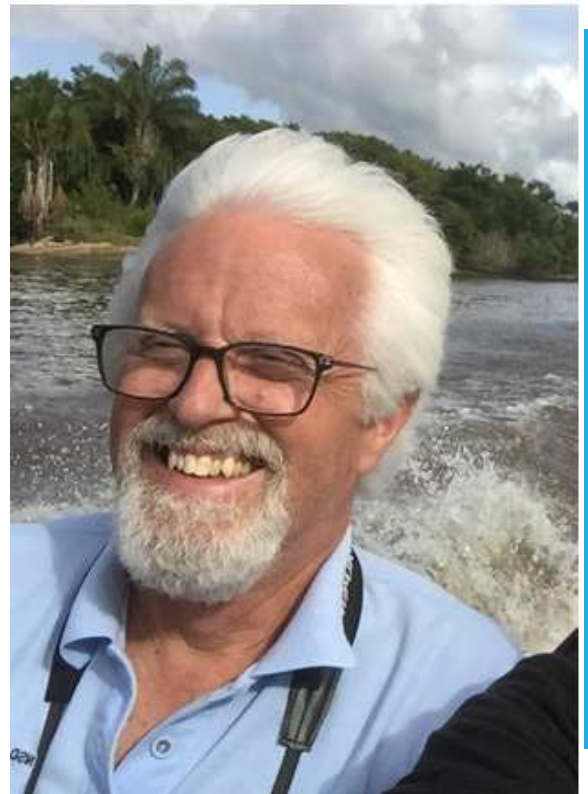
Not an encouraging word when it comes to birding. I know some who, if the bird is not seen in a matter of minutes, they'd rather move on to something else. Yet patience is what it's all about. Birds tend not to be too condescending to us lowly mortals. It even seems the more sought-after the bird might be, the more likely it will defy one's patience to the max. How many of us have stories of "it was just here 5 minutes ago," or "Yup, we saw it just a couple minutes after you left," or "everyone else saw it while I was in the outhouse for only 2 minutes!"...and so many others.

I had gone to the Pinos Mountain Range north of Los Angeles in the faint hope of seeing one of the last 2 California Condors still in the wild (at that time). It was about trip number 3 if I recall. I had loads of information of "exactly" where to look--even a ranch where they routinely set out a large carcass--it was called the "world's largest feeder for the largest bird," or some such thing. I searched, and searched, and searched. I stayed at my cousin's place, her husband had a concrete company that had as its logo a condor--he said he always saw them flying overhead. I searched. One day, two days, three days... all the canyons where they were said to nest, all the outcroppings they were said to roost, the famous feeder. Each place several times. I drove miles and miles and miles. The fourth day, I gave up and decided to go up and follow the mountain ridge road that headed out towards the ocean. Off to the south was LA, off to the north was Bakersfield.

Clear out at the end of the road where it drops down towards the Bakersfield valley a beautiful Golden Eagle sat on a fence post. I stopped to enjoy the moment, then I wondered just how close I might be able to get to it, so I just let the car idle and roll slowly towards the big bird. It soon filled my binoculars' field of view, then mostly just its head. It got a bit uneasy, shifted its stance, leaned forward a bit, hesitated a moment, then spread its wings and easily floated off over the drop.

I watched it follow the ridge eastward. Soon it joined a group of eagles that were forming a "kettle"--a beautiful sight--perhaps a dozen Golden Eagles all lazily soaring in huge circles. All of a sudden, there it was, a huge black bird showing off white wing stripes when it banked. It appeared twice the size of the eagles--a true monster in flight. After it finally soared off out of sight, I took a deep breath, turned the car around and decided to just run up the road to the top of the mountain. There's a small parking area there so I stopped and met a lady who had a pair of binoculars. I told her of my experience and she wistfully said, "I'd sure love to see one some day." I pointed in the general direction of where I had seen it and commented she might try in that direction--that's when I noticed a huge black bird directly out from where my finger was pointing. Was it #2? Or was it #1 for a second time? I'll never know. She saw it too. Ah, patience. Yes, I've since seen them in the Canyon--great sights but nothing like that day on Pinos Mountain.

—Bob Holbrook, *alias Inca Tern*



Bob Holbrook on the Essequibo River, Guyana



Bird of the Month: Hooded Warbler

By Grace Huffman

It's springtime and that means migration is in full swing! Amongst all the birds heading north to breed is one of my favorites, the Hooded Warbler.

Hooded Warblers are gorgeous birds, being bright yellow below and a more olive green on top, with a black and white tail. Male Hooded Warblers have a black "hood" that surrounds their face. Females usually lack the hood, although they may have some dark around the face. Here in Oklahoma you can find them in the

far eastern and southeastern parts of the state during the summer, where they breed. The males have a beautiful sweet song of about 4-5 notes which they sing repeatedly throughout the morning. Both the male and female make a harsh chip call.

You can find them in forested areas, so places like Little River National Wildlife Refuge or heading into Red Slough Wildlife Management Area are where I've gotten them. These are places they seem to always be, but I got my very first one a couple years ago at Stinchomb Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma City! This was a very late migrant, and I failed spectacularly in my photo attempts as some of the birders I was with that day may remember.

Hooded Warblers nest low to the ground in thick understory, with the female weaving a cup nest out of items like bark and plant down. They only raise one brood of 2-5 eggs each year, and Brown-headed Cowbirds are frequent nest parasites, meaning they lay their eggs in the nest of the Hooded Warblers which are then raised by the warblers as their own, and cowbird babies are able to out compete the warbler babies for food.



Hooded Warbler ©Grace Huffman

Thankfully, Hooded Warblers are very common, and are even increasing in population! Hopefully next time you're in far eastern or southeastern Oklahoma, you are able to see and hear one!

Reference: allaboutbirds.org



Great Horned Owl chicks fledge

By Terri Underhill

This has been another amazing year having great horned owls nesting in my yard. Bubo my baby great horned owl fledged April 30th at 6:50 a.m. only to return to the tree that evening at 8:30 p.m. to be with his sister Uki.

On May 1st, 6 a.m. both Uki and Bubo fledged together. Jack and Carol, the parents, roost in the yard and watch over the owlets. The crows are my scouts, mobbing the owlets' location several times daily. The owlets will continue to be fed by Jack and Carol throughout the summer. By September they will move on to find their own territory. Jack and Carol will stay and hopefully nest again this fall.

Their nesting tree is dying and leaning towards the house and must be taken down. I have a new area in mind for their barrel and hope Jack and Carol will accept it for their nesting site next season. Here's my last video of Bubo fledging. https://youtu.be/NB5Ba4ZFk_k

Join Global Big Day!

eBird is turning 20! Celebrate 20 years of advancements to birding and data-driven science by eBirding on Global Big Day.

Be a part of birding's biggest team! [Global Big Day](#) is an annual celebration of the birds around you. No matter where you are, join eBird virtually on 14 May, help celebrate [World Migratory Bird Day](#), and share the birds you find with eBird.

Participating is easy—you can even be part of Global Big Day from home. If you can spare 5 or 10 minutes, report your bird observations to eBird online or with their [free eBird Mobile app](#). If you have more time, submit several checklists of birds throughout the day. You never know what you might spot. Your observations help eBird better understand global bird populations through products like these [animated abundance maps](#) brought to you by eBird Science.

Last year, Global Big Day brought birders together virtually from more countries than ever before. More than 51,000 people from 192 countries submitted 134,000 checklists with eBird, setting [four new world records](#) for a single day of birding. Will you help eBird surpass last year's records? However you choose to participate, please always [put safety first](#) and follow your local guidelines.

Summer Picnic Scheduled

Terri and Keith Underhill have offered to again host the OKC Audubon Society summer picnic at their home in north Edmond on three wooded acres.

June 18, 2022—2:00 pm to 6:00-ish

Terri and Keith will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, plates, napkins, plastic ware, water and beer. Bring a pot luck side dish or dessert if you'd like. Dinner is planned for 4:00 pm with birding planned before and after. Watch your email for a message with RSVP instructions and access to the pot luck sign up sheet.

Recorder's Report

April 2022

April is the biggest month of newly arriving bird species in Central Oklahoma, but many are only migrating through. Only a few of the resident birds have started nesting, while many of the Neotropic migrants and other summer birds are waiting until June to start nesting, according to the safe nesting dates provided by the Breeding Bird Survey. First of the spring arrivals include 1 erratic species; 15 shorebird species including one federally threatened species; 6 flycatcher species; 6 vireo species; 2 thrush species; 8 Cardinal Allies species and 11 warbler species.

On the 29th at Boomer Lake while photographing Snow Geese flying overhead, one of Deb Hirt's photos IDed a **Brown Booby**. On the 1st Scott Loss came across **Clay-colored Sparrow** in The Botanic Garden at OSU; Vic Harjo added Purple Martin and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at Wewoka Woods Camp in Seminole County; and Steve Stone detected Long-tailed Duck at Lake Overholser. On the 2nd Don Pearson found American Golden-Plover and **Willet** near Hennepin in Garvin

County; and Jimmy Woodward tallied Yellow-throated Warbler at Sportsman Lake in Seminole County. **Northern Parulas** were spotted by Mike Yough at Cushing WTP in Payne County and Someone along South Jenkins. **Broad-winged Hawks** were noted by Branden Farris at Wes Watkins Lake in Pottawatomie County and Tim O'Connell in Stillwater. Five locations counted **White-eyed Vireos**: Branden at Shawnee Reservoir; Mike at Cushing WTP; Larry Mays at Meeker in Lincoln County; Grace Huffman at Crystal Lake in OKC; and Someone at Lake Thunderbird.



White-eyed Vireo

On the 3rd Grace Huffman recognized **Semipalmated Sandpiper** at Stinchcomb WR west. On the 4th Blayne Housh got **Long-billed Dowitcher** at Alex Marsh in Grady County; Someone identified **American Avocet** at Lake Thunderbird; and Braden Farris observed **Chimney Swift** at Lake Hefner. On the 5th Steve Davis pho-



Nashville Warbler

tographed Long-billed Dowitcher at Stinchcomb WR west. On the 6th Grace Huffman documented **Trumpeter Swan** at Cedar Valley Golf Course in Logan County found by Devin Bosler; Someone located **Nashville War-**

bler at Lake Thunderbird; and Jason Shaw recorded White-eyed Vireo at USAO Habitat Area in Grady County.

On the 7th Grace Huffman discovered **Stilt Sandpiper** and **House Wren** at Stinchcomb WR west; while Braden Farris saw House Wren at Edgewater Lake Preserve in Oklahoma County. Steve Stone noticed Northern Parula at Hafer Park and Someone had Clay-colored Sparrow along South Jenkins. On the 8th Braden Farris confirmed **Spotted Sandpiper** at Lake Hefner. On the 9th

Stephen Ofsthun discovered **Yellow-throated Vireo** at Thunderbird Lake; Scott Loss reported **American Bittern** at Cushing WTP; Jimmy Woodward encountered **Red-eyed Vireo** at Martin Park Nature Center; and Braden Farris turned up **Marbled Godwit**; Clay-colored Sparrow, and Northern



Marbled Godwit

Parula at Stinchcomb WR west. Jacob Crissup added Yellow-headed Blackbird at Rose Lake in Canadian County; and Grace Huffman came across House Wren along South Jenkins in Norman.

On the 10th Rondi Large found **Eastern Kingbird** at Hickory Hollow in Seminole County; Brian Marra spotted **Cattle Egret** at Stinchcomb WR west; and Jimmy Woodward had Nashville Warbler in Midwest City. Broad-winged Hawks were reported by Cody Delano at Lake Thunderbird and Braden Farris at Prairie Prime Ranch in Lincoln County;



Upland Sandpiper

while **Peregrine Falcons** were detected by Landon Neumann in Stillwater; and Grace Huffman at Stinchcomb WR East. On the 11th Frank Walker tallied **Black-chinned Hummingbird** in Union City in Canadian County; while **Upland Sandpipers** were noted by Larry Mays in Newcastle and Rachael & Dean Winstead in Jones. Cody Delano

counted Cattle Egret near Moore; Hadley Walters recognized American Avocet at Lake Hefner; Rod Lusey got Broad-winged Hawk at Arcadia Lake; and Scott Loss identified Spotted Sandpiper at Meridian Technology Center Pond. Clay-colored Sparrows were located by Megan Miguez at Stroud; Brian Marra at Arcadia Lake; and D&D Norris Kairworks Garden in Lincoln County.

On the 12th Joe Grzybowski observed **Great Crested Flycatcher** in Norman; Deb Hirt heard **Warbling Vireo** at Boomer Lake Park; and Michael McCoy recorded **Cinnamon Teal** at Bethany-Warr Acres WTP. Cody Delano saw Upland Sandpiper at Lake Thunderbird; and Steve Nord viewed Eastern Kingbird at Lake Hefner. Cattle Egrets were discovered by Logan Carter at Newalla in OKC and Scott Loss at Boomer Lake Park. On the 13th Joe Grzybowski verified **Wilson's Warbler** in Norman; and Kalen Melton encountered **Western Kingbird** at Martin Park Nature Center.



Hudsonian Godwit

At Arcadia Lake Brian Marra confirmed **Hudsonian Godwit** and Rod Lusey noticed Marbled Godwit. **Little Blue Herons** were reported by Brian at Bluff Creek Trails; and Dailee

Fagnant in Moore. In Stillwater Michael Reichert turned up Great Crested Flycatcher at Teal Ridge Wetland; and Scott Loss had Spotted Sandpiper at Meridian Technology Center Pond.

On the 14th Brian Marra detected **Sedge Wren**, Virginia Rail, and Spotted Sandpiper at Lake Stanley Draper; while Braden Farris added **Green Heron** at Lake Hefner and Long-billed Dowitcher at Arcadia Lake. Rhett Raibley



Sedge Wren © Brian Marra

spotted Broad-winged Hawk at Mulhall in Logan County; Stephen Ofsthun came across Western Kingbird in Norman; and Scott Loss had Red-eyed Vireo at Meridian Technology Center Pond. On the 15th Jim Magovern heard **Chuck-will's-widow** in Norman; and Larry Mays found Broad-winged Hawk and White-eyed Vireo in Newcastle. In Stillwater Landon Neumann tallied Little Blue Heron; Scott Loss noted Chimney Swift; Tim O'Connell counted Eastern Kingbird; and Mike Yough got Western Kingbird and House Wren. Cattle Egrets were recognized by Nick Tepper near Stroud and Ethan Becker at Acme in Grady County.

On the 16th Trina Arnold identified **Wilson's Phalarope** in Kingfisher County; and Cody Delano located **Indigo Bunting**, **Dickcissel**, and Red-eyed Vireo at Lake Thunderbird. In Payne County Kevin Wilson documented **Say's Phoebe** at OSU Arboretum; Alex Harman observed **Semipalmated Plover**



Wilson's Phalarope

and Stilt Sandpiper south of Perkins; while Scott Loss verified **Dunlin**, Hudsonian Godwit; Semipalmated Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher at Cushing WTP, and elsewhere Willet and Upland Sandpiper. Scott also recorded **Bank Swallow** along with Steve Stone at Bethany/Warr Acres WTP. **Swainson's Thrushes** were viewed by Rosario Douglas near Sutton Wilderness Park in Norman

and Braden Farris at Lake Hefner. Braden also saw Upland Sandpiper and Western Kingbird at Stinchcomb WR west. In McClain County Cindy Risen discovered Cattle Egret at Goldsby and Larry Mays noticed Little Blue Heron in Newcastle. Mary & Lou Truex confirmed Semipalmated Sandpiper and Spotted Sandpiper near Hennepin in Garvin County; Michelle Spacek photographed Clay-colored Sparrow at Pink in Pottawatomie County; and Brian Marra encountered Eastern Kingbird and Warbling Vireo at Lake Stanley Draper.

On the 17th William Berumen reported Broad-winged Hawk at Tuttle in Grady County; Clay Billman turned up Swainson's Thrush in Stillwater; Brian McLaughlin had Indigo Bunting at Martin Park Nature Center; and Frank Walker added Black-chinned Hummingbird at Bethany. At Lake Thunderbird Joe Grzybowski detected Semipalmated Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope and Cody Delano came across Hudsonian Godwit and Long-billed Dowitcher.

On the 18th Stephen Ofsthun found **Summer Tanager** at Lake Thunderbird; Brian McLaughlin spotted **Baltimore Oriole** in OKC; and Jerry Vanbebber noted **Prothonotary Warbler** at Lake Thunderbird. Jason Shaw tallied Chimney Swift at Austin Hall in Chickasha; Abdul Dominguez recognized Green Heron at Pebblebrook Park in Cleveland County; Scott Loss counted Nashville Warbler at The Botanic Garden of OSU and Braden Farris got Great Crested Flycatcher in Edmond.



Prothonotary Warbler

On the 19th Braden Farris identified **Gray Catbird** at Lake Hefner; Jimmy Woodward located Chimney Swift and Eastern Kingbird at Yukon City Park and Great Crested Flycatcher at Chisholm Park in Canadian County; and Braden Farris observed Warbling Vireo at Lake Hefner. On the 20th Joe Grzybowski recorded **White-faced Ibis** and **Blue Grosbeak** at Lake Thunderbird. On the 21st Aaron Short saw **Mississippi Kite** at Liberty Lake in Logan County; Deb Hirt viewed **Yellow Warbler** and Gray Catbird at Boomer Lake Park; Scott Loss verified **Orchard Oriole** at The Botanic Garden at OSU and Dickcissel in Stillwater.

On the 22nd Kim Pagel confirmed **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** at Lake Thunderbird; Braden Farris discovered **Laughing Gull** at Lake Hefner; and Scott Loss encountered **Painted Bunting** and **Least Flycatcher** at Babcock Park in Stillwater. Sandra Keller noticed Mississippi Kite in OKC; Kim Pagel reported Orchard Oriole at Lake Thunderbird. In Stillwater Kevin Wilson turned up Summer Tanager; Michael Reichert had Blue Grosbeak at Teal Ridge Wetland; and Clay Billman added Indigo Bunting at Cow Creek on West Virginia Ave.



Laughing Gull © Braden Farris

On the 23rd Laura Lynn came across **Caspian Tern** at Stinchcomb WR east; and Michael Reichert detected **Eastern Wood-Pewee** at The Botanic Garden at OSU. **Blue-headed Vireos** were found by Kalen Melton at Martin Park Nature Center and Sandra Keller at Lake Thunderbird SP. Robert Meredith spotted Yellow Warbler at Joe B Barnes Park in Midwest City; Grace Huffman tallied Summer Tanager and Dickcissel at Spring Creek Trail; Sandra Keller noted Blue Grosbeak in OKC; and Jimmy Woodward recognized Painted Bunting in Midwest City.

On the 24th Landon Neumann counted **Blackpoll Warbler** at The Botanic Garden at OSU; Jimmy Woodward verified **Black-headed Grosbeak** in Midwest City; Robert Harding got **Lazuli Bunting** in Harrah; Someone identified **Wood Thrush** and **Kentucky Warbler** at Lake Thunderbird; and Brian Marra located **Tennessee Warbler** at Arcadia Lake. **Bell's Vireo** were observed by Brian; Michael Reichert at Boomer Lake Park; and Braden Farris



Tennessee Warbler

at Yukon WTP. In Norman Kate Burger saw Painted Bunting; and Jonah Padberg recorded Least Flycatcher, and Yellow Warbler along South Jenkins. Trina Arnold viewed Semipalmated Sandpiper and Spotted Sandpiper in Kingfish-

er County; Jason Shaw verified Black-bellied Whistling Duck at Shannon Springs Park in Grady County; Connor Marland confirmed Mississippi Kite at Wanette in Pottawatomie County; Brian Marra discovered Orchard Oriole at Arcadia Lake; and Scott Loss encountered Prothonotary Warbler at Boomer Lake Park. White-faced Ibis were noticed by Mike Yough at Cushing WTP and Jessica Nugent at Stinchcomb WR east.



Orchard Oriole

On the 25th Brian Marra reported

Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Lake Stanley Draper; Michelle Spacek documented Lazuli Bunting in Pottawatomie County; Steve Stone had Black-bellied Whistling-Duck at Bethany Warr Acres WTP; and Angie Holt turned up Bell's Vireo along South Jenkins. On the 26th Sandra Keller added Least Flycatcher at Myriad Botanical Gardens in OKC and Swainson's Thrush at Lake Elmer; and Grace Huffman came across Prothonotary Warbler at Stinchcomb WR Gate 1. On the 27th Scott Loss detected **Ovenbird** at The Botanic Garden at OSU; Michael Reichert found **Northern Waterthrush** at Teal Ridge Wetland; Jimmy Woodard spotted Rose-breasted Grosbeak in Midwest City; and D&D Norris tallied Swainson's Thrush at Kairworks Garden.

On the 28th at Lake Hefner Braden Farris recognized **Snowy Plover** and **White-rumped Sandpiper** and Chase Moxley photographed **Piping Plover**. Someone counted Gray Catbird at Lake Thunderbird; Nancy Reed identified Tennessee Warbler in Norman; Samuel Driver located



Piping Plover © Chase Moxley

Eastern and Western Kingbirds, Baltimore Oriole and Chimney Swift at Wacker Park in Paul's Valley. Swainson's Thrushes were observed by Michelle Spacek in Pottawatomie County and Jason Shaw at USAO Habitat Area. On the 29th the OU Ornithology Class recorded **Black Tern** and Blackpoll Warbler at Lake Thunderbird. **Palm Warblers** were viewed by the OU class and Seth Kastner at Lake Hefner. Mississippi Kites were discovered by Landon Neumann

in Stillwater; Zach DuFran in Norman; and Shelby Thomas at Blanchard in Grady County. And more are to come in May.

In the Central Oklahoma area during April **226** species were reported with **73** new species which brings the year's total at **253**. I appreciate those who help provide the history of central Oklahoma birds. Information is accessed at: [ebird](https://ebird.org). 2022 eBird: An online database of bird distribution and abundance [web application]. eBird Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York. Available: <https://ebird.org/region/US-OK?yr=all>. (Accessed April 20, 21, 28, 29, & 30, 2022); and occasionally from Facebook, and the OKBIRDS List. I can be contacted at emkok@earthlink.net. Esther M. Key, Editor.

As Avian Influenza Outbreak Spreads, Vigilance Needed

First identified in December 2021 when domestic chickens on the island of Newfoundland, Canada tested positive, a strain of bird flu known as highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has now spread to wild birds in more than 30 U.S. states and every Canadian province. Waterfowl, raptors, and vultures seem particularly susceptible. As of April 20, 2022, more than 750 wild birds representing more than 40 species — including Snow Geese, Bald Eagles, and Snowy Owls — had been impacted. This year's outbreak is more effective at infecting and killing wild birds than the last outbreak in 2014 and 2015, and American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is asking people to take action to limit the disease's spread.

- If an avian flu outbreak is reported in your area, consider pausing any feeding of birds at least until this wildlife morbidity/mortality event is over.
- If using a bird feeder or bird bath, maintain them with regular washes using a 10-percent bleach solution (one part bleach mixed with nine parts water), followed by a water rinse, then complete air-dry.

As of May 1, 2022, The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) confirmed the presence of HPAI Oklahoma at a commercial chicken breeder flock in Sequoyah County.

Minutes of the Oklahoma City Audubon Society Meeting

April 18, 2022

By Patti Muzny, Secretary

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM at the Will Rogers Garden Center by President, Bob Holbrook. Treasurer Nancy Vicars presented a treasurer's report and distributed copies. Cash on hand as of April 18, 2022, was \$7,727.80. The minutes of the March 21, 2022, meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter.

The next meeting will be held at the Will Rogers Garden Center on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:00 PM. .

There has been one new member since the last meeting. Several members have not renewed.

Terri Underhill announced that the Underhills will once again host the OCAS June picnic which needs to happen before June 20th.

Patti High asked for members to volunteer to bring ice and drinks for the June meeting.

President Holbrook led the continuing discussion on ways in which the club might encourage more members to attend. Among the suggestions was the possibility of texting reminders prior to the meetings. Pat Velte will be included in future discussions.

A future field trip to Norman's South Jenkins birding hotspot will be announced at a later date. Sharon Henthorn reported seeing Wood Ducks at the zoo lake.

Nancy Vicars reported on the field trip to Mollie Spencer farms. Twenty people attended, but only 8 species were found.

Forty-two people attended tonight's meeting.

Sightings of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers were reported in Louisiana with photos taken by drones. Brazil has a similar woodpecker called "Kempher's."

Bob Holbrook reported a Northern Parula (a.k.a. "zipper bird), at We-woka Woods. Also sighted were Yellow-billed Cuckoo and a Bald Eagle. Hal Yocum reported Cinnamon Teal near the sewage ponds at NW 192nd, also Phalaropes and Barn Swallows. Eastern Kingbirds were seen around The Greens and Bobwhites were calling at Mitch Park.

We were treated to another entertaining and outstanding program by Floyd Murdock, who talked about his "Big Year" and other birding adventures.

The May program will feature a professional photographer and in June our own Ann Sherman will present the program.

Fieldtrip Report:

Mollie Spencer Farm

Tuesday, April, 19, 2022

The visit this morning produced a few spring migrants including House Wren, Great-crested Flycatcher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Brown Thrasher, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher and Chipping Sparrows.

Highlights for the morning included seeing the resident pair of Wood Ducks and a female Cooper's Hawk building a nest.

The few winter migrants still hanging around were Cedar Waxwings, White-throated Sparrows and Orange-crowned Warbler.

After leaving the farm, we made a stop at Yukon City Park and walked the trail north from the pond almost to Vandament.

An Eastern Kingbird, Clay-colored and Lincoln Sparrows, Yellow-rumped Warblers (in breeding plumage), American Goldfinch, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Blue-winged Teal, Chimney Swifts and Eastern Phoebe were added.

The wind was not our friend today but we tallied 37 species at the farm and an additional 10 at Yukon City Park.

It was fun morning spent with my birding friends, Jimmy Woodard, Pete Austin, Aaron Mechem, Gayle Snider and Dave & Sue Woodson.

Refreshments

The following folks will be providing refreshments for the Monday, May 16 OCAS meeting:

SNACKS: Sharon Henthorn, Chindarat Charoemrongse, Hal Yocum, and Cathy Chernausek & John Eagleston

ICE/DRINKS: Randy Henthorn