

THE BECKHAM OBSERVER

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Beckham Bird Club, Inc.

Monthly Newsletter

Louisville, KY

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Beckham Bird Club will be on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clifton Center, 2117 Payne Street, in the Community Room. Our September program will be presented by Michael Hamm, professor of history at Centre College. His program is on the the Pantanal, in Brazil. Mike will describe what makes it distinctive, and show some slides of birds and wildlife that he photographed at Fazenda Barranco Alto. The slides will include Hyacinth Macaws, Red-legged Seriemas, Rheas, Giant anteaters, and more. He will also include a few words about Brazil's Atlantic Rainforest and a few slides of birds from that region's Serra dos Tucanos lodge.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Please note: New meeting place for Mammoth Cave trip on September 18.

Saturday, September 10 8:00 a.m. - Noon	BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS – Meet at Hounz Park; See this newsletter for details. Reservations required	Marsha Biven - 361-0200 Marshabiven@hotmail.com
Sunday, September 11 8:30 a.m. - Noon	TOM SAWYER PARK Meet at the second parking lot on Freys Hill Rd near archery field	Carl Bochmann 618-0574
Wednesday, September 14 8:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.	O'BANNON WOODS STATE PARK , Corydon, IN. - For fall migrants Meet at Idlewild Post Restaurant, it's 100 yards before entrance to the park. The park is 12 miles SW of Corydon, IN. Take I-64W to Exit 105 (Corydon, IN). Turn right, go 1.8 miles on Hwy 135S to Hwy 62W. Turn right on Hwy 62W, go 6.9 miles to Hwy 462S. Turn left on Hwy 462S, drive 2.7 miles to Idlewild Post Restaurant. Birding in various spots and walking a one mile trail around the nature center. No entrance fee charged.	Del Striegel 812-951-2368 home 502-338-5702 cell
Saturday, September 17	NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT –If you want to help, please contact coordinator – email preferred. by@insightbb.com	Ben Yandell 594-3819
Saturday, September 17 8:30 a.m. – Noon	FLOYDS FORK PARK – For Fall migrants. From Gene Snyder get off at Taylorsville Rd, go toward Fisherville, go about a mile take a right on South Pope Lick Rd. Follow signs to Floyds Fork Park. Park in parking lot.	Eddie Huber 261-9698
Sunday, September 18 8:00 a.m. CDT - ??? Moderate	MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK – For Fall migrants. – Meet at Turnhole Bend Trail parking lot on Highway 70 in the park on the way to Brownsville. Bring lunch.	Pat & Jane Bell 326-9610

Wednesday, September 21 8:30 a.m.-Noon	ANCHORAGE TRAIL Meet at the trailhead in Anchorage. Located at Evergreen Rd. and Station Rd.	Pat & Jane Bell 326-9610
Saturday, September 24 8:30 a.m. – Noon	GARVIN-BROWN PRESERVE - Meet at the parking lot of Hayes-Kennedy Park off Upper River Road.	Paul McAllister 290-4732
Friday, September 30 9:00 a.m. - Noon	BERNHEIM FOREST – Meet in the Bernheim Forest Garden Pavilion (arboretum) parking lot.	Bill Friel 502-348-8159
Friday – Sunday September 30 – Oct 2	KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING – Fall meeting at Pine Mountain State Park.	
Saturday, October 1 8:00 a.m. – Noon	IROQUOIS PARK - Meet at the Amphitheater Park & Tarc lot	Michael Autin 773-0598
Saturday, October 8 8:30 a.m. – Noon	PUTNEY POND – For Fall migrants- Meet at Prospect City Hall which is located on Highway 42 on right, after you pass Kroger	Paul McAllister 290-4732
Sunday, October 9 8:00 a.m. – Noon	CHEROKEE PARK / NETTLEROTH – For Fall migrants. Meet at the foot of Maple Road Bridge #5.	Michael Autin 773-0598

PAST FIELD TRIPS

Bluegrass FWA/Lincoln State Park, August 6

Despite rain on arrival at Bluegrass FWA, the group of 5 birders located Dickcissel, Common Yellowthroat, and Indigo Bunting. Other highlights at Bluegrass were an American Coot, Willow Flycatcher, Blue Grosbeak, Northern Harrier, Northern Bobwhite, Henslow's Sparrow, and a Bell's Vireo. Moving on to Lincoln State Park, the group was rewarded with 3 Mississippi Kites circling, kiting, and plunging for cicadas, their favorite food. Other birds of interest at Lincoln State Park were Hairy Woodpecker and Summer Tanager. In all, the group located 50 species for the trip.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS –HOUNZ PARK/ANCHORAGE TRAIL

The annual Breakfast with the Birds is Saturday, September 10 at 8:00 a.m. The breakfast will be held at Hounz Park off of N. Hurstbourne Parkway between Westport Road and LaGrange Road across from Tom Sawyer Park. Afterwards we will proceed to the Anchorage Trail to look for birds. Reservations are required. RSVP to Marsh Biven, 361-0200 or email her at marshabiven@hotmail.com. Let Marsha know what dish or drink you would like to bring. **Reservations are due September 9.** Don't miss out on one of the best times to bird for fall migrants. Join us for food, fun and birding. You may want to arrive early and bird Hounz Park. There is map of Hounz Park on BBC web site. See you there.

AOU CHANGES TO THE BIRD CHECKLIST

The American Ornithological Union published the 52nd supplement to the AOU checklist in July. Some changes have occurred that will affect our birds.

The old name of Common Gallinule returns with the split from Common Moorhen. There are massive changes in scientific names of wood warblers. The order that you see the warblers on the checklist will be new. You can read about the different changes by googling in the 52nd supplement to the AOU checklist.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE 2011 BIRDATHON FUNDS

At the August meeting of the Beckham Bird Club Board of Directors funds from this year's Birdathon was distributed among the following organizations.

Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission	\$3200
Kentucky Natural Lands Trust	\$3200
Kentucky Resources Counsel	\$2500
Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky	\$ 900
Louisville Nature Center	\$1000
Kentucky Conservation Committee	\$1500
Wingspan of Kentucky, Inc.	\$1000

The Board distributed \$13,300. Any additional monies collected will be split evenly between the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission and the Kentucky Natural Lands Trust or held in account until the 2012 birdathon.

Go to the club's website, beckhambirdclub.org, to read how each organization will use the money they were given. Click on birdathon. Thanks to all who generously contributed to this year's birdathon. Also thanks to all who took part in the birdathon and raised the money to help birds and our environment.

NATIVE PLANT SALE

The Louisville Nature Center will hold its Fall Native Plant Sale on Saturday, September 10th, from 9am to 3pm. Margaret Shea, native plant expert from Dropseed Nursery, will be on hand to help with plant selection and other garden related questions. There will be a large variety of native flowers, shrubs and trees from which to choose. Popular varieties sell out quickly so come early for best selection. Come learn about the advantages of using environmentally-friendly native plants in your landscape. All proceeds go toward helping LNC continue its mission. Call 458-1328 between 9am - 4pm Monday - Saturday for additional information.

CLARKS RIVER NWR

The Indiana Bat Conservation Fund, managed by KNLТ in partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, recently funded the acquisition of two in-holdings within the Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge in Marshall County, Kentucky. These tracts totaling around 453 acres are largely forested and are very important due to their close proximity to a known, occupied Indiana bat maternity colony east of rapidly-growing Paducah in McCracken County. One of the tracts contains mature “Xero Hydric Flatwoods” dominated by post oak and is located within the best remnants of this community type in Kentucky. Both contain a mix of forested wetlands and uplands. The tracts will ultimately be added to the National Wildlife Refuge system.

Migration has started!

Warblers, vireos, flycatchers, shorebirds, etc. are making their way south. Don't miss out on all the great birds. Join one of our field trips.