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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Beckham Bird Club will be on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clifton Center, 2117 Payne Street, in the Community Room. Chris Sloan, a former President of the Tennessee Ornithological Society, will be our speaker for the evening. Currently, he is co-editor of the Tennessee-Kentucky region for North American Birds, a quarterly publication of the American Birding Association. One of his birding passions is pelagic birding. He has participated in approximately one hundred pelagic birding trips off of the Outer Banks of North Carolina with Brian Patteson, for whom Chris serves as a leader. In this program, Chris will discuss and share photos of the incredible variety of marine wildlife, including birds, whales, dolphins, fish, and other life, found in the pelagic waters off of the North Carolina coast.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

The fall field trip schedule is included in this month's newsletter. **The guidelines should be read before attending a field trip. CANCELLATIONS: You should check BirdKY and the BBC web site for cancellations of field trips especially for trips out of town. Sometimes conditions at the destination are not the same in Louisville.** Thanks to Eddie Huber for organizing the trips and to all the leaders for volunteering to lead trips.

PAST FIELD TRIPS

June 25, Jefferson Memorial Forest

Eight Beckham Bird Club members spent an early summer morning at the Forest locating 47 species of birds and a nice assortment of other wildlife. Highlights included displaying Yellow-breasted Chats, Kentucky, Worm-eating, and Pine Warblers as well as 4 species of vireos. Adding variety to the day were colorful dragonflies, several frog species and worm snakes on the path.

IN SYMPATHY

Carl Wedekind, a long time member, passed away on July 2. Mr. Wedekind was a conservationist who volunteered with the Nature Conservancy and was vice-chairman to the Kentucky Heritage Board which has saved over 30,000 acres of Kentucky natural land. We wish to express condolence to his wife, Stephanie, and his family.

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 and you can sign up at the August meeting or 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.

HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL

Yew Dell Gardens, a non-profit botanical gardens in Crestwood, is having its annual Hummingbird Festival on August 27. Hummingbird banding experts will be catching and tagging birds all afternoon and sharing information on hummingbird ecology, biology and offering tips for attracting them to your garden. People will get to see the hummingbirds up close, and renowned hummingbird photographer Russ Thompson will be on hand providing tips on attracting and photographing hummingbirds. Go to their website or call Yew Dell Gardens for more information.

KOS MEETING

The Kentucky Ornithological Society will hold their fall meeting at Pine Mountain State Park on the weekend of September 30. The guest speakers for Saturday evening will be Bob and Martha Sargent from Alabama. They are experts on hummingbirds. Several years ago they spoke to BBC and were enjoyed by all who attended the March meeting. Make plans to attend.