



THE BECKHAM OBSERVER

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BIRDING APPS – THE NEW WAY TO BIRD

James Wheat will present a program that will cover several types of birding apps, including bird guides, bird identification, bird songs, and field checklists, and real-time bird-finding. He'll take a look at examples of each, and cover the basics, such as features, cost, smart phone platform, and more. There are many more apps than can be covered in the time we have, so a list of links will be available for your personal research.

Our Tuesday, August 8 BBC meeting will be at the Clifton Center on Payne Street at 7:00 p.m.

THE FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER IS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

You should check Beckham Bird Club web site and birdKY for every field trip to make sure there is not a change or cancellation.

Some reminders –

1. Read the guidelines before coming on a field trip.
2. Make a copy or copies of the field trip schedule.
3. Be sure to stow your valuables in the trunk or carry them with you. Do not leave them in the front of the car.
4. Just remember mosquitos and biting flies are waiting for you. Don't forget to bring insect repellent.



2017 BIRDATHON

Our birdathon is short about \$2000 compared to last year. If you have not made a donation please consider making one. Any amount will be appreciated.



**ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
AT WILLOW PARK
8:00 a.m.**

Beckham Bird Club will hold its annual Breakfast with the Birds at Willow Park, which is located in the triangle of Willow Avenue, Cherokee Parkway and Cherokee Road (38.235740, -85.708777). Please R.S.V.P. to Jane Bell at 326-9610 or patjanebell@bellsouth.net by Wednesday, September 6 or sign up at the August meeting. The club is providing a continental breakfast of juice, coffee, fruit and assorted pastries. A monetary donation will be gladly accepted. Please bring your own mug, plate, utensils and cloth napkin that you will take home and use again. NOT plastic or paper that you will throw away. The birds will thank you!

**MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND
CONSERVATION STAMP**

The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (also known as the Duck Stamp) is now on sale. The stamp sale supports the conservation and protection of wetlands and other habitat in our national wildlife refuges that are critical to birds and other wildlife. Please support this cause by purchasing a stamp.



What a good way for birders to help preserve our dwindling bird habitat. Consider purchasing it through American Birding Association (www.shop.aba.org). By purchasing your Duck Stamp(s) through the ABA, you will be showing your support of bird conservation in our National Wildlife Refuge System and your voice as a birder will be heard!

CHANGES TO THE AOS CHECKLIST

There have been many changes to the American Ornithological Society (formerly known as the American Ornithological Union) checklist. There have been changes to names, sequence of birds on the checklist, spelling, etc. You can see the changes on the ABA website at birdingaba.org. Here are a few changes- the Yellow-breasted Chat is no longer a warbler as it has its own family; there is no longer a Thayer's Gull; Le Conte's is now one word as in LeConte's Sparrow; the Magnificent Hummingbird has been split and the one we see in Arizona is now Rivoli's Hummingbird. But the biggest change will be the sequence of birds on a checklist. Happy listing!!