THE BECKHAM OBSERVER

BECKHAMBIRDCLUB·ORG FEBRUARY 2019

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA WILDLIFE

Jim Moyer is a retired federal judge. Since 2015, he has traveled in Central and South America on wildlife and eco-tourism trips, two of which were organized by Natural Habitat, a partner of the World Wildlife Fund. He has photographed birds and other wildlife, along with the natural environment, in the Galapagos, Costa Rica, and Patagonia. He will show and discuss a selection of his photos in a presentation on February 12, with an emphasis on birding photography. Jim is an active amateur outdoors and travel photographer.

The Beckham Bird Club meeting is on Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2822 Frankfort Ave, 38.254256, -85.689458. **Bring a young birder!**

REMINDERS:

- **Before going on a field trip check birdKY for changes to the field trip schedule.**
- **The next Great Backyard Bird Count is February 15-18, 2019.** For information about it go to gbbc.birdcount.org.
- **Please send in your 2019 BBC Membership (with check and form) if you have not done so.**
- **Cancellation of BBC meeting due to weather will be announced on birdky and on the BBC web site. If you are not on the internet please check with a fellow member with access to the internet for the status of the meeting.**

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, February 2 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. easy	**WENDELL MOORE PARK/REFORMATORY LAKE** – Walk loop trail and scan lake. Meet in gravel lot by Senior center (Tri-County Community Action Center) on Dispatchers Way, behind Oldham County Police Dept. **GPS: 38.396537, -85.440345**	Barbara Woerner 502-485-9017
Sunday, February 3 1pm - 5:30pm easy	**JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST –** Residents and winter visitors. Meet at the Welcome Center parking lot (Take a left at the intersection of Tom Wallace Park Road and Mitchell Hill Road). **GPS: 38.085261, -85.767342**	Mike Callan 502-592-7008
Saturday, February 9 8:30 a.m. – noon easy	**LONG RUN PARK –** For winter visitors, residents and waterfowl. From intersection of Shelbyville Road and Flat Rock Road, about 2 miles north on Flat Rock Road to park entrance, then ¼ mile to first fork and right to parking lot near lake. **GPS: 38.264517, -85.418571**	Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526
Saturday, February 16 9 a.m. – noon easy	**BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION** - For winter visitors and residents. Meet at the "Port-a-Potty" parking lot at the south end of the Humana Grand Allee just before the large bridge over the creek. **GPS: 38.209077, -85.474110**	Andrew Melnykovych 502-608-4655
Sunday, February 24 9 a.m. – noon easy	**OHIO RIVER – KENTUCKY SIDE –** Waterfowl, gulls, etc. Meet at Ramada Inn at Zorn Avenue and River Road. Bring your scope. **GPS: 38.277081, -85.697900**	Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526
Sunday, March 3 8:30 a.m. – ?? easy	**MUSCATATUCK NWR/HARDY LAKE -** Meet at the Muscatatuck visitor center at 8:30 a.m. Bring lunch. Directions: I-65 north from Louisville to Exit 50 (Seymour). Take US Highway 50 east about 3 miles to refuge entrance. About 1 hour north of Louisville**. GPS: 38.959304, -85.798258**	Pat & Jane Bell 502-326-9610
Saturday, March 9 8:30a.m.-noon easy	**POPE LICK PARK –** For residents and migrants. From Gene Snyder get off at Taylorsville Rd toward Fisherville, go about a mile, & take a right on South Pope Lick Rd. Follow signs to Pope Lick Park, part of the Parklands. Meet in the parking lot. (formerly called Floyds Fork Park) **GPS: 38.184655, -85.488095**	Andrew Melnykovych 502-608-4655

MARCH DINNER MEETING

A Journey into a Career of Bird and Wildlife Photography

By Melissa Groo

Melissa Groo is a wildlife photographer, writer, and speaker. She writes a regular column on wildlife photography for *Outdoor Photographer* magazine, and is a contributing editor to *Audubon* magazine. Her photographs have been published in numerous books and magazines, including *Smithsonian, Audubon, Birdwatching*, and *National Wildlife*. She speaks and writes frequently on issues of ethics and conservation in wildlife photography. Melissa is a Fellow with the International League of Conservation Photographers and is represented by Nat Geo Creative. She shows regularly and her prints are in personal and corporate collections all over the world. She lives in upstate New York with her husband Matt and 13-year-old daughter Ruby.

Melissa will tell the story of her journey into the career of bird and wildlife photography, sharing some of her favorite stories and photos along the way.

The club wishes to recognize and thank the Louisville Audubon Society for its generous support of the dinner meeting.

The March Dinner Meeting is on Tuesday, March 12 at **Big Spring Country Club**, 5901 Dutchmans Lane. A cash bar will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. when dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. A vegetarian entrée will be on the menu but for any other dietary needs please indicate them on the reservation form.

The price for the dinner has increased this year to $40 due to raise in the price of the dinner that Big Spring is charging and sales tax that we have not paid in the past as a non-profit club. The Kentucky legislature changed the law concerning non-profit organizations.

There is a **dress code** at Big Spring CC. Collared shirts for the gentlemen must be worn at all times. Casual dress is permitted as long as it is tasteful.

There will be a **field trip** on Wednesday morning, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Anchorage Trail for BBC members. **Reservations are required**. See the reservation form.

PLEASE NOTE THE DEAD LINE FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS. ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO BECKHAM BIRD CLUB. REFUNDS ARE NOT GUARANTEED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WITH THE DINNER RESERVATIION. SEND IT TO THE BBC POST OFFICE BOX WITH THE RENEWAL FORM FOUND ON THE BBC WEBSITE.

DINNER MEETING - Tuesday March 12

NAME(S) _____

PHONE NO._____ Email_____

Dinner Meeting -$40.00 ea. Make check payable to Beckham Bird Club.

Please list any special dietary needs._____

Print names of people with whom you wish to be seated. (Table of 8)

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Reservation for field trip. Name(s) _____

Return form to meeting in February or mail to Jane Bell, 1876 Dove Creek Blvd, Louisville, KY 40242.

DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

BBC Conservation Report Websites January 2019

https://www.audubon.org/magazine/winter-2018/are-starlings-key-making-guams-forests-sing-again

https://www.audubon.org/news/invasive-reptiles-are-taking-over-florida-and-devouring-its-birds-along-way

https://wwf.panda.org/knowledge_hub/where_we_work/arctic/?328411/WWF-Statement-on-New-Shipping-Guidelines-to-Protect-the-Bering-Strait-Region