



# THE BECKHAM OBSERVER

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## Forestry for the Birds



"Forestry for the Birds" is a new conservation effort for the Central Hardwoods Bird Conservation Region. Twelve bird species are the focus of the program meant to guide landowners, foresters, and wildlife biologists on methods to slow the loss of some of our most iconic forest birds. These techniques can be effective tools, generating interest in bird conservation and creating the specific habitats needed for birds such as eastern whip-poor-will and red-headed woodpecker.

Allen Pursell is the Director of Forest Programs for the Sam Shine Foundation in New Albany, Indiana. While there he was responsible for acquiring thousands of acres of land for conservation and for promoting good forest management practices including the "Forestry for the Birds" program for Indiana.

**Our meeting is on Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2822 Frankfort Ave, Louisville, KY 40206, 38.254256, - 85.689458. St. Mark's is at the corner of Frankfort Avenue and Kennedy Ave. Please enter by way of the back door near the parking lot.**

## FIELD TRIPS

There are no field trips scheduled for July. The field trip schedule for August and September will be in the August newsletter.

Even though there are no field trips that doesn't mean you stop birding. There are many places to explore to find that next rarity that might show up in our area.

“ I declare this **world** is so **beautiful** that I can hardly believe it **exists**.”  
Raphael Waldo Emerson

## **2024 BBC BIRDATHON**

Thanks to all the many members and friends who have sent in their donations. Our dollar amounts are growing but we need everyone to donate to support the different organizations that need money. If you haven't donated yet, please do so to make our 2024 Birdathon a success. Make your check payable to **Beckham Bird Club**. Send your contribution to the post office box address: Beckham Bird Club, P.O. Box 5301, Louisville, KY 40255-0301. Thanks so much!!!



Beckham Bird Club wishes to extend its sympathy to the family and friends of Helga Schutte. Helga had been a life member of BBC for over fifty years. During that time she was an active member serving as president and secretary of the club. Helga came to Louisville from Hamburg, Germany in the early fifties. She was 97 when she passed away on February 27, 2024.

## **NEW OFFICERS OF BBC FOR 2024-2025**

At the May meeting new officers and directors were elected for the new year 2024-2025. The board members of Beckham Bird Club are: President – Meg Brown; Vice-president – Christine Haydon; Secretary – Pam Spaulding; Treasurer- Steve Brown; and directors for two years -Carol Besse and Donovan Jones. Andrew Melnykovych will remain on the board as past president. Director Karen Bonsell will continue her term of office. Thanks to Rev. Lee Payne for serving on the board. The new board took office on June 15.

If you have questions or concerns, please use the BBC email address ([beckhambirdclub@gmail.com](mailto:beckhambirdclub@gmail.com)) to address the issue.

## PAST FIELD TRIPS



**Cherokee Park – May 15** Eight members gathered on a beautiful warm Wednesday morning at Cherokee Park. We had several warblers, but less than we expected. We had a very tough time seeing them with the many leaves and the birds being very high in the trees. Some of the highlights included hearing a Great-Horned Owl just after arriving at the park, an Acadian Flycatcher that drove us crazy with his loud call, but then finally giving us very good looks. Probably one of the best finds was an Olive Flycatcher very high in a distant tree. We first saw him, but continued to hear him through most of the morning! All in all a perfect morning for birding!”

**Hays Kennedy/Garvin Brown – June 8** Sixteen birders, including 3 guests, walked the Hays Kennedy/Garvin Brown hotspots on a partly to mostly cloudy day. The birds were not very active early but started moving around a little later. A number of common species were missed but 42 species were seen or heard. Highlight of the day was 2 Caspian Terns flying over the river near Twelve Mile Island.



**Creasey Mahan- June 9** Fourteen Beckham Bird Club members walked around the meadow beyond the woodland garden after our annual picnic. It was a beautiful evening for a stroll and birding highlights included an Osprey, two loudly singing White-eyed Vireos, and a pair of Eastern Bluebirds inspecting a nesting box.

**Pope Lick – June 15** Twelve Beckham Bird Club members met for an enjoyable morning of birding before the heat of the day, with temps starting in the 70s and a nice cooling breeze. Highlights of the field trip were great views of three particularly yellow-colored warblers, a Common Yellowthroat, a Kentucky Warbler, and a preening Prothonotary.

## **JUNE 9 BBC PICNIC**

About 30 members and guests attended our annual picnic at Creasey Mahan Preserve on June 9. The weather cooperated and it was a nice afternoon to enjoy being with our fellow birders and playing good games of Bird Bingo. Karen Bonsell and Justin Magnuson were the lucky winners of bingo. Thanks to **Carol Challas** and **Anna Perry** for organizing our picnic. If you didn't come this year, you missed out on good fun and good food and good birding.

