



# THE BECKHAM OBSERVER

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

JUNE 2019

## THERE IS NO MEETING IN JUNE.



*The Annual Beckham Bird Club Picnic  
will be at CREASEY-MAHAN NATURE  
PRESERVE on Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 p.m.*

*Join us for a fun afternoon of food, birding and  
friend ship. Bring a dish to share, insect repellent, a*

*chair and, of course, your binoculars. Cost is \$3.00 per person (includes  
chicken, drinks, etc.) or \$1.00 (no chicken, but covers cost of drinks, etc.)*

Creasy Mahan Visitor Center, take highway 42 east and left at route 1793, drive about a 1/2 mile to sign on the right. GPS:  
38.400384, -85.590180

*BBC is going green so we are asking you to bring your own cloth napkin. If  
you like you may also bring your own utensils, plates, etc.*

*Deadline to make reservations is May 31. Reservation Form on page 5.*

## 2019 BBC BIRDATHON

The birds have been counted for birdathon so check your email or US mail to get an account from the person(s) you sponsored. Your donations are very important to the different groups BBC have accepted as recipients of our birdathon money. Even if you did not receive an email or phone call please consider giving a donation – **NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL**. Make your check payable to **Beckham Bird Club**. If you have not been contacted send your contribution to the post office box address: Beckham Bird Club, P.O. Box 5301, Louisville, KY 40255-0301. Otherwise send it to the person you sponsored. **Help us reach \$20,000**. Thanks so much!!!

## UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, June 1 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. Easy	<b>CAMP NELSON HERITAGE PARK / SHAKER VILLAGE</b> – For open area birds, late migrants, and summer residents. Meet at the Camp Nelson Interpretive Center Parking Lot off Danville Rd Loop 2. Approx 1.5 hour drive from Louisville. <b>GPS: 37.797186, -84.601298</b>	Mike Callan 502-592-7008
Saturday, June 8 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. easy	<b>BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION</b> - For summer 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. Bring lunch if you would like to picnic after the walk. <b>GPS: 38.209077, -85.474110</b>	Pat & Jane Bell 502-326-9610
Saturday, June 15 8:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. easy/moderate	<b>OTTER CREEK PARK</b> – Summer Residents – Take I-265W to US31/US-60 W, turn left onto KY1638W (Old Mill Rd), and right onto Otter Creek Rd. We will meet at the parking area on the left at entrance gate. <b>There is a \$3/person fee to enter the park. Bring lunch.</b> I also recommend insect repellent. <b>GPS: 37.924739, -86.038077</b>	Mike Callan 502-592-7008

## PAST FIELD TRIPS

Beckley Creek, April 27 - Nine members observed 50 species, including both orioles and both grosbeaks. Warblers were scarce, vireos undetected. Warbler highlights were three Prothonotary Warblers, including a pair at a possible nest location. We had six woodpecker species, including two Hairy Woodpeckers at nest hole. Birds of the day were a Sora and a Virginia Rail at the wetland nearest the fountain. Both were well seen as they scrambled across an open area while moving from one patch of vegetation to another. Also had a "wisp" of Wilson's Snipe - five in all.

Hays Kennedy/Garvin Brown, April 28 - Three members started out at Hays Kennedy on a cool, windy morning (cool enough for gloves). It started out slow, but eventually picked up. We were happy to see 2 Bald Eagles and an Osprey. We were also delighted to finally see some shorebirds, as well as most swallow species, including N. Rough-winged, Barn, Cliff, Tree and Bank!

Once in Garvin Brown, we came across a small flock of Rusty Blackbirds chattering. Another highlight was finding a large muddy puddle on the back of the property. In this puddle were several shorebirds, Solitary Sandpiper and Greater Yellowlegs, but also several American Pipits! We had a few warblers including, a Northern Waterthrush. Even though it was cold and windy to start, we felt it was a great outing!

Iroquois Park, May 5 - The songs of Wood Thrushes and Tanagers greeted the group of 5 observers as they started out on their walk at Iroquois Park. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and warblers soon added to the chorus including several Cape May, Tennessee, a few Chestnut-sided, Yellow and Nashville Warblers. Along a woodland path the group found several Swainson's Thrushes & a Veery that perched in good view near the path. The group found a total of 48 species

Indian Creek Trail Hayswood Nature Center, May 8 - Eight members found 62 species on a two mile hike at Hayswood Nature Center in Corydon, IN. Weather conditions were great for birding; however the group was hoping for more warblers, though 10 species were seen and/or heard. Highlights included numerous singing and chattering Baltimore Orioles, and everyone had excellent views of a Great Crested Flycatcher. Halfway through the walk, a Barred Owl sounded off – “who cooks for you all.”

Anchorage Trail – May 9 - The winds blew and dark clouds threatened rain throughout the morning. Five hardy observers trudged on finding a total of 46 species. Some nice birds were found on Willow Lake - Wood Duck, Solitary Sandpiper, Great Egret and a Great Blue Heron. Walking the trail produced Least and Great Crested Flycatchers, Cedar Waxwings, Warbling Vireos, both Orioles, and a singing Henslow's Sparrow. Only four species of warblers showed up - Tennessee, Common Yellowthroat, Redstart, and Blackpoll. Birding was somewhat slow, but it is always great being out with fellow birders enjoying the wonders of nature.

### BBC Conservation Report Websites May, 2019

[https://earthsky.org/earth/origin-bird-species-australia?utm\\_source=EarthSky+News&utm\\_campaign=b8a998b3cb-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_02\\_02\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c643945d79-b8a998b3cb-394693725](https://earthsky.org/earth/origin-bird-species-australia?utm_source=EarthSky+News&utm_campaign=b8a998b3cb-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_02_02_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c643945d79-b8a998b3cb-394693725)

<https://abcbirds.org/blog/eight-must-see-spring-birding-sites/?omhide=true&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=e7ce5fda-3b72-434e-b550-9cbb06ef753c>

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/the-milwaukee-bucks-have-the-most-bird-friendly-stadium-in-the-nba/>

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/gulf-coast-birders-get-ready-for-2-billion-birds/>

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/americas-smallest-falcon-is-getting-smaller/>

#### PICNIC RESERVATIONS – DEADLINE MAY 31

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring \_\_\_salad/vegetable \_\_\_desert \_\_\_other(\_\_\_\_\_)

Number attending at \$3.00 \_\_\_\_

Number attending at \$1.00 \_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Beckham Bird Club**. Mail to Pat Bell, 1876 Dove Creek Blvd, Louisville, KY 40242-3492 or bring to the May meeting.