



THE BECKHAM OBSERVER

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



Our speaker is Autumn Costelle, a Naturalist at Jefferson Memorial Forest with Louisville Parks and Recreation. Autumn works primarily with Louisville Parks' equity-driven initiative, Louisville is Engaging Children Outdoors (Louisville ECHO). This effort works to ensure all children and families have equal access to environmental education, outdoor recreation, and nature play opportunities.

In particular, one of her goals has been to

increase birding activities and bird education in West and South Louisville. With the help of Birdathon grant funds, we have been able to successfully increase bird habitat and bird-centered programming in these areas. We have provided bird programs to schools, community centers, summer camps, after school programs, and the public, and have created three new bird habitats in the last five years. Her presentation will share the successes that we have achieved in this effort and the hopes we have to continue it.

Our meeting is on Tuesday, September 10 at 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.

If you have not been to one of our meetings lately or if you are a new member hope you will come join us and meet the other Beckham birders.

Don't forget to wear your name tag! Don't have one- you can order one at the meeting.

Birdathon

This is the last month you can donate to the 2024 Birdathon. The BBC Board will be distributing the funds to the different organizations that asked for grants. If you have not made a donation, please consider giving. Any amount is welcome. Please see the BBC web site for ways to donate. We need everyone to contribute. Thanks to all who have already given.



“Breakfast with the Birds”

What a great way to start the morning with breakfast with fellow birders and a bird walk to find returning migrants. Hope you can join us at Hays Kennedy Park on Saturday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m. Please **R.S.V.P.** to beckhambirdclub@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 3. The club is providing a continental breakfast of juice, fruit and assorted pastries. **If you drink coffee or milk, please bring your own.** Hope to see you there.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, August 31 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. easy	LOCUST GROVE HISTORIC HOME/CAPERTON SWAMP - For residents and early migrants. Start at Locust Grove and walk the open grounds and then travel just down the road to Caperton. Meet at the Locust Grove main parking lot on Blankenbaker Lane. GPS: 38.28724, -85.66314 Caperton Swamp parking lot GPS: 38.290334, -85.681122	Kevin Flowers 502-648-6826
Saturday, Sept. 7 8:00 a.m – noon easy	BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS – HAYS-KENNEDY PARK/GARVIN BROWN NATURE PRESERVE – breakfast followed by field trip – please see details in August newsletter. Reservations required by September 3.	Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967
Sunday, Sept. 8 8 a.m. CDT - ???? easy	MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK – For residents, early fall migrants. Meet at Little Hope Cemetery inside the park. PLEASE DO NOT BIRD THE CEMETERY BEFORE THE TRIP BEGINS. Bring lunch. GPS: 37.154126, -86.053762	Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967
Sunday, Sept. 15 8:30-11:30 a.m. easy	FOX HOLLOW FARM: Access a new site to observe resident and possible early migrants on the farm. GPS: 38.371241, -85.523302	Kevin Flowers 502-648-6826

<p>Saturday, Sept. 21</p> <p>8:30 - ??</p> <p>easy/moderate</p>	<p>LINCOLN BIRTHPLACE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK – For residents and fall migrants. Meet at the visitor center parking lot. We will begin with the nearby Boundary Oak Trail and then drive to the picnic area to bird the Big Sink Loop trails. The park is 1.5 miles south of Hodgenville on US 31E. From Louisville, drive south on I-65 and take exit 91 for KY 61/Lincoln Parkway and follow the signs. GPS: 37.5306, -85.7364</p>	<p>Andrew Melnykovych</p> <p>502-608-4655</p>
<p>Sunday, Sept. 29</p> <p>8:00 a.m. – noon</p> <p>moderate</p>	<p>TURKEY RUN PARK – Brown-Forman Silo area. Residents and migrants. Directions: From I-265 exit (19) Billtown Road, go south and turn left at the T; go 1.5 miles and turn right into Turkey Run Park entrance; continue through the park to the Brown-Forman Silo parking lot. GPS: 38.115846, -85.533371 (</p>	<p>Meg and Steve Brown</p> <p>502-435-3967</p>

Cornell University’s birdcast.info is predicting the nights with the most potential for migrating birds.

PAST FIELD TRIP



Beckley Creek Park – August 24 Fourteen birders met at Beckley Creek Park on a late summer morning. While we missed on warblers, we got a nice look at a Philadelphia Vireo, all six of the summer woodpeckers, multiple Green Herons, and an adult Bald Eagle flying down the creek. The group tallied 45 species.

In Sympathy

Beckham Bird Club wishes to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Charlene Freeman who died on August 1. Charlene was an active member who attended meetings and volunteered to help with last year’s picnic.



BBC Conservation Report Websites August 2024

[Resident Blue Cranes Raise Newly Hatched Sandhill Crane Chick \(savingcranes.org\)](#)

[Kenya's oldest known wild Grey Crowned Crane - International Crane Foundation \(savingcranes.org\)](#)

[These Historic Photos Show the Groundbreaking Campaign to Save the Last Whooping Cranes | Audubon](#)

[Celebrating the 1,000th Florida Grasshopper Sparrow Released in the Everglades | Audubon Florida](#)

[New Analysis Reveals 126 Birds are Lost to Science and Haven't Had a Confirmed Sighting in at Least a Decade - American Bird Conservancy \(abcbirds.org\)](#)

[Tricolored Blackbirds Once Faced Extinction—Here's What's Behind Their Exciting Comeback | Audubon](#)

[North Carolina Cities get Native Plants Policies, Thanks to Chapter Advocacy | Audubon](#)

[How Are Seabirds Impacted by Ocean Plastic, and What Can You Do to Help? - American Bird Conservancy \(abcbirds.org\)](#)

[Your Plastic-Free Kitchen | Sierra Club](#)

[Who Wore It Worst? Behold the Awkward Glory of Molting | Audubon](#)