THE BECKHAM OBSERVER

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Birds in the bluegrass, current conservation efforts and how they will impact bird populations.

Dr. Matthew Springer will discuss several programs and projects currently occurring in the bluegrass region and how they will impact bird populations throughout the flyway and migration corridors but interestingly to the group, what will it do locally. Focus will be put on forest and grassland species.

Matthew is an Associate Extension Professor of Wildlife Management in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Kentucky. He also holds the position of Wildlife Specialist for University of Kentucky's Cooperative Extension System. His Extension program focuses on working towards solutions that balance conservation and society's economic and nutrition needs with current focus being on wildlife damage management, wildlife diseases, habitat management, and youth programming. He received his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale focusing on white-tailed deer movement and habitat selection, a M.S. in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Delaware, and a B.S. in Environmental Science from Juniata College. He and his wife are from Pennsylvania and they have two daughters and reside in Lexington, Kentucky. They can often be found taking in all the wonderful festivals and trails the Bluegrass state offers.

Our meeting is on Tuesday, September 8 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.

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

"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 12 at 8:00 a.m. Please R.S.V.P. to beckhambirdclub@gmail.com by Thursday, September 10. 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.

Birdathon

This is the last month you can donate to the 2026 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.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Please note a new field trip has been added for September.

Sunday, August 30 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. easy/moderate	**TURKEY RUN PARK** – Entrance area- Boulder Pond area. Residents and early 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 area parking lot. **GPS: 38.131054, -85.518638**	Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-4864 502-435-3967
Sunday, Sept. 6 8:00 a.m. – noon moderate	**TOM SAWYER PARK –** For residents and migrants. Meet in front of the Recreation Building at the main parking lot – 3000 Freys Hill Road. **GPS: 38.286466, -85.557563 (**	Patrice Pittman Donovan Jones 502-235-8046 (Patrice)

Thursday, Sept. 10 8:30 a.m.- noon moderate	**FOX HOLLOW FARM:** Resident, summer and possible early migrants on the farm. Meet in main parking lot. **NOTE: route has some off-road trails and a hill to ascend descend. GPS: 38.371241, -85.523302**	Kevin Flowers 502-648-6826
Saturday, Sept. 12 8:00 a.m. – noon easy	**BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS – HAYS-KENNEDY PARK/GARVIN BROWN NATURE PRESERVE – breakfast at 8:00 followed by field trip at 8:30 please see details in newsletter**	Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-4864 502-435-3967
Sunday, Sept. 13 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 502-435-4864 502-435-3967
Friday - Sunday Sept. 18-20	**KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING** (JOINT MEETING WITH TENNESSEE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY) – Lake Barkley and KenLake State Resort Parks.	**Details at birdky.org**
Thursday, Sept. 24 8:00 a.m. – noon moderate	**BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION –** For lingering summer birds, early migrants 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, Sept. 27 8:00 a.m. - noon	**HAYS-KENNEDY PARK/GARVIN BROWN PRESERVE –** Lingering summer birds, migrants and residents. Meet in the parking lot of Hays Kennedy Park off Upper River Road. **GPS: 38.352711, -85.630354**	Kevin Flowers 502-648-6826

LIGHTS OUT LOUISVILLE

Help migrating birds by turn off nonessential lights outside and inside. If you need a light inside draw window coverings. Let's help save migrating birds – please do your part.

MIGRATION HAS STARTED

Fall migration started last month in July with the gathering of thousands of Purple Martins on Rose Island Road in Prospect. What a spectacular sight! Did you go? Pam Spaulding took a young friend, Lucy Wiles, to see them to let her see this phenomenon that takes place every fall.

By the end of the month flycatchers, warblers, vireos began making an appearance including Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Redstart, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher just to name a few. Check out the Falls of the Ohio and the Louisville Water Company ponds on Mayfair Avenue in Prospect for sandpipers, plovers, terns, etc.

Cornell has how-to guide to BirdCast's latest bird migration prediction and tracking tools to help you better enjoy and understand birds this fall. Go on BBC field trips to find more birds. Go out every day, if possible, to see what has arrived. Document your sightings in ebird.org. Please do not use Xs for the number of birds seen. Have a great time this fall seeing all the wonderful birds!!

BBC Conservation Report Websites August 2026

After a Century With Only One Sighting, Indonesia's Blue-fronted Lorikeet Found in Unexplored Forest - American Bird Conservancy

https://abcbirds.org/news/habitat-virginia-breeding-seabirds/?utm_campaign=em_nl_enews_0726&utm_medium=email&utm_source=enews&contactdata=M6DpVWxCGoMF81g5im2%2fQYFjB5JGh%2fBbw9B2wnCQjk3u8vvYWBTqaaG2XwidvegXeGyH4Yjoo%2fkGh8j3HPJFLw%3d%3d&ms=em_nl_enews_0726&omcampaign=em_nl_enews_0726&omhide=true&emci=9d14a690-5a79-f111-ac9c-000d3a14b6d6&emdi=c9397d2a-2a7a-f111-b337-000d3a1558ce&ceid=218197

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https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/orchid-endangered-red-cockaded-woodpecker/