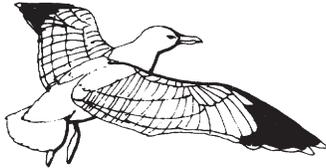


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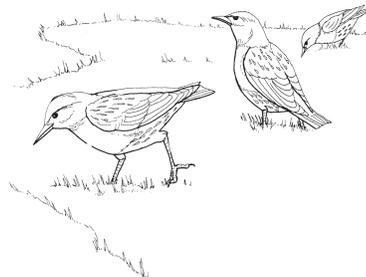


MARCH MEETING



Our March meeting features Dan Reinking, Senior Biologist at the Sutton Avian Research Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Inspired by the book "Iceland Summer," by George Miksch Sutton, Dan visited Iceland in the summer of 2004 to observe and photograph the birds and natural wonders of Iceland. Dan was coordina-

tor and editor of the Oklahoma Breeding Bird Atlas, and is a member of the Oklahoma Ornithological Society Bird Records committee. Join us as Dan presents his experiences in a really out-of-the-way place. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center, 29th and Woodlawn. You can join Dan for dinner before the presentation at Jason's Deli, 21st and Rock Road, at 5:45 p.m.



CNC UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 22, Saturday, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Astronomy Program

Take a tour of the night sky and discover the mysteries of spring constellations. Use a telescope to search for galaxies, nebulas, and double stars.

April 5, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Spring Cleanup

Volunteer to help get CNC in shape with building cleanup or trail maintenance. You can choose heavy or light duty, indoors or out!

COMING EVENTS

March 8

Oak Park cleanup. Meet at 9 a.m. by the north pond. Leader: Rosa McHenry, 263-4042, rmchenryphoto@sbcglobal.net

March 15

Wichita Area Mystery Trip. Meet at the Redstone Grill, 5355 N. Broadway at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, departure at 8 a.m. Leader: Harry Gregory, 263-7608, birdfan@mac.com

March 18

Regular meeting, "Birds and Beauty of an Icelandic Summer," by Dan Reinking, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center

March 22

Astronomy program at Chaplin Nature Center, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

March 29

Harvey County West field trip. Meet at 2 p.m. at the Dillon's store at 21st and Amidon for an expedition to find American Woodcock. Leader: Pete Janzen, 832-0182, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

April 5

Spring Cleanup Day at Chaplin Nature Center, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

April 18-20

Southwest Oklahoma field trip - see page 3.



For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail cnc@wichitaudubon.org. CNC is located 3 miles west of Arkansas City on Hwy 166, north 2 miles on 21st Rd, east 0.6 miles on 272nd Rd.

OAK PARK CLEANUP

Join us March 9 to clean up Oak Park and get it ready for those spring migrants. We'll start at 9 a.m., meeting on the north side of the lily pond. We have invited the neighbors to join us.

Wear your Audubon hat or shirt or name tag to help advertise our presence. Gloves are also recommended. We'll provide trash bags and pick up sticks.

As always, feel free to put in some time at your convenience if you can't join the group. Just let us know so we can document the hours contributed. The leader is Rosa McHenry, 263-4042, rmchenryphoto@sbcglobal.net,

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The award committee is accepting nominations for the annual Meritorious Service Award. The criteria for selection include outstanding or sustained leadership as a member, officer, committee chair, or special project leader. Please include a brief description of the nominee's accomplishments and why you think they should receive this award. Send your nomination to Dan Kilby, 1220 N. Gow, Wichita 67203, or email ddkilby@prodigy.net

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BIRD SEED SALE

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OKLAHOMA FIELD TRIP

Here is a preliminary schedule from leader Pete Janzen. The dates of the trip are Friday, April 18-Sunday, April 20.

Friday, April 18: The assumption is made that participants will arrive on Thursday evening, We will spend all day in the Wichita Mountains area. The primary target bird species is Black-capped Vireo, but a number of other southwestern-type species are anticipated which we do not see often in Kansas such as Ash-throated Flycatcher and Rufous-crowned Sparrow. There will be some moderate hiking on this day.

Saturday, April 19: Hackberry Flat wetland. This trip should produce a good list of shorebirds and other wetland birds.

Sunday, April 20: Looking for Verdins, Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Black-crested Titmouse, etc., along the Red River/Texas border. Again, some moderate hiking but nothing outrageous. The trip will end at noon. At least that is when your leader will bid you all farewell and point his vehicle for home.

Car-pooling is encouraged to keep the caravan of cars to a manageable number. It would also be helpful if each vehicle had an FRS radio so we can stay in touch while on the move.

If you are interested in joining us, be sure and contact Pete so he can keep you informed about lodging and other details. Phone: 838-0182. E-mail: pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

THREE TIPS FOR SAVING FORESTS

If every household in the United States replaced just one roll of virgin fiber toilet paper (500 sheets) with 100% recycled ones, we could save 423,900 trees. Napkins and paper towels are other throw-away paper products that use enormous amounts of wood.

1. Buy paper products with recycled content -- especially post-consumer fibers. Look for products that have a high recycled content, including high post-consumer content. Post-consumer fibers are recovered from paper that was previously used by consumers and would otherwise have been dumped into a landfill or an incinerator.

2. Buy paper products made with clean, safe processes. Paper products are bleached to make them whiter and brighter, but chlorine used in many bleaching processes contributes to the formation of harmful chemicals that wind up in our air and water and are highly toxic to people and fish. Look for products labeled totally chlorine-free (TCF) or processed chlorine-free (PCF). In some cases, elemental chlorine-free (ECF) may be acceptable.

3. Tell tissue manufacturers to stop using virgin wood for throwaway products. If a brand you buy for your home doesn't have any recycled content, contact the manufacturer. Tell the company to use more recycled fibers, to avoid sourcing from ecologically valuable forests such as those in the Cumberland Plateau and Canadian boreal, and to ensure any virgin fibers used are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council. Saving forests also helps reduce global warming pollution.

DISARMING CATS

Wearing a bib may prevent a messy meal for humans, but for cats it may also foil the meal altogether - which would be good for the estimated millions of birds and other small animals killed each year by domestic cats. A recent study published in the journal *Biological Conservation* found that fastening bibs to kitty collars can reduce the number of birds they kill by up to 72 percent.

Researchers suspect that like a warning flag, the brightly colored neoprene bibs alert potential prey to the presence of an otherwise stealthy cat. The researchers, led by Mike Calver, an ecologist at Murdoch University in Perth, Australia, monitored the animals caught (and brought home as "gifts" to owners) by 56 western Australian cats - all known hunters - that were allowed outdoors. The area's reptiles, frogs, mammals, and birds all fared better in the weeks when the felines donned the accessory.

Still, while dressing Mr. Whiskers up may be cute, leaving him indoors is 100 percent effective at keeping his wildlife trophies from your doorstep.

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