

WingBeat

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Ivory-billed Woodpecker Search Videographer Tim Barksdale to Speak in Kansas City



"Glorious, diverse and prestigious-- not dark, dank and fearful," were the words Tim Barksdale used to describe the wooded bottomland habitat of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. The former Missouri Department of Conservation research associate biologist and Northwest Missouri State University graduate has been passionately pursuing birds with a camera for the last 20 years. Tim's work, a video collection of more than 1,100 species, including more than six hundred of North America's resident birds in widescreen Digibeta and HD, is the basis of Cornell's Macaulay Library Video collection. His images have been seen on ABC, CBS, CNN, Animal Planet. Recently Tim has filmed in Hawaii, Alaska, the Pribilof Islands and in

Cuba.

Barksdale provided video documentation of the search for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. Join us at 7 pm, Saturday, September 17th as Burroughs Audubon and the University of Missouri--Kansas City's Environmental Science Program host this event at Royall Hall, 52nd Street between Rockhill and Holmes Streets. A parking garage is across the street from the 3-story stone building. A \$5 donation is requested for the event, a benefit for Big Woods Conservation Partnership. After the talk, discussion will continue at 75th Street Brewery. Contact Mike Stoakes for additional details at (816) 554-1956.

Join us in welcoming Tim Barksdale, who noted that the search for the Ivory-bill could be *"the start of the recognition of the importance of wooded bottomland habitat being more than just a source for pulp and boards."*

--Jill DeWitt, Kansas City

The Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds (MLNS) has operated as a leading natural history audio archive for over 50 years. Through special expeditions designed to capture endangered species on audio and video, the library is working to preserve the behavior of all North American Bird species for research and conservation.

General Meetings are held the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month, September through June (except in April, when we hold our Annual Dinner), at the **Anita**

Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, 4750 Troost, Kansas City. Meetings begin at 7 PM; come at 6:30 for coffee and conversation.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005: *"State Parks in the Kansas City Area,"* by Diane Russell, Department of Natural Resources, Weston Bend State Park.

OCTOBER 6: Mark McKellar, "Sparrow Identification Workshop".

NOVEMBER 3, 2005 -- "Birding the Confluence of Rivers: Manaus, Brazil" by Greg Griffith.

DECEMBER 1, 2005 -- "Holiday Pot Luck Dinner and Member Slide-Show" Quizzes and prizes, plan to attend!

JANUARY 5, 2006 -- "Adventures in Alaska" by Priscilla Wilson.

Speaker Suggestions? Contact Marilyn at (816) 537-5966 or by email at: koshland@mindspring.com.

Bruce Bradley, Science Historian for the Linda Hall Library of Science and Technology, will open the library's rare books collection at 10:30 on Thursday morning, September 22. This private library is located on 52nd Street between Cherry and Holmes Streets, surrounded by the UMKC campus. Gated parking is accessible from Cherry Street. Audubon members and friends will peruse Audubon and Caitlin editions, viewing some of the most beautiful renditions of North American flora and fauna in existence. If you can, join us afterward for lunch at Aixois around noon.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NEST:

In the intervening months since last December's tsunami that devastated coastal Indian Ocean regions and untold millions of lives,

there has been much analysis and reflection to determine how to reduce the human, economic and environmental toll when a natural disaster of such magnitude occurs again. Observations and comparisons have shown that coastal regions where, all else being equal, human activity did not previously destroy coral reefs, mangrove forests and barrier islands fared much better than areas where development has damaged or eliminated these environmental elements. While these observations may not be surprising, they do reveal what happens when humans dominate their environment, rather than coexisting with--or even harnessing--natural elements to perform a beneficial service. This is not an indictment of any people or government, 'blaming the victim', but it reveals a universal human tendency. One need look no further than our own coasts to see disasters waiting to happen. Indeed, each hurricane season produces a collective breath-holding among East and Gulf Coast residents, not to mention government and insurance company officials. The Ramsar Tsunami Reference Group, comprised of organizations such as Wetlands International, BirdLife International and affiliates, have also done rapid assessments of the environmental damage caused by the tsunami and have, fortunately, determined that few species are threatened with extinction by the disaster. But they also warn of long-term impacts, such as environmental damage to tropical forests, reefs and coastal estuaries, as people relocate and rebuild their homes and livelihoods. If rebuilding occurs in an orderly and well-reasoned manner, with consideration given to building material sources, the outlook for both people and the environment looks good. But as is often the case, the remedy to a problem is just beyond the view of those wearing the blinders. For more information, visit the following websites:

http://www.birdlife.org/action/ground/asia_tsunami/index.html
<http://www.unep.org/Tsunami>

—Mike Stoakes, President
 Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City

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WingBeat is the quarterly publication of the Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City. BAS is a non-profit membership organization in the Kansas City area whose members share an interest in birding and our natural heritage and wish to preserve and enhance it for future generations. Our members share and promote this interest through a variety of activities that are open to the public. Your participation makes Burroughs Audubon an effective, dynamic voice and center for birding and conservation in the Kansas City region. Contact us to join in activities!



October 9-16 Is National Wildlife Refuge Week Visit Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge

Join us at Squaw Creek!

September 10, 2005, 9am-3pm*

Prairie restoration/invasive plant workday. Sponsored by Friends of Squaw Creek, Prairie Committee.

September 17, 9am-4pm**

Annual fall workday, sponsored by the Friends of Squaw Creek.

October 8, 10am-4pm **

Refuge headquarters opens for fall weekends.

October 9, Refuge (The Big-Sit)**

Sponsored by the Midland Empire Audubon Society.

October 9-16 National Wildlife Refuge Week

October 15, 2005 (9am-4pm)*

Midwest Colleges invasive plant control workday sponsored by the Friends of Squaw Creek.

October 29, 2005 (9am- 4pm)*

Prairie restoration/invasive plant restoration workday sponsored by Friends of Squaw Creek, Prairie Committee.

November 5, 2005 (5pm) **

Squaw Creek's NWR Annual Hayride and Deer Spotting, sponsored by the Friends of Squaw Creek,

December 3-4, 2005 (9am-4pm)**

Eagle Day in cooperation with Missouri Department of Conservation.

Refuge headquarters open for last weekend of fall.

January 7-8, 2006** Refuge closed
Squaw Creek annual managed deer hunt.

*Activities are weather dependent and may be canceled due to inclement weather. Please call Corey at 816-383-0034 to inquire about cancellations. Safety is a primary concern of the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service. For this reason, on all work days, volunteers will need to wear work boots, a long sleeve shirt, and long pants.

** Call the refuge headquarters for details (660-442-3187).

Should Shelford Sanctuary be sold? Core group needed to insure preservation of this site (Pileated Woodpecker habitat). Contact 816-333-3293 or email jdewitt1@kc.rr.com. A list of names would be helpful, even if you don't now have time or resources to be involved.

Learn what's going on at the state level!
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Birding the KC Region: Minor Park

This spring I went birding in Minor Park in Kansas City, Missouri. This was a new location for me, and one to which I will gladly return to in the future. The habitat is riparian with the trail running just east of the Blue River. Near the parking lot there are large oaks and sycamores and plenty of underbrush. It is fairly easy to navigate around some of these trees to attempt viewing at different angles. Once you head west toward the trail, the woodlands close in and you'll see the Blue River. You can go north or south along the narrow dirt trail.

During six morning trips held in May, members of my party were treated to the sights and/or sounds of the following species. A Yellow-crowned Night Heron, in full breeding plumage fishing in the river; Acadian, Least and Great-crested Flycatchers; Red-eyed, Warbling and Philadelphia Vireos; Veery; Swainson's Thrush; and two Pileated Woodpeckers calling to each other; and a Broad-winged Hawk whistling and soaring overhead.

Naturally, our goal in May was warbler identification. And in that respect we were lucky as well. Of course, the more birders you travel with, the more eyes and ears you have to locate them. We found Chestnut-Sided, Magnolia, Black-throated Green, American Redstart, Northern & Louisiana Waterthrush, Wilson's, Prairie, Yellow, Blackpoll, Orange-crowned, Nashville, Tennessee, Parula, Ovenbird, and Common Yellowthroat.

This area is designated by Kansas City Wildlands as a restoration area. Non-native plants such as bush honeysuckle are being eradicated. New native species are being planted to recreate the natural understory. The project is ongoing and will take several years to complete. Burroughs Audubon Society has the task of monitoring the bird population over these years. This will help us determine indicators of the effects of this restoration effort. Post-migration species found this year include Wild Turkey, Whip-poor-will, Barred Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Willow Flycatcher, Wood Thrush, Yellow Throated Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Summer and Scarlet Tanager. For more information

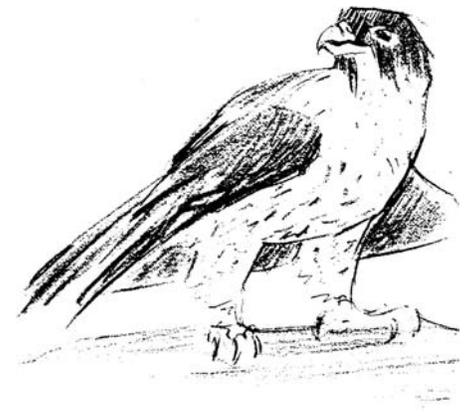
about KC Wildlands activity, visit http://www.kcwildlands.org/Blue_River_Parkway.htm. To report birds from this site, email Don Arney at sora@kc.rr.com.

Minor Park is a large park with several access points. To reach the trail in this article take 435 East to Holmes exit. Turn south on Holmes and go to Red Bridge Road. Turn east to Blue River road, then south until you reach a clearing with tennis courts and a parking lot. Go west to reach the trail. Although this is a mountain bike trail, we did see other birders and people walking their dogs, but not any cyclists. This area can be very wet. Choose your footwear and clothing carefully, especially after a rain.

--Lisa.Weeks

Birder's Choice

Have time to curl up for a good read? Lia Uhlenhuth's recommendation:



Kirsten Munson

Falconry in the Field

Those of you who attended our March 2005 General Meeting were treated to an up close and personal look at the world of falconry, as Vanessa Avera and Bob Payne exhibited some of their birds (including a Harris' Hawk, a kestrel and a gyrfalcon-peregrine hybrid) and their equipment. Now, you can have an opportunity to see these magnificent birds do what they do best—hunt in the field. Mr. Payne has kindly agreed to arrange an outing in November or December, in conjunction with other members of the Missouri Falconry Association. Group size may be limited, so watch our website (or subscribe to our email list, BurroughsAnnounce) for further details!

--Elizabeth Stoakes
Blue Springs, MO

Audubon Adventures

Classroom teachers teaching within the Kansas City area can receive a free kit of Audubon Adventures nature newspapers. Each set includes a copy for each student and a teacher's manual. Consider contacting instructors at schools in your area. A great resource for your classroom! Contact Kelly Gillespie before September 15 at:

kelly.gillespie@leesummit.k12.mo.us

Catbird!

The Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) is the smallest of the three members of Family Mimidae in our area. The other two are the Northern Mockingbird and the Brown Thrasher.

The Gray Catbird has a distinctive color pattern with overall slaty-gray plumage, a black cap, blackish tail, and rufous undertail coverts, like no other North American bird. The plumage of the female is the same as that of the male.

Migrating mostly at night, the male catbird arrives in our region in the Kansas City region in April. Now that catbirds are comfortable with civilization, they claim territory near our homes, gardens and parks. They chase other catbirds and sing loudly, seeming to announce their arrival. Catbird songs are usually comprised of melodious phrases not repeated. They intersperse catlike mews, chatters and a 'chip' from half-hidden perches in the shrubbery.

After about a week, the female catbird arrives and courtship begins. The slim, immaculately tailored male fluffs his feathers, and struts about with his tail erect to show off his rufous crissum. The catbird sings a different song during courtship. It is soft—almost a whisper—as though just to be heard by his true love. Nest building begins after several days of courting. The nest is usually low in dense, tangled vines, thickets and small, bushy trees. If building their nest away from civilization, it is built in vegetation close to streams, forests and marshes. Both birds contribute to building the nest, carrying coarse weed stalks, leaves, twigs, cedar bark and grass. The female takes over, constructing, shaping and lining the nest with rootlets. The male, in the meantime, is singing and defending the territory. It takes five or six days to build the nest, which resembles that of the Northern Cardinal. In a day or two, the female lays her eggs in the nest, one a day, until there are two to five deep, glossy, greenish-blue or blue-greenish eggs. The female incubates the eggs alone, and is fed by the male. The incubation period is 12 to 13 days. Catbirds are avid housekeepers. They immediately remove the eggshells and excreta from the nest.

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The young usually fledge in about 10 days.

The Brown-headed Cowbird parasitizes the catbird nest, however, the catbird does not tolerate the foreign eggs in its nest and will get rid of them. Snakes, domestic cats, raccoons and squirrels are also predators of the catbird nests. Catbirds defend their nests by fluttering about and emitting distress calls. They are often joined by other bird species to mob and drive off the predator. On May 13, the catbird made his presence known with his exuberant singing from grapevines and multiOpflora roses of my property. It settled in the Northwest corner of the yard, in a heavily foliated area of lilacs and ninebark trees under huge sycamores.

A first for me was to see the predominantly fruit-eating catbird foraging on the ground, under the bird feeders, throwing leaves aside with its bill, raking its bill from side to side, much like the brown thrasher, to obtain insects.

Another first was when my little dog Ani approached the catbirds, claiming territory in the corner of the yard. I heard loud mewing, fussing sound and Ani barking. There was more mewing—a harsh hissing sound—and out came the catbird, flying low over Ani. Ani turned tail and ran for the deck. The catbird flew back into the shrubbery—still emitting its catcall. Ani avoids that corner of the yard now.

The catbirds will molt in August. In mid to late-September, they will migrate back to their wintering grounds.

--JoAnn Garrett
Raymore, MO

Conservation Matters

Conservation Committee meets September 8th, 7 PM at the Crave Café in Westport. State issues include birding trails in Northeast Kansas and

Northwest Missouri, the Loess Hills Initiative, regional water and clean air issues and defense of conservation funding. To receive email updates or to serve on wildlands, trails, energy subcommittees, send your email address to Jill DeWitt, jdewitt1@kc.rr.com.

A Legacy for All

A pre-settlement prairie, a woodland nesting site for Pileated Woodpeckers, a streamside stopover for migrating songbirds, a nature center and library...what do they all have in common? Someone cared enough about preserving the natural world to leave a legacy in perpetuity. Contact Burroughs Audubon about planned giving and conservation easements.

--Jill DeWitt, jdewitt1@kc.rr.com
(816) 333-3293.

For family-oriented nature and birding-related activities at Ernie Miller Nature Park in Olathe KS, check out the Upcoming Events Calendar at <http://www.erniemiller.com/index.htm>.

Farewell, Craig!

Burroughs Audubon bids a fond farewell to Board member Craig Hensley. Craig served as an enthusiastic and knowledgeable director of the Martha LaFite Thompson Nature Sanctuary, and is a vigorous proponent of birding and conservation in our region. He will now serve as directory of a sanctuary in Mission, Texas. Thanks, Craig, for contributing to the vitality of the Kansas City birding community!

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Bird Profile: Cerulean Warbler *Dendroica cerulea*

The Cerulean Warbler is a small, short-tailed wood warbler. Just 4 inches in length, it has a thin, pointed bill. This distinctive warbler is named for its bright azure blue upper parts. Like most warblers, the adult male is more brightly colored than the female, and looks quite different. The male is a bright cerulean blue above and white below, with white streaking on his flanks. He has white wing bars, white tail spots, and a narrow black necklace. The female, a duller cerulean blue above and pale yellow below, has a blue crown and a white or yellowish line over her eye with white wing bars and white tail spots, as well. Hopping from tree to tree, Cerulean Warblers feed on insects such as: bees, wasps, caterpillars, weevils, and spiders. An insectivore, the Cerulean Warbler lives in thick deciduous forests, preferring open woods with tall trees and relatively little undergrowth. In the spring the female builds a nest high in a deciduous tree, sometimes as high as eighty feet. A clutch of three to four eggs is laid in a shallow nest of grass, moss and spider webs. The male helps with the clutch while the female hunts for food.

Since the 1960's Cerulean Warblers have declined in population. Today they are considered a threatened species. Curiously, in the United States, they have not officially been given a protected status and are not listed as an Endangered Species. Whereas, in Canada they are listed on their official SARA list (Species of Special Concern). Researchers attribute their decline to loss of habitat. Logging in the Mississippi Valley, clearing for farmlands and the spread of cities have resulted in a loss of mature, deciduous forests, the warbler's nesting areas. Some researchers believe this is the reason for a shift in breeding ranges, from the lower Mississippi Valley to eastern areas. Further, the Andean forests, where Cerulean Warblers primarily winter over, is now threatened by deforestation. Cerulean warblers arrive at breeding areas within two to three weeks, flying from South America-- primarily the Andean forests of Colombia and Venezuela. Migrating north, this warbler flies toward

breeding grounds in the eastern half of the United States. Many migrate as far north as Ontario, Canada. In the fall, their migration lasts a couple of months. Further, many Cerulean Warblers begin to migrate as early as the third week of July. Peak periods of migration take place in the beginning of August. Island hopping across the Caribbean, these warblers return to the tropics. Many pass through Mexico, some wintering there, others flying farther south into Central America. Others return to the Andean forests.

Cerulean Warblers can be seen in Missouri. They have been recorded in Rock Bridge State Park just outside of Columbia and at Weston Bend State Park along the Missouri River north of Kansas City.
—Carol Boles

Further reading on Cerulean Warblers: *Warblers*, Jon Dunn and Kimball Garrett. Houghton Mifflin Company, 1997.

Field Guide to Warblers, Donald and Lillian Stokes, Little Brown and Company, 2004.

Sibley Guide to Birds, David Allen Sibley, Alfred A. Knopf, 2000.

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"A nation behaves well if the natural resources and assets which one generation turns over to the next are increased and not impaired in value."

--Theodore Roosevelt

Trumpeters return to Missouri

Diane and Steve Kinder report that for the first time in over 100 years Trumpeter Swans have been observed nesting in Missouri. A pair with three cygnets is being observed on a small secluded area lake. The adults have been identified as coming from Iowa's reintroduction program. They are on private land; to minimize disturbance the landowner does not want visitors. The pair attempted to nest last year but were unsuccessful,

possibly because of disturbances. They were seen all winter around the area.

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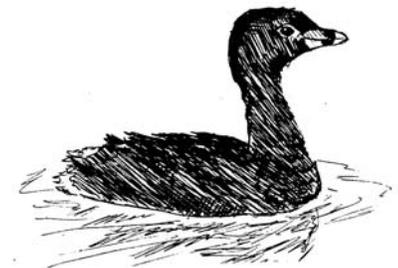
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Field Trips

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6: Bird Walk and Butterfly Count at Powell Gardens with Alan Branhagen and Jackie Goetz. Join us at beautiful Powell Gardens as we look for summer resident and early migrant birds, and participate in the *North American Butterfly Association's* 2005 Butterfly Count. Even if you aren't familiar with our native butterflies, Alan and Jackie are very knowledgeable about the species that occur locally and will be more than happy to share their expertise and enthusiasm. In past NABA counts, Powell Gardens has had the highest species total of any Missouri county site! Some avian species that we're likely to encounter include: Blue Grosbeak, Bell's and White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Indigo Buntings by the bushel. Butterfly species will likely include Great Spangled Fritillary, Pearl Crescent, Silver-spotted Skipper, both Comma and Question Mark, Monarch, Cloudless Sulfur and Giant and Zebra Swallowtails. If we're fortunate, we may even find Regal and Gulf Fritillaries, as well as some of the less common hairstreaks and coppers. Participants in this field trip will be admitted to Powell Gardens free of charge (be sure to thank Alan) and should be prepared to walk approximately 4 miles around the property. Contact Mike Stoakes at (816) 554-1956 or by email at mstoakes@juno.com. For more information about Powell Gardens visit: www.powellgardens.org/

SEPTEMBER 23-25: ASM Fall Meeting at Camp Clover Point, Lake of the Ozarks State Park. Visit www.mobirds.org for more information.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1-2: Kansas Ornithological Society Fall meeting at the Great Plains Nature Center, Wichita, KS. Visit www.ksbirds.org for more information.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 and 23: Hitchcock Nature Center We'll test our ID skills while watching a variety of raptors soar overhead at the Hitchcock Nature Center north of Council Bluffs, Iowa. This site is one of the few places where raptors using the Central Flyway are monitored. Hitchcock Nature Area is located at the edge of the Missouri River Valley where the Loess Hills deflect the prevailing westerly winds. One unique feature of the site is the regular passage of Swainson's Hawks, a species not usually found that far east. Last year's season total of 1,452 Swainson's Hawks was primarily the result of a single huge flock that passed on October 1 containing 1,114 birds. Late in the season, Red-tailed Hawks pass through in large numbers accompanied regularly by Rough-legged Hawks and Bald Eagles. Further details will be distributed later via Burroughs Announce and on our web site. For more information, please contact Lisa Weeks at lfw@kc.rr.com or 913.642.8322.

Lakeside Nature Center Bird Walks with Elizabeth and Mike Stoakes: These will be held the LAST Sunday of the month in alternating months (September 25, November 27, January 29, March 26, and May 28). Participants will meet in the parking lot of LNC at 7:50 AM for an 8:00 AM departure. These are two to four-hour excursions mostly in woods and marshy areas of Swope Park. Dress for moderate hiking, and bring insect repellent in season. For directions or further information, contact Mike and Liz at (816) 554-1956 or at lizkvet@yahoo.com.

Saturday Morning Bird Walks: Offered by the Wild Bird Centers

Corinth Square Store: First Saturday each month, 4046 West 83rd, Prairie Village, KS. Meet at the store at 8:00am, bird for 2-3 hours, then return to the store. (913-381-5633)

Noland Road Store: New owner Dennis Frederick would like to restart birdwalks at this location. Contact him at wbcind@yahoo.com if you'd like to lead or participate! 4201 South Noland Road, Independence, MO (816-478-9399).

MORE INFORMATION: For more information about one of our field trips or to volunteer to lead a field trip, you may contact our field trip coordinator, Matt Gearheart at 913-568-4678 or mgearheart@gwhm.com.

NOTE: *Audubon field trip participants usually carpool; riders chip in for gas. Cars leave at the stated departure time. From beginning birders to experts, all are welcome! All-day trips include restroom stops. If you have doubts about whether a field trip is on because of inclement weather, call the trip leader up to one hour before scheduled departure. The trip leader can also provide additional details on the trip.*



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