

The greater Kansas City chapter of the National Audubon Society

Burroughs Audubon Nature Center & Bird Sanctuary

7300 West Park Road Blue Springs, Missouri 64015 (816) 795-8177

Featuring...

Natural History Library

Available onsite for your education, research, and reading enjoyment! 2,548 Books make up this historical and iconic collection.

> **<u>Free Programs</u>** Suitable for all ages

<u>Free Information</u> Handouts and brochures

Bird Seed and Gifts

<u>Highly Trained Volunteers</u>

Learn all you wanted to know about our wild resident and migratory birds, and other wildlife



Bonnie the Biologist Everyone of all ages welcome! Program & handouts are

Winter's Birds and Bird Gardens

In November, Bonnie the Biologist talked to us about birds - we've all heard that birds go south for winter, but many birds coming from Antarctica and Northern Canada consider Missouri as their warm vacation home from November to March. They range from petite and colorful to impressive and "snowy" white. Bonnie also asked

"Did you know the easiest time to plant native flowers and grasses for spring and summer is in the winter?" Birds congregate to grasslands, prairies, and bushes and trees that are bountiful with seed and fruit. All this food gives our resident and winter birds the energy they need to stay warm in the winter's cold days and nights. A tour of the Esther O'Connor Wildflower Prairie was enjoyed by all as we collected seeds for everyone to take home. We invite you to engage in a conversation with



Photo courtesy of Ginny Culver

our volunteers about all things gardens and birds. Meanwhile, check back for Bonnie's programs for 2016. A new subject each month accompanied with a craft activity and a coloring page is being planned.

Citizen Science

Bird banders capture, weigh, band, and record our wild birds for three hours. Visitors are given the opportunity to release them back to the wild.

Special Note: High winds and rain can make it hard to net our birds, so in case of this type of inclement weather, banding is typically postponed until the following Sunday. If there is a chance of inclement weather, please contact one of our volunteers to inquire: (816) 795-8177



Everyone of all ages welcome!

Saturday, December 5 Saturday, January 9 Saturday, February 6 Saturday, March 5

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

For all programs, times are flexible to accommodate all ages. We look forward to seeing you.