



# nature notes

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## Don't be Superstitious!

Doug Corbett

Our February speaker will be Brad Jacobs, wildlife ecologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation. His topic will be "Missouri's Breeding Bird Atlas—What it Means for Birds." He will also discuss what's new in the Dept. of Conservation under director Jerry Conley.

Please be aware that this meeting will be held in the auditorium—not the west lecture room—at 8:00 PM at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters on Lindbergh Blvd. This is a joint meeting with the St. Louis Audubon Society. The auditorium should handle a large turn out from both groups. Don't be superstitious and we'll see you on Friday, the 13th! ~

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## Interested in Joining our Board?

Sue Gustafson

WGNS has five elected officers, three of which are elected in April to serve a two-year term—from May to May—and two of which are elected the following April to serve a two-year term. This rotational election system provides board continuity. All other board members are appointed. If appointed members fill elected positions, this leads to vacancies on our board.

I'm in the process of putting together a Nominating Committee to nominate officers for the April election. This year we will elect the President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President. If you are interested in serving on our board in an elected or appointed position, or if you'd like to help out by serving on the Nominating Committee, please call me at 968-8128. We've had a lot of new members join over the last several years—this is a great way to get more involved in your organization—and it's also a very enjoyable group of people to work with!

## Welcome to new members...

Scott Darrough.....Hillsboro, MO  
MO Historical Society .....St. Louis

## The Birding Year in Review

Rose Ann Bodman

Although the 1997 composite of all species seen in the St. Louis Area was 3 short of record-breaking 1996, the 300 was still the all-time runner-up. See the composite list on p. 8. Thanks go to the Malones, who kept the tally.

For many birders totals were higher than many years. This year there were 3 write-ins for **bird of the year**—birds never before seen in our area:

- Glaucous-winged Gull
- Rufous Hummingbird
- Anna's Hummingbird!

### Reporting totals for 1997 were:

Anne McCormack.....	200
John Solodar.....	203
Helen Wuestenfeld.....	218
Jim Holsen.....	219
Margot Holsen.....	220
Paul Bauer.....	225
Dottie Herweg.....	237
Loy Barber.....	238
Dick Coles.....	245
Larry Wells.....	248
Tom Bormann.....	256
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Jackie Chain.....	260
Steve Williams.....	261
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Mike Brady.....	265
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## December Birding in St. Louis

Rose Ann Bodman

Black and Surf Scoters remained at Riverlands on Dec. 1 and the Red-necked Grebe was still at Creve Coeur Lake. As many as 13 Trumpeter and one Trumpeter Swans have been seen at Riverlands.

A Clark's Grebe, first seen a few days earlier by Connie Alwood and Tom Bormann, was documented by Jack Van Benthuyzen (\*JVB) on Dec. 2 at Carlyle Lake. It was a calm day and the bird drifted close enough to the West Shore Marina for Jack, Kent Lannert and Connie Alwood to observe the eye.

Two White-winged Scoters near the end of the lock at Riverlands were hotlined by Jack Van Benthuyzen on Dec. 8.

An immature male or female Anna's Hummingbird was observed by Jim and Charlene Malone on Dec. 14. The bird, which had been coming to a feeder on Kenroyal in Des Peres since early November, perches in a nearby spruce tree and could be seen readily by the many birders who hurried to see the first record for our area, and possibly only the second Missouri record. This out of range hummer came just about a month after the arrival of a Rufous Hummingbird in East Alton. Many birders were able to record three hummingbird species for 1997 instead of the usual one and for many they were life birds.

The 2 White-winged Crossbills at Shaw Arboretum remained hard to find. The Saturday birding group struck out on Dec. 13, although David Becher had seen them a day earlier. A Hermit Thrush, a few sparrows and Blue Jays were in the conifers.

On Dec. 16, while doing some early scouting for the Pere Marquette Christmas Bird Count, Helen Wuestenfeld and other had an Orange-crowned Warbler at Gilbert Lake and a dowitcher at the Volcano Point.



Short-eared Owls have returned both to Peabody Conservation Area and Riverlands. The Thursday birders found 2 at Peabody on the 18th. At Baldwin Lake there were thousands of Snow Geese and at least one Ross' Goose.

The tally for the Pere Marquette CBC on Dec. 20th was 88 species. A high count of Fox Sparrows was noted. A Dunlin seen by Randy Korotev at Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge, was the most unexpected sighting. A Hermit Thrush was seen. Good representations of Ducks, and 75 Bald Eagles helped swell the total.

Only 7 birders turned out for the Weldon Springs CBC on Dec. 21. Tom Parmeter, count coordinator, said the total was 57 species with a fair number of ducks reported. Red-shouldered Hawk was on the list as it had been for the last 4 or 5 years, as well as Northern Harrier and Hermit Thrush. More participants are needed to keep this long-established count going! The count on Trumpeter Swans was up to 19 which could be seen at times in the Alton Pool from Harbor Point. At other times there were Trumpeters in Teal Pond.

Steve Williams found a Sandhill Crane at Creve Coeur Lake on Dec. 20. The hotline bird was at the south end of the lake. A few prompt to respond birders, including Bob and Martha Gaddy arrived in time to see the crane. Margy Richardson saw it on the 27th and it remained at least until 1998 was a week old.

The State of Illinois count at Carlyle Lake on Dec. 22, yielded 95 species with some outstanding sightings. An American Bittern, Oldsquaw and 2 Eurasian Collared Doves were seen by 3 members of the Illinois Rare Bird committee: Dave Bohlen, Myrna Deaton and Vernon Kleen. Other birds unusual for December which were recorded that day were Barn and Tree Swallows and an Osprey.

At the end of the year, Pine Siskins, Red-breasted Nuthatches and Purple Finches were still being seen at Shaw Arboretum, Gray Summit.

Documentation was received from Charlene Malone for the Black-legged Kittiwake at Creve Coeur Lake seen November 6, 1997. ~

## **Eurasian Tree Sparrows**

Judy Tisdale

If you have someone in from out of town who needs a quick ETS, I have a large flock that has been at the feeders behind my building at school. They are viewable whether school is in session or not.

Directions: Highway 40 to McKnight exit, going north. At the "Y" to the left on Lay Road and follow it about a mile as it crosses Clayton Road (stoplight) and continues down the hill to Community School. Follow the school drive past the main building to the small building on the hill in back. Feeders are hung off the back of that building and are easily viewed. ~

## **The Global Village**

If we could shrink the Earth's human population to a village of precisely 100 people with all existing human rations remaining the same It would look like this:

57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from North and South American, and 8 from Africa.  
51 would be female, 49 male  
70 would be non-white, 30 would be white  
66 would be non-Christian, 33 Christian  
80 would live in substandard housing  
70 would be unable to read  
50 would suffer from malnutrition.  
1 would be near death, 1 near birth  
1 would have a college education

Half of the entire village's wealth would be in the hands of only 6 people—all citizens of the US. ~

## The All Red-headed Woodpecker

J. Earl Comfort

The Red-headed Woodpecker is one of 7 species found around Bourbon. It is the only one of our local woodpeckers with an all-red head. What is even more distinctive is the fact that it is the only kind that shows both sexes dressed exactly alike. The females of the other six either have no red in the head or red in a lesser degree. Five end their names with "woodpecker." Local exceptions are the Northern Flicker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. You may know the flicker better as a yellow-hammer. All are Bourbon nesters with the exception of the sapsucker. All seven are found during the winter, some in fewer numbers. The Red-headed is in the "fewer" class. The other four not mentioned are the Pileated, Red-bellied, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers.

Because the spectacularly colored Red-headed likes to perch on exposed utility poles, where it becomes an easy target, trigger happy gun-toters have been one of the worst enemies of this species, in spite of the fact our woodpeckers are fully protected by law. I'll admit they sometimes present a problem to the utility companies by drilling holes in the poles. Creositing them—the poles, not the birds—has helped to check their depredations.

One of its favorite habitats is areas that have dead trees near or in nearby flooded areas which have been created by the Corps of Engineers.

In the St. Louis area, the Red-headed woodpecker has always been a favorite of the birders, drawing "ooh" and "ahh" exclamations from its many admirers. It bears the colors of our flag—almost—with the prominent red head and extensive white and blue-black plumage. In flight or perched this bird draws attention, even attracting non-birders, which, by the way, are steadily decreasing.



Being a noted acorn eater, this bird's numbers locally depend to a great extent on the mast crop. This miser stores excess supplies in tree hollows, behind bark and in various crannies. I once watched a red-head—not to be confused with the duck by that name—storing acorns in an abandoned barn through a hole in the roof. My examination of the results of its many trips revealed a sizable pile had been deposited, never to be redeemed. This bird brain hadn't considered the fact the booty was beyond redemption.

Another food preference may cause disfavor with the farmer. It is fond of mature field corn, which would be insignificant filching were it satisfied with the small amount consumed on the spot. But it insists on storing the grain as if there were a tomorrow. Fortunately, few of these birds indulge in corn stealing. Naturally, it doesn't know storing of acorns is OK, while corn concealing is a no-no. On the other hand, squirrels and jays—lovers of acorns—object to sharing them with this woodpecker. For that matter, squirrels are not above corn-snatching, as corn cobs beneath their tree homes reveal. While birding in a woods, I was once hit on the head by a corn cob. I could almost swear the bushy-tail had thrown it at me and was chuckling overhead. At any rate, its chatter-

chuckling overhead. At any rate, its chattering sounded gleeful. Its woods and a corn field were too close together, as the fellow said about vericose veins.

The Red-headed is an 8-inch bird with a solid red head and neck. The red extends down to the breast and upper back. The underparts are white, the upper back, blue-black, the lower half of the wings white and the tail dark. Immatures would never pass for red-heads as far as colors are concerned. They are mostly brown with bars across the back—a ladder back. There is no resemblance of red on the head. In short, their only color claim to the Red-headed ancestry is the white in the wings. Given time they will qualify.

The nest of this species is in a hollow of a tree, pole, or fence post the 5 or 6 white eggs being deposited on saw dust. In their case, the rule applies that says eggs in a secluded place need no camouflaging.

On our St. Louis area Christmas bird counts, this bird may be listed in great numbers on routes that cover their habitats. In other years, they count numbers may be low.

In spite of its filching and pole chiseling, this bird is a very valuable asset because of the great number of grubs, larvae and insect eggs devoured. It has been known to eat young birds found in exposed nests, but this is unusual. nature uses her allies to keep the bird potential population explosion under control. By eating eggs or young of other species, their numbers are controlled, whether we like it or not. Personally, it disturbs me.

This article & drawing by Marjorie Richardson, first appeared in the *Bourbon Beacon*, Nov. 4, 1976. Since that time, the Red-headed Woodpecker has been placed on the Blue List in Missouri; that is, there is reason to be concerned about its declining numbers. ~

## Missouri Natural Resources Conference—MO Natural Areas

The 1998 Missouri Natural Resources Conference will be held February 18–20, 1998 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort on the Lake of the Ozarks. For more info: Mike Currier (573) 526-2990, or: mcurrier@mail.state.mo.us

## March Deadline: Feb. 6

*Submissions—handwritten, typed, IBM or Mac to: Anne McCormack, 587 Andrews, St. L MO 63122*

## Tyson Nature Line

Call 935-8432 for a summary of the latest bird sightings in the St. Louis area. Please report any unusual birds to Jack Van Benthuysen, 961-3390 ~

## Join Audubon Adventure Trips

Paul Bauer

For the first time St. Louis Audubon will offer 3 different foreign adventure trips in 1998. The continued success of our past trips prompts us to offer our members and friends more opportunities to share unique experiences in exceptional wildlife destinations.

In June we will again repeat our stunning birding and wildlife safari in Kenya and Tanzania. This trip is explained below in more detail, and again I will serve as the escort. Read the summary below, request an itinerary, and plan to join us.

For September we will cruise among the Galapagos Islands where the wildlife is so tame that you must take care not to step on them! Plus we have the option to explore several national parks in the highland Andes of Ecuador. This region is an exceptional birding area. Each change in altitude means a different group of colorful tanagers and humming birds. I plan to take Frances with me on this, my third trip to Ecuador.

Finally in November we will offer an exclusive safari limited to ten persons to search again for the Mountain Gorillas, chimpanzees, and other primates as well as birds in Uganda, plus an optional visit to Murchison Falls. Returning to the lush green highland forests of Uganda is something I'm looking forward to with keen excitement.

More details of the September and November trips will appear in later issues of *Nature Notes*. Also you may call me at 314-921-3972 to obtain detailed itineraries for any of these trips.

Kenya in June: Our first 1998 adventure is a 14-day birding and wildlife safari to Kenya in East Africa from June 8-21. We will enjoy five excellent lodges and visit seven game reserves and national parks. Some of these reserves are larger than all of St. Louis city and county combined. Our exceptional birding and naturalist guide, James Ngethe, has over 30 years of birding experience in East Africa. This is our fifth year of offering this trip to Kenya, and we have fine tuned it to maximize our enjoyment of wildlife. With James as our guide, we have come to expect over 300 species of birds, and between 40 to 50 species of animals!

For most travelers, their first wildlife safari to East Africa will be the most exciting adventure of their lives. No previous wildlife experience can match East Africa and the wonder of seeing such huge numbers of game animals, so many kinds of animals, and at such close range. For those wanting to see large numbers of birds, again no place on earth can offer more species that are so easy to find and enjoy. Wildlife photography also offers a continuous keen level of excitement, because live

subjects are everywhere and often at "point-blank" range.

Our basic trip fits the two-week vacation time limit for many travelers. However we also offer optional pre-trip and post-trip extensions for those that want the most trip for the same airfare, and want to enjoy a longer more varied exposure to East African adventure, plus up to 200 more bird species!

Tanzania pre-trip: This 7-day adventure starts on June 1st. We will spend two days each in three national parks in northern Tanzania, including Ngorongoro Crater, Africa's "Garden of Eden." James will also be our birding and naturalist guide for this optional pre-trip.

Western Kenya post-trip: Our lengthened 7-day optional extension will now visit four special birding regions in Western Kenya. Included are the Kakamega rain forest, unique in Kenya, and Lake Baringo, a freshwater lake in the Rift Valley, plus Saiwa Swamp National Park, and Delamere's Camp on Lake Elmenteita. James will continue to be the birding guide for this exciting extension.

Request a detailed itinerary: Contact Paul Bauer: call 314/921-3972 or write: St. Louis Audubon Trips, PO Box 2085, Florissant, MO 63032. ~

### **Sigma Xi Seminars**

Sigma Xi Science Seminars are co-sponsored by the St. Louis Zoo and the Academy of Science, on Wed. evenings, 7:30-9 PM, at the Living World, on the north side of the zoo. Free parking is available in the zoo's north lot. All events are free. For further information, call 768-5466 or 533-8083.

Jan. 28: How Animals See

Feb. 18: Urban Wildlife ~

# Compiled St. Louis List of Bird Sightings for 1997

Jim Malone

Red-throated Loon	Osprey	Common Snipe
Pacific Loon	Mississippi Kite	American Woodcock
Common Loon	Bald Eagle	Wilson's Phalarope
Pied-billed Grebe	Northern Harrier	Red-necked Phalarope
Horned Grebe	Sharp-shinned Hawk	→ Red Phalarope
Red-Necked Grebe	Cooper's Hawk	Laughing Gull
Eared Grebe	→ Northern Goshawk	Franklin's Gull
Clark's Grebe	Red-shouldered Hawk	Bonaparte's Gull
American White Pelican	Broad-winged Hawk	Ring-billed Gull
Double-crested Cormorant	Swainson's Hawk	Herring Gull
American Bittern	Red-tailed Hawk	Thayer's Gull
Least Bittern	Rough-legged Hawk	Iceland Gull
Great Blue Heron	Golden Eagle	Lesser Black-backed Gull
Great Egret	American Kestrel	Glaucous-winged Gull
Snowy Egret	Merlin	Glaucous Gull
Little Blue Heron	Peregrine Falcon	Great Black-backed Gull
→ Tricolored Heron	Ring-Necked Pheasant	Black-legged Kittiwake
Cattle Egret	Wild Turkey	Sabine's Gull
Green Heron	Northern Bobwhite	Caspian Tern
Black-crowned Nt. Heron	King Rail	Common Tern
Yellow-crowned Nt. Heron	Virginia Rail	Forster's Tern
→ Glossy Ibis	Sora	→ Least Tern
Tundra Swan	Common Moorhen	Black Tern
Mute Swan	American Coot	Rock Dove
Great White-fronted Goose	Sandhill Crane	→ Eurasian Collared Dove
Snow Goose	Black-bellied Plover	Mourning Dove
Ross' Goose	American Golden-Plover	Black-billed Cuckoo
Canada Goose	Semipalmated Plover	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Wood Duck	→ Piping Plover	Eastern Screech Owl
Green-winged Teal	Killdeer	Great Horned Owl
American Black Duck	American Avocet	→ Snowy Owl
Mallard	Greater Yellowlegs	Barred Owl
Northern Pintail	Lesser Yellowlegs	Long-eared Owl
Blue-winged Teal	Solitary Sandpiper	Short-eared Owl
Cinnamon Teal	→ Willet	Common Nighthawk
Northern Shoveler	→ Spotted Sandpiper	Chuck-will's-widow
Gadwall	→ Upland Sandpiper	Whip-poor-will
American Wigeon	→ Whimbrel	Chimney Swift
Canvasback	Hudsonian Godwit	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Redhead	Marbled Godwit	Rufous Hummingbird
Ring-Necked Duck	Ruddy Turnstone	Anna's Hummingbird
Greater Scaup	→ Red Knot	Belted Kingfisher
Lesser Scaup	Sanderling	Red-headed Woodpecker
Oldsquaw	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Black Scoter	Western Sandpiper	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Surf Scoter	Least Sandpiper	Downy Woodpecker
White-winged Scoter	White-rumped Sandpiper	Hairy Woodpecker
Common Goldeneye	Baird's Sandpiper	Northern Flicker
Bufflehead	Pectoral Sandpiper	Pileated Woodpecker
Hooded Merganser	Dunlin	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Common Merganser	Stilt Sandpiper	Eastern Wood Pewee
Red-breasted Merganser	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Ruddy Duck	Short-billed Dowitcher	Acadian Flycatcher
Turkey Vulture	Long-billed Dowitcher	Alder Flycatcher

Willow Flycatcher  
Least Flycatcher  
Eastern Phoebe  
Great Crested Flycatcher  
Western Kingbird  
Eastern Kingbird  
Horned Lark  
Purple Martin  
Tree Swallow  
N. Rough-winged Swallow  
Bank Swallow  
Cliff Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Fish Crow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper  
Carolina Wren  
Bewick's Wren  
House Wren  
Northern Winter Wren  
Sedge Wren  
Marsh wren  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird  
Veery  
Gray-cheeked Thrush  
Swainson's Thrush  
Hermit Thrush  
Wood Thrush  
American Robin  
Gray Catbird  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
American Pipit  
Cedar Waxwing  
Loggerhead Shrike  
European Starling  
White-eyed Vireo  
Bell's Vireo

Blue-headed Vireo  
Yellow-throated Vireo  
Warbling Vireo  
Philadelphia Vireo  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Blue-winged Warbler  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Tennessee Warbler  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Nashville Warbler  
Northern Parula Warbler  
Yellow Warbler  
Chestnut-sided Warbler  
Magnolia Warbler  
Cape May Warbler  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Black-throated Green Warbler  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Pine Warbler  
Prairie Warbler  
Palm Warbler  
Bay-breasted Warbler  
Blackpoll Warbler  
Cerulean Warbler  
Black & White Warbler  
American Redstart  
Prothonotary Warbler  
Worm-eating Warbler  
Ovenbird  
Northern Waterthrush  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Kentucky Warbler  
Connecticut Warbler  
Mourning Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Hooded Warbler  
Wilson's Warbler  
Canada Warbler  
Yellow-breasted Chat  
Summer Tanager  
Scarlet Tanager  
Northern Cardinal  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
Blue Grosbeak

Indigo Bunting  
Dickcissel  
Spotted Towhee  
Eastern Towhee  
American Tree Sparrow  
Chipping Sparrow  
Clay-colored Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Vesper Sparrow  
Lark Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Grasshopper Sparrow  
Henslow's Sparrow  
LeConte's Sparrow  
Sharp-tailed Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Harris' Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Lapland Longspur  
Snow Bunting  
Bobolink  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Western Meadowlark  
Rusty Blackbird  
Brewer's Blackbird  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Orchard Oriole  
Baltimore Oriole  
Purple Finch  
House Finch  
Red Crossbill  
White-winged Crossbill  
Common Redpoll  
Pine Siskin  
American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow

**Total 300**





## Need directions?

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### Arboretum, Gray Summit

- Take 44 west to Gray Summit (100) exit, left over highway, right onto service road and immediately left into Arboretum.

### Kirkwood Library, Board meeting

- The board usually meets on the first Wed. of the month, at 7:00 PM.
- 140 E. Jefferson, corner of Taylor & Jefferson.
- Take Lindbergh (Kirkwood Rd.), turn east on Jefferson—one block north of train station.

### Powder Valley Nature Center

- 11715 Cragwold Road in Kirkwood
- 270 south to Big Bend east, south (right) on Geyer, west (right) on Cragwold
- or, south of 44, take 270 north to Watson (366) east, immediate left on Geyer, left on Cragwold
- approx. 1 mile to nature center, on right

### St. Louis Co. Library Headquarters

- The membership meets on the second Friday of the month, at 8:00 pm.
- All are welcome. Bring a friend!
- 1640 South Lindbergh in Frontenac.
- Take 40 to Lindbergh south, left at the second light into library.

### Tower Grove Park

- Take 44 to Kingshighway south, east (left) on Magnolia, 1st right into park.
- In park, 1st right (west), past tennis courts & stable to 1st picnic area on right (Gus Foyt Site).

### West Co. Shopping Center

- Located at 270 & Manchester.
- Meet at the south (lower) parking lot, near Penney's, at lamp post #1. ~

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# **W**ebster **G**roves **N**ature **S**tudy **S**ociety

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## **Meetings**

*Wednesday, Feb. 4:*

7:00-8:30 PM Board meeting, Kirkwood Public Library. All members welcome.

*Friday, Feb. 13:*

8:00 at St. Louis County Library Headquarters, Brad Jacobs will discuss the Mo. Breeding Bird Atlas. Joint meeting with St. Louis Audubon.

## **Botany**

Beginners are welcome. Bring lunch, drink, insect repellent & weather gear.

*Thursdays, Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12,*

*19, & 26:*

Field trips usually meet at 9:30 AM; trip is normally 3-5 hr. plus travel time. Led by Fr. James Sullivan. Call Catherine Filla, 481-5298, after 5 PM Wed. for location.

## **Deadline**

Deadline for submissions to March "Nature Notes Events" is Feb. 6.

## **join WGNSS**

Send \$15 yearly dues to Randy Korotev, 800 Oakbrook Ln., St. Louis MO 63132.

## **Entomology**

*Sunday, January 25:*

7:00-9 PM at Magner's, 516 Bacon Ave., Webster Groves. We continue our "Safari to Ecuador." Dave Vizintaner will discuss his collecting experience and display his insect specimens. Call 961-4588 for directions.

*Sunday, February 22:*

7:00-9 PM at Magner's "Butterfly Count—Recounted." Joe Smentowski has recalculated the data from our various census area and will present data based on number of individual specimens collected per hour and number collected per person/hour. See above address.

## **Birding**

Open to all. Bring binoculars, lunch. For more information, call David Becher 576-1146.

*Thursdays, Jan. 22 & 29, Feb. 5,*

*12, 19, & 26:*

8:30 AM meet at West County shopping center, south lower lot behind Penney's, lamp post #1.

*Saturday Jan. 24, Feb. 14 & 28:*
















8:00 AM West County. Destination: Where the Birds Are! Bring lunch.

 *All events are free. Bring a friend!* 

# February 1998

## Webster Groves Nature Study Society

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat


1	2 Groundhog Day 	3	4 7:00 PM board meet Kirkwood Library	5 bird West Co 8:30 botany 9am  	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 bird West Co 8:30 botany 9am Lincoln's Birthday  	13 8:00 PM gen meet- Library HQ Nature N deadline 	14  bird West Co 8:00 
15	16 Nature N mailing 10am Presidents' Day 	17	18	19 bird West Co 8:30 botany 9am  	20	21
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