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WGNSS Banquet: May 6

Vicki Flier

The WGNSS Annual Banquet will be held this year on May 6th at Eden Commons, in Webster Groves. This year's speaker will be Rachel Crandell of the Rainforest Alliance. Please register by May 3. Details on page 2. We hope to see you there! ~

Welcome to new members...

Mark Wesner.....San Diego, CA
Ronald FrenchClarkson Valley, MO
Eliot Porter University City
Ava Schaffer, David Howard....U. City
Karen Stallard..... Webster Groves
Mark Mittleman Clayton
Ellen McCallieKirkwood
Kathleen Thiele..... St. Charles, MO

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International Migratory Bird Celebration Activities

April 29-May 15

Special events are happening around the St. Louis area in conjunction with international Migratory Bird Week. Please check our events page for details of events sponsored by WGNSS, St. Louis Audubon, Powder Valley Nature Center, the MO Botanical Garden and others. ~

Analyse this!

Anne McCormack

The new membership directory is almost complete. Below is a label that shows your listing. Even though new area codes cannot be used till 5/22, we have included them here. Any corrections or additions? Write or call:

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Spring Dinner Thursday, May 7 Eden Commons

Mark your calendars for the WGNSS annual meeting and dinner on Thurs., May 6 at Eden Seminary's Eden Commons, at E. Lockwood and Bompart in Webster Groves, MO.

This year's speaker, Racheal Crandell, of the Rainforest Alliance, is passionate about rainforest destruction, and will speak on the impact of oil drilling on the Ecuadorian rainforest. Mrs. Crandell has lead many efforts to help save this valuable natural resource. Her talk promises to be enlightening and will cover the negative environmental impact that commercial development can have on rain forest sustainability. Anyone interested in learning about protecting botanical and animal habitat needs to hear this informative presentation.

- ☆ To help with the dinner contact Vicki Flier at 968-9166.
- ☆ Please make your check payable to: Webster Groves Nature Study Society.
- ☆ Send it with your name and address to:
- ☆ Vicki Flier, 18 Algonquin Wood, Glendale, MO 63122-2013
- ☆ Reservation deadline 5/3/99
- ☆ 5:30 Social hour
- ☆ 6:15 Dinner
- ☆ 7:30 Speaker: Racheal Crandell
- ☆ Cost: \$13 per person. ∞

Butterfly Counts

Volunteers are needed to count butterflies at Busch Wildlife as part of the Annual Statewide Butterfly Count. The dates are May 15, June 19, and September 4. All start at 10:00 AM at the headquarters parking lot. In addition, WGNSS will again sponsor the NABA Butterfly Count (North American Butterfly Association) on the July 4th weekend. For more information, call Yvonne Homeyer, 963-7750, or Jim Ziebol, 781-7372. ∞

Plant Now For Winter Sparrows— Busch Conservation Area

Sue Gustafson

As a result of our Conservation Committee's recent meeting with the administration at Busch Conservation Area in which we expressed concern about declining habitat for wintering sparrows, Busch has agreed to let us convert an existing corn field to milo and millet. Such a food crop has attracted birds such as

Harris Sparrow around the Lake 24 area in the past. Busch will prepare an acre plot for us, and we will hand-scatter the seed.

The planting has been scheduled for Saturday May 15. Anyone interested in helping us scatter the seed should come to Lake 24 around 11:00 AM It shouldn't take more than an hour or so. If you're out at Busch that day birding, botanizing, or butterflying, stop buy and join us. Any questions, call me at 968-8128. ∞

Early Bird Renewals

Randy Korotev and Linda Virga

You renewed so long ago, we thought you might have forgotten! The following folks have already renewed membership for the year beginning September '99:

Richard Berry

Mary & Joan Brucker

Ralk Cook

Fran Callaway

Henry & Nan Day

Rick & Jane Deschu

Derick & Sally Driemery

Dave Haenni

Bob Hely

Bill & Karen Meldrum

Geral & Susan Ondr

Catherine Re

Debra Ray

Susan White

William & Rosa Wright

If you are listed above, you need not return the renewal envelope which comes in the June issue of *Nature Notes*—unless you wish to make a donation. In that case, please mark it as such.

If anyone else wishes to renew before getting the renewal envelope next month, please send your basic \$15 to the treasurer, Randy Korotev, 800 Oakbrook Ln., St. Louis MO 63132. For any amount greater than \$15, please indicate what the extra money is for, ex.; \$5 for first class postage, or \$5 gift.

Conservation Committee Report

Yvonne Homeyer

Existing projects are moving along nicely and new ones get added at every meeting. There is a lot of work to do!

Does anybody know where we can find a bobcat? I mean the equipment kind! We are discussing with Tower Grove Park officials the possibility of WGNSS making a small pond in the park to give birds a year-round water source and to create habitat for birds. Before we get final permission, we need to have a clear plan to present. The project will be much cheaper—and more feasible—if we can find someone to donate the use of a bobcat. Mike Flieg has volunteered to be the project coordinator and supervisor. Please contact Mike, 645-3356, or Yvonne, 963-7750, if you have any ideas on where we can find a Bobcat at a friendly price.

One new issue is a letter writing campaign that we are initiating to save some wetlands near the Gateway racetrack at Hwy. 203/70 in Illinois. The Corps of Engineers has issued Public Notice P-2167 asking for comments on the racetrack's proposal to *drain and fill 150 acres of wetlands* to become a parking lot. The area in question is to the west of (behind) the racetrack plus a small wetlands on the south end. Both areas are clearly visible from the highways. Wetlands are rapidly disappearing and species that depend on wetlands are on the decline. Common Moorhen, for example, was reported found only once all last summer. That used to be seen regularly. Although mitigation requires that the landowner replace the wetlands taken for development with new wetlands, studies have shown that the new wetlands fail more than 50% of the time. There is land for sale directly across Hwy. 203 from the racetrack that could be purchased for parking. If you want to write a letter opposing the racetrack's plan, please send your comments by April 22 to: US. Army Corps of

Engineers, Attn: CELMS-CO-F, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63103 and reference Public Notice P-2167. In addition, anyone who has any information about bird, butterfly and plant species seen in that area should notify Yvonne.

We are also initiating an educational campaign on the danger that tall buildings present to migrating birds. Most species migrate at night and the lights of buildings in their flight path confuse them, causing many to fly directly into the building. Of 5 billion birds migrating in North America, approximately *one billion* die or are injured every year by striking buildings. It is documented that 30,000 birds have hit the Chicago Trade Center alone over a 20 year period. A simple solution is to turn off the lights of buildings over 250 feet tall.

Our native wildflower project will be at the North County Recreational Area in cooperation with the St. Louis County Parks Dept. Special thanks to the Special School District students and staff at Northview School who have generously donated 60 coneflower plants to our project. Contact Kraig Paradise (741-8940) for information about planting dates and how you can help. We also have permission put up a sign if we make it—any volunteers?

David Rabenau (343-9025) will be the WGNSS liaison to the Meramec Greenway Project. This is a 125-mile proposed greenway along the Meramec River and many counties and governmental agencies are involved. Dianne Benjamin (997-2419) continues to monitor the Little Creve Coeur Lake area, part of the Page Ave. Freeway mitigation area. Jim Malone (536-1119) is collecting information on birds and plants in that area. Our planting of new pine trees at Comfort Pines at Busch is scheduled for fall. On May 15, we will plant millet and milo near Lake 24 at Busch to create a food source for wintering sparrows (and hopefully attract Harris' Sparrow). This summer

we will be mapping Busch to show where certain bird species are breeding. This will provide data on sensitive areas for species that are in decline such as Bell's Vireo, Wood Thrush, Dickcissel and Cerulean Warbler.

Our next meeting is Wednesday May 19 at 6:30 at Yvonne's, 1508 Oriole Ln., 963-7750 for directions. ∞

March Bird Report

Jim Ziebol and Yvonne Homeyer
A nice concentration of 30 Horned Grebes occurred on 3/3 at Creve Coeur Lake (CM) and 4 were seen at Horseshoe on 3/16 with 2 Eared Grebes (PB). American White Pelicans were reported throughout the area, with 500 at Mark Twain and up to 75 at Horseshoe in early March. Fifty + Double-crested Cormorants were observed at the nest trees along Bend Road/Horseshoe by mid-March (FH). A Yellow-crowned Night Heron arrived in Granite City on 3/30 (FH). One Little Blue Heron was seen near Cahokia Mounds on 3/28 (FH). Two early Great Egrets were found at Cahokia Mounds on 3/6 (KL et al.) and 14 were seen at the Borrow Pit on 3/20 (Mike Phelan). A Cattle Egret was at Little Tower Field/Horseshoe on 3/30 (LS). As of 3/6, all of the possible geese in the area had been seen at Heron Pond/Riverlands. Nine Greater White-fronted Geese were noted off of Schoolhouse Road/Horseshoe on 3/7 (YH) and a high count of 46 were at Heron Pond/Riverlands on 3/11 (JMo). Three Ross' Geese and a few Snow Geese were still at Riverlands on 3/21 (CA). A Ross' Goose was also a new bird to the Busch list on 3/27 (DB, BK et al). This is the first new bird seen at Busch since the 1997 female Oldsquaw. This spring, Canada Geese were reported in increased number and Snow Geese were average in number (HW). Two hundred-fifty Snow Geese were seen at Riverlands on 3/1 (PB). Wood Ducks

were observed on 3/4 at Lost Valley Trail (G&TB) and on 3/6 at Castlewood (MB). The high count for Green-winged Teal was 25 on Mertz Road/St. Charles. Co. (JMo). The first Blue-winged Teal were seen at Mertz Rd. and Hwy. H and also at Riverlands on 3/2 (CM). Black Ducks were seen at Horseshoe on 3/9 (FH) and at Carlyle Lake on 3/20 (G&TB). A sizable flock of 70 Wigeons were observed along Schoolhouse Road/Horseshoe on 3/7 (YH). Several large flocks of Pintails were seen into early March, with 250 at Mertz Road on 3/11 (JMo). Ruddy Ducks were down in number across the area. One thousand Lesser Scaup were estimated at Riverlands on 3/19 (BR). Six Greater Scaup were observed at Pere Marquette on 3/1 and a female was observed at Busch on 3/17 with other ducks (Wilma Kennell). Surf Scoters were well reported, with 1 at Horseshoe on 3/4 (FH) and 4 at Riverlands on 3/13 (BK) and 1 at Horseshoe on 3/28 (FH). Three counts of Red-breasted Mergansers at Riverlands included 300 on 3/4 (JMo), 150 on 3/16 (PB), and 150 on 3/19 (BR). The duck migration was slow to average this year.

Eleven Turkey Vultures were seen at Busch on 3/14 (YH). The year's first Osprey was reported from Riverlands on 3/15 (Bob Lewis). Only 1 Bald Eagle remained at Riverlands as of 3/1 (PB). A nesting eagle was observed at Clarence Cannon on 3/28 (DC). Four Sharp-shinned Hawks were observed at Busch on 3/27 (YH). Cooper's Hawk continues to be seen in fair numbers, with an immature at Busch on 3/9 (YH). An adult Red-shouldered Hawk and an immature were soaring at Busch on 3/9 (JMo). Another has been seen regularly at Shady Springs Park/St. Charles Co. this spring, possibly breeding there (JMo). A Red-shouldered Hawk was harassing 2 Great Horned Owls at Castlewood (MB). An adult Broad-winged Hawk was

observed migrating on 3/25 in south St. Louis (JZ). A female Merlin was seen on 3/20 at Layton Rd./Horseshoe perched high in a tree, where it was buzzed by Tree Swallows before it unsuccessfully attacked a Meadowlark (JZ). A Sora was reported at Clarence Cannon around 3/28. Three Sandhill Cranes were observed in flight at Castlewood on 3/5 (MB; J&MH). Lesser Golden Plovers arrived on 3/18, with 2 at Marais Temps Clair (Th. Group) and were also at Riverlands on 3/20 (KL). A Lesser Yellowlegs was found in St. Charles Co. on 3/13 (CA, TBo) and by 3/20, many Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs had been seen throughout the area. A dozen of each were seen at Clarence Cannon on 3/28 (DC). The first Pectoral Sandpiper was noted on 3/18 at MTC (Th. Group), 17 were seen at Riverlands on 3/20 (TBo), and 12 at Clarence Cannon on 3/28 (DC). Crows were observed chasing a Short-eared Owl on 3/21 at the end of Bend Road/Horseshoe (PB). A Great Horned Owl was seen at Tower Grove Park on 3/25 (G&TB). A perched Great Horned Owl was found in a U. City cemetery on 3/1 (C&DD). The resident Tower Grove Park Screech Owl has been observed several times in March (T Be). Mark Peters saw his first March Whip-poor-will ever in Jeff. Co. on 3/31. Fifteen Flickers were noted in Tower Grove Park on 3/28 (P&BJ). Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers began to arrive by 3/28 (m. ob.). Phoebes arrived on schedule with 2 reported on 3/2 at Castlewood (MB). Tree Swallows were first reported on 3/18 at Marais Temps Clair (Th. Group) and many were reported by 3/20 throughout the area. An early Winter Wren was found at Castlewood on 3/6 and an early House Wren appeared there on 3/30 (MB). Another Winter Wren was found at Tower Grove Park on 3/17 (T Be). Carolina Wrens were reported sparingly, mostly at feeders (C&DD, Peggy Leonard, Dottie

Herwig) and only a few were seen in typical areas. Two territorial males did not survive the January storms in Jefferson County (MP). A Fish Crow was heard at Riverlands on 3/20 (KL) and 2 were seen at Spanish Lake Park on 3/16 (PB). Only the second Red-breasted Nuthatch of the season was found at Busch on 3/26 (Nancy Snider). The first American Pipits were seen at Weiss Road and Cora Island Road on 3/16 (CA, PB) and by 3/20, more were reported throughout the area. Hermit Thrush and Brown Thrasher were seen at Tower Grove Park on 3/28 (P&BJ, BK). Golden-crowned Kinglets were numerous in Tower Grove Park by 3/27 (P&BJ). A rare migrating Loggerhead Shrike was found at Little Creve Coeur Lake on 3/20 (DB et al.). The first Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were observed on 3/26 at Castlewood (MB).

On 3/26, Louisiana Waterthrush and Pine Warbler were found at Rockwoods (CM). Black-and-white Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush were seen in Castlewood on 3/28 (MB). An early Field Sparrow arrived in Jeff. Co. on 3/1 (MP) and they were singing in Busch on 3/16. Fox Sparrows were numerous, with a high count of 50 on 3/7 at Tower Grove Park (JZ). Others were seen at Busch and Castlewood. A Chipping Sparrow was reported at Riverlands on 3/6 (WK). Vesper Sparrows were first encountered on 3/28 near the dredge/Horseshoe (FH). Juncoes seemed down in numbers area-wide. A male Rusty Blackbird was found at Tower Grove Park on 3/28 (JZ). A Brewer's Blackbird and a male Yellow-headed Blackbird were seen at Clarence Cannon on 3/28 (DC). Once common in the spring, Brewer's and Rusty Blackbirds were reported sparingly this year. The SLAS/WGNSS Sparrow Round-up at Horseshoe on 3/21 netted the following: 1 Field, 10 Savannah, 3 Fox, 12 Song, 6

Swamp, 5 White-throated, 2 White-crowned.

Comments: Reporting numbers of each species seen will help provide comparison data for use in future years. Also, as migration approaches, please keep in mind some birding ethics: 1) Avoid chasing or repeatedly flushing a bird. 2) Use tapes sparingly. 3) Keep "pishing" to a minimum.

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Memorial Service for Roger Pryor

Yvonne Homeyer

All of us were saddened to hear the news of Roger Pryor's death. Roger was a remarkable man who tirelessly fought for the environment. He was a founder and co-leader of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment. St. Louis will miss Roger very much. Roger was very fond of folk music and this verse from Woody Guthrie expresses his mission:

This land is your land,
This land is my land,
From California
To the New York islands,
From the redwood forests
To the gulf stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday May 8 at 2:00 PM at the Society

of Friends Meeting House, 1001 Park Ave. A memorial fund has also been established. Call the Coalition at 727-0600 for more information. ~

Meramec Greenway

David Rabenau

The Meramec Greenway is a vision for a renewed and revitalized Meramec River Valley along the 125-mile stretch from Meramec State Park to the Mississippi River. The parks and natural areas along the Meramec River provide the framework for this unique greenway of Ozark scenery. Protecting the scenic quality of the Meramec River and improving the local parks within the valley will help create an unrivaled greenway of public open space.

The St. Louis County Department of Parks & Recreation has asked WGNSS to assist them in gathering data on bird, plant, insect and other flora and fauna in some of the parks along the Meramec Greenway. Since many of the parks are not currently open to the public, WGNSS volunteers will have the opportunity to explore these areas while at the same time helping the County realize the full potential of these areas. Specifically, the County Parks Department has asked WGNSS to look at the Hunters Ford Park and A.P. Greensfelder Park near Allenton, the Rock Hollow Unit of Castlewood Park and the Packwood Park near Glencoe, and the Lower Meramec County Park in S. County. In addition, the City of Arnold has invited WGNSS to explore their newly purchased 120-acre Strawberry Creek Nature Area that they are developing in conjunction with the Missouri Dept. of Conservation.

If interested, please contact the WGNSS Meramec Greenway Coordinator, David Rabenau, for more information. He will be coordinating our efforts and organizing the various groups to inventory these parks. David can be reached via email

<mailto:drabenau@primary.netdrabenau@primary.net, by phone at 343-9025 (evenings), or at 633 Winter Hill Circle, Fenton, MO 63026. Information will also be available at the WGNSS general membership meeting and at the May banquet. Since some of these areas are not open to the public, volunteers will need to obtain and carry an authorization letter, which David can provide. ~

WGNSS/St. Louis Audubon Trips

Jim Malone

We have planned a visit to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and Cheyenne Bottoms Conservation area in Kansas for late May. This trip will begin on Thursday May 20th lasting through Sunday, May 23rd, with Thursday and Sunday mostly dedicated to travel, leaving Friday and Saturday to Bird Quivira, Cheyenne Bottoms, and the areas around Great Bend Kansas.

Some of the areas we will be visiting at Quivira do not readily allow parking of numerous vehicles, so we will limit the number of participants to 20-25. Since this trip is being offered to Audubon and WGNSS members alike, we want to give everyone an equal opportunity to reserve a spot. If this sounds like a trip you don't want to miss, send \$5 per person (to cover handling and mailing expenses) to Jim Malone at 15424 Elk Ridge Lane, Chesterfield, MO 63017. We will send you an information package about the trip. If you decide to join us we will reserve a room for you and see you in Kansas. Call Jim Malone at 536-1119 if you have questions about this trip. Hope to see you there!

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 **our website**

<http://levee.wustl.edu/~rlk/wgnss/>

Migratory Bird Discovery Day

This year Migratory Bird Discovery Day will be held at the Missouri Botanical Garden on Saturday, May 15. Activities and demonstrations will feature bird identification, locations for birding, the do's and don'ts of backyard bird-feeding. Come to the Ridgeway Center of the Missouri Botanical Garden. Stop by at any time from 10-4. Call Jim Holsen, 622-0410, for more information. ~

Ornithology Meeting:

Warbler Video

Paul Bauer

A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 1999 at Powder Valley Nature Center Auditorium; 7-8:30 PM. To be shown is *Watching Warblers: A Video Guide to the Warblers of Eastern North America*.

This program is jointly promoted by the St. Louis Audubon Society and WGNSS in cooperation with Powder Valley. In addition to the 60-minute video, there will also a 15-minute slide presentation for new birders to show a few "book" maps, and bird photos to illustrate a several of the best nearby locations to find these migrants.

The auditorium is limited to 200 persons, and this program will be announced in the MDC April newsletter: *Making Tracks*. It is free and open to the public. However **reservations are required**; call 314/301-1500. ~

Revised St. Louis Area Bird Book Now Available

Paul Bauer

Birds of the St. Louis Area: Where and When to Find Them, has been revised and reprinted. Copies are now available in the St. Louis area from all local Wild Bird Centers, Wild Bird Unlimited, Wildbird Marketplace, the MO Botanical Garden

Bookstore, and Shaw Arboretum Shop. By mail the book is available as catalog #308 from the American Birding Association (ABA); call 1-800/634-7736. You may charge it to a credit card.

This new edition has about 80 revisions made to the text and maps. Also we added four new birding locations and revised directions and instructions for several others, so the total birding locations described now exceed 125 places. Numerous revisions were necessary to the 17 colored maps to fit the revised directions.

The individual species reviews now total 380 species that have ever been reported in our area. Nine new species were added in this revision. See the new book to find out which ones! The colored seasonal occurrence bar graphs provide detailed visual information on what birds should be expected, and how common they are for each 10 day period during the year. Best of all the book has a spiral binding so it can lay open on the front seat of your car, or on a window sill at home.

If you have questions, call Paul Bauer at 314/921-3972. ~

Stypon nature line

Call 935-8432 for a summary of the latest bird sightings in the St. Louis area. Please report any unusual birds to Connie Alwood, 524-8111. ~



Next Deadline: May 7

Submissions—handwritten, typed, IBM or Mac to: Anne McCormack, 587 Andrews, St. Louis MO 63122. Computer wizards: Thanks for sending a printout along with your disk.

Last minute change? Short article? Call me at 965-8091, voice mail 965-7205 or e-mail: finearts@mail.stjosephacad.com

need directions?

Arboretum, Gray Summit

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

Board meeting, Y. Homeyer's office

- Parkway Tower, 225 S. Meramec, Suite 325, Clayton.
- From the Innerbelt, get off at Forest Park Parkway, then first exit, north on Central. At first light turn left, go 1 block to S. Meramec, and left again.
- Building is the last on the right, 12 stories. Meters free after 6 PM Main entrance brings you in on the 3rd floor where my office is.
- To reach the parking in back, go past my building to the end of the block, turn right, go 1/2 block to the alley, turn right, up the alley to the lot entrance. From the rear of the building, take the elevator up to the 3rd floor.

Castlewood State Park

- Take Manchester west, south (left) on New Ballwin Rd., east (left) on Kiefer Creek Rd., follow signs. Meet at boat ramp.

Eden Seminary, WGNSS Banquet

- Eden Seminary is located at 470 E. Lockwood and Bompert in Webster Groves, MO.
- On campus, follow the signs.

Forest Park, Kennedy Forest

- Highway 40 to Hampton north, follow signs to St. Louis Zoo's Living World. Kennedy Forest is about 1/4 mi. West.

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
- or 44 to Lindbergh Blvd., south to Watson (366), west (right) on Watson to north (right) on Geyer, west (left) on Cragwold.
- approx. 1 mile to nature center, on right

Tower Grove Park

- Take 44 to Kingshighway south, east (left) on Magnolia, 1st right into park.

Tyson Research Center

- Highway 44 west to Antire Rd. Bear right, to the gate.

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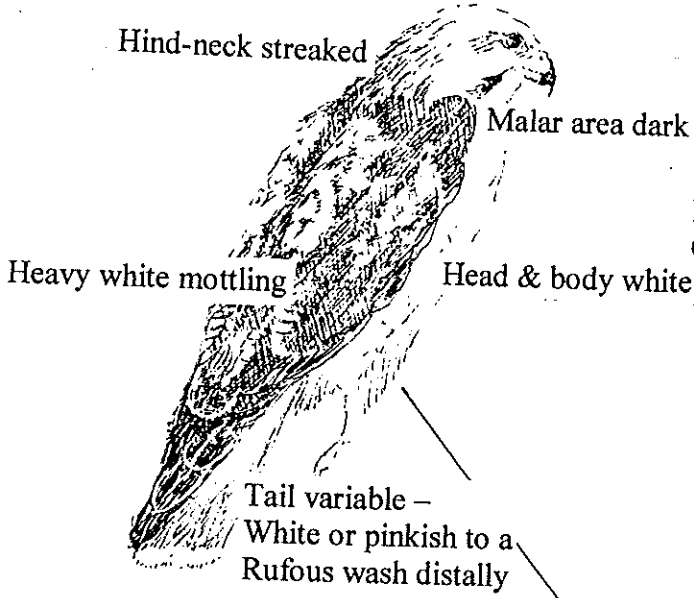
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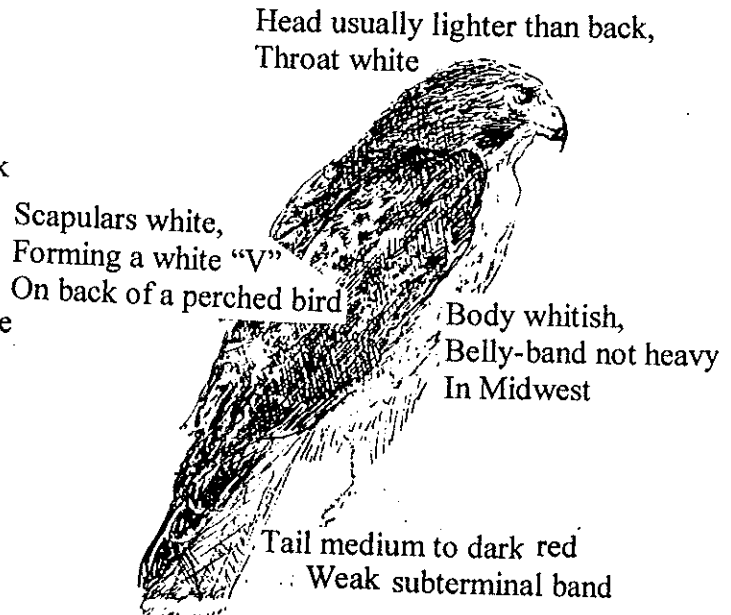
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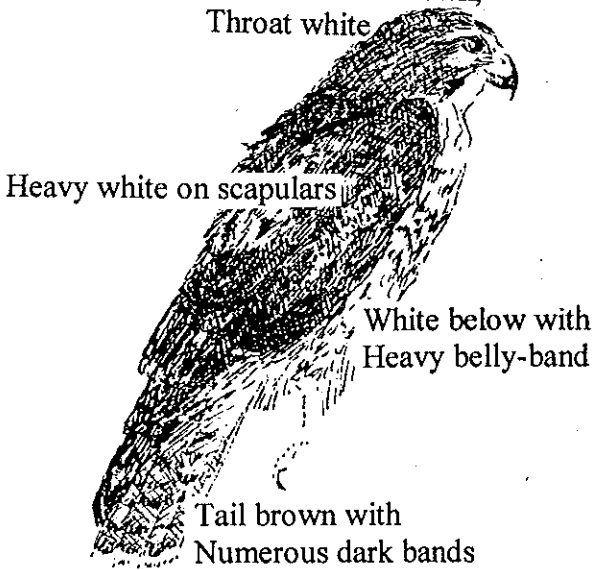
Krider's Hawk, adult
Light gray-brown dorsally



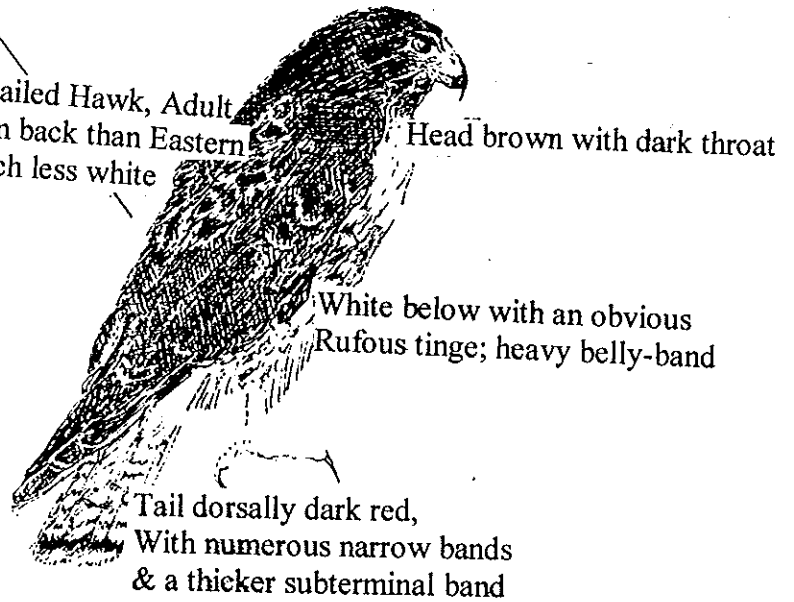
E. Red-tailed Hawk, adult
Medium-dark brown dorsally



Head variable brown,
Throat white



W. Red-tailed Hawk, Adult
Darker on back than Eastern
With much less white



E. Red-tailed Hawk, Immature
Medium to dark brown dorsally

Perched Red-tailed Hawks



Webster Groves Nature Study Society



Meetings

Wednesday, May 5

7:00-8:30 PM Board at Yvonne Meyer's office: Parkway Tower, 225 S. Meramec, Suite 325, Clayton. Directions p. 9. All members welcome.

Thursday, May 6

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- ☆ 5:30 Social hour; 6:15 Dinner
- ☆ \$13 per person, payable to WGNSS
- ☆ Send to: Vicki Flier, 18 Algonquin Wood, Glendale, MO 63122-2013

Conservation

Wednesday, May 19

6:30 PM at Yvonne Homeyer's, 1508 Oriole Ln. in Brentwood, 963-7750. Any member welcome.

Entomology

Sunday, April 25

7-9 PM at Magner's, 516 Bacon Ave. Webster Groves, 961-4588. Marshall will present.

Sunday, May 23

8 PM sharp Meet at gate of Tyson Research Center. Black-light collecting. Canceled if raining. Call Marshall Magner, above.

Botany

Beginners welcome. Bring lunch, weather gear.

Thursdays in April & May

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.

Birding

Open to all. Call David Becher 576-1146.

Thursdays in April

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

Thursdays in May & June

8:00 AM West County Note earlier time.

Saturday April 24

8:00 AM Gray Summit Arboretum. Meet at entrance to Brush Creek Trail. Day spent walking. Bring a lunch you can carry.

Sunday, April 25

8:00 AM Wgnss/SLAS birding at Castlewood State Park. Meet at first parking area near Kiefer Creek at Castlewood. Contact Jim Malone at 536-1119 or Paul Bauer at 921-3972.

Thursday April 29

7-8:30 PM Powder Valley Auditorium. Presenting *A Video Guide to the Warblers*. Reservations are required: call 301-1500.

Saturday May 1

8 AM Powder Valley Nature Center. Marshall Magner will demonstrate bird banding throughout the day, weather permitting.

Saturday May 1 & May 22

7:30 AM Meet at West County. See above.

Saturday May 1

8:00 AM Wgnss/SLAS birding at Shaw Arboretum in Gray Summit. \$3 fee for those who are not MO Botanical Garden members. Call Jim Malone for more info, 536-1110.

Sunday May 2

8:00 AM Wgnss/SLAS birding at Tower Grove Park. Meet at Gaddy Bird Garden, NW corner of the park. Call Jim Malone for more info, above.

Saturday May 8

Big Day!

Sunday May 9

8:00 AM Wgnss/SLAS birding at Forest Park, Kennedy Woods. Meet behind the Art Museum. Call Jim Malone for more info, 536-1110.

Saturday May 15


7:30 AM Castlewood State Park. Meet near boat launch. Bring lunch.

Saturday May 15

10-4 PM Migratory Bird Discovery Day at MO Botanical Garden, Ridgeway Center. Call Jim Holsen, 622-0410, for more information.

NatureNotes deadline May 7

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