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Hawaii's Birds, March 10

Mike Flieg

We will return to St. Louis County Library Headquarters in Frontenac, at 7:00 PM, for our meeting on Monday, March 10. Our speaker will be Kevin Matson, the recipient of the 2002 Scudder Scholarship, administered by WGNSS. He is a current doctoral candidate at UMSL. He will speak on his research on Hawaii's introduced birds. ♡

83rd Annual Banquet, May 1, Eden Seminary

Pat McCormick

Thursday, May 1, 2003 is the date for our 83rd annual banquet. This year we'll meet in the Commons at Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, for a 6:00 PM social hour and a 6:45 buffet banquet.

The highlight of the evening will be a talk and slide presentation by our own Pat and Jack Harris. Their subject will be Missouri glade and their plants. A Lifetime Achievement Award will honor posthumously the conservation achievement of WGNSS member Dorothy Heinze, who passed away in July, 2002. Her last conservation project was the preservation of a pristine 800-acre glade in Jefferson County. Her family will be present to accept this tribute. We invite you to join them in celebrating her dedication to conservation. ♡

April 11 Heritage Night

Jim Adams

Planning is on track this milestone even in the life of WGNSS. It will be held at the Creve Coeur Community Center, starting a 7:00 PM sharp, because of room occupancy constraints. Arrival between 6:30-6:40 is recommended to allow time for nametags and getting settle before the meeting starts. Reserve the date on your calendar if you haven't already done so and invite a friend. Two of the event in this star-studded evening will be attendance prize contest for the "most used" field guide and the "most used hiking boots." Select your entry now and set them out to bring on April 11. The winning entries will be selected by secret ballot by attendees. Electioneering is permitted—if you stay more than 25 feet away from the ballot box. See you there! ♡

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Dates for 2003 Meetings

all meetings begin at 7:00 PM

-  Mon., March 10, St. L. Co. L-HQ
-  Fri., April 11, Creve Coeur Govt. Cntr.
-  Thurs., May 1, Spring Banquet Eden Seminary, Webster
-  Thurs., Sept. 18, St. L. Co. L-HQ
-  Tues., Oct. 7, St. L. Co. L-HQ
-  Thurs., Nov. 20, St. L. Co. L-HQ

Nature Notes from Krakow: November

Nels Holmberg

White heath aster (*Aster pilosa*) and broom sedge (*Andropogon virginica*) are considered weeds on the farm as a field of them indicates a messy farmer. Sheep browse the asters, but horses, cattle and ducks don't care for them. While walking across the horse pasture this fall, I noticed a flock of bluebirds perched on white heath aster branches. The aster's *achenes* are small, but when there are few insects available, the bluebirds go for them.

A few years ago while on a hike in the snow covered back pasture, I noticed sparrows bungee jumping on the broom sedge. They may have been song sparrows, but I'm not a birder. The sparrows would land on the dried stalks which would bend over almost to the surface of the snow, and while bobbing up and down, pick off the seeds.

If we keep all the pastures and fence rows neat, or even convert them to subdivisions, where will the birds feed? ☘

Wanted: Bk.-capped Rosy Finch

Judy Tisdale

Help needed from fellow birders on finding black capped rosy finch in Rocky Mt. area this summer. Seem to remember that Reno area was reliable but that's about all I can come up with. Any suggestions? If you have any good ideas call Judy Tisdale at 822-9609 (evenings) or e-mail at judytsdle@mindspring.com. Many thanks! ☘

Bird Trip Reports Now On Web Site

Yvonne Homeyer

Our web site (www.wgnss.org) now contains a page where you can access trip reports of some of our WGNSS bird walks. Bill Rowe started off with a report of the trip to Carlyle Lake on Jan. 19. These trip reports will serve as a supplement to the monthly Bird Report, which includes the highlights of the month for the entire St. Louis birding area. We also owe a big "thank you" to Randy Korotev, our webmaster, for his continuous improvements and updates to our web site. If you haven't visited our web site lately, please check it out ☘

Pere Marquette Park Xmas Census

Helen Wuestenfeld

86 species	
109 Bald Eagle	
Greater Yellowleg	1
Least Sandpiper	10
House Wrens (different areas).....	2

Weldon Spring (Busch) Bird Count

Tom Parmeter

Here is the final tally for the count. I thank all participants for your time and effort and look forward to next year's count.

Great Blue Heron (Blue form).....	8
Canada Goose.....	665
Wood Duck	1
Gadwall.....	7
Mallard.....	111
Hooded Merganser.....	7 HC
Bald Eagle, adult	5
Northern Harrier	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	7 HC
Cooper's Hawk	4
Accipiter sp.....	2
Red-shouldered Hawk	8
Red-tailed Hawk.....	48
American Kestrel.....	24
Wild Turkey	12
Northern Bobwhite.....	2
Killdeer	2
Ring-billed Gull.....	12
Rock Dove.....	239
Mourning Dove.....	260
Great Horned Owl	2
Barred Owl	6



owl sp.....	1
Belted Kingfisher.....	7
Red-headed Woodpecker.....	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker.....	103
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	1
Downy Woodpecker.....	131
Hairy Woodpecker.....	23
Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker.....	99
Pileated Woodpecker.....	25
Blue Jay.....	148
American Crow.....	284
Horned Lark.....	102
chickadee sp.....	305
Tufted Titmouse.....	173
White-breasted Nuthatch.....	107
Brown Creeper.....	12
Carolina Wren.....	53
Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	34
Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	1
Eastern Bluebird.....	160
Hermit Thrush.....	7
American Robin.....	2820
Northern Mockingbird.....	29
European Starling.....	5973 HC
Cedar Waxwing.....	191
Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler.....	70
Eastern Towhee.....	11
American Tree Sparrow.....	211
Field Sparrow.....	8
Savannah Sparrow.....	3
Fox Sparrow.....	45
Song Sparrow.....	207
Swamp Sparrow.....	184 HC
White-throated Sparrow.....	452
Harris's Sparrow.....	3 HC
White-crowned Sparrow.....	19
Dark-eyed Junco.....	280
Northern Cardinal.....	473
Red-winged Blackbird.....	2593
Eastern Meadowlark.....	30
Rusty Blackbird.....	15
Common Grackle.....	1053
Brown-headed Cowbird.....	9
blackbird sp.....	3000
Purple Finch.....	2
House Finch.....	1
American Goldfinch.....	439
House Sparrow.....	75
Eurasian Tree Sparrow.....	20
total birds reported count day.....	21,427
species reported count day.....	68

HC = flagged as an unusually high count

Internet Birding

George Barker

Wait, I know you're going to say, "We don't have a computer, how can we do internet birding?" Well, I don't either, but I'm writing this article via the internet, using MSN-TV (formerly WebTV). This system uses your TV as the display monitor, and uses a \$100 receiver as an interface between the phone and the TV. The price includes a wireless key board which one balances on his lap. MSN-TV charges \$22/month which is similar to the charge computer users pay to their Internet Service Providers (ISP). The receiver has a built-in modem which is as fast as the computer equivalent (56 Kbaud: hey learn a few computer buzz words!)

Connecting the receiver to the phone is simple providing you don't have a wall phone as the nearest outlet. Even then, which is my case, Radio Shack sells an adapter for \$10. Since all TV's now have separate audio/video inputs, that connection is also simple. All cables come with the receiver.

Plunging ahead, what can you do with the system. Well, it is a good way to connect to the internet (you know, the www folk). As well as surfing the web, you can also e-mail all your relatives. From a birder's point of view, however, the main reason for getting on the "net" is the ability to connect to Jack Siler's web site (birdingonthe.net). Once at his "home page" (hey, another buzz word), you "click on" lists. More detail on that later.

When you get the page you will find listings for about 100 "listserves" from around the world. The Missouri one is called MO-Birds, and it has postings sent in by members of the list detailing up-to-the minute birding data. Some members, such as Charlene Malone, are so diligent that you can often get out to see the bird in real time.

A couple of years ago, Charlene found a Ruff on Hayford Rd. and posted it immediately. Terry and I headed out at once, and were joined by the Solodars. Yes, we all got to see it!

Now, to be honest, there are a few things I don't like about MSN-TV. For one, there is no mouse, so you have to move the cursor around with a set of four arrow keys. This is not as bad as it seems at first: you do get used



to it, but, let's face it, it is a kludge! Now, since there is no mouse, to "click on" something you want to select, you position the cursor (a rectangle) over the thing you want to select, then hit return.

The memory available at the user end of MSN-TV is limited (hey, it only cost \$100!). The memory limitation means that processing pdf files is messy. But you won't need that ability for a good while after you start. Likewise, MSN-TV does not support the Java programming language. The only time I've been troubled by this is you can't use KMOX's web site. No big deal there.

Now, a word about MO-Birds. I mentioned earlier that you can see everything members see by using Siler's site. Why then, bother about joining. Well, for a good reason. If you want to post something you've just found, you must be a member of that listserve. This is true for all the lists on Siler's site, including the Illinois list, called IBET.

Once you get set up on MSN-TV and have an e-mail address, joining is simple: send the following message
Subscribe MOBIRDS-L (your name) send to:
LISTSERV@PO.MISSOURI.EDU
(Note, there is no E on LISTSERV).

There is one penalty you get by joining: you will get anywhere from 10 to 30 e-mails a day from MO-Birds. Unfortunately, they do not have an option of joining without getting e-mail. (This is unfortunate because the Siler site is just as good as getting the message yourself).

If you decide to take the plunge, feel free to call me (314-878-8617) or e-mail me at <gebark@webtv.net> ☘.

Next Deadline: March 7

Submissions—handwritten or typed, e-mail, IBM or Mac to: Anne McCormack, 587 Andrews, St. Louis MO 63122-5722 or amccormack@stjosephacad.com ☘.

What Birds Were Seen in St. Louis in 2002?

Glad you asked! See Paul Johnson's list, p.11. ☘.

January 2003 Bird Report

Jim Ziebol & Yvonne Homeyer

BCA = Busch Wildlife Area

CL = Carlyle Lake

FP = Forest Park

HL = Horseshoe Lake

LCCL = Little Creve Coeur Lake

LVT = Lost Valley Trail

MTC = Marais Temps Clair

REDA = Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area

TGP = Tower Grove Park

Introduction: Following the sighting of the Clark's Nutcracker in December, another western visitor, a Varied Thrush, was briefly seen at Margy Terpstra's bubbler on 1/23. Merlins have been plentiful since fall. The Merlin is a powerful, stocky bird and Ralph Palmer writes in *The Handbook of North American Birds, Diurnal Raptors, Part 2*: "A Merlin in configuration is more or less a diminutive Gyrfalcon." At close range their speed is astounding. To paraphrase Pete Dunne, if you see a small falcon migrating with other hawks, and it's not harassing them, it's probably not a Merlin. Steve Whitworth possibly had one at his feeder in Glen Carbon, IL in January.

Sightings: A Common Loon was reported at Creve Coeur Lake on 1/1 (IH, G&TB, m. ob.). A few Pelicans and 2 Tundra Swans were still at REDA on 1/1 (J&CM). By 1/25, 4 Tundra Swans were present (m. ob.). On 1/8, Frank Holmes saw 9 Cormorants at HL. About 56 Great Blue Herons were counted at HL near Granite City Steel on 1/15 (JZ) and 60 were seen near the Mel Price Dam on 1/26 (FH). One Ross's Goose and 12 White-fronted Geese, 36 Ring-necked Ducks and thousands of Snow Geese were present at Baldwin Lake on 1/17 (JC, Th. Group). A Wood Duck was seen at the slough on Ill. Hwy. 143 on 1/26 (FH). On 1/15, 96 Hooded Mergansers, 150+ Ring-necked Ducks and 100 Gadwall were found at HL (JZ). At HL on 1/19, there were 350 Ruddy Ducks, 150 Common Mergansers, and an immature Peregrine Falcon (FH).

Scott Schuette reported 12 Least Sandpipers at Winfield Dam on 1/8. The Barkers started the year off on 1/1 by flushing a Woodcock at BCA and locating the Eurasian Collared Doves on Payne Road. Gull sightings included Lesser Black-backed on 1/5 and 1/15 at REDA (JE, T



Be), Glaucous Gull on 1/22 at REDA (JU) and on 1/25 at Chain of Rocks (JM), and several first-year Thayer's Gulls seen throughout the month at REDA, including on 1/26 (T Be and Sun. group). A small, buff gull seen at REDA was thought to be either a coarse first-year Iceland or a very pale first-year Thayer's.

On 1 /4, Joe Eades discovered a roost of Black Vultures in Ste. Genevieve County near Rocky Ridge Ranch, and on 1/11, Joe Eades and Jim Malone counted 8 Black Vultures and 150 Turkey Vultures in the same location. Eagle numbers peaked at 111 on 1/24 in Madison Co., IL (FH) and 49 were counted along the Levee Road on 1/15 (JZ). On 1/26, while watching a Merlin, Frank Holmes and Jim Ziebol observed an apparent adult Goshawk attack a Red-tailed Hawk and force it to the ground. On 1/25, a light-phase Rough-legged Hawk was observed at BCA (JZ) and on 1/7, Torrey Berger had 2 dark-morph Red-tailed Hawks near Sauget. Jerzy Majka had stunning looks at a pair of Merlins at Lakewood Park Cemetery in early January, and on 1/17, Torrey Berger found a Shrike species there. The Merlins moved back and forth between Lakewood Park and Resurrection Cemeteries and were seen by many observers. On 1/15, Ian Hunt saw a Prairie Falcon on the Levee Road. A Kestrel was observed dangling a snake while perched on a telephone wire at HL (YH, JZ).

At Carlyle Lake on 1/19, the WGNSS group, led by Bill Rowe, found Eurasian Col-lared Dove, Monk Parakeets, Cooper's Hawk, Barred Owl, a dark-phase Rough-legged Hawk and thousands of Snow Geese. Dennis Bozzay located a Hairy Woodpecker and Rufous-sided Towhee at Castlewood on 1/1. A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and 2 Brown Creepers were observed in TGP on 1/19 (S Mc). A Winter Wren was a good find at HL on 1/1 (FH). Mike Thelen observed 2 Golden-crowned Kinglets, 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet, a Kingfisher and a Cooper's Hawk at Lakewood Park Cemetery on 1/12. On 1/5, the WGNSS group, led by Jackie Chain and Rose Ann Bodman, found 2 Harris's Sparrows at Blue Grosbeak Trail mixed in with a flock of American Tree, White-crowned and Fox Sparrows, and the group found a Sharp-shinned Hawk and a Hairy Woodpecker at BCA. A Lincoln's Sparrow was

seen with White-throated, American Tree, and Eurasian Tree Sparrows at Fountain Lake Park in St. Charles Co. on 1/5 (J Mo). On 1/19, an Orange-crowned Warbler was seen with Golden-crowned Kinglets and a Winter Wren at the campground of HL (D Bz). Ian Hunt found a Western Meadowlark at Blue Grosbeak Trail on 1/12. Brewer's and Rusty Blackbirds were found in small numbers on 1/ 12 at Forest 44 and Route 66 SP (JM).

Comments: Good backyard birds included a Hermit Thrush and a Varied Thrush at the home of Margy Terpstra. The Varied Thrush did not return. A late report from Jack Harris for November & December included Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks and 20 Eurasian Tree Sparrows. Screech Owls were heard at the homes of Connie Alwood, Josh Uffman, and John & Nancy Solodar. Dennis Bozzay had been seeing a Sharp-shinned Hawk near his home. Joanne Zelch had 2 Bluebirds at her feeder in South County. Sherry McCowan saw an Oregon Junco in her yard in Soulard several times. Cheryl & Don Delashmit had a Harris's Sparrow coming to a feeder at their home in Franklin County. The Barkers saw Pine Siskins on 1/ 2 and a Carolina Wren on 1/24.

Christmas Count Highlights:

Orchard Farm 1/1 - 1000 Snow Geese, Merlin, 17 Red-headed Woodpeckers, 3 Eurasian Col-lared Doves, 7 Great-tailed Grackles.

Busch/Weldon Spring 1/ 4 - 7 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 8 Red-shouldered Hawks, 23 Hairy Woodpeckers, 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 7 Hermit Thrush, and 184 Swamp Sparrows.

Babler SP - Sharp-shinned and Red-shouldered Hawks, Brown Creeper, 2 Yellow-rumps, and 12 Golden-crowned Kinglets.

Contributors: Connie Alwood, George & Terry Barker, Torrey Berger, Rose Ann Bodman, Jackie Chain, Cheryl & Don Delashmit, Joe Eades, Jack Harris, Frank Holmes, Yvonne Homeyer, Jim & Charlene Malone, Sherry McCowan, Scott Schuette, John & Nancy Solodar, Margy Terpstra, Mike Thelen, Josh Uffman, Jim Ziebol. An asterisk means "documented". Please submit sightings by the last day of the month to Jim Ziebol (314-781-7372) or Yvonne Homeyer

<homeyer@earthlink.net> ☞



Listening to the Birds

Joe Smentowski

In the winter, many WGNSS members bundle up and head out while others prefer to sit inside with a hot drink and watch the birdfeeder. This is written for the latter group!

One of the things that is a disappointment to many who stay inside is that with the storm windows, etc., only the loudest birds can be heard from inside the house.

This Christmas, I received a gift of a system that consists of an amplifier that plugs into an indoor electrical outlet and a small microphone that slides under a closed window. It is known as "Nature Window." On the web use www.naturewindow.com or drive to the Wild Birds Unlimited at Warson Woods Shopping Center on Manchester Rd., just east of Sappington Rd.

I highly recommend it! Adding sound to the birds at the feeder is great. Do remember that the microphone does pick up all outdoor sounds, train, highway, neighbors, dogs, planes, etc. Also, I prefer a location at a window because to see a singing bird in front of you and here its song to one side is odd.

As great as it is in winter, spring approaches with territory defense and courtship both done with singing. It can only get better!



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Nature Workshops Offered by SLCC Meramec

To register:

Register by phone with a credit card at 314-984-7777, or fax 984-7960, or mail to SLCC Continuing Ed., 11333 Big Bend Blvd. 63122, on on-line at <www.stlcc.edu>.

Beyond Backyard Birding Biol 722 Tues. April 8 and 15 7-9 PM. Field trip Sat. April 26, 7 AM, sponsored by WGNSS, taught by Anne

McCormack. Study the birds of your backyard and plan to improve your habitat for wildlife. Bird identification, feeding, bird gardens, and strategies to increase the attractiveness to wildlife. We will visit great examples of wildlife gardens. Fee \$31, Meramec.

Exploring Spring Night Skies Biol 726

Wed. April 16 and 23, from 7-9:30 PM. Field trip Fri., April 25, sponsored by St. Louis Astronomical Society. How to use your eyes, binoculars, and a small telescope to explore the spring skies. Required text. Fee \$28, Meramec.

Identification of Spring Birds by Sight

and Sound Biol 709 April 24 and May 1 from 7:00-9:00 PM, field trip Sat. 5/3, sponsored by St. Louis Audubon Society. Fee \$42, Meramec.

Local Butterflies: Habits and Habitats

Biol 715 Tues. 6:30-8:30 March 25 and April 1, field trip Sat. April 26 10 AM-1 PM, sponsored by North American Butterfly Association, St. Louis Chapter. Learn to identify the butterflies that live in the St. Louis area. Fee \$24.50, Meramec.

Missouri Glades: Ecology & Plants Biol

704 Tues., April 29 7-9:30 PM Three field trips on Sat: Kercherside Mt. CA May 10, 10 AM-2 5/17 to Victoria Glade 9 AM-noon, and Hawn SP, May 24 10-2. Taught by Nels Holmberg. Fee \$48, Meramec.

Spring Amphibians Biol 712

Wed. March 19, 26, April 2 from 6:30-10:00 PM Two field trips March 22 and April 5. Emphasis on Missouri species with respect to their natural history and field identification. Fee \$70 Meramec.

Missouri Native Plants Hort 720

Fri. April 25 from 9 AM-1 Lecture about native plants, followed by a hike in Babler SP. Includes a plant list, list of nurseries that carry MO native plants. Fee \$70 Taught by Nels Holmberg, at Babler State Pk.

Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants

Hort 720 Wed. March 19 7-9 PM Nectaring plants and host plants to attract butterflies, plus how to identify them. Fee \$6 Presented by NA Butterfly Assoc., Meramec. ☞





A Hummer Magnet

Anne McCormack

I lied. I had to. I told work I'd be late because of a doctor's appointment. I wanted to be there early, but at 7:45 AM I was already part of the crowd. No, I'm not talking about the post-Thanksgiving rush at Wal-Mart, but the Meramec Community College Horticulture Club Spring Plant Sale! Wandering through the packed tables that bright spring day in '99, I spotted a scrawny, Charlie-Brown-Christmas-tree sort of a plant. It was labeled "*Salvia leucantha*, Mexican Sage."

I'd been thinking about devoting a section of my garden to hummingbirds, especially after the visit of a western wanderer, a *Selasphorus* hummingbird, the previous November. Any *Salvia* is worth trying, especially if it claims to come from Mexico. I bought a two.

Guessing that this plant would not be hardy, I put them in containers. During the long, hot summer that followed the plants grew—and grew. By July they were almost 3' by 3'. The plants were narrow-leaved and wild-looking. The stems were covered with white, powdery down, but nary a bloom had bloomed. By late August I considered pitching them into the compost.

Then in September—buds! Hummers fought over the still-closed, deep blue buds. By the time the Broad-winged Hawks were migrating, each blue-jean bud had formed a tube, with a white tube projecting from it. The hummers showed their delight by beating up on each other constantly.

In early October another *Selasphorus* arrived and chased away the Ruby-throats. He dined on Mexican and Pineapple Sage for the next 7 weeks, to the delight of many birders. Around Halloween I had to cover the plants to protect them from frost, but the temperatures recovered and they bloomed till almost December.

Such a fabulous plant—why had I never heard of it before? And why was Meramec the only place in town that carried it? Since then I've spotted it here and there. *Salvia leucantha* showed up twice on *The Victory Garden*. When that best-of-garden-TV shows visited Cape Town, South Africa, Adrian Bloom commented

on a bed of them. The gardener replied, "Oh, yes. That's one of the old *Salvias*." Another time the camera lingered over a terrace filled with them in Provence, France. A photo of Mexican sage graces the cover of *Fine Gardening*, Oct. 2002. Watch for it on TV in the Canon color printer commercial, with the pair of Anna's Hummingbirds. The plant even appears on the Clairol Herbal Essences Conditioner bottle—the one for "Normal to Oily Hair."

The culture is not difficult. Mexican sage—also known as Mexican bush sage—can tolerate drought and poor soil. It's great in containers, but grows larger in the ground. Presumably it's adapted to sharp drainage in its Mexican home, though it does fine in our clay. It's built for scorching sun, judging by the narrow leaves and reflective coating on the stems. I have had plants do very well in part sun however. My plants in loose garden soil did better than the ones in compacted clay, but they all survived—till the temperatures dipped below 29°. Mexican sage is rated at Zone 7. We're two zones north of that in Zone 5. The stems are brittle and can be easily snapped when planting. The pieces root just as easily however, and that's the best way to save some for next season.

Some gardeners have told me they don't want to devote space to a plant that won't bloom till late in the season. Not many other plants can give this punch of color for so many weeks though, not to mention delivering so many feisty little birds. They beat the heck out of fall mums. My garden wouldn't be complete without Mexican sage. We've already asked Meramec to propagate as many as they can for our May 1 Banquet plant sale. Give it a try! ☘



Science Seminars from St. Louis Zoo & Academy of Science

All seminars will be held in the Living World (north side of Zoo, free parking in north lot) Wednesday evenings, 7:30–9:00 PM. Free — making science accessible to all people. Co-sponsored by the Saint L. Zoo and the Academy of Science of St. Louis.

March 12 "Personal Identification: Privacy and Security," Ronald Indeck and Scott Kieff, Washington University.

April 9 "Mad Cow Disease: Cool Science behind a Hot Topic," Gregg Bogosian. ☞



Key to WGNSS Calendar

birding field trip

each Thurs. 8:30 AM— call Jackie Chain 314-664-5998

most Sat. 8 AM (not June or July):
call David Becher 314-576-1146

most Sundays: call Kent Lannert 618-624-4464

summary of the latest bird sightings

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to report a bird sighting

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board meeting

1st Wed. 7 PM Sept.–May at Powder Valley:
Yvonne Homeyer 314-963-7750

botany field trip

each Thurs: call Fr. Sullivan 314-291-7885

conservation meeting

3rd Wed: call Yvonne Homeyer 314-963-7750

entomology meeting

last Sun: call Marshall Magner 314-961-4588

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Nature Notes Deadlines & Mailings

Oak Bend Library, 842 S. Holmes Kirkwood

mailing party

Mon. 3/17 10–1
Mon. 4/21 10–1
Mon. 5/19 10–1
Mon. 8/18 ?
Mon. 9/15 10–1
Mon. 10/20 10–1
Mon. 11/17 10–1
Mon. 12/15 10–1

NN deadline

Fri. 3/7
Fri. 4/11
Fri. 3/7
Fri. 8/8
Fri. 9/5
Fri. 10/10
Fri. 11/7
Fri. 12/5

general meeting

7:00 PM Mike Flieg 314-645-3356

mailing party for Nature Notes

3rd Mon. (not June/July) 10 AM:
call Margie Richardson 314-965-8974

spring banquet

Thursday May 1 at Eden Seminary in
Webster. Pat McCormick 636-225-0264

Big Day birding competition May 10

Nature Notes deadlines

10 days prior to 3rd Mon: call Anne
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membership expires/renewal due

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Webster Groves Nature Study Society

The objectives of the society are: To stimulate interest in nature study on the part of adults and children to cooperate with other organizations in nature study to encourage amateur research in the natural sciences to promote conservation of wildlife and natural beauty.

Open to all with an interest in nature ♻️

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Saint Louis Area Composite Sighting List for 2002

This is a list of known bird sightings within "The St Louis Area" as defined in the book, "Birds of the St Louis Area". The list was compiled primarily from sightings reported in Jim Ziebol and Yvonne Homeyer's monthly bird report column in Nature Notes and from messages posted on MOBIRDS.

Species	Comments
LOONS	
Red-throated Loon	REDA, MO on Nov 2 by the WGNSS Saturday Group
Pacific Loon	HL, IL on Oct 29 by Frank Holmes, CL, IL on Nov 02 by Kevin Richmond
Common Loon	HL, IL on Mar 24 by Jim & Charlene Malone
GREBES	
Pied-billed Grebe	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Horned Grebe	HL, IL on Mar 24 by Sherry McCowan
Eared Grebe	HL, IL on Mar 17 by Jim & Charlene Malone
Western Grebe	HL, IL on Oct 11 by Keith McMullen REDA, MO on Nov 09 by Dave Rogles
PELICANS	
American White Pelican	REDA, MO on Jan 1
CORMORANTS	
Double-crested Cormorant	REDA, MO on Jan 1
Neotropic Cormorant	CL, IL on Jul 27 by Dan Kassebaum. Documentation submitted to the IORC and accepted.
HERONS, EGRETS AND BITTERNS	
Great Blue Heron	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Great Egret	Madison Cnty, IL on Mar 16
Little Blue Heron	HL, IL on Mar 29 by Frank Holmes
Snowy Egret	Sauget Marsh, St Clair Cnty, IL on Apr 7 by Mike Brady
Cattle Egret	FHSP, IL on Mar 29 by Keith McMullen
Green Heron	TGP, MO on Apr 13 by George & Terry Barker
Black-crowned Night-Heron	PRKSWA, IL on March 24 by Mike Thelen
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	HL, IL on Mar 29 by Frank Holmes
Least Bittern	MTC, MO on May 27 by Mike Brady
American Bittern	CCNWR, MO ON Apr 16 by Candy Chambers
IBIS AND SPOONBILLS	
Glossy Ibis	Indian Lake, Madlson Cnty, IL on Jul 7 by Jim & Charlene Malone
White-faced Ibis	REDA, MO on May 02 by George & Terry Barker, Lou Hanes and Barb & Paul Johnson
DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS	
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	Highland Lake, IL on Nov 01. The bird was shot. Documentation was submitted to the IORC and accepted.
Mute Swan	PRKSWA, IL on Jan 8 by George & Terry Barker
Tundra Swan	REDA, MO on Nov 19 by Charlene Malone
Greater White-fronted Goose	REDA, MO on Jan 3 by Charlene Malone
Snow Goose	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Ross's Goose	BLSFWA, IL on Jan 8 by George & Terry Barker
Canada Goose	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Wood Duck	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
American Wigeon	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Gadwall	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Green-winged Teal	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Mallard	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
American Black Duck	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Northern Pintail	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Blue-winged Teal	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Cinnamon Teal	CL, IL on Apr 21 by Dan Kassebaum. Documentation was submitted to the IORC and accepted.
Northern Shoveler	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Canvasback	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Redhead	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Ring-necked Duck	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Greater Scaup	Mississippi River at Portage Des Sioux on Jan 9 by Charlene Malone
Lesser Scaup	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Long-tailed Duck	REDA, MO on Jan 2 by Doug Willis
Black Scoter	Winfield Lock & Dam, Lincoln Cnty, MO on Nov 16 by Scott Schuette
Surf Scoter	REDA on Oct 28 by Charlene Malone
White-winged Scoter	HL, IL on Oct 1 by Keith McMullen & Frank Holmes
Common Goldeneye	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Bufflehead	REDA, MO on Jan 1
Hooded Merganser	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Red-breasted Merganser	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Common Merganser	REDA, MO on Jan 8
Ruddy Duck	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
NEW WORLD VULTURES	
Black Vulture	Ft Kaskaskia, IL on Apr 28 by John & Nancy Solodar & M. ob

Species	Comments
Turkey Vulture	Franklin Cnty, MO Jan 10 by Linda Yust
OSPREY	
Osprey	REDA on Apr 7 by M. ob
HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES	
Mississippi Kite	University City, MO on May 02 by Betty Lobos
Bald Eagle	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Northern Harrier	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Cooper's Hawk	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Northern Goshawk	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Broad-winged Hawk	Rockwoods, MO on Apr 12 by Charlene Malone
Red-tailed Hawk	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Rough-legged Hawk	CL, IL on Jan 14 by Dan Kassebaum
Golden Eagle	HL, IL on Apr 13 by Jim Ziebol & Yvonne Homeyer
FALCONS AND CARACARAS	
American Kestrel	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Merlin	REDA, MO on Jan 10 by Connie Alwood
* Prairie Falcon	Winfield Lock & Dam, MO on Mar 26 by Scott Schuette LCCL, MO on Oct 26 by Dave Rogles. Documentation submitted. The MRBC's decision is pending.
Peregrine Falcon	REDA on Feb 27 by Dave Rogles
TURKEYS	
Wild Turkey	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
NEW WORLD QUAIL	
Northern Bobwhite	LCCL, MO on Feb 6
CRANES	
Sandhill Crane	flying overhead, REDA, MO on Nov 29
PHEASANTS AND PARTRIDGES	
Ring-necked Pheasant	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
RAILS, GALLINULES AND COOTS	
Yellow Rail	BWA, MO on Apr 18 by Jim Jackson
King Rail	MTC, MO on Jun 2 by Mike Brady
Virginia Rail	Indian Lake, Madison Cnty, IL on Apr 7 by Mike Brady
Sora	LCCL on Apr 17 by Josh Uffman
Common Moorhen	Indian Lake, Madison Cnty, IL on Jul 7 by M. ob
American Coot	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
AVOCETS AND STILTS	
Black-necked Stilt	near Bartelso, Clinton Cnty, IL on May 26 by Dan Kassebaum
American Avocet	REDA, MO on Apr 25 by Paul Bauer
PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS	
American Golden-Plover	Smartt Field, St Charles Cnty, MO on Mar 23 by Jim and Charlene Malone
Black-bellied Plover	REDA, MO on May 3 by Connie Alwood
Semipalmated Plover	REDA, MO on Apr 27 by Dave Rogles
Killdeer	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Piping Plover	CCNWR, MO on Apr 25 by Candy Chambers & Bruce Schuette
SANDPIPERS	
American Woodcock	BCA, MO Feb 7 by Mike Brady
Common Snipe	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Short-billed Dowitcher	REDA, MO on May 6 by George & Terry Barker
Long-billed Dowitcher	Hwy 143 Mudflats, Madison Cnty, IL on Mar 24 by Charlene Malone
Hudsonian Godwit	REDA, MO on May 6 by Connie Alwood
Marbled Godwit	REDA, MO on Apr 21 by Josh Uffman
Upland Sandpiper	LCCL, MO on Apr 9 by Ian Hunt
Greater Yellowlegs	Hayford Rd, St Charles Cnty, MO on Mar 29 by Jim & Charlene Malone
Lesser Yellowlegs	Portage Rd, St Charles Cnty, MO on Mar 29 by Sherry McCowan
Solitary Sandpiper	LCCL, MO on Apr 17
Spotted Sandpiper	REDA, MO on Apr 21 by Dave Becher and George & Terry Barker
Willet	TRNWR, IL on Apr 22 by Charlene Malone
Ruddy Turnstone	REDA, MO on May 7 by Charlene Malone
Red Knot	HL, IL on Aug 17 by Myrna Deaton
Sanderling	CL, IL on Aug 17 by Myrna Deaton
Semipalmated Sandpiper	REDA, MO on Apr 21 by Josh Uffman
Western Sandpiper	CCNWR, MO on Aug 28 by Jim Jackson & Donald Hays
Least Sandpiper	REDA, MO on Apr 21 by Josh Uffman & Dave Becher
White-rumped Sandpiper	TRNWR, IL on Apr 20 by WGNSS Saturday Group
Baird's Sandpiper	REDA, MO on May 5 by Connie Alwood
Pectoral Sandpiper	St Charles Cnty, MO on Mar 27 by Barbara & Paul Johnson
Dunlin	REDA, MO on Apr 26 by Mary Ann Auer
Stilt Sandpiper	CCNWR, MO on Apr 24 by Candy Chambers
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	HL, IL on Aug 4 by Josh Uffman
Ruff	CL, IL on Aug 17 by Dan Kassebaum. Documentation was submitted to the IORC and accepted.
Wilson's Phalarope	REDA, MO on Apr 27 by Jim & Charlene Malone and Josh Uffman

Species	Comments
Red-necked Phalarope	Creve Coeur Lake, St Louis Cnty, MO on Sep 12 by Ian Hunt
JAEGERS AND SKUAS	
* Long-tailed Jaeger	CL, IL on Sep 8 by Dan Kassebaum. Documentation Submitted. The IORC's decision is pending.
GULLS	
Ring-billed Gull	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
* California Gull	REDA, IL on Oct 27 by Charlene Malone Documentation Submitted.
Great Black-backed Gull	REDA, MO on Jan 9 by Frank Holmes
Glaucous-winged Gull	CL, IL on Dec 18 by Leroy Harrison
Glaucous Gull	REDA, MO on Jan 9 by Frank Holmes
Iceland Gull	REDA, IL on Jan 8 by Frank Holmes
Thayer's Gull	HL, IL on Jan 5 by SLAS Field Trip
Herring Gull	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	HL, IL on Jan 5 by SLAS Field Trip
Bonaparte's Gull	CL, IL on Jan 26 by Dan Kassebaum and George & Terry Barker
Laughing Gull	REDA, MO on Apr 28 by Dave Rogies
Franklin's Gull	HL, IL on Apr 7 by Mike Brady
Little Gull	CL, IL on Nov 09 by Dan Kassebaum
Black-legged Kittiwake	CL, IL on Dec 18 by Leroy Harrison
TERNs	
Caspian Tern	REDA, MO on Apr 20 by Charlene Malone
Common Tern	REDA, MO on May 4 by Dave Becher
Forster's Tern	HL, IL on Apr 10 by Frank Holmes
Least Tern	St Charles Cnty, MO on May 31
Black Tern	REDA, MO on May 5 by Connie Alwood
PIGEONS AND DOVES	
Rock Dove	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Carlyle, IL in June by M. ob St Charles Cnty, MO on Oct 24 by the WGNSS Thursday Group
Mourning Dove	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
PARROTS	
Monk Parakeet	Carlyle, IL in Jan by Mark and Mike Sleffert
CUCKOOS	
Black-billed Cuckoo	University City on May 2 by Betty Lobos
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	FP, MO on Apr 21 by Pat Lueders
BARN-OWLS	
Barn Owl	BCA, MO on Jan 5 by Shawn Clubb
OWLS	
Eastern Screech-Owl	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Great Horned Owl	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Barred Owl	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Northern Saw-whet Owl	CL, IL on Jan 6 by Dan Kassebaum
Long-eared Owl	CL, IL on Jan 20 by Dan Kassebaum
Short-eared Owl	PRKSFWA, IL on Jan 19 by Tom Borman
NIGHTJARS	
Common Nighthawk	Clayton, MO on May 1 by Jean Cook
Chuck-will's-widow	West Tyson Cnty Park, MO on May 15 by Mike Brady
Whip-poor-will	Jefferson Cnty, MO on Apr 11 by Mark Peters
SWIFTS	
Chimney Swift	Apr 15
HUMMINGBIRDS	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	St Genevieve Cnty, MO on Apr 16 by Nancy Havlicon
KINGFISHERS	
Belted Kingfisher	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
WOODPECKERS	
Red-headed Woodpecker	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	St Charles Cnty, MO on Feb 10 by Jeannie Moe
Downy Woodpecker	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Hairy Woodpecker	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Northern Flicker	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Pileated Woodpecker	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Lost Valley Trail, WSCA, MO on Apr 24 by Torrey Berger
Eastern Wood-Pewee	CSP, MO on Apr 21 by Dennis Bozzay
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	TGP, MO on May 11 by Kent Lannert, Tom Borman & Connie Alwood
Acadian Flycatcher	CSP, MO on May 7 by Mike Brady
Alder Flycatcher	WSCA, MO on May 3
Willow Flycatcher	Blue Grosbeak Trail, WSCA, MO on May 19 by Rose Ann Bodman & Jackie Chain
Least Flycatcher	CSP, MO on Apr 17 by Kent Lannert
Eastern Phoebe	Shorebird Area, BCA, MO on Jan 17 by Thursday Group
Great Crested Flycatcher	FP, MO on Apr 17 by Randy Korotev
Western Kingbird	Hwy 3 at Price Support Center, Madison Cnty, IL on Apr 21 by Dave Becher
Eastern Kingbird	TGP, MO on Apr 13 by Ian Hunt

Species	Comments
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Warren Cnty, MO early Jun by Jim Jackson & Donald Hays
LARKS	
Horned Lark	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
SWALLOWS	
Purple Martin	WSCA, MO on Apr 28
Tree Swallow	Hampton Lake, BCA, MO on Mar 11 by Charlene Malone
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	W. Alton Boat Ramp, REDA, MO on Mar 29 by Jim & Charlene Malone
Bank Swallow	HL, IL on Apr 13 by Yvonne Homeyer
Cliff Swallow	HL, IL on Apr 13 by Connie Alwood, Tom Borman & Kent Lannert
Barn Swallow	HL, IL on Mar 27 by Jim Ziebol
WAGTAILS AND PIPITS	
American Pipit	Creve Coeur Lake, St Louis Cnty, MO on Jan 6 by Ian Hunt
KINGLETS	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Hawn SP, St Genevieve Cnty on Mar 3 by Mike Brady
WAXWINGS	
Cedar Waxwing	BCA, MO on Jan 5
WRENS	
Carolina Wren	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Bewick's Wren	Creve Coeur, St Louis Cnty, MO on Mar 9 by John & Maury McCormack
Winter Wren	Gilbert Lake, MTNWR, Jersey Cnty, IL on Jan 1 by Tom Borman
House Wren	CSP, MO on Apr 6 by WGNSS Saturday Group
Sedge Wren	REDA, MO on Mar 25 by Dave Ziolkowski
Marsh Wren	TGP, MO on May 7 by Joe Eades
MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS	
Gray Catbird	TGP, MO on Apr 19 by Anna Hendricks
Northern Mockingbird	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Brown Thrasher	CSP, MO on Mar 7 by Mike Brady
THRUSHES	
Eastern Bluebird	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Veery	TGP, MO on May 5 by SLAS/WGNSS Bird Walk
Gray-cheeked Thrush	TGP, MO on May 2 by Barb & Paul Johnson
Swainson's Thrush	TGP, MO on Apr 17 by Doug Willis
Hermit Thrush	Imperial, St Louis Cnty, MO on Feb 16 by Mark Peters
Wood Thrush	WUTRC, MO on Apr 15 by Jane Walker
American Robin	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
GNATCATCHERS	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	CSP, MO on Mar 30 by Mike Brady
CHICKADEES AND TITS	
Carolina Chickadee	Jan 4
Black-capped Chickadee	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Tufted Titmouse	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
NUTHATCHES	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
White-breasted Nuthatch	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
CREEPERS	
Brown Creeper	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
SHRIKES	
Loggerhead Shrike	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
CROWS AND JAYS	
Blue Jay	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
* Clark's Nutcracker	BCA, MO on Dec 21 by Rich Kostecke. Documentation submitted and the MRBC's decision is pending.
American Crow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Fish Crow	CSP, MO on Mar 23 by Mike Brady
STARLINGS	
European Starling	everywhere and all the time
VIREOS AND ALLIES	
White-eyed Vireo	CSP, MO on Apr 10 by Mike Brady
Bell's Vireo	Sauget, IL on May 1 by Torrey Berger
Yellow-throated Vireo	FP, MO on Apr 12 by Randy Korotev
Blue-headed Vireo	TGP, MO on Apr 17 by Nick Barber
Warbling Vireo	BCA, MO on Apr 14 by Charlene Malone
Philadelphia Vireo	MBG, MO on Apr 20 by Ian Hunt
Red-eyed Vireo	Kirkwood, St Louis Cnty, MO on Apr 12 by Margy Terpstra
WOOD WARBLERS	
Blue-winged Warbler	BCA, MO on Apr 16 by Dennis Bozzay
Golden-winged Warbler	TGP, MO on Apr 21 by Dave Becher & Bob Kleiger
Tennessee Warbler	CSP, MO on Apr 13 by Jim Ziebol
Orange-crowned Warbler	TGP, MO on Apr 15 by Sherry McCowan
Nashville Warbler	TGP, MO on Apr 15 by Sherry McCowan
Northern Parula	Rockwoods, MO on Apr 6 by Mike Thelen
Yellow Warbler	BCA, MO on Apr 14 by Charlene Malone
Chestnut-sided Warbler	WUTRC, MO on Apr 19 by Jane Walker

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Magnolia Warbler	near Union, MO on Apr 17
Cape May Warbler	Kirkwood, St Louis Cnty, MO on May 1 by Margy Terpstra
Black-throated Blue Warbler	CL, IL on Sep 16
Yellow-rumped Warbler	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Black-throated Green Warbler	TGP, MO on Apr 15 by John & Nancy Solodar
Blackburnian Warbler	TGP, MO on May 1 by Dale & Nancy Delaney and Torrey Berger
Yellow-throated Warbler	Emmenegger Nature Park, St Louis Cnty, MO on Mar 31 by Mary Regan
Pine Warbler	St Louis University Campus, St Louis, MO on Feb 24 by Nick Barber
Prairie Warbler	BCA, MO on Apr 16 by Dennis Bozzay
Palm Warbler	TGP, MO on Apr 11 by WGNSS Thursday Group
Bay-breasted Warbler	CSP, MO on Apr 21 by Jim Ziebol
Blackpoll Warbler	Union, Franklin Cnty, MO on Apr 17 by Donald Hays
Cerulean Warbler	CSP, MO on Apr 13 by Mike Brady
Black-and-white Warbler	SIU-E, IL on Mar 30 by Frank Holmes
American Redstart	TGP, MO on Apr 19 by Paul Bauer
Prothonotary Warbler	CSP, MO on Apr 13 by Mike Brady
Worm-eating Warbler	Brentwood Memorial PK, St Louis Cnty, MO on Apr 13 by Mary Ann Auer CSP, MO on Apr 13 by Mike Brady
Ovenbird	TGP, MO on Apr 16 by Wilma Kennell & Sherry McCowan
Northern Waterthrush	BCA, MO on Apr 17 by Charlene Malone
Louisiana Waterthrush	CSP, MO on Mar 24 by Mike Brady
Kentucky Warbler	TGP, MO on Apr 16 by Wilma Kennell & Sherry McCowan
Connecticut Warbler	Edwardsville, Madison Cnty, IL on May 7 by Jeannie Moe
Mourning Warbler	TGP, MO on May 5 by M. ob
Common Yellowthroat	SNR, MO on Apr 17 by Jeannie Moe
Hooded Warbler	CSP, MO on Apr 16 by Charlene Malone
Wilson's Warbler	TGP, MO on May 8 by M. ob
Canada Warbler	TGP, MO on May 6 by Mike Brady
Yellow-breasted Chat	BCA, MO on Apr 23
TANAGERS AND ALLIES	
Scarlet Tanager	WUTRC, MO on Apr 15 by Jane Walker
Summer Tanager	WUTRC, MO on Apr 15 by Jane Walker
SPARROWS, TOWHEES, JUNCOS	
Eastern Towhee	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
American Tree Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Chipping Sparrow	Hazlet SP, CL, IL on Jan 1 by Dan Kassebaum
Clay-colored Sparrow	TRNWR, IL on Apr 13 by Bill Rowe
Field Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Vesper Sparrow	CL, IL on Mar 17 by Dan Kassebaum
Lark Sparrow	HL, IL on Apr 28 by Jim Ziebol & Yvonne Homeyer
Savannah Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	BCA, MO on May 7 by Donald Hays
Le Conte's Sparrow	TRNWR, IL on Apr 13 by Bill Rowe
Henslow's Sparrow	Robertsville SP, Franklin Cnty, MO on Jun 22 by Jim & Charlene Malone
Grasshopper Sparrow	HL, IL on Apr 20 by Jim Ziebol & Yvonne Homeyer
Fox Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Song Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Lincoln's Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Swamp Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
White-crowned Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
White-throated Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Harris's Sparrow	Sand Ridge Rd, TRNWR, IL on Jan 22 by Jackie Chan
Dark-eyed Junco	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Lapland Longspur	St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Snow Bunting	REDA, MO on Dec 1 by Josh Uffman
SALTATORS, CARDINALS AND ALLIES	
Northern Cardinal	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	TGP, MO on Apr 17 by Torrey Berger
Blue Grosbeak	Near Casino Queen, E St Louis, St Clair Cnty, IL on May 1 by Shawn Clubb
Indigo Bunting	CSP, MO on Apr 13 by Jim Ziebol
Dickcissel	St Charles Cnty, MO on May 2 by Charlene Malone
Painted Bunting	Near Casino Queen, E St Louis, IL on May 7 by Dan Kassebaum. Documentation submitted to the IORC and accepted. WSCA, MO on Jun 8 by SLAS Field Trip. Documentation submitted to the MRBC and accepted.
BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, GRACKLES, ETC.	
Bobolink	HL, IL on Apr 28 by Frank Holmes
Red-winged Blackbird	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Eastern Meadowlark	WSCA, MO on Jan 9
Western Meadowlark	WSCA, MO on Feb
Yellow-headed Blackbird	REDA, MO on Apr 20 by Erin Connet
Rusty Blackbird	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Brewer's Blackbird	Bruns Rd, Madison Cnty, IL on Mar 30 by Mary Regan
Common Grackle	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1

Species	Comments
Brown-headed Cowbird	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Baltimore Oriole	TGP, MO on Apr 17 by Torrey Burger
Orchard Oriole	TGP, MO on Apr 17 by Torrey Burger
FINCHES, SISKINS, CROSSBILLS	
Purple Finch	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
House Finch	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Pine Siskin	CL, IL on Jan 13 by Dan Kassebaum Rockwoods, MO on Mar 8 by Charlene Malone
American Goldfinch	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
OLD WORLD SPARROWS	
House Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	OFCBC, St Charles Cnty, MO on Jan 1
Total Species Seen	300

The 2002 Composite List is 300 species, 2 more than in 2001 and 1 more than in 2000. Species on the 2002 List that were not on the 2001 List are Pacific Loon, Horned Grebe, Western Grebe, Neotropic Cormorant, White-faced Ibis, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Tundra Swan, Yellow Rail, Common Moorhen, Glaucous-winged Gull, Little Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, and Monk Parakeet. Species that were on the 2001 List that are not on the 2002 List are Tricolored Heron, Brant, Red Phalarope, Sabine's Gull, Snowy Owl, Spotted Towhee, Smith's Longspur, Great-tailed Grackle, and Red Crossbill. These differences may change when the Missouri and Illinois Rare Bird Committees complete their review of several sightings.

For 2002, sightings of the Long-tailed Jaeger and California Gull in Illinois and the sightings of a Prairie Falcon and Clark's Nutcracker in Missouri were documented to the respective rare bird committees. The committees' decisions are pending. These sightings are marked with an asterisk in the list and are not included in this year's total.

For the 2001 Composite List there were several species where records were pending before the rare bird committees. For Missouri the Ruff was accepted. For Illinois the Brant, Long-tailed Jaeger, and Painted Bunting were accepted. This raises the total number of species seen in 2001 to 298. The documentation of a sighting of a banded Rufous Hummingbird in Kirkwood, MO in the fall of 2001 is before the MRBC. Action should be completed shortly.

Abbreviations Used:

- BLSFWA - Baldwin Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, Randolph County, IL
- BCA - August A. Busch Conservation Area, St Charles County, MO
- CCNWR - Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge, Pike County, MO
- CL - Carlyle Lake, Clinton County, IL
- Cnty - County
- FP - Forest Park, St Louis, MO
- FHSP - Frank Holten State Park, St Clair County, IL
- HL - Horseshoe Lake, Madison County, IL
- LCCL - Little Creve Coeur Lake, St Louis Cnty, MO
- MBG - Missouri Botanical Garden, St Louis, MO

- MTC - Maris Temps Claire Conservation Area, St Charles County, MO
- TRNWR - Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge, Calhoun County, IL
- PRKSFWA - Peabody-River King State Fish and Wildlife Area, St Clair County, IL
- REDA, IL - Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area, Madison County, IL
- REDA, MO - Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area, St Charles County, MO
- Rockwoods - Rockwoods Reservation, St Louis Cnty, MO
- SIU-E - Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Madison County, IL
- SNR - Shaw Nature Reserve, Franklin County, MO
- TGP - Tower Grove Park, St Louis, MO
- WUTRC - Washington University Tyson Research Center, St Louis Cnty, MO
- WSCA - Weldon Springs Conservation Area, St Charles County, MO

Notes:

Indian Lake, Madison Cnty, IL was formerly known as the Collinsville Road Golf Course in Madison County, IL.

The Trumpeter Swan is currently not considered a wild species in Missouri and Illinois and is not countable.

The species order of this list is based on Birds of the World: A Checklist, 5th Edition, by John F. Clements.

The Missouri and Illinois Bird Record Committees have Review Lists of species that are rare enough to warrant documentation. The lists are available on the respective committee's web site. Additionally, any species listed as accidental or casual or is not listed on the respective state's checklist should be documented.

Documentation forms and instructions for the Missouri Bird Record Committee are available through the Audubon Society of Missouri web site, <http://www.mobirds.org/>. Documentation forms and instructions for the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee are available through the Illinois Ornithological Society web site, <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/>.

Webster Groves Nature Study Society



Meetings

Wednesday March 5

7 PM Board meeting at Powder Valley Nature Center. All members are welcome. In case of inclement weather, call Powder Valley at 314-501-1500.

Monday March 10

7 PM We will return to St. Louis County Library HQ in Frontenac. Our speaker will be Kevin Matson, who was the recipient of the 2002 Scudder Scholarship, administered by WGNSS. He is a current doctoral candidate at UMSL. He will speak on his research on Hawaii's introduced birds.



Botany

Thursday February–March

Field trips usually meet 9:30 AM. Beginners welcome. Bring lunch, weather gear. Trip is usually 3–5 hr. plus travel time. Call Fr. Sullivan 291-7885 after 1 PM Wed for location. E-mail is sent every Wed. advising when and where the field trip is scheduled. To receive, send your e-mail address to Jack Harris jahar@mac.com



Entomology

Sunday February 23

7 PM at Magners' 516 Bacon Ave., Webster, 314-961-4588. Phil Koenig will report on "The Status of Duke's Skipper in Missouri."

Sunday March 30

7 PM at Magners' above. Topic to be announced.

Join WGNSS

Send \$20 to Randy Korotev, 800 Oakbrook Ln., St. Louis MO 63132

Nature Notes deadline March 7

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U Birding

Thursdays February–March

8:30 AM Des Peres Park on Ballas, one block n. of Manchester. Questions: call Jackie Chain, 314-644-5998.

Saturdays Feb. 22, March 15

8 AM WGNSS Riverlands, meet at Teal Pond. David Becher 314-576-1146.

Sundays February 23 & March 9

8 AM Bird walk at Riverlands.
Joe Eades 2/23—meet at Teal Pond.
Tom Parmeter 3/9—meet at Teal Pond.

Sunday March 2

8 AM at Busch HQ with Mike Thelen.

Saturdays March 8, 22, 29, April 5

8 AM WGNSS "Where the Birds Are." Parking lot of HQ of Co. Library, Lindbergh, south of 40. Meet on N side. Bring lunch. David Becher 314-576-1146.

Saturday March 15

8 AM w St. L Audubon, Busch Hampton Lk.

Sunday March 16 & 23

8 AM at Horseshoe Lk, Rt. 111 side, first parking lot with Joe Eades.
On 3/23 with John & Nancy Solodar, meet at first pavillion at end of causeway.

Sunday March 30

8 AM with St L Audubon, Castlewood SP

Thurs.–Sun. April 10–12

St. L Audubon Prairie Chicken trip. Call Jim Malone 1-636-536-1119 to register.

Sunday April 6

4 AM with St L Audubon, Woodcock/Owl

Saturday April 12

8 AM Busch, meet at Ahden Knight Hampton Lk. D. Becher 576-1146.

Sunday April 13

8 AM Bird walk at Carlyle Lake, Ill. Meet at Carlyle McDonald's. Dan Kassebaum.

Saturday April 19 & 26

8 AM Tower Grove Pk., meet at first picnic spot west of stables. D. Becher 576-1146.



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