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"Auntie Em, Auntie Em!" "I'll give you Auntie Em, my pretty!"

Big Day 5/10/03

Anne McCormack

The year: 2053

The scene: WGNSS Heritage Night

An ancient woman is helped to the podium.

She speaks:

"It was away back in the year aught-three. In them days, Busch Wildlife had a few birds. We was slippin' down the muddy trail, keepin' on the watchout for a warbler, when a murder of crows called out. All a sudden—a twishter come a-flyin' 'cross Lake 33. It tuk us away up in the air, whirlin' us around with two Lesser Yellowlegs, a Dowitcher—Long-billed, as I recollect—and a Hengelowsh' Shparrah. I counted 'em, then everything went black..."

Let's hope it will be a long time before we have a tornado touch down on Big Day, as happened this year in Orchard Farm. Did that little twister deter the bird counters? You bet it did! Good thing Busch has got those bunkers.

It rained, it hailed, the thunder rolled, the lightening flashed, and the Krispy Kreme dripped off the doughnuts. As the last rays of sunlight disappeared into the grey, the wind almost blew my scope over. Shorebirds dropped from the sky into the drawn-down waters at Riverlands, but it wasn't easy to see them, my friends.

In spite of it all, the composite list totaled 189. We added 32 species not seen last year!—though some of those are

probably due to better reporting, thanks to e-mail. We added 11 that were missed in '02: Black-bellied Plover, found by the Coles' group, White-rumped Sandpipers, Dunlin, and Common Tern at Riverlands, Alder Flycatcher and Painted Bunting, both found by Coles' group in Lost Valley and Katy Trail access respectively, and Clay-colored, Grasshopper, Henslow's, Lincoln's and Swamp Sparrows found by the International Migratory Bird Day counters at Busch. Bill Rowe, compiler of the Busch count, saw 12 sparrow species!

We added 11 species not seen since 2000: Green-winged Teal, found by Dick Coles, Rose Ann Bodman, and Jean Cook, a very dark immature Bald Eagle, found by Kevin Renick and me at Riverlands, a Merlin spotted by Jim Ziebol at Carondelet Park, King Rail found by Jim Malone & Joe Eads at Prairie Slough, Semi-palmated and Stilt Sandpipers, and a gorgeous Wilson's Phalarope seen by many at Riverlands. Yvonne Homeyer and Sherry McCowan, counting in Tower Grove Park, found 2 Screech Owls. Randy Korotev had Olive-sided Flycatcher at Forest Park. Several groups observed Golden-

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Time to Renew your Membership

Dianne Benjamin

Would you join WGNSS all over again? We hope so! At \$20 per year (\$10 for students) WGNSS is still a bargain after all these years.

Please fill out the membership dues envelope included in the last issue of *Nature Notes*. Enclose a personal check and mail soon. This is the only membership dues notice you will receive. Most memberships expire 8/31/02 (see your mailing label). Please mail your dues payment now, while you are thinking about it. You won't want to miss *Nature Notes* when it wings its way to you in Aug.

Take note of a few housekeeping details. Consider adding \$8 for first class postage, especially if you are moving and want *Nature Notes* forwarded, or if you know that you will be out-of-town and will have mail held at the PO. Check the box if you do not want your phone number listed in the WGNSS directory. WGNSS will not publish any e-mail address, however please include it for our convenience with membership questions.

Some of you are in the midst of paying a life membership on an installment basis. If you have paid at least one installment of \$60, then you may obtain life membership by continuing to pay at least \$60 per year until \$300 is reached. New life memberships are no longer being accepted.

If you misplaced the pre-addressed envelope, then mail your payment to:

Randy Korotev
WGNSS Treasurer
800 Oakbrook Ln.
Saint Louis, MO 63132-4807

Thanks for supporting WGNSS through your membership, your extra contributions, and in so many other ways. Now go forth and enjoy nature! ♡

Dates for '03 Meetings

- ✿ Thurs., Sept. 18, St. L. Co. L-HQ 7:00 PM
- ✿ Tues., Oct. 7, St. L. Co. L-HQ 7:00 PM
- ✿ Thurs., Nov. 20, St. L. Co. L-HQ 7:00 PM

Banquet on May 1 A Great Success

Yvonne Homeyer

Our annual dinner on May 1 was attended by 93 people who came to honor Dorothy Heinze and listen to Jack and Pat Harris's slide presentation on glade wildflowers. Not only are Jack and Pat wonderful mentors and entertaining speakers, they are also terrific photographers. At the banquet, Yvonne Homeyer presented WGNSS's Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously to the family of Dorothy Heinze, who was a lifelong advocate for nature and for saving special places from the bulldozer. Her achievements include the creation of Mastodon State Park, saving Victoria Glade in Jefferson County, and founding the Missouri Parks Association with John Karel and others.

As a teenager in the early 1900s, Dorothy went to live with Alfred and Elizabeth Satterthwait, the founders of WGNSS, and became a lifelong member of WGNSS. Marshall Magner and John Karel shared some of their recollections of Dorothy, as did her husband Albert Heinze. Many other members of Dorothy's family came to share the evening with us, including her sister and daughters. WGNSS presented Albert Heinze with a bronze plaque designed by Pat McCormick. To learn more about Dorothy, you can read her autobiographical sketch that appeared in the Nov. 2001 issue of *Nature Notes*.

At the time of her death, she had asked for WGNSS's help to raise funds to save the largest remaining glade in Jefferson County from development. Father Sullivan, Jack and Pat Harris and the Botany Group have visited the site and declared it to be in very good condition and worthy of preservation. WGNSS is exploring ways to save the glade.

Pat McCormick, our Second Vice President in charge of special events, coordinated the evening. Our caterer, Hendri's, served a wonderful meal, and Pat went above and beyond the call of duty by making all the desserts, which were delicious! Five copies of the *Directory of Missouri Natural Areas* were given away as attendance prizes, courtesy of the MO Dept. of Conservation. A good time was had by all at the elegant Eden Commons building on the Eden Seminary campus. Please plan to join us again next year! ♡

"Missouri Natives" at WGNSS Banquet

Pat McCormick

May Day 2003 became another WGNSS celebration as members enjoyed fellowship, good food and a beautiful slide presentation. No enjoyable evening for 90 guests can be accomplished without will volunteers. Our volunteers included Randy Korotev, Betty Lobos, Rae Ann Bodman, Kathy McCormick, Anne McCormack, John and Nancy Solodar, Yvonne Homeyer, Mike Thelen, Ann Earley, and Dennis Bozzay. Thanks to all of you.

Pat and Jack Harris gave us a fine description of Missouri glade plants, habitat, and diversity. Their remarks were illustrated by spectacular slides of many of Missouri's unique glades and vegetation. Jack's remarkable photographic skills were revealed in the close-up photos of flowering plants. We are so grateful to Pat and Jack for sharing their knowledge and thorough preparation in this talk.

We were honored by the presence of nine members of Dorothy Heinze's family. The WGNSS Lifetime Achievement Award was presented posthumously in her honor to her husband, Albert. Mr. Heinze reminisced about Dorothy's life and accomplishments. He was accompanied by their daughters, Shirley Shideler and Pam Miner, their grandchildren, Noelle Michler and Mark Church, and Dorothy's sister, Shirley Boyer. Marshall Magner described to the assembly his early acquaintance with Dorothy when they were both teenaged, junior members of WGNSS in the 1920s. John Karel, director of Tower Grove Park, spoke of his work with Dorothy as they pursued the establishment of Mastodon State park. Yvonne Homeyer presented a plaque to Mr. Heinze honoring Dorothy as a dedicated conservationist.

As a grand finale, Anne McCormack sold every plant she and myself ordered for the plant sale. "Missouri natives" were well represented at this year's banquet. ♡

Heritage Night Leftovers

Jim Adams

Helen Hill, a WGNSS past-president who now lives in Bourbon, has asked for help in locating historical artifact—books, pictures—that she brought with her on Heritage Night, April 11, and place on the history table. As the meeting was breaking up, she visited her car and then returned to the meeting room to retrieve these items but found the table bare. It had been cleared while she was out of the room. Apparently someone inadvertently swept up her items along with his or her own. The missing items are personal treasures and she's very anxious to find them. All items are marked with her name. If you find them, give me a ring at 314-961-2494. Both Helen and I will greatly appreciate your help in this matter ♡

Southern Flying Squirrel in Webster

Alexandre Meilleur

On January 29th, while getting ready for school, I heard my mom tell my dad that our cat had caught a "baby squirrel." My dad was outside with gloves, trying to grab a gray blur that was jumping up and down. My dad finally got it. It was very small and at first I thought it was a baby squirrel. Upon closer examination we noticed that it had flaps on its sides and a very long rudder like tail. A carpenter working on the house next door said he thought that it was a flying squirrel. We got our Mammal Guide out and there it was! The Southern Flying Squirrel! We let it go and it scampered up into the branches.

We were surprised to find that Flying Squirrels lived in Webster Groves. We learned that they were mostly nocturnal and that they live in family groups. Our field guide said they sometimes take up residence in birdhouses and can eat at bird feeders. We're watching both feeders in our yard, but we haven't seen one again. We learn new things everyday! ♡

Letter to the Editor

Due to a conflict, I am unable to attend meetings, but I do read every page of your excellent newsletter. On page 7 of the May issue I was particularly interested in reading that Paul Bauer saw a Eurasian Tree sparrow in a wren house.

Each spring I hang the same wren house, with an oversize hole, from the same branch about 15 feet from our living room window in Crestwood and we have seen generation os ETS living there. Last month, they took occupancy less than 24 hours after I placed the house. The wrens are free to occupy the other 6 houses with standard size holes.

We derive great pleasure from watching their activities around the house and at the thistle feeder that they share with the finches. Although the ETS are all identical, our grandson has named each "Little Harry." If anyone would like a close-up look, call me at 314-822-2364.
Harry Lischer, Jr.
lischerh@webtv.net ☞

Cornell Lab of Ornithology Needs You

Recently, researchers for the lab's Birds in Forested landscapes (BFL) project found a link between acid rain and declines in Wood Thrush populations. Now these researchers need you to help them gather more data on 48 species in all parts of the US and Canada. The focus species are birds that show declines or for which little is known about their population. They included, Cerulean Warbler, sharp-shinned hawk. BFL participants survey sites of their own choosing twice during the breeding season, following a protocol provided by the BFL staff. Visit www.birds.cornell.edu/bfl or email forest_birds@cornell.edu or write Cornell Lab of Ornithology/BL, 159 Sapsucker Woods Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. to sign up, call the Lab at 800-843-2473.

The Lab also has a Birdhouse Network. Species of interest include Prothonotary Warbler and Bewick's Wren. Call the number above or email birdhouse@cornell.edu ☞

Next Deadline: August 8

Nature Notes publishes 10 issues a year, giving the editor a well deserved rest in the summer

months. Our next issue therefore will be the September issue; deadline Aug. 8. Please note the change of email address from June 1 till Aug. 18.

Submissions—handwritten or typed, e-mail, IBM or Mac to: Anne McCormack, 587 Andrews, St. Louis MO 63122-5722 or mccormacka@earthlink.net ☞

WGNSS A Founding Member Of Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative

Yvonne Homeyer

WGNSS was one of the first organizations to sign the Memorandum of Understanding to join the Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative ("MoBCI"), a coalition of bird and conservation organizations whose goal is to preserve birds and their habitats in Missouri. WGNSS, through the efforts of Dianne Benjamin, Mike Thelen, Mark Peters and Yvonne Homeyer, has been involved with the formation of MoBCI since the first meeting over two years ago. On April 17, at a press conference announcing the Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative, Governor Holden issued a proclamation declaring the second Saturday in May to be Bird Conservation Day in our state. MoBCI is coordinated by the Missouri Department of Conservation and Fish & Wildlife Service. Dianne Benjamin is the WGNSS representative on the current board of MoBCI. ☞

Kent Lannert To Replace Paul Bauer As Liaison To Riverlands

Yvonne Homeyer

For several years, Paul Bauer has been representing WGNSS as our liaison to the Riverlands staff on issues of mutual interest such as the Least Tern project, the creation of a birding checklist, and Public Lands Day. Paul has decided that it is time to pass this on to someone else, and Kent Lannert, our Ornithology Chairperson, has agreed to serve as the new WGNSS liaison. We owe Paul a big "thank you" for a job well done, and we owe Kent a big "thank you" for continuing on as our representative to Riverlands. ☞

Lago de Sonso

Peter Hoell

There is a riverside marsh habitat birding area about one hour north of Cali that I've been dying to visit ever since I ran across a bird guide to the area at the National Bookstore in the Chipichapi shopping mall with the catchy title *Guía de Las Aves de la Reserva Natural Laguna de Sonso*, by Humberto Alvarez-Lopez (ISBN: 958-8094-02X). A few weeks ago the Eco-Aventura group of Cali (a-la-the Sierra Club) sent me an e-mail announcing an outing to the area and I quickly cancelled some prior commitments figuring the opportunity was well worth the flack I'd have to deal with later.

Sonso is a large conservation area that lies along the west side of the Cauca River and is administered by the CVC (Corporacion Autonoma Regional del Valle de Cauca) roughly equivalent to the Missouri Conservation Dept. In fact the area reminds me a lot of Riverlands. The area contains over five thousand acres some of which is used for cattle grazing. I'd passed the area many times in bus but could never figure out where the entrance was exactly so was grateful for the guided tour. We arrived at six AM just a little after dawn and greeted our CVC guide. The visitors in my group were not birders as such but all peered enthusiastically at the yellowed images offered by our guide's ancient of days "Bushnell Spacemaster."

Plenty groggy from the early departure and not tuned in to Spanish at that hour I suddenly came to full alert when I realized our guide was pointing out a Common Potoo in a tree right behind the headquarters building. When it lazily opened its eyes they were huge and if you looked away for a moment it was hard to re-find perfectly camouflaged as a tree branch. In the next tree was another nocturnal resident, the Common Nighthawk. We continued past the gate on a trail that offered great marsh views of large flocks of Whispering Ibis, Black-bellied Ducks and Yellow-Headed Blackbirds. Here and there Snail Kites were perched on anything upright and indeed there were large snails in abundance. In the trees along the river we saw Yellow-headed Caracaras—there's also a pair in my local park in

Cali—and the much larger Crested Caracara. Both Smooth-billed and Greater Ani were on hand. Wading birds included Cattle Egrets, Tricolored Heron, Great Egret, Great Blue and Snowy Egrets. There were also rows of Neotropic Cormorants drying their wings and a few Anhinga. The most raucous were the Southern Lapwings, sort of the equivalent of Missouri Killdeers. A pair of Pied Water Tyrants wouldn't leave a lone tree next to the marsh no matter how close I approached. Their common name in Spanish Viudita means, "little widow" for their black and white plumage. On the return hike the trees were filled with Spectacled Parrotlets and I spotted a Bar-Crested Antshrike looking a bit like a Cardinal that walked in to the wrong graphics department.

At about a kilometer in from the entrance there's a three level observation tower (Riverlands again) that offers good views of the marsh including out to both Colombia's western and central mountain ranges. That trip gave me just a taste and I'm looking forward to more visits.

Yard Lists

I have a feeding station on the patio in front of my house in the north end of the city of Cali. The offering consists of two hummingbird feeders visited regularly by Rufous-tailed and Steely-vented hummingbirds, a fly-by by a Hermit sp. and Bananaquits. For others there is a board with cracked corn on one end and ripe papaya on the other. The corn has been drawing hoards of feisty Common Ground Doves, some Saffron Finches, and a few Giant Cowbirds. The papaya is visited by Blue-gray Tanagers—always arriving and departing as a pair—and once a Thick-billed Euphonia with blue-black back and bright yellow cap and chest. So far, a pretty limited clientele.

I recently rented a weekend cottage up in Dapa, a mountain village at an altitude 1078 meters. Unlike Cali where the temperature is almost always in the mid to upper-eighties Dapa is nice and cool, upper sixties to mid-seventies and frequently cloud-covered. The habitat is a mixture of farmland and forest and both are usually steep. In a couple of weekends I've compiled the following list seen within a half a kilometer or so radius of the cottage:

Acorn Woodpecker
 House Wren
 Cattle Egret
 Black Vulture
 Rufous-collared Sparrow
 Turkey Vulture
 Vermilion Flycatcher
 Yellow-headed Caracara
 Lesser Goldfinch
 Green Hermit (hummingbird)
 Dull-colored Grassquit
 Blue-crowned Mot Mot
 Blue-black Grassquit
 Chestnut-capped Brushfinch
 Saffron Finch
 Yellow-bellied Seedeater
 Yellow-bellied Siskin
 Fawn-breasted Tanager
 Blue-gray Tanager
 Golden Tanager
 Black-capped Tanager
 Bay-headed Tanager
 White-tipped Dove
 Common Ground Dove
 Crimson-rumped Toucanet

There's also a bunch I'm still trying nail down (for those who note some glaring absences). I've been using Hilty and Brown's *A Guide To The Birds of Colombia*, 1986. While it is invaluable I have been confused now and then by the illustrations. The Blue-gray Tanager for example has wings much bluer than illustrated. Also there are many black and white illustrations scattered through the text in addition to the centrally located color plates. I wish they were located in a single group too as it's an awfully big book to leaf through. For someone who's done most of his birding in Missouri, I gotta say it's quite a thrill to ogle brilliantly colored tanagers from a stand of equally brilliant wild *Heliconia* breathing in the mist of a Colombian cloud forest. ♡

Hawk Watch Sun. Sept. 28

Mark Peters will host a Hawk Watch on September 28 at his house in Imperial, Mo. This is a likely date to see hundreds of Broad-winged Hawks and other raptors migrating.

Go south on Tesson Ferry (Hwy. 21) and take the second exit (Old Hwy. 21) after crossing the Meramec R. Go 2.6 miles on Old Hwy. 21 and then turn left onto Lions Den Road. In

about 1 mile, cross a bridge. Take the second of two unmarked, unpaved to the right immediately past the bridge (about 100 yards). Mark's house is about 1/2 mile up this road.

Once you turn onto this gravel road, pass a farmhouse with a red barn. It looks like a private driveway, but it is a road. Ignore the road branching off to the right. A short distance past that road, you come to the creek. Don't cross in cars. Park. The house is up the driveway on the left, but please park at the bottom on the road. It's narrow, so scoot as far over as possible. Do not park on both sides of the road. To get to the prairie, *walk* across the creek.

One more point to help people find the correct gravel road: There will be a cluster of mailboxes. Mark's address is "5435" and there is a mailbox with that number marked on it at the turnoff from the paved Lions Den Road onto the unpaved and unmarked Lions Den Spur. ♡

North American Migration Count Supported By WGNSS

Yvonne Homeyer

Many WGNSS members participated in the Migratory Bird Count on Sat., May 10, which covered key birding areas in St. Louis Co., St. Louis City, and St. Charles Co. Paul Bauer, Randy Korotev, Jim Ziebol, Mike Flieg, Yvonne Homeyer, Sherry McCowan, Mike Brady, John Loomis, Torrey Berger, Paul & Barbara Johnson, Dottie Herweg, Vivian Liddell, Margie Richardson, Blaine & Janet Ulmer, Sue Gustafson, David Rabenau, Tom Parmeter, Mike Thelen, and Pat Lueders were WGNSS volunteers. Because more people got involved this year, we were able to survey more sites. Weather conditions were less than favorable, and many of us got drenched in the process!

This count is sponsored by Partners in Flight to census birds during migration. Paul Bauer, Zoe Geist, and Yvonne Homeyer are the compilers for St. Charles, St. Louis Co. and St. Louis City, respectively, while David Rougles is statewide compiler. The count was one of the activities of International Migratory Bird Week, coordinated locally by Sue Gustafson with assistance from Dianne Benjamin, Mike Thelen, Pat McCormick, & Vicki Flier. ♡

April 2003 Bird Report

Jim Ziebol & Yvonne Homeyer

Early Arrival Dates:

- 4/1 Laughing Gull, Sauget Marsh (T Be)
4/2 Bewick's Wren, TGP (JZ)
4/3 Broad-winged Hawk, Tyson (JZ); Black-throated Green, FP (RK)
4/5 Am. Bittern, REDA (P&BJ); Snowy Egret, Indian Lake (DB); Baird's Sandpiper, CL (MT); Cliff Swallow, Howell Island (MAA); Greater Yellowlegs, Indian Lake (G&TB)
4/6 Great-tailed Grackle, Clarence Cannon (IH); Solitary Sandpiper, HL (FH)
4/8 Upland Sandpiper, Levee Roads (B Ru)
4/10 Osprey, REDA (Edna Alexander); Prothonotary Warbler, Castlewood (MB)
4/12 White-eyed Vireo, Mark Peters' prairie (MP); Chimney Swift, TGP (SM) and REDA (CA); Franklin's Gull, HL (G&TB)
4/13 Warbling Vireo, BCA (JZ); Sora, Eagle Park (FH)
4/14 Forster's Tern & Green Heron, BCA (C&JM)
4/15 E. Kingbird & Common Yellowthroat, BCA (JZ); House Wren, BCA (CA); Henslow's Sparrow, BCA (JU); Red-eyed Vireo & Yellow-throated Vireo, Castlewood (MB)
4/16 Swainson's Thrush, TGP (SM); Orange-crowned, Ovenbird & Summer Tanager, TGP (JZ); Nashville & Blue-winged, FP (RK)
4/17 Tennessee Warbler, TGP (SM); Worm-eating, TGP (BW); Virginia Rail and Yellow Warbler, BCA (JU); Kentucky, Palm, Scarlet Tanager, Castlewood (MB); Scarlet Tanager, Tyson (JW); Cerulean Warbler, Castlewood (DG)
4/18 Caspian Tern, REDA (JU); Spotted Sandpiper, REDA (PH); Indigo Bunting, TGP (Alex Meilleur); Marsh Wren, REDA (T Be); Prairie Warbler, TGP (BW); Wood Thrush, TGP (DG)
4/19 N. Oriole, TGP (DG); Hooded Warbler, BCA (CA); Lark Sparrow, HL (BW); Rose-breasted Grosbeak, TGP (SM); Blue-headed Vireo, TGP (BW); Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Semipalmated Plover, Long-billed Dowitcher, CL, (DK)
4/20 Sedge Wren & Bank Swallow, BCA (YH); Wilson's Phalarope, CL (DK); Yellow-headed Blackbird, Tapawingo (Steve Berry)
4/21 Great-crested Flycatcher & N. Waterthrush, TGP (BW); N. Waterthrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Brentwood Mem. Park (MAA); Blackburnian, Creve Coeur (JU)
4/24 Orchard Oriole, Town & Country (T Be)
4/25 Marbled Godwit, REDA (CM); Blackpoll, Castlewood (MB); Avocet, REDA (DR)
4/26 Philadelphia Vireo, TGP (MR); Black-bellied Plover, REDA (LB)
4/27 Golden-winged Warbler, TGP (G&TB & LB); Sanderling, REDA (CM); Pewee, Kirkwood (M Te)
4/28 Veery, TGP (T Be); Clay-colored Sparrow, TGP (BW); Bobolink, HL (JZ); Nighthawk, Granite City (FH); Mourning Warbler, TGP (GB)
4/29 Redstart, TGP (T Be); Chuck-will's-widow (JE); Chat, BCA (P&BJ); Blue Grosbeak, HL (T Be); Least Flycatcher, TGP (BW)
4/30 Chestnut-sided Warbler, TGP (BW) & Kirkwood (M Te); Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Kirkwood (M Te); Bay-breasted, Richmond Hts. (MAA); Dickcissel, Chesterfield (P&BJ)
5/1 Western Kingbird, E. St. Louis (T Be)
5/2 Olive-sided Flycatcher, Cahokia Mounds (BW); Bell's Vireo, Ferguson (CA)
5/3 Merlin, Levee Road (JZ); Black-billed Cuckoo, Castlewood (DB, WGNSS Group); Black Tern, HL (JE)
5/4 Cape May, TGP & FP (BB, DG); Acadian Flycatcher, TGP (JZ)
5/5 Connecticut Warbler, FP (RK)
5/6 Wilson's Warbler, Ferguson (CA)
5/7 Canada Warbler, TGP (BF); Mississippi Kite, TGP (T Be)
5/9 Black-necked Stilt, REDA (LB)

Introduction: Only time will tell what West Nile Virus does to the birds of the New World. The landbird migration in April closed very positively. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Winter Wren, and Hermit Thrush were abundant, while sparrows such as Field, Song and Swamp were hardly evident, at least in TGP. Randy Korotev states about Forest Park: "I am certain, however, that the number of Crows is at most a quarter of previous years, presumably from the almost total decimation of the city population last summer by West Nile Virus." Crows have completely disappeared from TGP and Bluejays are rarely seen, to the point where a pair of Great Horned Owls has been seen perched in the open with no birds harassing them.

A late report: Paul Bauer counted 6 Eared Grebes at HL on 3/23.

Sightings: About 30 Pied-billed Grebes were found at CC on 4/6 (T Be) and 12 were seen in FP's Jefferson Lake on 4/10 (SM). American Bittern was found at REDA on 4/5 (P&BJ) and up to 3 were found on 4/23 (SC) and 4/24 (PB). On 4/5, the WGNSS Group found Snowy Egret and 3 Little Blue Herons at Indian Lake, several Vesper Sparrows at HL, and a very cooperative Winter Wren at TGP (DB et al.). 150 Great Egrets was a good count at Collinsville Rd/I-55 on 4/5 (MT, DR). A Mute Swan was seen at BCA on 4/26 (YH, JZ) and 1 is still present at HL. Ian Hunt reported a pair of Cinnamon Teal and a male Great-tailed Grackle at CC on 4/6. Shawn Clubb's Cinnamon Teal, found at HL on 4/28, was seen by many birders; this new species for HL brings the total species found there to 304. Sherry McCowan found 10 Hooded Mergansers at Indian Lake on 4/13 and 10 Blue-winged Teal at FP on 4/14. A Marbled Godwit was hotlined from REDA on 4/25 (CM). Paul Bauer found a Willet at BCA on 4/29. Good shorebirds at CL were a Western Sandpiper on 4/19 and a Wilson's Phalarope on 4/20 (DK). Another Wilson's Phalarope was seen on Bruns Road on 4/28 (LB, BK). Upland Sandpiper is becoming harder and harder to find in St. Louis; the only sighting was at Levee & Ziebold Roads on 4/8 (B Ru). Excellent shorebird habitat was available at CL, REDA and MTC. Gull reports were sparse, but 500 Bonaparte's Gulls were seen at CL on 4/5 (MT, DR). The most terns reported

on any date were 5 Forster's and 2 Caspian's at REDA on 4/26 (J Co). Two Cooper's Hawks displaying courtship behavior were seen in Jefferson County on 4/12 (MP), 2 were observed in TGP on 4/19 (SM, DG), and Randy Korotev reported an adult at a nest on 4/29 in FP. Red-shouldered Hawks were observed in both FP (MT) and TGP (T Be) in April. Jackie Chain and others saw 2 Red-tailed Hawks building a nest in TGP. Sherry McCowan saw an Osprey flying over TGP on 4/27.

Two Great Horned Owls have been observed in TGP throughout April (J Co, T Be, GA) and one has been seen in FP (RK). Mick Richardson found a rufous morph Screech Owl in TGP on 4/29 and a week later, branchlings were seen (RAB). On 4/5, Mary Anne Auer found Barred Owl, Cliff Swallows and Red-shouldered Hawk at Howell Island. The Winter Wren peak occurred on 4/14 & 4/15, with 6-10 individuals observed at the Gaddy Bird Garden in TGP (MM, T Be, Mary Huber). Bewick's Wrens were reported from TGP on 4/2 (JZ), Shaw Nature Reserve on 4/18 (SM), Howell Island on 4/12 (MAA), and from the Busch Shorebird Area (MM). Bewick's Wren is a rare and local breeder in the St. Louis area. Mike Brady's first Prothonotary Warbler was seen on 4/10 at Castlewood, and he reported resident breeders in low numbers at that time. Black-and-White, N. Parula, Black-throated Green, and Yellow-throated Warbler came in early and in good numbers. There were 3 reports of Yellow-throated Warbler from FP, 3 from TGP, and 1 on the SLU campus (SM, RK, NB, T Be, Jim Hickner).

Three singing male Ceruleans were found at Castlewood on 4/27 (MB) and as many as 10 at LVT on 4/29 (P&BJ). Hooded Warbler reports included 1 at BCA on 4/19 (LB, CA), 1 at TGP on 4/22 (T Be), 1 at FP on 4/26 (RK), 1 in Margy Terpstra's yard on 4/26, 2 males and a female at TGP on 4/29 (m. ob.), and 1 was turned into Wild Bird Rehab and later released. Good counts of Worm-eating Warbler were 4 at Rockwoods on 4/19 (CM) and as many as 8 at LVT on 4/29 (P&BJ). The WGNSS group led by Dale and Nancy Delaney on 4/28 at LVT found Cerulean and Yellow-throated Warblers and 4 species of Vireos (J&NS).

On 4/27 at TGP, there was a particularly strong movement of Rose-breasted Grosbeak,

Baltimore Oriole and Gray Catbird. There were several sightings of Henslow's Sparrows, the first being at BCA on 4/15 (JU), 2 other sightings at BCA on 4/18 (CM), 3 at the Blue Grosbeak Trail on 4/19 (CA), and up to 14 singing males at Castlewood on 4/20 (MB). It was a particularly good year for Lark Sparrow, with 1 on Bruns Road on 4/19 (BW), 1 at Katy Trail Access on 4/24 (CA, KL), 10 on Bruns Road on 4/25 (T Be), 1 on Cora Island Road on 4/26 (MAA), and 1 on Bischoff Road on 4/27 (LB). Chipping Sparrow peaked in TGP on 4/27 but Bruce Wetteroth commented that Fox, Song, Swamp and Field Sparrows were being seen in low numbers in the park. White-throated Sparrow peaked around 4/21, with 200 individuals in TGP (m. ob.). Mary Anne Auer found several Grasshopper Sparrows in Chesterfield Valley on 4/29 and the Johnsons refound them on 4/30. On 4/19, there were 2 Harris's Sparrows at Blue Grosbeak Trail (P&BJ) and on 4/22, Torrey Berger reported 4 there. Rad Widmer found a Yellow-headed Blackbird at REDA on 4/26 and Shawn Clubb hotlined one from the HL area on 4/28. One hundred Rusty Blackbirds were seen at Cahokia Mounds on 4/5 (BW) and 18 found at HL on 4/8 (D Bz).

A typical day at TGP on 4/14 included 6 Winter Wrens, 28 Hermit Thrush, 8 N. Flickers, 5 Sapsuckers, 15 Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and 3 Golden-crowned Kinglets (T Be). A typical day at REDA on 4/25 included 2 Marbled Godwits, 2 Willets, 1 Avocet, 14 Semipalmated Plovers, 2 Semipalmated Sandpipers, 2 Least Sandpipers, 4 Spotted, 12+ Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Bonaparte's Gull, 1 Forster's Tern, 5 Snipe, 2 Snowy Egrets, and a Common Loon (DR, J&CM). A typical day at CL on 4/19 included 800 Lesser Yellowlegs, 50 Greater Yellowlegs, 500 Pectorals, 15 Baird's, 1 Western, 11 Semipalmated Plovers, 4 Long-billed Dowitchers, approx. 80 Am. Golden Plovers, and others (DK).

Comments: A White-eyed Vireo was at Jane Walker's home on 4/17. A Bald Eagle was a flyover at his home on 4/18 (JZ). Three wild Turkeys and a Pheasant have been seen in FP. Jack Harris reported Cooper's, Sharp-shinned, and Red-shouldered Hawks in his yard for Project Feeder Watch. Margie Richardson found a pair of Flickers on 4/26. Randy Koro-

tev observed an adult Cooper's Hawk nesting in FP. On 4/30, Margy Terpstra found a Sapsucker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Least Flycatcher, Tennessee, Nashville, Chestnut-sided, Orange-crowned Warbler, Indigo Bunting, Swainson's Thrush and more. Wilma Kennell had Veery and Palm Warbler on 4/30 and a Brown Thrasher and Gray Catbird have been seen in her yard all month. On 4/30, Kraig Paradise found 2 Gray Catbirds in his yard and 1 was seen near his store (D Bz).

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<i>mailing party</i>	<i>NN deadline</i>
Mon. 8/18 Choteau home	Fri. 8/8
Mon. 9/15 10-1 Oak Bend Library	Fri. 9/5
Mon. 10/20 10-1	Fri. 10/10
Mon. 11/17 10-1	Fri. 11/7
Mon. 12/15 10-1	Fri. 12/5

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after being reported 1994–2000, but not 2001–2. Canada Warbler made an appearance at Tower Grove. The Golden-wing was reported 1994–2000, but not 2001–2.

Not since 1999 has Sanderling been reported—found at Riverlands by Dave Rougles—and the same for a female Bufflehead, spotted by the Jim and Joe at Lincoln Shields. The team of Becher, Barber, Brady, and Auer found an Osprey at Horseshoe Lake. Kevin and Anne spotted a Caspian Tern at Riverlands. Besides these 4 new since '99, Jim and Joe outdid themselves by spotting a Virginia Rail, skulking along the shore behind the pit toilets at Riverlands—not been reported on Big Day since 1998.

But wait! There's more! Loy and David had Black-billed Cuckoo at Castlewood, reporting it for the first time since '97. Four Black-necked Stilts remained at the Orton Rd. side of Heron Pond, Riverlands, to be counted for the first time since '96. Dave Rougles found an American Black Duck at Riverlands—not reported since '94.

It's hard to believe we can still add species never before reported on Big Day—since I began keeping records 12 years ago—but we did it again this year *twice*. Black-throated Blue Warbler appeared on the day after Big Day in '98, but not on it till this year. Between deluges, Kevin & I watched a female Black-throated Blue forage along a grapevine near Lake 26 at Busch. On Paine Rd. in St. Charles County, the Coles' group found Eurasian Collared Dove—a recent immigrant, and another rookie on the St. Louis Big Day list!

A list of the 13 we missed this year appears on page 16 following the composite list, along

with an additional 12 missed this year and last. The only one that hurts is the one Kevin and I missed this year—Rock Dove.

Thanks to those who helped with information for this report: Loy Barber, Paul Bauer, David Becher, Torrey Berger, Rose Ann Bodman, Yvonne Homeyer, Kent Lannert, Jim Malone, Kevin Renick, Dave Rougles, and Bill Rowe ♡.

Wrong Terns..... 154

Jim Malone
Joe Eades

B B B & A..... 150

Mary Ann Auer
Loy Barber
David Becher
Mike Brady

The Nighthawks..... 137

Kevin Renick
Anne McCormack

California Gulls..... 135

Dick Coles
Rose Ann Bodman
Jean Cook

Composite total '03..... 189

'02.....	170
'01.....	179
'00.....	185
'99.....	190
'98.....	177
'97.....	195
'96.....	195
'95.....	188
'94.....	179
'93.....	164
'90.....	193
'86.....	180

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Big Day birding competition May

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name	remarks 03
Pied-billed Grebe	busch & collinsvl rd
Am Wt Pelican	riverlands
Double-crested Cormora	riverlands
Great Blue Heron	√
Great Egret	riverlands
Snowy Egret	riverlands
Little Blue Heron	riverlands
Cattle Egret	frank holten sp-coles
Green Heron	busch
Black-crwn Nt-Heron	√
Canada Goose	√
Wood Duck	coles
Green-winged Teal	new since 00-coles
Am Black Duck	new since 94-riverld
Mallard	√
Blue-winged Teal	coles
Northern Shoveler	riverlands
Gadwall	riverlands
Bufflehead	new since 99-lincoln s-ma
Hooded Merganser	riverlands-coles
Ruddy Duck	riverlands
Turkey Vulture	√
Osprey	new since 99-becher & ba
Mississippi Kite	busch & tower grove
Bald Eagle	new since 00
Cooper's Hawk	√
Red-shouldered Hawk	busch weldon
Red-tailed Hawk	√
Am Kestrel	√
Merlin	new since 00-carondelet-z
Ring-necked Pheasant	riverlands
Wild Turkey	busch
N Bobwhite	riverlands
King Rail	new since 00-prairie slou
Virginia Rail	new since 98-riverlands-r
Am Coot	riverlands
Black-bellied Plover	new since 01-coles

name	remarks 03
Semipalmated Plover	riverlands
Killdeer	riverlands
Black-necked Stilt	new since 96-riverlands
Greater Yellowlegs	riverlands
Lesser Yellowlegs	riverlands
Solitary Sandpiper	riverlands
Spotted Sandpiper	busch & rl
Sanderling	new since 99-riverlands
Semiplamated Sandpiper	new since 00-riverlands
Least Sandpiper	riverlands
White-rumped Sandpiper	new since 01-riverlands
Pectoral Sandpiper	riverlands
Dunlin	new since 01-riverlands
Stilt Sandpiper	new since 00-riverlands
Short-billed Dowitcher	riverlands
Long-billed Dowitcher	riverlands
Wilson's Phalarope	new since 00-riverlands
Franklin's Gull	riverlands
Ring-billed Gull	riverlands
Herring Gull	riverlands
Caspian Tern	new since 99-riverlands
Common Tern	new since 01-riverlands-r
Forster's Tern	riverlands
Black Tern	busch 33
Rock Dove	√
Mourning Dove	√
Eur Collared Dove	newl-paine rd st. charles
Black-billed Cuckoo	new since 97-becher & ba
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	busch
E Screech Owl	new since 00-tower grove
Great Horned Owl	castlewood-becher & barb
Barred Owl	busch
Common Nighthawk	√
Chuck-will's-widow	Quiver R sp-malone/eads
Whip-poor-will	Quiver R sp-malone/eads
Chimney Swift	√
Ruby-thr Hummingbird	√

name	remarks 03
Red-headed Woodpecker	√
Red-bellied Woodpecker	√
Downy Woodpecker	√
Hairy Woodpecker	forest park & carondelet
Northern Flicker	√
Pileated Woodpecker	√
Olive-sided Flycatcher	new since 00-forest park
Eastern Wood-Pewee	busch
Acadian Flycatcher	busch
Alder Flycatcher	new since 01-busch-lost v
Willow Flycatcher	riverlands, busch, lcc
Least Flycatcher	busch, tgp, forest pk, lcc
Eastern Phoebe	√
Great Crested Flycatcher	√
Western Kingbird	rt 3-coles
Eastern Kingbird	√
Horned Lark	√
Purple Martin	√
Tree Swallow	√
N Rough-winged Swallow	√
Cliff Swallow	riverlands
Barn Swallow	√
Blue Jay	√
American Crow	√
Fish Crow	busch & castlewd
Black-capped Chickadee	√
Carolina Chickadee	√
Tufted Titmouse	√
White-breasted Nuthatch	√
Carolina Wren	√
House Wren	√
Sedge Wren (Short-Billed)	busch, weldon-becher, ba
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	√
Eastern Bluebird	√
Gray-cheeked Thrush	√
Swainson's Thrush	√
Wood Thrush	√

name	remarks 03
American Robin	√
Gray Catbird	√
Northern Mockingbird	√
Brown Thrasher	√
Cedar Waxwing	√
European Starling	√
White-eyed Vireo	√
Bell's Vireo	busch & carondelet
Blue-headed (Solitary) V	busch
Yellow-throated Vireo	busch
Warbling Vireo	√
Philadelphia Vireo	busch
Red-eyed Vireo	√
Blue-winged Warbler	√
Golden-winged Warbler	new since 00-busch
Tennessee Warbler	√
Orange-crowned Warbler	busch
Nashville Warbler	busch, tgp, forest pk
Northern Parula Warb	√
Yellow Warbler	√
Chestnut-sided Warbler	√
Magnolia Warbler	busch
Cape May Warbler	tower grove
Black-throated Blue War	newl-busch
Yellow-rumped Warbler	√
Black-thr Green Warbler	tower gr-coles
Blackburnian Warbler	castlewd-becher barber
Yellow-throated Warbler	busch-lost v, lcc
Pine Warbler	busch
Prairie Warbler	busch-94
Palm Warbler	busch & tower grove
Bay-breasted Warbler	carondelet-ziebol
Blackpoll Warbler	busch
Cerulean Warbler	busch-lost v
Black & White Warbler	√
American Redstart Warb	√
Worm-eating Warbler	busch & tower grove

name	remarks 03
Ovenbird warb	busch, forest pk, tgp
Northern Waterthrush W	√
Louisiana Waterthrush W	√
Kentucky Warbler	√
Mourning Warbler	busch & tower grove
Common Yellowthroat w	√
Wilson's Warbler	tower grove
Canada Warbler	new since 00-tower grove
Yellow-breasted Chat w	√
Summer Tanager	√
Scarlet Tanager	√
Northern Cardinal	√
Rose-br Grosbeak	√
Blue Grosbeak	√
Painted Bunting	new since 01-katy trail-co
Indigo Bunting	√
Dickcissel	busch
Eastern (Rufous-s) Towl	√
Chipping Sparrow	busch
Clay-colored Sparrow	new since 01-busch-rowe
Field Sparrow	√
Lark Sparrow	busch
Savannah Sparrow	busch & lil creve coeur
Grasshopper Sparrow	new since 01-busch
Henslow's Sparrow	new since 01-busch-shore
Song Sparrow	√
Lincoln's Sparrow	new since 01-busch-mcc &
Swamp Sparrow	new since 01-busch-rowe
White-throated Sparrow	busch
White-crowned Sparrow	√
Bobolink	busch
Red-winged Blackbird	√
Eastern Meadowlark	√
Common Grackle	√
Brown-headed Cowbird	√
Orchard Oriole	√
Baltimore Oriole	√

name	remarks 03
House Finch	√
American Goldfinch	√
House Sparrow	√
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	riverlands
<i>total</i>	189

missed 03 but seen in 02

col	name	remarks 03	remarks 02	remarks 01	remarks 00	remarks99
1	Yellow-crwn Nt-Heron	missed-seen 02	Forest Pk-Lindell	collinsville	miss-seen 95-98	missed-seen 95-98
1	Ring-necked Duck	missed-seen 02	Hayford Rd	riverlands	becher	
1	Broad-winged Hawk	missed-seen 02	Busch-94-new sinc		missed-not since 97	not seen since 97
1	Sora	missed-seen 02	Little CC	eagle pk	several areas	Little CC & Busch
1	American Woodcock	missed-seen 02	Busch-grosbk tr	busch	missed-seen 99	Busch-Wrong T
1	Bank Swallow	missed-seen 02	Busch-33	horseshoe lk	✓	
1	Marsh Wren (Long-Bille	missed-seen 02	Little CC	busch shrbd-not sinc	miss-seen 99-95 & 92	Little CC-Wrong T
1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	missed-seen 02	new since 99		missed-seen 99	Busch
1	Veery	missed-seen 02	tower grove & Bus	tower grove	missed-seen 99	Lost V-Wrong T
1	Loggerhead Shrike	missed-seen 02	Powers Rd new sir		miss-not seen since 92	not seen since 92
1	Prothonotary Warbler	missed-seen 02	Horseshoe	st charles	lewis & clark, castlewd	
1	Connecticut Warbler	missed-seen 02	new-first ever!			
1	Hooded Warbler	missed-seen 02	new since 00	missed-seen 00	forest p-korotev-not seen since 93	
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missed 03 and miss 02

col	name	remarks 03	remarks 02	remarks 01	remarks 00	remarks99
1	Am Bittern	missed-seen 01	missed-seen 01	marais temps clair	missed-seen 99	Collinsvl-Alwd&L
1	Least Bittern	missed-seen 01	missed-seen 01	mic-not seen since		not seen since 92
1	Northern Pintail	missed-seen 01	missed-seen 6 of	riverlands	little creve coeur-not since 98	missed-seen 95-98
1	Canvasback	missed-seen 00	missed-seen 00	missed-seen 00	riverlands	lake 33 Johnsons
1	Lesser Scaup	missed-seen 01	missed-seen 6 of	riverlds-not seen sir	missed-seen 99	
1	Northern Harrier	missed-seen 01	missed-seen 01	marais temps clair-		
1	Common Moorhen	missed-seen 00	missed-seen 00	missed-seen 00	horseshoe-temcoats-not seen since 9	not seen since 97
1	Am (Lesser) Golden-Pld	missed-seen 00	missed-seen 00	missed-seen 00	riverlands-rowe-not seen since 97	not seen since 97
1	Hudsonian Godwit	missed-seen 01	missed-seen 01	riverlands-seen 00	riverlands-not seen since 97	not seen since 97
1	Baird's Sandpiper	missed-seen 01	missed-seen 01	pontoon beach	missed-seen 99	new record Saug
1	Belted Kingfisher	missed-seen 01	missed-seen 01	lost valley	busch, lincoln shields	us near riverland
1	Bewick's Wren	missed-seen 01	missed-seen 01	busch shorebird		not seen since 97
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Wednesday September 3

7 PM Board meeting at Powder Valley Nature Center. All members are welcome.

Thursday September 18

7:00 PM General meeting. St. Louis Co. Library Headquarters, Lindbergh Blvd. Topic to be announced.



Botany

Thursday April–August

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 June 21

Black-lighting at Quiver River State park. Come early, enjoy the park and check insects in evidence. Plan to have a picnic supper at the picnic area at the creek beyond the Headquarters building. As dark approaches, we will move to the trap site. Rain date will be June 22. Further information, call Marshall Magner, 314-961-4588. Other field trips will be planned for later in the summer. Check with Magners.

Sunday September 28

7 PM at Magners', 516 Bacon Ave., Webster, 314-961-4588: Show and Tell. Members and friends bring items gathered during the summer to share with others. Projector and screen will be available.



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Saturday May 24

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 May 24

7 AM–noon w/St. L Audubon Marais Temps Clair. Hwy 94 through St. Charles Co. to Hwy H, then to Island Rd.

Sunday May 25 and June 22

7 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with Bill Rowe. 7:30 AM on 6/22 with Keith McMullen.

Sunday June 1

8 AM Tower Grove, meet at Bird Garden, NW corner of park, with Kent Lannert.

Sunday June 8

8 AM Busch Wildlife A. Meet at HQ, with Anne McCormack.

Sunday June 22

7:30 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with Keith McMullen.

Sunday July 27

8 AM Horseshoe Lake, meet at pavilion at end of causeway, with Frank Holmes.

Sunday August 17

7:30 AM Tower Grove, meet at Bird Garden, NW corner of park, with Bob Kleiger.

Sunday Aug. 24, Sept. 21, Dec. 7

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with Dave Rougles

Sunday September 28

9 AM Hawk Watch at Mark Peters, Imperial Mo. See p. 2 for directions.

Sunday October 19 8 AM Horseshoe Lk
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