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The Adventures of Pete Winter

Diane Winter

Pete Winter has just written a book entitled *Dawn Chorus—The Adventures of a Birdwatcher*. Pete is currently the No. 2 ranked living birdwatcher in the world. His book describes his adventures in his quest for birds. He has traveled the world in search of birds, has witnessed historic events, and observed people living in the globe's most remote regions. Pete has recorded more than 7,700 of the world's 9,800 total bird species.

This is a wonderfully written book—and would be of great interest to all birdwatchers.

Pete has lived in St. Louis his entire life, and also has a ranch in St. Clair, Missouri where he supports an extensive bluebird restoration program. Pete is a decorated U.S. Naval aviator, having flown 77 combat missions in the Pacific during World War II. Pete has returned to his World War II Battlefields in search of birds. The story has flashbacks of events that occurred in those grim and tragic years.

Pete's beginning in birdwatching was with the WGNSS, and it was soon to become his life's passion. By sharing some of his experiences in his search for birds, Pete hopes to impart not only the fulfillment and excitement that comes with birdwatching but also demonstrate how a

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Mushrooms & Mushrooming at October 7 Meeting

At our next general meeting of the membership year, our speakers will be three long-time members of the Missouri Mycological Society: Barbara, O'Brien, Shannon Stevens, and Joe Walsh

We will meet at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters on Lindbergh Blvd. in Frontenac at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 7.

Don't forget our Thursday, September 18 presentation on "Passionflowers of the Caribbean and their Pollinators." ♡

WGNSS Endorses Effort to Protect Jefferson Co. Glade

Jim Adams

At its July 9 meeting the WGNSS Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting an effort to acquire and protect a 750-acre "Plattin" glade in Jefferson County. This privately owned glade is now potentially available because a planned commercial development on the site was denied a permit by county authorities. The WGNSS Botany Group and others who have surveyed the glade

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Welcome to New Members

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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

Where To Buy Phoebe's Book

Yvonne Homeyer

Birding on Borrowed Time, by world-class birder and WGNSS member Phoebe Snetsinger, was reviewed in the September issue by Margie Richardson. Now that everyone has decided to read the fascinating story of Phoebe's life and birding adventures, where can you buy the book? It is published by the American Birding Association and is available from their Sales division at (800) 634-7736. Locally, Phoebe's book is carried at the Webster Groves Bookshop, 100 West Lockwood, (314) 968-1185. ☘

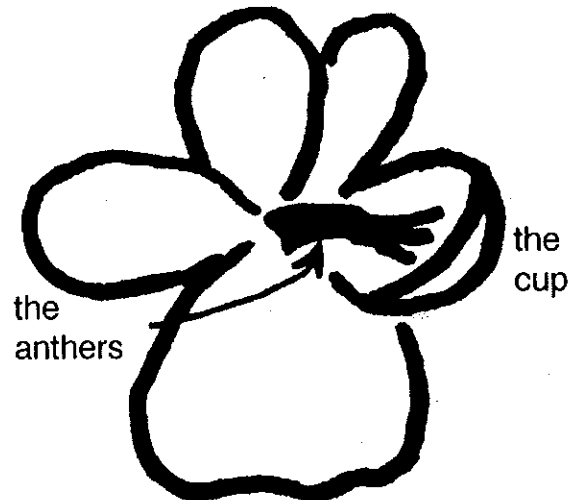
Is This Your Last Issue Of *Nature Notes*?

We sincerely hope not! Please check the upper right-hand corner of your mailing label. If it still says 2003, then we didn't get your dues for our new membership year, which starts in September. To keep getting *Nature Notes*, send a check for \$20, payable to WGNSS, to Randy Korotev, 800 Oakbrook, St. Louis, MO 63132, or fill out the Membership Application on the back page of this newsletter. If you have any questions about your membership status, contact Randy directly (see Board of Directors information at the end of this newsletter). ☘

A Flower without Symmetry

Father Jim Sullivan

Anthers are usually elongate, and they split from end to end to release pollen. But not the specialized anthers of a partridge pea. These are covered with a hard substance, and they do not split. The pollen emerges from one end of these anthers, but only when they are vigorously vibrated by a carpenter bee or a bumble bee.



The yellow blossom of
Chamaecrista fasciculata
partridge pea

Flowers are usually at least bilaterally symmetrical. In the partridge pea flower there are two top petals, two lateral petals, and one large bottom petal. That sounds symmetrical. But these flowers are never symmetrical. They always hold one of the two lateral petals closer, and it forms a cup.

The specialized anthers are held sideways, and their open ends are buried in the cup. The carpenter bee weighs the flower down, and then makes the whole thing vibrate, and this causes pollen to spray into the cup, from which it presumably bounces back onto the insect's body.

The day comes when the insect buzzes the flower, and nothing happens. The anthers are empty. But the buzzing now has another effect. It dislodges pollen from the bee, and makes it available to the newly receptive stigma.

Look closely at the partridge pea flower—a beautiful blossom, but never symmetrical. ♡

Volunteers needed for Sun. Bird Walks

Kent Lannert

Anyone who might like to lead a WGNSS/SLAS morning bird walk, please give Kent Lannert a call at 618-624-4464 or contact him by email at klannert@charter.net. It's the leader's choice as to where in the St. Louis area the trip goes. You need not be an expert to lead one of these trips but you should be familiar with the birding area in which you select to lead a trip. The leader can also select any open date for his or her trip. ♡

Next Deadline: October 10

Nature Notes publishes 10 issues a year, each mailed on the third Monday of the month. To allow time for layout, printing, etc., the deadline is always 10 days before that date.

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

October 2003 Conservation Report

Yvonne Homeyer

Proposed cement plant: In late August, WGNSS appealed a decision by the Land Reclamation Commission (part of Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources) to issue a permit to Holcim to quarry 1,600 acres of forest over an unprecedented 100+ year term. This appeal was filed in state court in St. Louis County and followed the appeal filed in July in federal court asserting, among other things, that the Corps should not have granted a 404 permit without preparing an Environmental Impact Statement. The status quo is still in effect, in that Holcim has not started digging the harbor or begun any mining activities. DNR has not yet decided whether it will grant an air permit which would allow Holcim to construct its proposed cement plant.

Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative: A conference to get the newly formed Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative (MoBCI) underway took place in Columbia in August. Attending from WGNSS were our liaison to

MoBCI, Dianne Benjamin, Yvonne Homeyer, Mary Anne Auer, and Mike Brady. Dianne attended several planning meetings and helped coordinate the day's events. Many groups were present including Missouri Dept. of Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Missouri Audubon, and Audubon Society of Missouri. ♡

August 2003 Bird Report

Jim Ziebol & Yvonne Homeyer

Introduction: In spite of the very good habitat at HL, the shorebirds were sparse there. Somewhat unusual were the many reports of Wilson's Phalarope, Western Sandpiper and Baird's Sandpiper.

Sightings: On 8/7, 1000 Pelicans, 65 Cormorants and 150 Ring-billed Gulls were seen at Two Rivers NWR (D Bz) and on 8/10, 250 Pelicans were seen at Moredock Lake, Monroe Co., IL (JZ). Scott Schuette saw 11 Least Bitterns, 3 Soras and 1 Common Moorhen at CC on 8/23, and on 8/8, Torrey Berger saw an Am. Bittern there. Several birders observed a Yellow-crowned Night Heron from the causeway at HL on 8/10 (MT, P&BJ). On 8/10, the immature White Ibis was refound at CL (DK) and the Roseate Spoonbill was also seen that day by David Bohlen. The Roseate Spoonbill was again seen on 8/11 by David Becher and David Rogles. Two male Ruddy Ducks were found at HL on 8/22 and 6 N. Shovelers were there on 8/26 (T Be). Two adult and 5 young Common Moorhens were seen by many observers at HL on 8/9 (P&BJ). Plover sightings included a Piping Plover, a federally endangered species, at CL on 8/23 (T Bo), an Am. Golden Plover at HL on 8/7 (JU), and a Black-bellied Plover at HL on 8/17 (FH). The Saturday Group found an Avocet at REDA on 8/30 (D Be). Two Marbled Godwits were seen at CL on 8/27 (DK). Wilson's Phalarope sightings included 1 at HL on 8/16 (CA), 1 at Indian Lake on 8/17 (FH, JZ), 1 at HL on 8/22 (JE), 1 at CL with a Red Knot on 8/24 (D Be, DK) and 3 at CC on 8/28 (JC, Th. Group). Western Sandpiper reports included 1 at CC on 8/23 (JU), several with Baird's Sandpipers on 8/23 at HL (D Be), and 10 Westerns with 8 Baird's near Chain of Rocks on 8/24 (RK). Upland Sandpipers were reported from Emerald View Turf Farm,

Hwy. 79, on 8/6 and 8/30 (CM). Buff-breasted Sandpipers were seen at HL on 8/5 (CA, D Be, CM) and also on 8/7 there (JC, Th. Group, G&TB). Pat Lueders found 7 species of shorebirds at CC on 8/9, including Greater Yellowlegs. On 8/2, a first-year Sanderling, several Semipalmated Plovers, 6 Stilt Sandpipers, and over 1000 Pectoral Sandpipers were found at HL (m. ob.). Joe Eades and Josh Uffman observed 12 Stilt Sandpipers, 3 Westerns, and 1 Baird's on 8/30 at Winfield Lock & Dam. Torrey Berger found 7 Black Terns, 6 Semipalmated Plovers, a Sanderling, a Semipalmated Sandpiper, 10 Least Sandpipers, and 100 Pectorals at HL on 8/26. On 8/23, an adult Laughing Gull in basic plumage was observed at REDA (D Ro) and a juvenal-plumaged Laughing Gull was seen in Granite City on 8/24 (FH). Two Caspian Terns were seen at REDA on 8/39 (D Be, Sat. Group) and on 8/31, there were 2 at HL (FH).

N. Harriers were reported from MTC on 8/14 (JM), on 8/19 at REDA (JM, KP), and on 8/26 at REDA (JU). Three immature Cooper's Hawks were observed on the Levee Road on 8/8 (JZ) and an adult was present most of the month at HL (FH). An immature Red-shouldered Hawk was seen at HL on 8/9 (MT, JZ). A probable breeding Broad-winged Hawk was observed at CSP on 8/2 (MB). On 8/27 at REDA, David Rogles reported an Osprey, 2 Red-tailed Hawks, a Cooper's Hawk and a kettle of Turkey Vultures. On the evening of 8/23, 2 Whip-poor-wills were observed on Schoolhouse Road by Frank Holmes and his sister who were there to look at Mars. At dusk on 8/27, 33 Nighthawks were observed over Brentwood (YH), 60 were seen in west county (PL), and several were seen in Crestwood (D Bz). The only Black-billed Cuckoo reported was at CC on 8/10 (Ken Thompson). Yellow-billed Cuckoos were reported in fair numbers this summer, with 4 appearing at CC on 8/8 (T Be). Charlene Malone found a Western Kingbird on the Levee Road on 8/1. A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was seen in TGP on 8/22 (JZ) and on 8/23, several recently-fledged Acadian Flycatchers were observed at CSP (MB). Bewick's Wrens were reported at CSP on 8/2 (MB), at SNR on 8/7 (P&BJ), and at their Franklin County home (C&DD). Sedge Wrens were found at CC on 8/11 (T Be), at HL on 8/22 (D Bz) and at REDA on 8/23 (D Be, Sat.

Group). Three Marsh Wrens were seen at CC on 8/23 (SS). A Veery was seen in the Gaddy Bird Garden at TGP on 8/31 (SM).

Early migrating warblers included a Black-and-White in TGP on 8/21 (JC, Th. Group), Black-and-White in TGP on 8/22 (JZ), Redstart at the Watershed in Edwardsville on 8/23 (D Be, Sat. Group), and a Black-throated Green on 8/23 at Winfield Lock & Dam (JU). On 8/27, several Tennessees, a Blackburnian, Black-throated Green, Wilson's, and a Magnolia were present at Stump Lake, Jersey Co., IL (CM). Sherry McCowan observed Swainson's Thrush, Black-and-White, 2 Redstarts, Canada Warbler and a Mississippi Kite at TGP on 8/28. A Cooper's Hawk was harassing the birds at the Bubbler in TGP on 8/28 (Joe Pinnell, J Cook). Jean also found 2 Canada Warblers at TGP on 8/29. Nick Barber found Mourning Warbler and Yellow-breasted Chat at TGP on 8/31. A hatch-year Lark Sparrow was seen at HL on 8/19 (JZ). A large flock of blackbirds consisting primarily of grackles was seen at HL on 8/9 (MT). Ed Barresi found the following birds at SNR during July and August: 4 Henslow's Sparrows, several Prairie Warblers, and a Lark Sparrow. On 8/31, the WGNSS group encountered Black-and-White, Magnolia, Wilson's, Blackburnian, Tennessee, Black-throated Green, N. Parula, Redstart and Ovenbird in TGP. There was also a flyover by a Belted Kingfisher (MB, leader). On 8/30, the Johnsons found Warbling Vireo, N. Parula, Prothonotary, and Common Yellowthroat at Weldon Spring.

A typical day at HL on 8/24 included 6 species of herons and egrets, 200+ Ring-billed Gulls, Sora, Cooper's Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Trail's Flycatcher sp., Acadian Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, 2 Warbling Vireos, 10+ Indigo Buntings, Dickcissel, Blue Grosbeak, and Orchard Oriole (FH, JZ). A typical day at CC on 8/28 included 3 Wilson's Phalaropes, Lesser Yellowlegs, Semipalmated, Solitary, Spotted and Western Sandpipers, 2 Am. Bitters, and fall-plumaged Bobolinks (J Ch, Th. Group).

Comments: A new bird was added to the Riverlands checklist on 8/27 by David Rogles: Cedar Waxwing. Dennis Bozzay had 1 to 3 Mississippi Kites near his Crestwood home in August. Connie Alwood reported 3 Mississippi Kites and a nesting pair of Wood Thrush on his property in north county. On 8/28, Margy

Terpstra and a friend observed an adult and a juvenile Mississippi Kite near Adams and Woodlawn in Kirkwood. Jim and Margot Holsen had Mississippi Kites at their Kirkwood home during most of the month, including 3 perched in their front yard. On 8/23, David Becher saw 2 Peregrines at HL and one stooped and caught a shorebird. Gail Ahumada observed a white House Sparrow near her home in the city in August, and on 8/29, Jim Ziebol filmed a leucistic House Sparrow (the eye was dark) near TGP – very likely the same bird. Susan Eaton reported an albinistic House Sparrow near the train station in Kirkwood on 8/29.

Contributors: Gail Ahumada, Connie Alwood, Mary Anne Auer, Nick Barber, George & Terry Barker, David Becher, Torrey Berger, Tom Bormann, Dennis Bozzay, Mike Brady, Jackie Chain, Jean Cook, Cheryl & Don Delashmit, Joe Eades, Frank Holmes, Yvonne Homeyer, Paul & Barbara Johnson, Dan Kassebaum, Pat Lueders, Sherry McCowan, Jeannie Moe, Kraig Paradise, David Rogles, Scott Schuette, Margy Terpstra, Mike Thelen, Ken Thompson, 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).

- 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
- SNR = Shaw Nature Reserve (Arboretum)
- TGP = Tower Grove Park ♡

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All are like new! Questions—please call Gene Rosenbloom 636-532-4856. ♡

Green Center Fall Season

Dianne Benjamin

The Green Center welcomes you to its fall season and back-to-school activities in the heart of University City. Exciting new field trips are offered for grades K-8 featuring curriculum designed especially for the Green Center’s 30 acres of woods, prairie, wetlands, and demonstration/learning gardens. The Green Center also offers field trips and programs for home-schooled groups, after school groups, Boy and Girl Scouts, senior citizens, garden clubs, etc. Service learning projects both outdoors and indoors are also available. Upcoming work-days & stream cleanups include Sun., Oct. 26 at the Green Center and Sat., Nov. 8 throughout the River des Peres watershed. Fall season classes in nature and the arts will be offered for all ages again on weekends in October and November. Topics include old favorites like “Stargazing,” & “Mushroom Hunting,” and new offerings like “Bug Photography,” “Insect Safari,” and “Collage Making from Recycled Nature Magazines.” For more information check the website at www.thegreencenter.org. To have a class schedule brochure mailed to you, email classes@thegreencenter.org or phone 725-8314. To volunteer or to teach a class at the Green Center, phone or email volunteer@thegreencenter.org. Thanks to several grantors, the \$4 per person field trip fee and the \$10 per person class fee may be waived for moderate income youth and others who qualify. Please contact Dr. Dianne Benjamin, Program Director. As always, the 30 acres managed by Green Center as outdoor classrooms are public open spaces and free for all to enjoy from dawn to dusk every day of the year. ♡

Open House at Clarence Cannon NWR

Saturday, October 4, Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge in Annada, Mo., will hold an open house, including auto tours, an art contest, bird banding demonstrations, mussels display, and "Grow Native" plant displays. From St. Louis. Take I-70 west to 79 north for 35 miles to Annada. Turn left (east) on County Rd. 206 and go 1.5 miles to headquarters. ☞

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Call 314-935-8432 for a summary of the latest bird sightings in the St. Louis area. Please report any unusual birds to Sherry McCowan, 314-664-2381 and press "3" or wait for the prompt. You can also leave a message at the end of the Nature Line recording ☞

Nature Notes Deadlines & Mailings

We meet at the Oak Bend Library, 842 S. Holmes, Kirkwood to attach mailing labels. We could use your help! Call Margie Richardson 314-965-8974.

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

Community Colleges Offer Nature Classes

Register with the Continued Education Dept. of the campus offering the class. Sending your name, address, SSN, phone, course number, course title, and fee. You may also register by phone or by visiting WWW.STLCC.EDU

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11333 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis MO 63122-5799

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BIOL: 701 585 Florissant V

Saturday, 9-11 AM 9/20 fee \$6

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BIOL: 701 586 Florissant V

Saturday, 9-11 AM 10/4 fee \$6

Mississippi R Bluff Nature Reserve

BIOL: 704 585 Florissant V

Saturday, 8-10 AM 10/18 fee \$6

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BIOL: 704 600 Meramec, CN 230

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Field trips 9/20 & 10/4

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BIOL: 709 600 Meramec, CS 104

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Field trip 10/25

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BIOL: 715 600 Meramec, CN 233

Tuesday 6:30-9 PM 9/16 fee \$16.50

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BIOL: 722 600 Meramec, CN 233

Monday 7-9 PM 9/15 & 9/22 fee \$31

Field trip 9/27

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BIOL: 726 600 Meramec, SS 112

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Field trip 9/12

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Science Seminar Series at St. Louis Zoo

"Making Science Accessible To All People"

Free, co-sponsored by the Saint Louis Zoo and the Academy of Science of St. Louis. 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.

October 22 "The Spectrum of Allergic Disease, from Stuffy Nose to Death," presented by Raymond G. Slavin, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine and Microbiology, Saint Louis University School of Medicine. The allergic disorders comprise the most common group of chronic diseases in this country. World-renowned allergist and immunologist Dr. Ray Slavin will discuss the spectrum of allergic con-

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ditions, ranging from allergic rhinitis (hay fever) to anaphylaxis, a life-threatening systemic reaction due to such agents as insect venom and peanuts. New approaches to management will be included. Dr. Slavin was the first to recognize adults with allergic broncho-pulmonary aspergillosis in the western hemisphere and the first to describe this disease in children. His work is supported by large body of clinical and laboratory research.

November 19 "Bridging the Gap: Advances in Nerve Regeneration and Transplantation," presented by Susan Mackinnon, MD, Professor of Surgery, Washington University School of Medicine. ♡

The Adventures of Pete Winter

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world rich with birds enriches us all.

As written in the Forward by Victor Emanuel, "For most birders, including Pete Winter, birding is so much more than the accumulation of checkmarks on a list. Birders are interested in the lives of the birds, how they are faring, how they relate to other species, any connection with human culture, and, most of all, their incredible beauty. It is not surprising that this passion has changed the lives of those persons who become birders."

All proceeds from the book have been gifted to Winter Brothers Charitable Foundation. This Foundation has been set up for the benefaction and conservation of Missouri parklands. To receive your copy, please send check or money order for \$19.95(US) plus \$6.75 s/h, each additional book is \$3.00 s/h. Send to: Winter Brothers Charitable Foundation, 13098 Gravois Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127 or call 1-800-722-5424. Thank you for your support! ♡

Plattin Glade

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have concluded that the glade is outstanding because of its topography and its wealth of floral species. It is adjudged to be superior in its attributes to two nearby smaller Ozark glades that are currently protected as outstanding natural areas. The Plattin glade was listed on a twenty-five year old inventory of outstanding

Missouri natural areas, so its value has long been recognized.

An ad hoc committee of WGNSS members has been assembled to pursue acquisition and protection of the glade by a governmental agency. It is expected that other environmental groups will eventually join with WGNSS in this effort. Bob Nellums has been named chairman, and other WGNSS members on the committee are Jim Adams, Doug Ladd, Fr. Jim Sullivan, Jack Harris, and Yvonne Homeyer. The committee has already held two meetings. Any WGNSS member who would like to learn more about the project should contact Yvonne Homeyer, WGNSS president. ♡

Key to WGNSS Calendar

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most Sundays: call Kent Lannert 618-624-4464

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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

entomology meeting

last Sun: call Marshall Magner 314-961-4588

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- Meet at Brushy Creek trail head.

Busch Wildlife Area

- Take 40 west toward St. Charles Co., left on 94, right on D, follow signs
- Hampton Lake—usual meeting spot—is the first beyond headquarters

Clarence Cannon NWR

Webster Groves Nature Study Society

- Annada, Mo., in Pike Co.
- From I-270, take I-70 west to MO-79, then go north 35 miles to Annada, MO.
- Just past the city limit sign, there will be the sign for the refuge. Turn right and follow the road all the way to the refuge parking lot, the usual meeting spot.

Des Peres Park

- on Ballas Road, one block north of Manchester Rd. in Des Peres.
- Turn right (east) at the Des Peres Park sign—park in the first lot on the right.

Horseshoe Ln State Park

- Take I-55/70 east to Hwy 111 exit.
- Turn left onto Hwy 111 and follow road to the entrance of the park on the left.
- Meet at the first parking lot to the right, just past the entrance.

Lake Carlyle

- 50 miles east from downtown St. Louis, approx. an hour drive
- Cross the River on I-55/I-64/I-70.
- After a mile, the interstates split; take I-64 east. Past O'Fallon IL, take exit #19 & exit north on US-50/ IL 158.
- Within 1/2 mile turn right on US-50 and continue through Lebanon for 24 miles to the stoplight at the junction of Hwy. US 50 and IL-127. Turn left
- Usual meeting spot is McDonald's restaurant

Little Creve Coeur Lake

- Take I-270 to Olive Blvd. Go west.
- West on Olive to north on Creve Coeur Mill Rd.
- Left (west) on St. L Co. Waterworks Rd.
- Go 0.4 mile to right (north) on River Valley.

- Enter Creve Coeur Athletic Complex on right drive around back.

Powder Valley Nature Center

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

Riverlands Environmental Dem. Area

- From 1-270 in north St. Louis County, take Hwy. 367 north to Alton.
- Turn right into Riverlands at the Fisca service station, just before the approach to the Clark Bridge over the Mississippi River.
- Teal Pond is first right.

St. Louis Co. Library Headquarters

- The membership meets on a variety of days, Sept–April, at 7:00 PM in auditorium.
 - Take 40 to Lindbergh south, left at the second light into library.
 - 1640 South Lindbergh in Frontenac. We usually meet in the auditorium.
 - All are welcome. Bring a friend!
- Birding trip, park on north side.

Tower Grove Park

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

Two Rivers (Mark Twain) NWR

- Take IL-100 west from Grafton to Brussels Ferry.
- 3.6 miles on Ill. River Rd., follow signs.

Webster Groves Nature Study Society

Call 314-935-8432 for a summary of the latest bird sightings in the St. Louis area. www.wgnss.org
entomologists of U of Illinois, will speak on their book, *Butterflies of Illinois*.

Meetings

Wednesday October 1

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: "Passionflowers of the Caribbean and their Pollinators."

Tuesday October 7

7:00 PM St. L. Co. L-HQ "Mushrooms & Mushrooming," presented by the Missouri Mycological Society.

Thursday November 20

7:00 PM St. L. Co. L-HQ

Botany

Thursday August-December

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 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. Projector and screen available.

Sunday October 19

7 PM at Magners', above. Note date change. Rob Lawrence, forest entomologist for MDC, will present "Exotic Forest Insects Threatening our Mo. Forests."

Sunday November 16

7 PM at Magners', above. Note date. Dr. John Bouseman and Dr. James Sternberg,

Birding

Thursdays September-October

8:00 AM, 8:30 AM starting October 1, at Des Peres Park on Ballas, one block n. of Manchester. Questions: call Jackie Chain, 314-644-5998.

Sunday September 14

8 AM West Tyson C. Park, Epstein Prairie, with Mike Brady.

Saturday September 20

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with David Becher, 314-576-1146.

Sunday September 21

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

Saturday September 27

8 AM Tower Grove, meet at first picnic site past stables with David Becher.

Saturday September 27

7:30 AM SLAS at Carlyle for "pelagic" trip. Reservations required: call Joe Eads, 314-966-3171.

Sunday September 28

9 AM Hawk Watch at Mark Peters, Imperial Mo. See p. 4 for directions.

Saturday October 4

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 576-1146.

Sunday October 5

7:30 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with Mike Thelen.

Saturday October 11

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with David Becher, 314-576-1146.

Saturday October 11

8 AM SLAS all day to 2 Rivers NWR with John Solodar and Paul Bauer.

Saturday October 18

8 AM Tower Grove, meet at first picnic site past stables with David Becher.

Saturday October 18

8 AM SLAS all day to Clarence Cannon NWR with Jim Malone and Torrey Berger.

Sunday October 19

8 AM Horseshoe Lake on 111 Ill., meet at pavilion at end of causeway, with Frank Holmes.

Saturday October 25

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 576-1146.

Saturday October 25

8 AM SLAS Little Creve Coeur with Mike Grant and Jim Malone.

Saturday November 1

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with David Becher, 314-576-1146.

Sunday November 2

7:30 AM Shaw Nature Reserve (Arboretum) Meet at visitor's center with Mike Thelen, small admission fee. Plan for 3.5 mi. hike. Bring lunch if you wish to continue to Robertsville SP in afternoon.

Saturday November 8

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 576-1146.

Saturday November 8

8 AM SLAS at Horseshoe Lake with Paul Bauer and Torrey Berger.

Saturday November 15

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with David Becher, 314-576-1146.

Saturday November 22

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with David Becher, 314-576-1146.

Saturday November 22

8 AM SLAS at Busch CA with Mike Thelen and Mike Grant.

Sunday November 16

8 AM Horseshoe Lake, meet at 1st parking lot on right with Kent Lannert.

Saturday November 29

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 576-1146.

Sunday December 7

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

Saturday December 13

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with David Becher, 314-576-1146.

Saturday December 13

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with Dave Rogles and Paul Bauer

Sunday December 14

8 AM Baldwin Lake boat launch parking lot with Kent Lannert.

 **Join WGNSS**

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

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Student.....\$10

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