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From the President

The Tulsa Audubon Board members and committees have again had a busy summer putting together an excellent schedule of meetings, field trips and other activities for the coming year. Your 2006-2007 Event Guide is enclosed in this Scissortail. Be sure to pick up some extra guides at a meeting, the Garden Center or at Oxley Nature Center to put up on the bulletin board at work or to share with family, friends and neighbors.

Bird Seed Sale. Also enclosed with this newsletter is your 2006 Bird Seed Sale order form. We've got another excellent line-up of bird feeding products, so get your order in early. For those who prefer to order online, visit us at www.tulsaaudubon.org

Indian Springs Audubon Center. We are now in the process of forming a committee to work on developing a master plan for the proposed nature center, to be located just

west of the Indian Springs Sports Complex in Broken Arrow. I want to include a broad cross-section of the community, including teachers and other citizens. Visit www.tulsaaudubon.org for more information on this proposal. If you would like to participate on the committee, please contact me.

Garden Tour. This year's tour was another great success with about 600 participants and five wonderful homes. Thank you to the homeowners for sharing their yards, and the entire Audubon at Home committee for all the year-round work involved in making this event a success.

Changes in Monthly Meetings. The board has decided to make a few minor changes to our monthly meetings. We will return to having members sign up to bring refreshments to the meetings. Laurie & Renee McGrouty and Geraldine Rouk will be our new Hospitality Committee and will be looking for volunteers to bring a snack.

Also, we will serve refreshments **before** the meeting, starting at 7:00 p.m. The program will still begin at 7:30 p.m. The snacks will also be available after the meeting, but we hope this will allow everyone to get home earlier.

Name Tags. We are also bringing back our name tags, but this time they will be one on a string that hang around your neck which will be easier to put on and not require a pin to put holes in your clothes. As before, please leave your name tags at the Garden Center.

Dinner with the Speaker. We are once again taking the guest speaker at our monthly meetings to dinner, and everyone is welcome to join us. We eat at Peppers Grill in Utica Square (on 21st Street across the street from Goldies) and this year we will be meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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TAS Upcoming Events

Tuesday Morning Birders. The Tuesday Morning Birders meet at 8:00 am at the Tulsa Garden Center from September through March.

First Saturday of every month. Bird with Oxley Nature Center Staff in Mohawk Park. Meet at 8:00 am at parking lot. Call 669-6644 for details.

Second Saturday, March through October. Oxley Nature Center Butterfly walk, 10:30-12:00.

Third Saturday, March through October. Oxley Nature Center wildflower walk, 10:00-11:00.

September

9 Sat. **Field Trip.** Keystone Dam for Kids! 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. For more information, contact Carol Eames, 918-446-2726, caroleames@intcon.net.

19 Tue **Society Meeting.** *Mountain Plover: Oh, the Farmer and the Plover Should be Friends* with John Shackford. A dedicated researcher will discuss this interesting species and the unusual story behind its rejection for Endangered Species status.

30 Sat. **Field Trip.** Gilcrease Museum is hosting a special exhibition of works by John James Audubon from the Audubon Museum in Henderson, Kentucky. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the north Gilcrease parking lot for a short bird walk around the grounds before visiting the exhibit. Bring a sack lunch and stay for a 1:30 talk about Audubon by the curator of the exhibit. Admission to the exhibit is \$7.00, less for children & seniors. Contact John Kennington, 918-809-6325, johnkennington@cox.net.

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IN MEMORIAM

Long-time members of Tulsa Audubon Society will miss the presence of two of our members who passed away this Spring. We truly cherish their memories.

KENNETH HAYES

Kenneth Hayes, 98, passed away on May 24. He was Tulsa Audubon Society President in 1977 and 1978. Ken and his wife Elizabeth were consummate birders. For a number of years they led field trips and kept the birding records for the Society as well as the lists submitted by the Tuesday Morning Birders and Saturday Morning Birders. Ken was the first to record and keep the counts turned in by the Tulsa County Listers, which subsequently became the Tulsa Area Listers. Elizabeth was Recorder for TAS in the 1980s and was often in contact with Dr. Sutton at OU, so that our species were precisely identified before turning these lists over to the state and national records. Ken and Elizabeth spent numerous evenings at Oxley North Woods and other areas calling in owls and identifying other birds such as warblers in season, and then leading the TAS members to these sites to observe these species. One of their daughters, Kay, reminded me that she went on TAS trips with her parents and was introduced to numerous and sometimes rare birds in Tulsa County.

Their musical talents also were well-known in the Tulsa area. Since 1931, Ken taught instrumental music in the Tulsa Public Schools before he became Manager of Saied Music Company. Elizabeth was a noted cellist and played with the Tulsa Philharmonic Orchestra. They were married for 58 years, and she preceded him in death. They are survived by 3 daughters and their families that include 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Over the years, their contributions to Tulsa Audubon Society, Oxley Nature Center, and other Oklahoma and Texas birding groups have been invaluable.

by Laurel Upshaw

NEELY LOWRIE

Tulsa Audubon Society lost a wonderful friend when Neely Lowrie passed away on Father's Day, June 15. This was evident at his Memorial service which many birders (TAS members) attended. Neely grew up on a Texas farm which kindled his lifelong love of nature and the out-of-doors. After his retirement from CE Natco, he turned to TAS and began to pursue a whole new interest. With his easygoing, warm personality, Neely was soon an active participant in the Tuesday Morning Birders. It wasn't long before he purchased a scope to go with his bird book and binoculars. These he readily shared with anyone interested. He succeeded in getting two of his three children plus several grandchildren interested in bird watching.

Neely contributed much to TAS. For seven years he was the chairman of the Interior Least Tern Committee. He organized daily summer observations and counts of nests, adults, and chicks along the Arkansas River. He and his wife, Ruthie, were Hospitality chairpersons for TAS from 1989-2001. Neely was on the TAS Board of Directors for three terms from 1992 - 2001. He chaired and then co-chaired the Tuesday Morning Birders from 2000 - 2005. Neely and Ruthie were on almost all field trips, Christmas Bird Counts, Big Day Counts, and helped unload and sell birdseed during Bird Seed Sales. Additionally, he contributed to the Society by participating in the eagle census at the Lake Keystone roost, securing the bench on the River Parks path in memory of Fred Pianatto, and assisting with the bald eagle tours each winter.

We especially remember Neely's smile and joking sense of humor, which helped make our birding field trips a lot of fun! He and Ruthie were married 57 years, and their family includes 3 children and 11 grandchildren.

by Laurel Upshaw and Patty Moser

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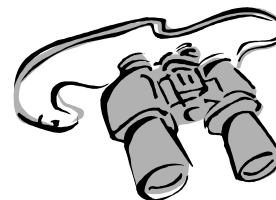
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Recorder's Report May - July 2006

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Species	Date	Count	Location	Observer
American Bittern	01-Apr-06	1	Oxley Nature Center	D.Horton, et al
R Tricolored Heron	26-May-06	1	Oxley, Lake Sherry	B.Carrell
Black-crowned Night-Heron	26-Apr-06	2	Oxley Nature Center	B.Carrell
R White-faced Ibis	21-May-06	1	Oxley Nature Center	B.Carrell
A Bald Eagle	24-Jun-06	1	Lake Keystone, Walnut Creek	M.Brown
R Peregrine Falcon	16-Apr-06	1	13th St & Boston	J.Loyd
Sora	01-May-06	1	Oxley North Woods	B.Carrell
R Common Moorhen	29-May-06	2	Apache Sewage Pond	T.Mitchell
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R Sandhill Crane	14-Jul-06	2	Skiatook Area	D & R John
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	29-Jul-06	47	Leonard Sod Farms	J.Arterburn
O Herring Gull	29-Apr-06	5	Lake Yahola	B.Carrell
Least Tern	19-Jun-06	40	Ark River at 15th St	J.Loyd
O Ruby-crowned Kinglet	13-Jun-06	1	Keystone Dam & Arkansas River	B.Germany, et al
R Pine Warbler	13-Jun-06	4	Keystone Dam & Arkansas River	B.Germany, et al

Watch for Purple Martins staging and "incoming" Fall migrants.

O = Out of Date R = Rare

A letter received...

*To Our Audubon Friends,
 My family and I would like to
 express our sincere thanks to
 our "birding friends" who come
 to Neely's funeral. I was so
 pleased that some of you gave
 your name (I recognize faces
 but couldn't come up with a
 name).*

Thank you,

Ruthie Lowrie & Family

REDUCE, REUSE, then RECYCLE

This is a rambling reminder from your newsletter editor to reduce your impact on this planet where practical. Reduce what you buy and what you use. Do you leave the sprinkler on during the rain? (In my neighborhood, that's a resounding YES!)

Goodwill Industries are experts at reusing, provided we bring them usable stuff we don't want anymore. For work, use a reusable container for your sandwich rather than a throwaway plastic zippered bag.

For \$2-a-month curbside recycling of newspaper, glass, aluminum and plastics #1 and #2, contact the City of Tulsa at 596-9511. Or take those same recyclables to a MET recycling center in town for free (584-0584 for the nearest location). At those locations, you can also recycle old phone books and batteries, too. Most schools have recycling bins open to the public for mixed office paper.

Yes, I know in a few billion years the sun will explode and all life on Earth will perish, but until that happens let's do right by ourselves and our children.

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Late Afternoon Outings. The board decided to try an experiment this year and sponsor a series of late afternoon field trips. These will be brief 1-2 hour visits to a nearby birding area. Some will be on a Sunday afternoon, and others during the week, for those who want a quick birding fix after work. Perhaps we could even have some

pizza or coffee when we're done. We'll meet for each of them at the Garden Center and then proceed to an area that is most promising at that time, generally somewhere in the mid-town Tulsa area. These will be very low key, so feel free to bring the family.

Sun Nov 12, 5:00 p.m.
Sun Feb 11, 4:00 p.m.
Tue Apr 24, 6:00 p.m.
Wed May 9, 6:00 p.m.
Sun May 20, 5:00 p.m.
Tue Jun 26, 6:00 p.m.

.(Okay, I'll admit it, the real reason for these trips is to accommodate those of us, including me, who are NOT morning people!)

Summer Potluck Picnic. The board has also decided to reinstate our annual summer picnic. It will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. The location will be Washington Irving Park, located in Bixby on Memorial Drive, just before you cross the Arkansas River. It will be potluck, and TAS will provide the beverages, cups, plates, and eating utensils. Please bring the family for some summertime fellowship and relaxation.

Audubon Council. Tulsa hosted the second meeting of the Oklahoma Audubon Council in July. I'll try to have a more complete report for the next Scissortail, but I can say we are making excellent progress on establishing an Important Bird Area (IBA) program in Oklahoma. And we voted to use the col-

laborative funding we received from National Audubon to finance a model bird feeding station that the Central Oklahoma chapter uses for educating the public about birds. This will be available to all chapters in the state, and we will try to bring it to Tulsa during our next Backyard Habitat Tour.

Herb Keating. Herb and Polly Keating were very active members of TAS for many years until he retired and they moved back to New York state a number of years ago. I am sorry to report that Herb passed away this past June at 90 years of age. Does anyone know if Polly is still with us, and if so, perhaps have an address?

As always, please contact me at 809-6325 or johnkennington@cox.net with any questions of concerns about Tulsa Audubon.

John Kennington

TAS Upcoming Events - continued from page 1

October

14-15 **Field Trip.** Little River NWR and Red Slough WMA, McCurtain County. Meet at 8 a.m. Sat. morning in McDonald's parking lot in Broken Bow. Sunday morning will be spent with Dave Aubour at Red Slough with the Yellow Rail as the target bird. For information contact Jo Loyd 918-835-2946, jo.loyd@sbcglobal.net.

17 Tue **Society Meeting.** *Shorebirds in NE Oklahoma: Their Status, Migration, Timing, and Identification Tips* with Jim Arterburn. A renowned birder will share his knowledge of where to find shorebirds and how to tell them apart when you do.

21 Sat **Bird Seed Sale.** See enclosure for details, or visit www.tulsaaudubon.org to place an order.

21-22 Sat.-Sun. **Oklahoma Ornithological Society.** Shawnee, OK. Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech Campus. For details, contact Marty Kamp, 918-494-8978, mkamp@worldnet.att.net

November

4 Sat. **Field Trip.** A tour of Stillwater lakes with Tim O'Connell for waterfowl, lingering shorebirds, winter hawks, sparrows, and possibly longspurs. Rendezvous at 8 a.m. at the big parking lot on the west bank of Boomer Lake. Call or e-mail Cyndie Browning for directions, 918-492-5622, buteoswainsoni@aol.com.

12 Sun. **Afternoon Outing.** A short visit to a local birding area. Meet 3:30 P.M. at the Tulsa Garden Center. Contact John Kennington, 918-809-6325, johnkennington@cox.net

21 Tue **Society Meeting.** *Perusing Peru* with Amy Morris. As a first-time traveler to the rainforests and highlands of Peru, Amy, an interpretive naturalist at Oxley Nature Center, was captivated by the diversity of the land and its people.

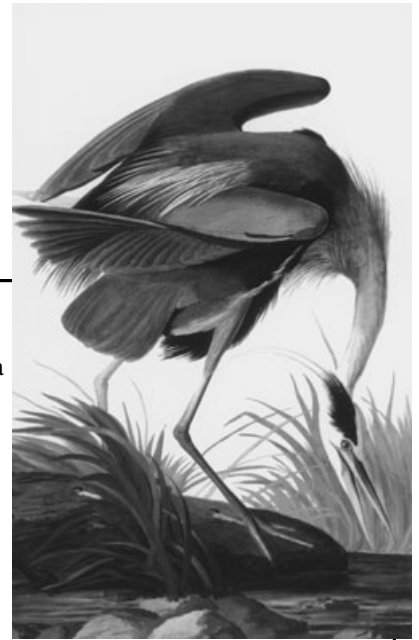
December

2 Sat. **Field Trip.** Deep Fork NWR for winter sparrows and waterfowl. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in Walmart parking lot, Hwy 75, south Okmulgee. For information, contact Gail Storey, 918-742-2682, gailstorey@sbcglobal.net.

16 Sat. **Christmas Bird Count.** Tulsa Audubon Society will be participating in the 107th consecutive count by the National Audubon Society. For information and to participate in this day-long count, contact Jo Loyd 918-835-2946, jo.loyd@sbcglobal.net.

John James Audubon American Artist and Naturalist

From the Collection of the John James Audubon Museum, Henderson, Kentucky



Gilcrease Museum PROGRAMMING

John James Audubon: American Artist and Naturalist
Exhibition venue: September 16, 2006 - January 1, 2007
Museum hours - Daily 10am - 5pm
1400 North Gilcrease Museum Road Tulsa
918.596.2700

pre-registration is required. Call the Ticket Desk to save a space.

The Sutton Avian Research Center's *It's All About Birds* live bird show is presented by F & M Bank.

September

9/17, Sunday, 1:30 p.m. **Film: *Fly Away Home***

A family film that portrays a special relationship between a 14 year old girl and an orphaned flock of Canada Geese who need help migrating south for the winter. Directed by Carroll Ballard, it features Jeff Daniels and Anna Paquin in starring roles. 1996, 107 minutes, rated PG Free, open to the public; no reservations required

9/23, Saturday, 2:00 p.m. **'Crease Kids Art Series**

Kids age 3 and older will enjoy constructing a bird mobile and touring the Audubon exhibition with their museum teacher. Fee: \$5/member, \$8/non-member. Payment may be made at the Ticket Desk upon arrival. Pre-registration is not required.

9/30, Saturday, 1:30 p.m. **Gallery Talk: Mr. Don Boorman**

co-curator of the *John James Audubon: American Artist and Naturalist* exhibition and Audubon expert, will discuss the artist and his works, both birds and mammals. No reservations necessary; exhibition ticket required.

October

10/01, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. ***It's All About Birds***

Tom Gilcrease Jr. Auditorium. Each show is free; however, a ticket is required due to limited seating. Tickets may be picked up at the museum **Ticket Desk, 918.596.1400.**

In celebration of John James Audubon's love of birds, the George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center's new educational show will be staged at the museum. It is an exciting program involving live, trained birds that fly down from the stage right over the audience, and sometimes perform with participating audience members in a Disney-type presentation. Over a dozen species of native and exotic feathered friends will perform.

A theme-related children's workshop is scheduled in the Creative Learning Center from 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. Craft activities appropriate for 3 to 11 years will be offered. Fee: \$5/child. Participation is limited to 20 students and

10/07, Saturday, 2 p.m. **Concert: The Prima String Quartet**

Selections will reflect upon nature and its allure. The program will include informal commentary by the group's founder, Marc Gottlieb. \$8 members, \$10 non-member, \$3 university students, Free to K-12 students with the purchase of an adult ticket. Tickets may be purchased by calling the **Box Office (918) 596-1400.**

10/15, Sunday, 1:30 p.m. **Film: *Winged Migration*** A documentary film on the migratory patterns of birds, shot over the course of three years and seven continents. Directors Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud use their cameras to fly with the birds, placing the viewer literally in the air. 2001, 89 minutes, rated PG. Free, open to the public; no reservations required.

10/28, Saturday, 10-4 **Print Appraisal Event**

The Membership Department will hold a full day "Antiques Roadshow"-style event allowing members and the public a chance to have experts look at American prints, including Audubons, and appraise their value. Mr. Joel Oppenheimer, Chicago gallery owner, fine art dealer and paper conservator will be on hand to make a verbal estimate of value for privately owned fine works. \$45 per print/non-museum members (limit 2 prints per person) For more information, contact the **Membership Office, 918-596-2758.**

November

11/19, Sunday, 1:30 p.m. **Film: *Amazing Birds of America***

Over 150 different species of birds are lovingly presented by renowned filmmaker and bird expert Steve Maslowski. His stunning cinematography of birds in action spans an area from the frozen tundra of Alaska to the baked earth of the Southwest. 1999, 60 minutes, not rated. Free, open to the public; no reservations required.

WHOOPING CRANE UPDATE

Tom Stehn
Whooping Crane Coordinator
USFWS

It has been a RECORD production year for all three whooping crane populations in the wild! In addition, the captive flocks have produced nearly 30 chicks that will be reintroduced back into the eastern migratory population and approximately 6 chicks with especially valuable genetics that will be kept in captivity for breeding.

Wood Buffalo National Park, Canada - Production surveys on the nesting grounds carried out June 13-17 in a Partavia twin-engine aircraft piloted by Jim Bredy, USFWS-Region II documented a record hatch of 76 chicks from the record 62 nests found by Brian Johns and Lea Craig-Moore of the Canadian Wildlife Service in May. Previous highs were 66 chicks hatched and 61 nests found a few years ago. Fifty-two of the 62 nests (84%) produced one or more chicks. The 76 chicks included 24 sets of twins. The record chick production in 2006 resulted from both high productivity and a large number of nests. An estimated 9 known adult pairs including two single adults failed to nest but were present on their territories, comparable to the 7 pairs that failed to nest in 2005. Thus, there are an estimated 71 breeding pairs in the Aransas-Wood Buffalo population.

Water conditions on the nesting grounds looked slightly above average and the weather was good throughout most of June, so I am optimistic that survival of the chicks will be above average. Based on the excellent production in June, approximately 230+ whooping cranes are expected to reach Aransas in the fall, surpassing the record high of 220 present in the 2005-06 winter. This increase of the population is anticipated since it is in the growth portion of the 10-year population cycle that has occurred during the middle of every decade.

I thank the Refuge and Endangered Species divisions of USFWS and the Canadian Wildlife Service for funding the June production surveys and acknowledge the tremendous skill of Pilot Jim Bredy and Canadian Whooping Crane Coordinator Brian Johns for his knowledge of the nesting pairs in the virtual maze of small ponds that characterize the nesting grounds in Wood Buffalo National Park.

Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, Texas - Three whooping cranes did not migrate and are still at Aransas. The three includes the 2004 Lobstick chick that was injured in spring 2005 and has not migrated in 2005 or 2006. All three cranes look fine, but I always worry that the failure to migrate is an indication of a health problem.

Florida - It has been a record production year for the non-migratory whooping crane flock in central Florida. Five chicks are still surviving from a total of 7 chicks hatched from 12 nests. Recent rains have improved wetland habitat that had been dealing with drought.

Wisconsin - On June 22nd, the first wild whooping crane chicks were hatched in Wisconsin in over 100 years. The parents were both 4-year-old whooping cranes hatched in captivity at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and led in migration in 2002 behind ultralight aircraft from central Wisconsin to Florida. The hatching of the twin chicks validates [the theory] that captive whooping cranes isolation-raised and taught [to migrate] have all the behaviors needed to become successful parents.

From a Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership news release:

"This is a long awaited moment," said Signe Holtz, director of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Bureau of Endangered Resources, "the success of this effort sets a goal for endangered species recovery efforts everywhere. The partnership of public, private and government organizations that has made this possible and shows what can be done when we all pull together with a common goal in sight. These chicks have a long and dangerous road ahead of them, but with luck we'll see them wing south with their parents this fall."



BACKYARD ADVENTURES by Carol Eames

I have been having so much fun the past 3 weeks that I decided I needed to share with other nature lovers.

On Sunday, June 4, I was working around the stream in my yard, seeing if there was a place where I might have a leak. I picked up a small, flat rock and to my great surprise, saw some small oval eggs! I caught my breath, counted 11 eggs and slowly put the rock back in place. The next morning I checked again and this time I saw a small, five-lined skink in the nest with the eggs! So now I knew who they belonged to. Like a small child, I could not resist checking on her a couple of times a day and about 2 days later, she had moved the nest a couple of inches to the left and there she stayed for nearly 3 weeks. Then on day 22, when I looked, the second nest was gone and I could not find the eggs. There was no sign of the female skink, no sign of empty egg shells so I was puzzled as to what had happened overnight. But, on day 24, I found the eggs again, this time moved about 2 inches to the south of the second nest.

I have not found out how long the gestation of the eggs will be but that may vary with temperature and moisture and, of course, I do not know exactly when the eggs were laid, only the day I found them. However, it doesn't really matter to me. I am thrilled to have found a nest of skink eggs and to know that because my yard is free of pesticides and other chemicals, it is a safe place for reptiles and amphibians to raise their young. I also realize how lucky I was to pick up the right rock!!! I hope I will get to see some small skinks with their bright blue tails!!!

Well, my final paragraph in this saga is being written 11 days after my last nest check. When I arrived home after a 10 day road trip with my granddaughters, I hurried to check the nest and it was empty. Also, it was extremely dry as we had not had a drop of rain. Either the eggs hatched or the female skink moved them to a moister place. However, I did see a skink scurry between the railroad ties that make up a wall in my yard so Maybe it was the female skink who now no longer has to watch her nest!!! I guess I'll never know for sure.

Come to the Second Red River Valley Birding and Nature Festival

Nov 30 – Dec 03, 2006

If you like nature, come enjoy the fun from Nov 30 thru Dec 3, and look for Bald Eagles at beautiful Lake Texoma. This four day Festival is on the lake at All Saints Camp and Conference Center in Pottsboro TX. Call 1-888-893-1198 or visit the website at www.redriverbirding.com for registration and details.

Many expert guided field trips, seminars, workshops, lake cruises, stargazing, kayaking, children's activities, live raptors, wine tasting, wood carving, banquet, and much more. Find some unique holiday gifts at our Nature Bazaar. Field trips were sold out last year. Sponsored by the Friends of Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Foundation - a 501 (c)(3) organization.



(Editor's note - TAS member Jana Singletary thoroughly enjoyed last year's festival.)

Bluebird Update

I am known as Bluebird Bob, as I have a 100-box Bluebird line, have given hundreds of Bluebird talks here in recent years (including the Tulsa Audubon Society), and continue to help birders in the U. S. and Canada with their Bluebird and other small cavity nester problems through allexperts.com and my website.



The unhappy new news for us in this area is that the House Wren is moving north from Texas, and is now here. Last year on my Bluebird line I had only one box filled with sticks, which is one of their bad habits. This year so far I have had eight, and have had one clutch of Bluebird eggs punctured, which is another of their bad habits. I will keep you posted in the future on this situation.

Bluebird Bob Walshaw
Educator/Consultant

NAS/TAS Introductory Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Please check:

\$20 1 yr Introductory \$30 2 yr Introductory

\$15 1 yr Student Grade: _____ School _____

\$15 1 yr Introductory Senior

Check enclosed, payable to: **National Audubon Society chapter T01/7XCH (please put on check)**

Please bill me

Mail to: National Audubon Society
Membership Data Center
P.O. Box 52529
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From the Treasurer

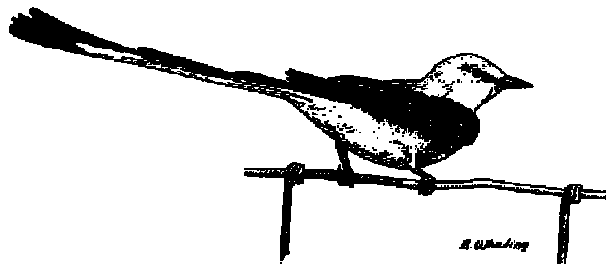
Mary Jackson

Notice to all Local Scissortail members regarding change in fiscal year for accounting purposes:

Our fiscal year in the past has run from June 1st through May 31st. But since we have started doing the garden tour in June, some confusion has been created because over half of the expenses are incurred in May (previous fiscal year) and a true matching of current year garden tour revenue versus expenses never occurs. Therefore the board has resolved to change the fiscal year to September 1st through August 31st. This will allow a true matching of revenue versus expenses for the garden tour. This will not affect the terms of the officers or board.



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