

Tulsa Audubon Society Annual Calendar

All our events are free and open to the public.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month (except Jun--Aug) at the Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria in Tulsa. Meet for snacks and social time at 7:00 p.m., program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Morning Birders. The Tuesday Morning Birders meet at 7:30 a.m. during Daylight Savings Time and 8:00 a.m. during the winter at the LaFortune Park parking lot near the entrance at the traffic light on Yale. Birders (or would-be birders!) of any skill level are welcome to join us. For more information contact Jo Loyd, 918 -835-2946 or Jana Singletary, 918-296-9629.

Saturday Morning Birders. The Saturday Morning Birders meet on the second Saturday of every month except Jul. & Aug. Anyone who would like to bird with us (whatever your skill level!) is welcome. Meet at the monument at Lake Yahola at 8:00 a.m. in Mohawk Park, 3730 Mohawk Blvd (just north of the water plant). From there the destination will vary each month, based on the weather, and current birding conditions. For more information contact leader Terry Mitchell at 918-697-3198.

Field Trips. We also schedule occasional field trips on other weekends, including some out-of-town. Some are on this calendar, others announced at least a month ahead of time so that you can put them on your calendar and plan to attend.

Note that **Oxley Nature Center** also offers free field trips each month. Their **Saturday Morning Birding** outing is on the first Saturday of the month, from 8:00-9:45, birding around Oxley Nature center; a **Butterfly Walk** is held the third Saturday, April through September from 9:30-11:00; a **Botany Walk** is held the fourth Saturday morning year-round (times vary), call 918-596-9054 to confirm time and location (sometimes at Redbud Valley). See www.oxleynaturecenter.org.

September 2018

Sept. 8, Saturday Morning Birders.

Sept. 18. Tue. Society Meeting. “A Cuban Bird Survey” by Jay Pruett. Jay is past Director of Conservation at the Nature Conservancy, an expert birder traveling the world to observe and photograph birds.

Sept. 22, Sat. Monarchs on the Mountain is a festival celebrating the vital role Eastern Oklahoma plays in the Monarch Butterfly migration, at Turkey Mountain from 10:00 am-2:00 pm in the pavilion area, 6850 S. Elwood Ave. in Tulsa.

Sept. 29, Sat. Young People's Seasonal Bird Walk. 8:30 am–10:30 am. at Oxley Nature Center. Kids of all ages are welcome, or the entire family. Info: Jeff Cox, 918-629-2140, Jeffacox54@gmail.com

October 2018

Oct. 5-7 BioBlitz, Greenleaf State Park. See bit.ly/2018bioblitz

Oct. 7, Sun. Open House/Dedication at the TAS Flycatcher Trail Outdoor Classroom & Demonstration Garden . Join us to visit the garden and thank the donors who made it possible. 3:00 p.m. at Jenks High School, 404 E F St.

Oct. 13 Saturday Morning Birders.

Oct. 16, Tue. Society Meeting. “Oklahoma’s Saw-Whet Owls: An Historical Perspective and New Information” by Dr. Mia Revels, Professor of Biology at Northeastern State University. Mia established Oklahoma’s first Northern Saw-whet Owl banding station.

Oct. 19, Fri. Deadline for Bird Seed Sale orders.

Oct. 19-21 OOS (Oklahoma Ornithological Society) Fall Meeting at UCO in Edmond. See www.okbirds.org for registration info.

Oct. 30, Tue. After Work Beginning Birding. All ages and skill levels welcome for a short walk. Meet at 6:00 pm at Ray Harral Nature Center, 7101 S. 3rd St in Broken Arrow (On 121st between Elm and Lynn Lane). Leader: John Kennington, 918-809-6325.

November 2018

Nov. 3, Sat. Bird Seed Sale Pickup Day. 10:00 - 4:00.

Nov. 10, Saturday Morning Birders.

Nov. 20. Tue. Society Meeting. “I Love the 70s & 80s! Svalbard – Sea Birds & Ice Bears “ by Dr. Doug Wood, Professor of Biological Sciences at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He is an ornithologist and avid birder who travels far and wide in pursuit of birds.

December 2018

Dec. 7-8, Fri. & Sat. Wild at Art. Join us for our annual show featuring original fine art, crafts, food and drink all created by Oklahoma artists and artisans. At the Tulsa Garden Center Fri. Noon-7:00, Sat. 10:00-4:00. See www.tulsaaudubon.org/wild-at-art-htm

Dec. 8 Saturday Morning Birders.

Dec. 15, Sat. Christmas Bird Count. Tulsa Audubon Society participates in the 116th count by the National Audubon Society. For information contact Jeff Cox, 918-629-2140, Jeffacox54@gmail.com

Dec. 18, Tue. 7:30 p.m. Society Meeting. Annual Christmas Show and Tell Party. Attendees are invited to bring stories, artifacts, or images (about 10-15 on a flash drive) to share with the group. Members bring treats to share.

January 2019

Jan. 5, Sat. Young People's Seasonal Bird Walk. 8:30 am–10:30 am. at Oxley Nature Center. Kids of all ages are welcome, or the entire family. Info: Jeff Cox, 918-629-2140, Jeffacox54@gmail.com

Jan. 12, Saturday Morning Birders.

Jan. 15, Tue. Society Meeting. “Birding Panama “ by Dr. Jeff Cox. Jeff is a lifelong birder with a Ph.D. in Zoology. He will share photos and stories from his recent visit to the Canopy Tower and Canopy Camp in Panama.

Jan. 19, Sat. Field Trip to Tallgrass Prairie Preserve & Vicinity. Carpool from Lafortune Park, 55th Place & Yale at 7:30 am. Contact Jim Deming, birdbrain.jim@gmail.com, 918-864-4707.

Jan. 26, Sat. Annual Eagle Day along the river in south Tulsa. Check website or Facebook for final location depending on where the eagles are nesting. Following the watches are presentations focusing on Eagles, featuring live raptors, hosted at the Jenks High School, 3rd & F St. Food, t-shirts, vendors will be present.

February 2019

Feb 2, Sat. Visit to the Iowa Tribe’s Bah Kho-je Xia Chi (Grey Snow Eagle House) in Perkins, OK, an eagle rehabilitation facility to house and protect over 50 injured and non-releasable eagles. Limited to 30 participants. Register at [greysnoweagle2019.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) starting 1/15. Info: Gary Siftar, 918-455-6627, gsiftar@okraptors.com

Feb. 9, Saturday Morning Birders.

Mid-February. Field trip to Tulsa Area Lakes for waterfowl. Meet at Savage Sports Complex by Lynn Lane Reservoir, 17800 E 21st St. at 7:30 am. Contact Terry Mitchell, tasfieldtrips@gmail.com

Feb. 19, Tues. Society Meeting, “ Restoring and Maintaining Habitat for Oklahoma's Pollinators“ by Dr. Ray Moranz. Ray is a Grazing Lands Pollinator Ecologist at The Xerces Society and an expert on Monarch Butterfly conservation.

Late Feb. Woodcock Watch. Exact date will depend on when we started observing the Woodcock begin their displays. Watch email, website or Facebook for announcement.

March 2019

Mar. 9, Saturday Morning Birders.

Mar. 19, Tue. Society Meeting, “The Ecology of Bees: Population Decline and How We Can Work to Counteract It “ by Ana Chicas-Mosier. Ana is a Ph.D. student at Oklahoma State University and is studying contaminants in honey bees and their impact on humans.

Mar. 26, Tue. After Work Beginning Birding. All ages and skill levels welcome for a short walk. Meet at 4:30 pm Leader: John Kennington, 918-809-6325.at the Lake Yahola Monument, 3730 Mohawk Blvd (just north of the water plant).

April 2019

Apr.6, Sat. Joint Birds & Botany Field Trip to Spavinaw Creek with Indian Nations Audubon. Carpool from Lafortune Park, 55th Place & Yale at 7:00 am. Contact Jim Deming, birdbrain.jim@gmail.com, 918-864-4707.

April 10-14, Lesser Prairie-Chicken Festival in Woodward, Okla. Featuring keynote speaker Kenn Kaufman. See www.lektreks.org.

Apr. 13, Saturday Morning Birders. Cancelled for April, in lieu of Prairie-Chicken Festival.

April 13th, Sat. WING IT - Introduction to Wildlife Rehabilitation 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E 93rd St. Ever wonder what it takes to become a volunteer licensed wildlife rehabilitator? Join us and find out. Admission is free. For more info: www.facebook.com/wingintulsa

Apr. 16, Tue. Society Meeting, “Birding Adventures with Kenn Kaufman “ by Kenn Kaufman. Kenn is a legend among birders. A field editor for Audubon and a regular contributor to every major birding magazine, and author of numerous books on birds, including the Kaufman Guides.

Apr. 27, Sat. Young People's Seasonal Bird Walk. 8:30 am–10:30 am. at Oxley Nature Center. Kids of all ages are welcome, or the entire family. Info: Jeff Cox, 918-629-2140, Jeffacox54@gmail.com

May 2019

Late April/Early May. Field Trip to Pathfinder Parkway in Bartlesville. This is one of the premier spots for warblers and Spring migrants in Oklahoma. Carpool from Lafortune Park, 55th Place & Yale. Contact Jim Deming, birdbrain.jim@gmail.com, 918-864-4707. **Check website or Facebook for date & time.**

May 4, Sat. Big Day Count. Tulsa Audubon Society annual day-long, county-wide census of migrant and resident species. For information contact Josh Smith, jismi81.js@gmail.com, 918-724-9709.

May 11, Saturday Morning Birders.

May 21, Tue. Society Meeting, “B-Side Ornithology: Movement Behavior and Ecology of Migratory Birds in the Non-Breeding Season “ by William Oakley. William is a Ph.D. biology student in the Eli Bridge Lab at Oklahoma Univ. and is particularly interested in connecting people with nature and scientific research

May 18-19 Sat.-Sun. Wildlife Habitat Garden Tour and Plant Sale. See www.tulsaaudubon.org for more information, admission donation and a map to the gardens on the tour. Contact Alyne Eiland, 918-299-7515, eiland@swbell.net

June 2019

June 8, Saturday Morning Birders.

June 8, Sat. Young People's Seasonal Bird Walk. 8:30 am–10:30 am. at Oxley Nature Center. Kids of all ages are welcome, or the entire family. Info: Jeff Cox, 918-629-2140, Jeffacox54@gmail.com

Jun. 9, Sun. Summer Potluck Picnic. Bring the family for some summertime fellowship and relaxation. 6:30 p.m. at Washington Irving Park, located in Bixby on Memorial Drive, just before crossing the River. TAS will provide burgers & hot dogs, beverages & utensils. Contact johnkennington@gmail.com, 918-809-6325.

July 2019

Mid-July. Birds & Brew We’ll beat the summer heat with a get together at a local brewery to talk birds, and hear a short informal presentation. **Check website or Facebook for location and date.**

August 2019

Aug. 10, Sat. Purple Martin Roost Watch. Exact location to be announced, depending on where the martins decide to roost! Contact johnkennington@gmail.com, 918-809-6325.

Mid-August. Overnight Field Trip to Red Slough, in southeast Oklahoma. Contact Jim Deming, birdbrain.jim@gmail.com, 918-864-4707. **Check website or Facebook for date.**

Welcome

The Mission of Tulsa Audubon is to foster appreciation, enjoyment and stewardship of our natural world

We work to achieve this in four ways:

- Promote the conservation of wildlife and the natural environment
- Provide the opportunity for study and observation of birds and all wildlife
- Contribute to research in the fields of conservation and ornithology by monetary support and active participation
- Educate the public on the need to protect the environment, and to promote a better public understanding of these natural resources

Monthly Meetings

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Field Trips

Field trips to observe birds, wildflowers and nature are scheduled throughout the year. The public is especially encouraged to join us on these trips.

Publications

Email Updates. To keep up with the latest TAS news, members and not-yet-members are encouraged to sign up for our monthly email update. You can sign up at www.tulsaaudubon.org or send your name and email to johnkennington@gmail.com.

Bird Finding Guide. Now available online at www.tulsaaudubon.org

Tulsa County Date Guide. A guide to the dates of occurrence and abundance of the birds of Tulsa County (1999)

Field Checklist of Birds of Tulsa County. \$.25 each (2018)

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Chapter Projects

Eagle Day is held in January to observe wild Bald Eagles along the Arkansas River, followed by indoor presentations hosted by TAS and the Jenks High School Ornithology Club featuring live eagles and raptors. TAS owns a sanctuary on Lake Keystone used by wintering eagles (not open to the public.)

Backyard Habitat Garden Tour & Plant Sale is our annual tour featuring homeowners who have made their yards to be attractive to wildlife. Nurseries will be selling hard to find native and wildlife friendly plants.

WING-IT - "Wildlife In Need Group - In Tulsa is a wildlife rehabilitation group sponsored by Tulsa Audubon. Visit www.wingintulsa.org or call 918 508 9607.

Flycatcher Trail Outdoor Classroom & Demonstration Garden is a collaborative project on the campus of Jenks High School, designed to engage students in outdoor learning experiences, serve as a model of a "backyard bird friendly space" for the entire community.

Wild At Art - An annual fine arts and craft show held in November, with art that is themed 'Flora, Fauna, and Friendly to the Earth'

Bird Friendly Businesses - Recognition is given to local businesses that have taken steps to be bird-friendly. See TAS website for criteria.

Bird Seed - High quality bird seed is sold each Fall

Christmas Bird Count - TAS participates in the National Audubon Society's nationwide census of winter bird populations.

Big Day Count - A County-wide census of migrating and resident species held during spring migration.

Lesser Prairie-Chicken Festival - An annual birding festival in northwest Oklahoma attracting hundreds of visitors from around the world.

Membership

Membership in the National Audubon Society provides membership in the Tulsa Audubon Society. Members receive four issues of *Audubon* magazine and receive our *Tulsa Audubon email news updates*. One-year Introductory Membership dues are \$20.

Join online at www.tulsaaudubon.org/membership.htm or mail a check payable to The National Audubon Society, Chapter T01 to: **Tulsa Audubon Society, P.O. Box 330140, Tulsa, OK 74133**

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