



GOAS Scissortail

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NOTES FROM THE TRAIL

By Myra Scroggs, GOAS Chapter President

Great news! The wildflowers have started blooming, as well as the daffodils in my yard. Spring is definitely on its way, although some of these days still seem cold and wet. Fifteen brave people turned out for our woodcock field trip in the cold drizzle. It was questionable as to whether the woodcocks would turn out, but they did in abundance. Hormones trump weather apparently! We had a Barn Owl sighting, and heard Barred Owls too, so we were glad we had ventured out.

The first phoebes and pine warblers have been spotted, and I can hardly wait for the flush of warblers that will soon appear. If it is spring migration time, then it is almost Birdathon time. Birdathon is the activity that GOAS uses to support our Audubon Adventures classroom materials.

We furnish, free of charge, award winning educational materials to classrooms in southwest Missouri. This year our chapter ranked 10th among 150 Audubon chapters supplying Audubon Adventures to 3rd through 5th graders, and for the past several years we have consistently ranked between 5th and 10th in the nation in this project. Birdathon raises money to support education by teams of birders going out for a day in May and counting all the species they can find. These teams solicit sponsors from friends, family and GOAS members to support their Birdathon efforts. So when you are approached by a Birdathon team, please help them raise funds for this worthwhile effort.

Finally, I want to congratulate our GOAS chapter on an outstanding effort, ably lead by Dave Catlin, to establish an Endowment Fund. I just want to thank all of you who

helped in this campaign. Our future GOAS members will thank you too!



Annual Meeting and Election

April 20, 2010 8:00 pm
Springfield Conservation Nature Center

2010-2011 Slate of Officers

President: Myra Scroggs
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ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN NEWS

By David Catlin, Vice-President

We set out to raise \$5,000 to match the GOAS \$5,000 pledge and CFO's \$10,000. Then, in a burst of optimism at our last meeting, we set ourselves a "stretch" goal of \$6,000. So far, including the results of the mail campaign, we have actually raised \$22,735, for an endowment total of \$37,735!

Wow! Our efforts have been helped enormously by a \$5,000 pledge from Ruth Grant and Howard Schwartz and a mailed-in check for \$10,000 from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. But any way you slice it, your personal generosity and your willingness to invite the investment of others has led this success. We have built a financial foundation for GOAS that will support our conservation work in perpetuity. That's a pretty good legacy.

APRIL CALENDAR GOAS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 13th
7:00 p.m., Nature Center

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 20th
7:00 p.m. Program

Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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OF THE
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Membership in the National Audubon Society includes:

- ◆ Affiliation with Greater Ozarks Audubon
- ◆ Eight issues of the **GOAS Scissortail**
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Log on to www.greaterozarksaudubon.org to subscribe to the GOAS newsletter online, or contact the GOAS Secretary if you want your newsletter mailed.



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 Webster, and Wright Counties in Missouri.

Our mission is to promote bird conservation in southwest Missouri through birdwatching, education, habitat preservation and restoration, and public awareness, for the benefit of humanity and wildlife.

The GOAS website is sponsored by Consulting Analytical Services. The GOAS electronic message board is sponsored by Drew and Tara Albert

THIS MONTH'S ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS

The Endowment Committee offers our heartfelt thanks to the folks who have generously contributed to the campaign

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If you haven't contributed yet, we hope you will consider a gift as we work to build the GOAS Endowment through support of Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Earth Day Activities April 10, 2010

South Creek 9:00 am to Noon—Trash removal, prune, rake, and pull weeds.
 Snacks provided; bring water bottle.
 Lake Springfield 9:00 to 3:00—Trail building, cedar removal.
 Call 864-1051 to reserve lunch.
 Choose one or both! Come out and join the Earth Day fun!



Hooded Warblers are arriving at birding hot spots across the state; this one photographed by Charley Burwick at Greer Access. Join GOAS on our annual foray to the Eleven Point on April 17. See upcoming trips on our web site www.greaterozarksaudubon.org.

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APRIL PROGRAM

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

GOAS's own Sue Schuble will present May Migration in Michigan; another great travelogue featuring Sue and her friends, as they explore the upper Midwest and Canada.

Sue Schuble is a retired teacher/coach who now spends her time working with animals instead of teenagers. (The animals seem much easier to deal with!) She volunteers at Dickerson Park Zoo, Wonders of Wildlife and the Springfield Conservation Nature Center and also teaches in the 5th grade WOLF program. She also enjoys adventure travel, birding, photography and outdoor pursuits. Last May, she, Zelda Ellison, Myra and Steve Scroggs explored Michigan, Ontario and Ohio during the spring migration and even got a glimpse of the rare Kirtland's Warbler! Please join her as she shares her trip in "May Migration in Michigan."

Come at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20th for snacks and social time. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by the membership meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Business Highway 65).

Dan and Ann Liles, GOAS Program Chairs