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JANUARY CALENDAR

GOAS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th
7:00 p.m., Quail Creek

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19th
7:00 p.m. Program
Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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TWEETS

By David Catlin, GOAS Chapter President



I have a unique perspective of Audubon. In addition to being a long-time member and the current president of our chapter, I am also on the staff of the National Audubon Society. My job takes me all over the country, where I work with people throughout Audubon—mostly at nature centers, but also in chapters. One of the lessons I see played out at every level is the power of partnerships.

The Greater Ozarks Audubon Society relies on effective partnerships to accomplish all kinds of things we could not achieve on our own. We have a number of strong relationships. We work with the City of Springfield's Department of Public Works and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board on South Creek, sharing manpower, financial resources, and ideas to keep the upper reaches of this urban stream natural and ecologically healthy. We team with Missouri State University, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, and a number of other partners to run GLADE, our enormously successful conservation leadership academy for Ozarks teens. And at various times over recent years we have joined with many local nonprofits—the Watershed Committee, the James River Basin Partnership, Ozark Greenways, the local Si-

erra Club chapter, the Ozark Plateau Master Naturalists—to complete outdoor volunteer projects, host guest speakers, speak out on local conservation issues, and do other good things.

This month, some of us (and maybe you!) will have the chance to see another Audubon partnership in action. On January 14-15, we will take a weekend field trip to the St. Louis area to see the nation's newest Audubon Center, the Audubon Center at Riverlands. It is the product of what is, in some ways, one of Audubon's most unusual partnerships—one with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

At many times and in many places over the years, Audubon and the Corps of Engineers have been on opposite sides of the table, arguing about dams and habitats and endangered species management and many other things. But we realize that the Corps is a major player in environmental matters—especially in the Mississippi River basin—and that we have many goals in common. Both organizations have worked to foster good communication and build mutual trust, and one of the embodiments of that can be seen at Riverlands. There, the Corps has built a beautiful visitor center and Audubon is managing it for education and interpretation.

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Successful partnerships may sometimes be backed with written agreements, but first and foremost they are always about personal relationships. At Riverlands, Audubon Center Director Dr. Patty Hagen and USACE Supervisory Wildlife Biologist Charlie Deutsch have made the partnership work. Our GOAS field trip participants may be too busy enjoying Riverlands' world-class birding to notice—a Long-tailed Duck may still be hanging around for our viewing pleasure!—but my “insider view” will let me in on this other special Audubon story: Partnerships, even with unlikely partners, can accomplish wonderful things!

2012 HOG ISLAND AUDUBON CAMP

Registration is open for the legendary 6-day residential birding and environmental education programs at the historic Audubon Camp in Maine on Hog Island. Programs are for adult birders, teens, families, educators, and Audubon Chapter leaders. Pete Dunne, Scott Weidensaul, Steve Kress, Lang Elliott, Don Kroodsma, Bill Thompson III and many more expert ornithologists, naturalists, educators and authors will be in residence during the 2012 sessions. All summer programs include field trips to nearby Eastern Egg Rock, where Dr. Steve Kress and his team of biologists have successfully restored an island colony of Atlantic Puffins, and Roseate, Arctic and Common Terns. Roger Tory Peterson was the camp's first bird instructor in 1936 and many of America's finest naturalists, including Rachel Carson, have spent time on the 330-acre wildlife sanctuary, located in mid-coast Maine, on Muscongus Bay. Participants live in restored wooden buildings dating back to the early 1900's and are treated to three fabulous meals each day, prepared by chef extraordinaire Janii Laberge.

For more information, visit <http://hogisland.audubon.org>. For questions, contact the Hog Island registrar, Erica Marx (VanEtten), at evanetten@audubon.org or (607) 257-7308 ext 14.



View out of Riverlands windows



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BIRDING 101 IS BACK!

January 18 and 25, 2012
 7:00-9:00 pm
 Watershed Center
 at Valley Water Mill

Meet at Sam's Club parking
 lot at 6:45 pm to carpool to
 the Watershed Center



This session will be presented in two parts on consecutive Wednesday's, January 18 and 25. Dr. Janice Greene, professor of biology and ecology education at Missouri State University (MSU) and Director of MSU's Bull Shoals Field Station will introduce us to bird biology on the 18th. It will be a fun and informative evening for beginning or newer birders, especially those who have not attended a Birding 101 program.

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Lisa Berger will follow on the 25th with an introduction to raptor identification, focusing on ID basics helpful in discerning the differences between the species that reside or winter in our geographic vicinity. She will also discuss the status of Snowy Owls currently being recorded far south of normal wintering ranges.

This Birding 101 series will be followed by a field trip, the **Day Shift and Night Shift on the Prairie**, to the Lockwood and Golden City areas west of Springfield on Saturday, January 28. Meet at the Wal-Mart parking lot, Sunshine and west Bypass at 11:00 am to carpool. We'll return by 8:00 pm.

The day shift features hawks, falcons, harriers, and other diurnal (daytime) raptors. As evening approaches, nocturnal raptors steal the scene as owls rule the night roost. If there are Snowy Owls nearby, we'll include them on our route.

We'll eat lunch at Cooky's in Golden City. Hope you can join us! Call Lisa Berger, 882-1017 for more information.



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

The Four Amigos Present a Birding Tour of South Texas

Four different trips were taken by GOAS members to south Texas last year. Some of us couldn't wait for the birds to arrive in Missouri, not to mention viewing many of the local Texas specialties.

Join Dan Liles, Jerry Williams, Charley Burwick, and Bob Ball as they provide a tour of south Texas birding hotspots. Dan starts at the landfill and Resaca de la Palma in Brownsville, continues to Frontera Audubon Center at Weslaco, and finishes at Bentson-Rio Grande Valley State Park. Jerry reveals some of the wonders found at King Ranch. Charley shares highlights along the Rio Grande from Turlingua and Big Bend State Park to the Chisos Mountains in Big Bend National Park. Bob highlights two magical days spent watching warblers on South Padre Island. Texas Birds and Guacamole don't get any better than this on a brisk winter's evening.

Come at 6:30 pm, Thursday January 19th for refreshments and to socialize. The program will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the membership meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Business Highway 65).

Dan and Ann Liles, Program Chairs

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