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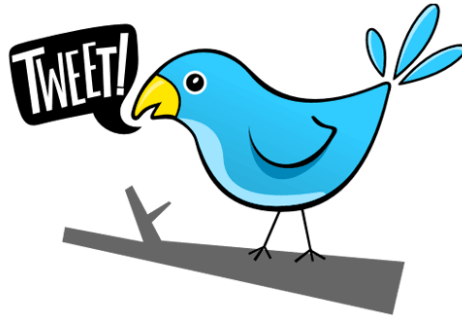
David Catlin, GOAS Chapter President

As I write this, I am getting ready to leave for a tropical cruise. We'll soon board a ship in Galveston, Texas, headed for Mexico, Belize, and Honduras. My wife Ann and I are excited!

While this isn't primarily a birdwatching trip, we plan to watch for birds everywhere we go. Since we're driving to Galveston, we will do a little birding on the Texas coast. After we board the ship, we'll keep an eye out for birds while at sea. And of course we'll carry our binoculars wherever we go in Mexico and Central America.

I expect we'll see a lot of species that are pretty foreign to us—frigatebirds and motmots and saltators and the like. But I have spent time in Central America before (in Nicaragua), and I know that we will also see things like Baltimore orioles, wood thrushes, and yellow warblers—the same birds we will seek out in the woods of southwest Missouri come spring and summer.

"Our" birds actually belong to the Americas. And that means that, while they spread their color and song as a



blessing across the hemisphere, they are also subjected to dangers and threats that go far beyond the little region that we can influence with our citizen science and conservation work.

Fortunately, by belonging to the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society we join a larger network of people who work to protect birds everywhere they go.

Just before Ann and I get to Galveston, for instance, we'll make a stop at High Island on the Texas coast. Come April, High Island will be a critical stopover for migrating songbirds, the first landfall they make after a grueling nonstop crossing of the Gulf of Mexico. High Island is a sanctuary owned and managed by Houston Audubon.

In Belize, we may get to see some of the work of Belize Audubon, which oversees a number of national parks in that small country for the cash-strapped Belizean government. While Belize Audubon is not directly affiliated with our National Audubon Society, they work with our international program and share our philosophies and our passions.

It will make me feel good to know that I am a real part of the conservation of these birds everywhere I go. I expect to return from this cruise, then, not just rested and tanned . . . but inspired. Who could ask for better than that?

JANUARY CALENDAR
GOAS BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th
7:00 p.m. Quail Creek Center
GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th
7:00 p.m. Program
Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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near you!
February 15-18
2013
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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.

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GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT ACTIVITIES
EACH DAY, FEBRUARY 15-18, 2013

Friday and Saturday
Springfield Conservation Nature Center
9:00 -11:00 am

Sunday
Watershed Center at Valley Water Mill
1:00-3:00 pm

Monday
Watershed Center at Valley Water Mill
9:00-11:00

You can count birds at your backyard feeder from your easy chair for just 15 minutes one day. Or count all four days with friends or family at as

many birding hotspots as you can fit into the long weekend! Get details at <http://www.birdcount.org> or call Charley Burwick, 417-860-9505.

Bull Shoals Lake Pelagic
Saturday 01-12-13, 8am-5pm
Meet: NW corner of 65 & Evans Rd

Day & Night Shift on the Prairie
Saturday 01-26-13, 11am-8pm
Meet: NW corner West Walmart

Watch for the Spring Field Trip
Schedule in the February Scissortail



JANUARY CALENDAR

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

GOAS members Myra Scroggs and Sue Schuble traveled to Newfoundland last summer to explore the Canadian island. They invite you to share in their experiences with the presentation of *Birds, Baleens and Beauty of Newfoundland* January 17, 2013 at the Greater Ozarks Audubon meeting.

Not only did they see thousands of nesting seabirds and a variety of whales but they enjoyed meeting the friendly people, hiking trails in the two National Parks, visiting the oldest Viking settlement in North America and being totally awe-inspired by the rugged shorelines and sea. But what would be the chance of getting a motel room right next to two other GOAS members from Springfield? To find out who those two were, don't miss the meeting and presentation!

Come at 6:30 pm, Thursday January 17th 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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