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MARCH CALENDAR

GOAS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 9th
7:00 p.m., Nature Center

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 16th
7:00 p.m. Program
Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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NOTES FROM THE TRAIL

By Myra Scroggs, GOAS Chapter President



As I write this, it is snowing lightly AGAIN! When was the last winter you remember that lasted any longer than this? I don't recall one for a LONG time. The cold weather didn't keep us from participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count in a BIG way. Many of our people counted at home or at their favorite birding spot and filed the results online. Several of our members met with interested members of the public at the Nature Center and then at the Lake Springfield Boat House. We were pleased with the number of interested birders who came to learn how to do the GBBC. We hope we have made new friends who will become involved in other GOAS activities.

As we look forward to spring, we have a great field trip schedule to entice us. We will kick off the spring birding season with Woodcocks and Owls on March 13; always a good trip. We have increased the number of field trips and several are on hard surface trails. Check out the schedule and make plans to attend. You don't have to be an expert birder to participate. The field trips are a good way to learn to recognize more birds and learn about them.

They are also an enjoyable social time to get acquainted with new people. Spring migration will be starting soon and we can hardly wait!

With the advent of spring comes gardening time. Visit the Naturescaping Symposium at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center April 3 for information on growing native species or to buy new native plants for your garden.

Our Earth Day celebration will be a Volunteer Day event at South Creek. Meet at Holland and Downing Streets at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 10. Bring your work gloves, loppers, and boots. We will work along the creek until noon. Come on Spring!

Coming Attractions

Naturescaping Symposium
April 3—Nature Center

South Creek Clean-Up
April 10—9:00 am

Birdathon May 1-15

Birding Road Trip
May 29-31
Elkhart, KS, Black Mesa, OK
and SE Colorado

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for Diverse Ecosystems
June 20-26

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 education, habitat preservation and restora-
 tion, and public awareness, for the benefit of
 humanity and wildlife.*

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*Marvin De Jong captured this spring portrait of a male
 American Redstart in full breeding plumage in 2009. See
 these and many of the other warblers and neotropic mi-
 grants by joining us on one or more field trips this spring!*



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MARCH PROGRAM

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Our own Kay Johnson will present ***Birds, Butterflies, Flowers, and Other Projects with Never Before Seen Photos***, at the March membership meeting.

Kay has chaired the GOAS South Creek Project for 10 years, working with the City of Springfield Public Works and the Parks Department to keep the stretch of creek between National and Campbell natural.

A nature photographer for 22 years, he has served as president of the Southwest Missouri Camera Club, is currently a member of the Tree City USA Advisory Board, and teaches photography. Kay has won photography awards from the Camera Club and Day Of Caring, has been published in the *Missouri Conservationist*, and in books and magazines. He has exhibited in the area, including at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, and has presented programs to a wide diversity of groups. Kay has volunteered with The Nature Conservancy, Ozarks Regional Land Trust, MDC, Springfield Greene County Parks Department, Ozark Greenways, has judged at the Ozark Empire Fair, and is studying to become a Master Gardener.

Come at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16th 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, 4600 South Chrisman (off Business Highway 65).



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