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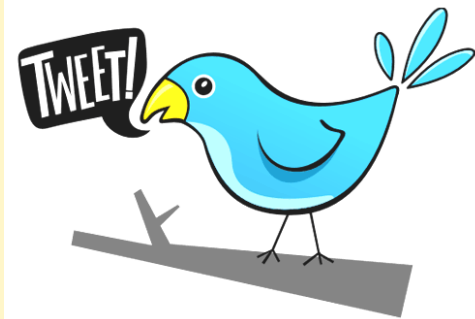
TWEETS

By David Catlin, Chapter President

In my day job, I am a consultant. The word “consultant” isn’t actually in my job title, but the reality is that most of the time I spend giving people advice and recommendations in one form or another.

You might think that giving people advice all day would be a pretty nice gig, and in some ways it is. (I mean, how many people are happy to do the same job *for free*?) But a downside is that it doesn’t lead to much of a sense of accomplishment. I generally don’t see specific results from the time I invest.

So one of the reasons I like to participate in a volunteer project outdoors is that the outcomes are so clear: We pick up 23 bags of trash. We cut and haul off



60 invasive cedar trees. We build 40 yards of trail.

Happily, this is the time of year when there are many opportunities to help with conservation projects. The first comes the morning of Saturday, March 17, when the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society is holding its South Creek Clean-up. A lot of trash washes into South Creek over the winter and accumulates there, but the place really looks different once we’re done working. (Thanks to Myra Scroggs for leading this effort!) The second opportunity arrives on Saturday, April 14, when we head to Lake Springfield to tackle a host of projects, including planting native glade wildflowers. This is an effort that improves habitat for a variety of native species, from bees to birds. (The credit for organizing the Lake Springfield work day goes to Sue Schuble.)

I encourage you to read the details about these work days elsewhere in this issue of the *Scissortail*, and I hope you’ll join us in the work. I think you’ll enjoy yourself, and come away with a solid sense of satisfaction for helping achieve measurable results.

That’s good advice you’re getting here from a professional consultant. No charge.



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GOAS SPRING FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE—2012



MARCH

Leader/Contact

Mar 10 Sat 5-9 pm	Whirling Woodcocks: Bois D'Arc Conservation Area Woodcock, Owls Walmart, northwest corner of parking lot, Sunshine and West Bypass	Dan & Ann Liles 417-725-9481
Mar 17 Sat 9am-noon	<i>TogetherGreen</i> Volunteer Day at South Creek Bridge at Holland and Downing Streets. Bring tools, work gloves, water, snacks	Myra Scroggs 417-883-4015
Mar 18 Sun 8-11am	Feathered Fellows at Fellows Lake: Waterfowl Parking lot, east end of lake	Dean Rising 417-576-5600
Mar 23 Fri Mar 25 Sun	Sandhill Sojourn: Kearney, Nebraska Sandhill Cranes Meeting place to be announced	Myra Scroggs 417-883-4015
Mar 31 Sat 7am-1pm	Plover Playgrounds: Lockwood/Golden City Area Shorebirds, Raptors Walmart, northwest corner of parking lot, Sunshine and West Bypass	Greg Swick 417-581-2757

APRIL

Apr 7 Sat 8-10am	Harbingers of Spring Springfield Conservation Nature Center pavilion	Dave Catlin 417-889-9940
Apr 14 Sat 9am-1pm	<i>TogetherGreen</i> Volunteer Day at Lake Springfield Boathouse. Bring work gloves; water and snacks furnished <i>Lunch provided. Call Ellen at the parks department, 864-1051, to reserve lunch</i>	Sue Schuble 417-619-3060
Apr 15 Sun 8-11am	Scissortail Celebrations at Palmetto MoDot commuter parking lot, Highway 65 and Evans Road	Greg Samuel 417-839-5627
Apr 22 Sun 8-11am	The Rich Woods of Richwood Valley OTC, Ozark MoDot commuter parking lot, Highway 65 and Evans Road	Dan & Ann Liles 417-725-9481
Apr 24 Tue 8-11am	South Creek Specialties Forest Institute parking lot, where road dead ends	Dorothy Thurman 417-887-6796
Apr 26 Thu 10am	GOAS Adopt-A-Street Clean-Up Church parking lot, Jefferson and Seminole. Bring gloves; trash bags provided	Betty Johnson 417-887-5131
Apr 27 Fri Apr 29 Sun	Audubon Society of Missouri Spring Meeting Hosted by Gateway Audubon Society, Joplin, Mo, www.mobirds.org	Jeff Cantrell 417-476-3311
Apr 28 Sat 7:30-11am	Bagels and Birds at Busiek State Forest MoDot commuter parking lot, Highway 65 and Evans Road	Ann Liles 471-725-9481
Apr 29 Sun 8-11am	Boathouse and Babbler Birding Lake Springfield boathouse	Myra Scroggs 417-883-4015
Apr 29 Sun 1-3pm	Fossard's Finest: Jim Fossards Home for Orioles and Grosbeaks Church parking lot at National Avenue and Wisdom Lane	Myra Scroggs 471-883-4015

MAY

May 2 Wed 3-7pm	Homestead Springs Farm: Lady Slippers and Warblers Logan-Rogersville HS east parking lot. Wear sturdy shoes for rocky terrain	Andrew Kinslow 417-300-3374
May 5 Sat 6am-3pm	Warbler Extravaganza at Roaring River State Park: Warblers, Migrants Walmart, northwest corner of parking lot, Sunshine and West Bypass All day trip. Bring lunch, drinks, and snacks	Jerry & Marge Williams 417-207-5763 Myra Scroggs 417-883-4015



GOAS SPRING FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE—2012



MAY		Leader/Contact
May 6 Sun 7am-2pm	Old Bridges and New Birds: Red Bridge Road and Busiek State Park MoDot commuter parking lot, Highway 65 and Evans Road	Greg Swick 417-581-2757
May 9 Wed 8am-noon	Ritter Critters: Ritter Springs Park Warblers and Migrants Ritter Springs Park	Betty Johnson 417-887-5131
May 10 Thu 8-11am	Finding the Lost Hill: Lost Hill Park in north Springfield North Lowe's, northeast side of parking lot, Hwy 13 and Norton Road	Kathy Cowens 417-865-7427 Dorothy Thurman 417-887-6796
May 12 Sat May 13 Sun 7am	See You in St. Louis: Tower Grove Park Weekend Trip Weekend Trip. Meeting place to be announced	Jerry & Marge Williams 417-207-5763 Charley Burwick 417-860-9505
May 19 Sat 7-10am	Babbler Beauties at Lake Springfield Lake Springfield Boathouse	Dean Rising 417-576-5600
May 20 Sun 7-10am	Valley Water Mill Watershed Center at Valley Water Mill Park	Andrew Kinslow 417-300-3374
May 31 Thu 10am	GOAS Adopt-A-Street Clean-Up Church parking lot, Jefferson and Seminole. Bring gloves; trash bags provided	Betty Johnson 417-887-5131

JUNE		
Jun 2 Sat 8-noon	Nests and Nurturing: Springfield Area Nesting Birds-Flycatchers to Raptors Half-A-Hill parking lot, Lone Pine and Battlefield Road	Charley Burwick 417-860-9505
Jun 17 Sat Jun 23 Sun	Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems—GLADE Bull Shoals Field Station, Drury-Mincy Conservation Area GLADE Runners (volunteers) invited for all kinds of activities	Greg Swick 417-581-2757 Sue Schuble 417-619-3060

AUGUST		
Aug 11 Sat 7:30am-noon	August Arrivals at Aldrich: Shorebirds, Terns at Stockton Lake North Lowe's, northeast side of parking lot, Hwy 13 and Norton Road	Greg Swick 417-581-2757



GOAS field trips are open to anyone regardless of birding skill or chapter membership, and beginning birders are especially welcome. The times listed are departures, so please arrive promptly. We carpool on many trips, with the passengers and driver sharing the cost of gasoline. Bring snacks, drinks, or lunch, unless it is specified that we are stopping for a meal. Also bring binoculars, or notify the field trip leader if you need them. If you have any questions, contact Field Trip Chair, Greg Swick, grswick@gmail.com. Leaders, please complete a checklist and forward to Bird Recorder, Greg Samuel, pls@arczip.com.



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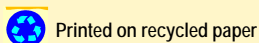
Our mission is to promote bird conservation in southwest Missouri through birdwatching, education, habitat preservation and restoration, and public awareness, for the benefit of humanity and wildlife.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13th
GOAS BOARD MEETING
 7:00 pm, Neighborhoods at Quail Creek

THURSDAY, MARCH 15th
GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 6:30 pm refreshments; 7:00 pm program
 Springfield Conservation Nature Center

SATURDAY MARCH 17th
VOLUNTEER DAY EVENT
 South Creek Clean-Up 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Marvin De Jong is back from Bosque del Apache and shares his photo memories



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Announcing the Annual Business Meeting of the
Greater Ozarks Audubon Society
 Thursday, April 19, 2012, 8:00 p.m., Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Highway 65)

Election of Chapter Officers and Directors

GOAS Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers and Directors

Vice-President.....	Ruth Grant
Secretary.....	Ann Liles
Treasurer.....	Dick Stiefvater
Director	Ruby Ball
Director	Kathleen Cowens
Director	Marvin De Jong
Director	Andrew Kinslow
Director	Dan Liles
Director	Greg Samuel
Director	Sue Schuble
Director	Greg Swick

Dave Catlin retains the position of president: The office of president is a two year term. Myra Scroggs continues to serve as immediate past president.

A big thanks to Nominating Committee members Dave Catlin, Myra Scroggs, Greg Samuel, and Dick Stiefvater for their service.



MARCH CALENDAR

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Marvin De Jong will present, *Bosque's Specialties* at the membership meeting Thursday, March 16th.

Marvin De Jong (pronounced dee young, accent on "young") taught physics at College of the Ozarks for 36 years. He reflects that coincidentally, the Nobel Prize in Physics has eluded him for an equal period of time. More recently, he has taught online courses at MSU and Drury.



Sandhill Cranes in silhouette

Marvin De Jong

He and his wife Claudia have worked as interpreters at national parks and refuges in Alaska and Texas, and the past two winter seasons at Bosque del Apache in New Mexico.

Marvin returns with new anecdotes about life as a volunteer at one of the nation's top birding hot spots, famous for it's wintering Sandhill Cranes and vast numbers of waterfowl.

Join us at 6:30 pm, Thursday, March 15th for refreshments. 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 65).