

GOAS *Scissortail* Flyer



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

GOAS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

7:00 p.m., Nature Center

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

7:00 p.m. Program

Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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Membership Application

- ◆ Affiliation with Greater Ozarks Audubon
- ◆ Eight issues of the *GOAS Scissortail*
- ◆ Four issues of *Audubon* magazine

- Please enroll me as a member of NAS and Greater Ozarks Audubon.....\$20
- Introductory 2 year Membership.....\$35
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19th Annual Bird Seed Sale

November 20, 2010

Smillie's IGA Corner of Glenstone
& Bennett 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Tell your friends or family!

Your order form is included with this newsletter. Order deadline is

November 12.

THOUGHTS FROM THE TRAIL

By Myra Scroggs, GOAS Chapter President



In this and upcoming *Scissortail* issues, I want to showcase all the fantastic work by GOAS volunteers. Our Audubon chapter is fortunate to have so many dedicated members, who keep all our programs running. I start with one of our newest programs, the Green Leadership Academy which we know by the acronym GLADE, since our November program features the 2010 GLADE graduates and their summer story.

The vision for a Green Leadership Academy sprang from a long-term collaboration between GOAS and MSU's Bull Shoals Field Station, when Lisa Berger and Janice Greene successfully applied for a Together-Green Innovation Grant from National Audubon, and asked Greg Swick to direct the camp. The GLADE project is a testament to the power of committed volunteers. In just two years 64 volunteers have logged 1870 hours toward GLADE. Forty-two volunteers come from GOAS, MSU, and Master Naturalist organizations, or are high school educators, while 22 professionals representing 13 different partner or supporting agencies helped during GLADE week. Nine staff members have contributed 2376 total hours, over half of those as in-kind (volunteered).

First year grads' community conservation projects recruited a staggering 1050 volunteers, as young leaders worked with 30 agencies and organizations to improve the quality of life in their Ozarks communities.

The Bluebird Trails are an example of one of our long running activities. The first trail was started by Leonard Confer and Woody Holloway in 1984 at Fellows Lake and Lake Springfield with 21 boxes. The Lake Springfield trail was later taken down and the houses used at Fellows Lake. Kay

Johnson took on the responsibility of the Fellows Lake trail in 1996 and ran it for 9 years. The Lake Springfield Trail was re-opened, followed by Chesterfield Park, and Rutledge Wilson Park. Due to the diligence of Sue Schuble, Jan Carter, and Drew and Tara Albert and many pairs of birds, 202 Bluebirds, 79 Tree Swallows, 6 Carolina Wrens, 6 House Wrens, and 2 Carolina Chickadees have fledged from our Bluebird Trails this past summer! This meant weekly visits to over 60 nest boxes from March until late July; that's a lot of weekly visits! Then the data is sent to Cornell to become part of a citizen science data base focusing on bluebird nest boxes. Dan Liles will be working November 6 at the Richwood Valley campus of OTC in Ozark to install our 5th monitored Bluebird Trail. If you would like to help Dan, give him a call.

Our annual Bird Seed Sale is a chapter fun-raiser. This event was started in 1971 but dropped for a while. Kay Johnson reinstated the sale in 1992 and ran it for 15 years before Steve Scroggs took over in 2007. Many of our members come out for the day to help load birdseed into cars for our customers, and to enjoy the fellowship. One nice thing about the sale is that we are getting the freshest seed possible, harvested only weeks before sale day. Members, friends and neighbors use this sale to stock up on supplies for the winter bird feeding season. This year's sale will be November 20 and orders should be in by November 12. Harvest was running late this year, so send in your order form right away! If you would like to help with this fun event call Steve Scroggs. Following the sale, join us for dinner at 6:00 pm at the New China Buffet south of Sunset and Campbell.

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The Christmas Bird Counts are coming up in late December and early January. The Audubon CBCs are the longest running citizen science project in North America. Groups of birders fan out over count circles that are 7.5 miles in radius. The goal is to count every bird of every species seen or heard from before dawn until dark.

David Blevins has compiled the Springfield CBC for 17 years. He and his wife, Ann, also conduct the Dallas County CBC and count on the Taney County CBC. Charley Burwick has compiled the Taney County CBC for almost 10 years, following Jo Strange who ran it for several years. Charley also participates with the Springfield, Joplin, Cole Camp, Four Rivers, and Prairie State Park CBCs as dates allow. That is a lot of counting!

At the close of the day of the Springfield and Taney County counts, we gather for a potluck dinner to compile the numbers of all the birds seen. This is a great activity involving about 30 birders for each count. If you would like to become part of CBC, come to our organizational meeting December 7 at 7:00 pm at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center. The count days are December 18 for Springfield and January 1 for the Taney County counts.

NOTICE!

Starting in January, our GOAS membership meetings must move to the third Thursday of the month, because the Springfield Conservation Nature Center is closed for evening activities on Tuesdays. We have been able to continue meeting on Tuesday evening during 2010, as Nature Center staff have *VOLUNTEERED* their time on Tuesday evening to allow us to continue meeting on our accustomed day. A big thank you to all the SCNC folks who have helped us out in this way. Now we must learn a new trick; come to meetings on Thursday evenings! I know this is going to be a conflict for some of our members who have standing Thursday evening activities and I am truly sorry about that. Perhaps there will be a time in the future when we can return to our Tuesday meeting schedule, but for now mark your calendar for January 20 at 6:30 pm!

The Owl Prowl and Fall Social will be Saturday Nov. 6. Meet at the northwest corner of the Walmart parking lot on West Sunshine and West Bypass at 5:00 pm. We will travel to Bois D'Arc Conservation Area and try to call up owls, and then enjoy a tailgate party of warm drinks and snacks. Come enjoy the evening.



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

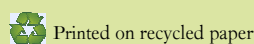
The November program will feature the 2010 Green Leadership Academy graduates, who will talk about their week at camp and their upcoming community projects. Please join us to support these exceptional young conservation leaders.

With grants from TogetherGreen Innovation, CFO, the L-A-D Foundation, and The NorthFace, GOAS will continue its transformative camp for teens, the Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems (GLADE), for the third year at Missouri State University's Bull Shoals Field Station. In its first two years, GLADE proved that it greatly benefits the teen participants, the ecosystems of the White River watershed, and the quality of life in the students' Ozarks communities, through their Community Conservation Action projects.

Come at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, November 16th 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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Greater Ozarks Audubon

19TH ANNUAL AUDUBON BIRD SEED SALE November 20, 2010

**FRESH
SEED!**

A fundraising event for our non-profit organization dedicated to environmental education and conservation projects

ONCE A YEAR SALE
Stock Up Now for All Winter
2010 Season's Crop

These Items Make Great Christmas Gifts!

HOW IT WORKS

Fill out order form. Make check payable to GOAS and mail both by November 12. Pick up your order Saturday November 20, 2010

BIRD SEED ORDER FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION	SIZE	COST	QUANTITY	EXTENDED
GOAS Deluxe Blend	Sunflower, Safflower, Millet Best for All Feeder Birds	20 lb	12.00		
		40 lb	23.25		
Black Oil Sunflower	Higher Oil Content Attracts all Feeder Birds	25 lb	10.75		
		50 lb	19.75		
Sunflower Chips	Less Mess Under the Feeders Finches Love Bite-sized Chips	Fine	25 lb	16.00	
			50 lb	30.25	
	Medium	25 lb	23.25		
		50 lb	45.00		
Niger (Thistle) Seed	Finches and Pine Siskins Love This One	5 lb	5.75		
		25 lb	25.00		
Safflower	Great for Cardinals	25 lb	16.50		
		50 lb	30.00		
White Proso Millet	Attracts a Variety of Small, Ground-feeding Birds	25 lb	8.00		
		50 lb	14.00		
Suet Seed Cake	Woodpeckers, Chickadees, Titmice	11 oz	1.50		
Suet Seed Cake	Box of 12 seed cakes		16.50		
Bluebird Nest Box	Great for Bluebirds—List \$16.95	20% DISCOUNT	13.50		
Wren Nest Box	Wrens and Chickadees—List \$12.99	20% DISCOUNT	10.50		
Note: Donations fund educational programs including Audubon Adventures and the Green Leadership Academy, and conservation projects including South Creek, the Important Bird Area program, and bird inventories. The seed sale prices were late this year because moisture slowed the harvest. Because we only sell fresh seed, the late harvest delayed getting the order form out to you. We are sorry if this caused any inconvenience. Thank you for your patience and your order supporting GOAS.				Total Bird Seed \$	
				Optional Donation (see note) \$	
				TOTAL AMOUNT \$	



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**19th Annual
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Mail Order Form and your Check for Total Amount by November 12, 2010 to:

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Limited local delivery will be available for persons not physically able to pick up their order. Please mark box if delivery is needed.

A limited amount of extra seed will be available for purchase on pick-up day.

Audubon Bird Seed Pick Up Day

Saturday November 20, 9:00-4:00
Smillie's IGA, Bennett & Glenstone,
Springfield, MO. Please pick up your
order on that day, or call Steve
Scroggs, 883-4015 to make other
arrangements

Thank you for your order, which supports our projects, Myra Scroggs, Chapter President