

GOAS Scissortail

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TWEETS

By David Catlin, GOAS Chapter President



November and December may well be my two favorite months involving birds.

November's star, of course, is the Thanksgiving turkey, which I like partly because it tastes so good and partly because Madison Avenue hasn't figured out a way to start selling it months ahead of time.

The attraction in December is the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC). There are so many reasons to look forward to this event! Here are just the most compelling;

- For those of us with the energy, stamina, and tolerant spouses, *it's an all-day field trip*. I can make my plan in advance: nothing else gets done today.
- *Every bird matters!* Because the CBC involves an effort to count every individual bird we see, every House Sparrow and Carolina Chickadee makes a difference, and is a cause for at least some rejoicing.
- *Everybody can contribute.* First, most of the birds we see and tally are the common birds most everyone can identify: Canada Geese, American Robins, Northern Cardinals, Dark-eyed Juncos, and other familiar species. Second, the "eyes have it." The more observers we can pack in a car or on the trail, even if all they do is shout and point when they see a bird—the better we do. As long as

one birdwatcher in the group knows their stuff, success is assured.

- *It's a little bit competitive.* Most of us downplay this, but secretly we all hope to find the one bird no one else has seen that day—a Common Yellowthroat lingering on its way south, or maybe a Peregrine Falcon! Because CBC participants gather at the end of the day to report and count their birds, there is always an audience for our personal triumphs. When David Blevins, the Springfield CBC recorder, asks at the end of our tally, "Did anyone see anything not on the list," it's great to be able to say, "Yes!"
- *The results are meaningful.* The Christmas Bird Count is conducted year after year in the same count circles during the same time period. Because data are gathered in over 2,000 locations across the continent, biologists and ecologists can use the information to draw important conclusions about what is happening to birds over time.
- *It ends with a potluck.* As I mentioned above, at the end of the day all the event's participants gather together to report the counts from their respective parts of the circle, and to share a meal. It's Thanksgiving all over again!

I hope you will plan to join us this year, even if you've never participated in a Christmas Bird Count before. Either come to the brief planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday December 6 at the nature center, or give me a call at 889-9940. We'll see that you get connected with a team!



Common Yellow-throat

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE
GREATER OZARKS CHAPTER
OF THE
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
Membership in the National Audubon Society includes:

- ♦ 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
- I'm interested in making a bequest; please contact me at the address below

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P. O. Box 422250
Palm Coast, Florida 32142-2250

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Peregrine Falcon

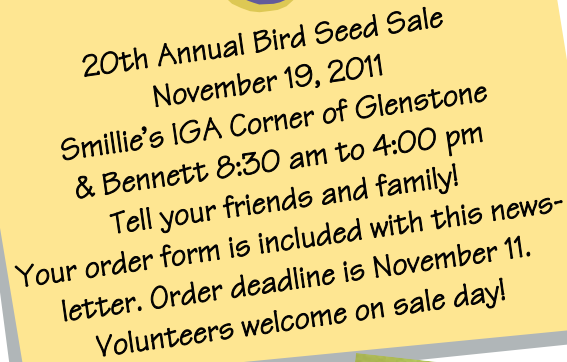
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Cedar, Christian, Dallas, Douglas, Greene,
Hickory, Polk, St. Clair, Stone, Taney,
Webster, and Wright Counties in Missouri.

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.



20th Annual Bird Seed Sale
November 19, 2011
Smillie's IGA Corner of Glenstone
& Bennett 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Tell your friends and family!
Your order form is included with this news-
letter. Order deadline is November 11.
Volunteers welcome on sale day!



Christmas Bird Count Updates

Planning meeting: Dec 13, 7:00 pm, Nature Center
for both Springfield and Taney County counts

SGF Compilation and Potluck: Chesterfield Family
Center, 5:30 pm. Bring a dish to share!

Taney Co. Compilation and Chili Dinner: MSU Mincy
House, 5:30 pm

See field trip schedule for additional details:
www.greaterozarksaudubon.org



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

GOAS BOARD MEETING

7:00 pm, Neighborhoods at Quail Creek

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:00 pm refreshments; 7:00 pm program
Springfield Conservation Nature Center

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19th

20TH ANNUAL BIRD SEED SALE

Smillie's IGA, corner of Glenstone & Bennett
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

TUESDAY DECEMBER 13th

**SPRINGFIELD & TANEY CO. CHRISTMAS
BIRD COUNT PLANNING MEETING**

7:00 pm Springfield Nature Center

*Reminder: No membership meet-
ing or newsletter in December!*

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

The November program will feature the 2011 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.



The Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems (GLADE) is a project of GOAS and Missouri State University (MSU), where sixteen junior and senior students gain the skills to become the next generation of community leaders by spending a week each summer at MSU's Bull Shoals Field Station working hard and getting dirty. At the conclusion, each teen may apply for a

\$250 grant to develop a project in their school or community. If the student works with a Mentor Team, they may leverage their grant to \$500, or can work together to pool grant funds.

Come at 6:30 pm, Thursday, November 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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20TH ANNUAL AUDUBON BIRD SEED SALE

November 19, 2011

**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
2011 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 11. Pick up your order Saturday November 19, 2011

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 | 14.50 | | |
| | | 40 lb | 28.00 | | |
| Black Oil Sunflower | Higher Oil Content Attracts all Feeder Birds | 25 lb | 17.00 | | |
| | | 50 lb | 30.00 | | |
| Sunflower Chips | Less Mess Under the Feeders Finches Love Bite-sized Chips | Fine | 25 lb | 29.00 | |
| | | | 50 lb | 57.00 | |
| | Medium | 25 lb | 38.00 | | |
| | | 50 lb | 75.00 | | |
| Niger (Thistle) Seed | Finches and Pine Siskins Love This One | 5 lb | 6.00 | | |
| | | 25 lb | 25.00 | | |
| Safflower | Great for Cardinals | 25 lb | 18.50 | | |
| | | 50 lb | 34.00 | | |
| White Proso Millet | Attracts a Variety of Small, Ground-feeding Birds | 25 lb | 10.75 | | |
| | | 50 lb | 19.00 | | |
| Suet Seed Cake | Woodpeckers, Chickadees, Titmice | 11oz | 1.75 | | |
| Suet Seed Cake | Box of 12 seed cakes | | 18.50 | | |
| Bluebird Nest Box | Standard Inspection Box | | 5.00 | | |
| Deluxe Bluebird Nest Box | Includes Predator Guard and Mounting Hardware | | 10.00 | | |
| 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 prices are higher this year because the extended summer heat impacted yield. If you find less expensive seed at large retailers, it is probably 2010's crop. We only sell this season's crop to ensure the highest quality bird seed on the market. Thank you for your order supporting our chapter. | | | Total Bird Seed \$ | | |
| | | | Optional Donation (see note) \$ | | |
| | | | TOTAL AMOUNT \$ | | |



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**20th Annual
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Mail Order Form and your Check for Total Amount by November 11, 2011 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 19, 9:00-4:00
Smillie's IGA, Bennett & Glenstone,
Springfield, MO. Please pick up your
order on that day, or call Dan Liles,
417-234-6205, hughdborg@aol.com
to make other arrangements

Thank you for your order, which supports our projects, David Catlin, Chapter President