



# GOAS *Scissortail*

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## TWEETS

David Catlin, GOAS Chapter President

As the weather gets colder, our thoughts turn to bird seed.

Well, maybe *your* thoughts don't turn to bird seed, but I know a number of our stalwart volunteers have been thinking a lot about bird seed lately, because November is the month of our annual bird seed sale. The volunteers, led by Dan Liles, have been wondering: Will this past summer's drought drive prices up? Will our members order as much as they have in past years? Can I still spend all morning lifting heavy sacks off the rental truck and into people's cars without my spine turning to bird seed, too?

I suspect that birds' thoughts, to the extent that they have them, also turn to bird seed as the days shorten and the temperatures drop. Birds are not dependent on feeders--ecologist Margaret Clark Brittingham of the University of Wisconsin found that even when they have access to unlimited feeder food, they still get 79 percent of

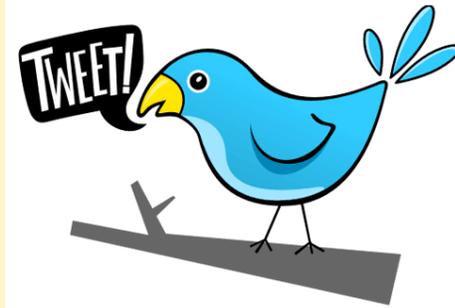
### 21st Annual GOAS Bird Seed Sale

#### *New Location*

**Southern Hills Shopping Center  
2900 East Sunshine  
west side of parking lot**

**Saturday November 17  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Order form is included with this  
newsletter and online at  
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their daily energy needs from a variety of wild sources. However, there is also research to suggest that feeding birds in winter helps them by reducing the risk of starvation and increasing their survival. In addition, a study in Great Britain showed that birds living on sites provisioned over winter had advanced egg-laying dates and increased fledging success compared with birds living on unprovisioned sites.

All that suggests that feeding winter birds isn't just fun—it's good for the birds. And GOAS tries to make it as good for the birds as possible by offering only quality seed—foods that are high in protein and fat and therefore especially attractive to birds. We have created a special mix for that purpose—one that contains none of the red milo seeds that serve as filler in lots of supermarket mixes—and also offer things like sunflower chips and Nyjer® (thistle) seed.

The order form for bird seed is in this month's issue, and the pick-up date for the seed is November 17. I hope if your thoughts hadn't yet turned to bird seed, you're thinking about it now . . . and will order up a winter supply today!

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

**GOAS BOARD MEETING**  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th  
7:00 p.m. Quail Creek Center

**GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15th  
7:00 p.m. Program  
Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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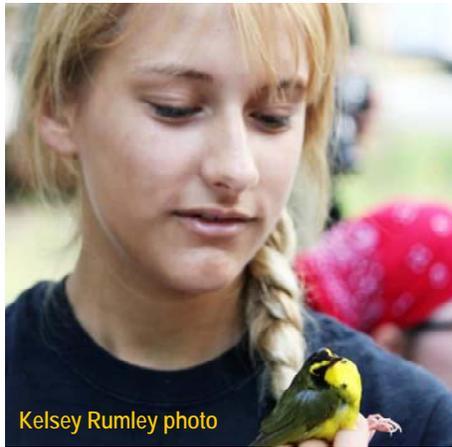
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We introduced sixteen high school students to a "Week In the Woods", in year 4. Through hands-on experience, the young people learned about:

- ✕ Avian life history and migration
- ✕ Forestry dynamics like the effects of prescribed fire on biodiversity
- ✕ Searched for herps and learned about reptiles
- ✕ Restored 8000 sq. meters of giant cane habitat
- ✕ Compared water quality of streams and lake
- ✕ Learned from mentors about community action projects and organizing volunteers
- ✕ Toured Chase Studios: Art and nature synthesis
- ✕ Discovered the power of teamwork and collaboration to solve problems and finish tasks

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

**THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...**

The Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems—GLADE is the November program's main attraction.

The 2012 GLADE participants will be the featured speakers at the November 15th GOAS meeting. Youth from the group will present their unique day to day experiences from the environmental leadership academy, and several will reflect on how the experience has impacted their perspectives on conservation and leadership. Join these amazing young people for an up-close and personal look at this innovative GOAS project.

Come at 6:30 pm, Thursday November 15th 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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