



THOUGHTS FROM THE TRAIL

By Myra Scroggs, GOAS Chapter President



I can hardly believe this how this summer has flown! What beautiful weather we have had this summer, and now fall migration is underway. Our kick off fall field trip at Valley Water Mill was very productive. The new trail system built around the lake and the downstream paved trail along the creek gave us some very good looks at fall warblers as well as other species. The flowers and butterflies added more enjoyment. We ended up at the new blind built with funds donated by GOAS. It should give some really nice views of waterfowl when the leaves are off this winter. Then we helped the Watershed Committee celebrate their 25th birthday with a program and lunch, followed by a canoe race. If you haven't been out to Valley Water Mill in a while, it is worth checking out. You may be surprised by all that is happening there.

Our Owl Prowl field trip will be Nov. 8 at Bois D'Arc Conservation Area, lead by Jerry and Marge Williams. As in the past several years, Alice and Dick Counts will be hosting our group for a social gathering following the Owl Prowl. This has proven to be a very popular evening in the past so make plans to attend. We will have great owling and a pleasant social event as well!

Charley Burwick has added several local Greenways Trails to our field trip schedule. These paved trails are easy to walk, and wind through some really interesting wooded areas with intermittent open areas, and creeks. Come explore Ward Branch Trail with Jan Miller, the South Creek Trail with Dorothy Thurman, the Lake Springfield Park Trail with Dave Catlin, and another trip to Valley Water Mill with Dave. See our field trip schedule online at our website, www.greaterozarksaudubon.org. Many thanks to Lisa Berger for beautifully maintaining our website. Check it out!

Look for our Birdseed Sale order form to arrive later in October. This is our fund raiser for the organization for the year. Please be thinking about your order for FRESH seed, and help support GOAS. We will also be sending out an email containing our birdseed order form. If you prefer receiving your order form by email, let us know at sdscroggs@sbcglobal.net before Oct. 15 and we will save postage. Try forwarding the birdseed order form to your friends who feed birds. Let's try to really enlarge our customer base for this event. If you are not receiving emails from GOAS, send your email address to myrascroggs@sbcglobal.net.

Attention Branson area members: GOAS will repeat the November program about our GLADE summer academy for our Branson area members. We are so proud of this project that we want everyone to have a chance to see this program. Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 19 at 7:00pm. Meet in the Redbud Conference room at Skaggs Community Hospital to see what these young people are doing in your communities, and what they did at Bull Shoals Field Station in June. It will be a great evening! Come out and join us.

Announcement: Sierra Club will host a special forum sponsored by Renew Missouri, focusing on what our state needs to do to transition to clean, renewable energy. This event will be at the Springfield Nature Center, Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00pm.

OCTOBER CALENDAR
 GOAS BOARD MEETING
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th
 7:00 p.m., Nature Center
 GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20th
 7:00 p.m. Program
 Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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18th Annual Bird Seed Sale
 November 21, 2009
 Smillie's IGA Corner of Glenstone
 & Bennett 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
 We need volunteers on sale day! If you have friends or family that would like to receive an order form, send addresses to Steve Scroggs 417-883-4015.
 Watch for your order form later this month. Order deadline is November 6.



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2009 Bluebird Trail Stats

- Fellows Lake**
 118 Bluebirds fledged
 11 Tree Swallows fledged
- Chesterfield Village**
 12 Bluebirds fledged
 4 Tree Swallows fledged
- Lake Springfield**
 73 Bluebirds fledged
 47 Tree Swallows fledged
 14 House Wrens fledged



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OCTOBER PROGRAM

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Jim Rathert's colorful program will feature his most recent photographs from Missouri, but also Alaska, Nebraska and the desert southwest. Featured will be hummingbirds, roadrunners, painted buntings, Sandhill Cranes and many more interesting species. Jim will also give a brief update on development of a public wild bird garden in Jefferson City. This woodland site features a large boulder from which water flows -- creating a very attractive location for viewing migrating birds. It is a project of the River Bluffs Audubon Society.

For years, Jim's vivid and detailed bird and nature photographs have delighted countless people. Many became familiar with his work during his 23 years at the *Missouri Conservationist* magazine. From 1983 through 2006 he chronicled the many facets of the jewel of natural Missouri. From covering subjects such as the winter sparrows of Missouri, to wetland birds to photo essays on the White River Glades, he delighted in every project.

In retirement, he has created a line of useful, durable and attractive mugs, glass cutting boards, coasters, trivets, and note cards featuring his photos. He continues to do a limited amount of freelance photography for national publication.

Come at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 20th 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).

Dan and Ann Liles, GOAS Program Chairs