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OCTOBER CALENDAR

GOAS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, October 9th

7:00 p.m. Quail Creek Center

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th

7:00 p.m. Program

Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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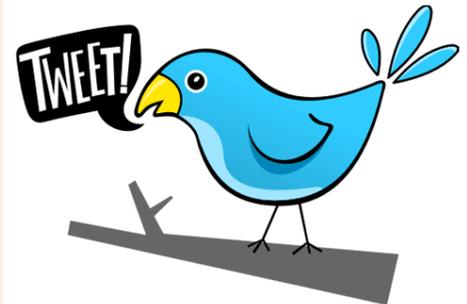
TWEETS

David Catlin, GOAS Chapter President

It is no revelation that cats kill birds. The long-standing pursuit of Tweety by "dat ol' putty tat" Sylvester may have made light of this propensity, but new research reported in the media recently makes it harder to laugh about, at least if you care about birds.

Perhaps you read about this study or saw it on ABC's 20/20 (<http://abcnews.go.com/2020/video/kitties-attack-17188507>). Researchers from the University of Georgia put miniature video cameras around the necks of 60 housecats that were allowed to roam freely outdoors. The cameras recorded a grisly story: 30 percent of the cats killed things, averaging 2.1 kills per week, or one kill for every 17 hours outdoors. They killed mice and lizards and frogs and insects and—12% of the time—birds.

These were not feral cats, mind you. These were cats like the ones in my Springfield neighborhood, cats that wear collars and get shots and have plenty of Little Friskies in their bowls at home. There are an estimated 86.4 million cats owned in the U.S., and another 50 million feral animals (both numbers according to the Humane Society of the United States). You can argue about exactly how many dead birds result from this level of predation, but this study suggests it's a whole lot—more than estimates based on earlier studies. If a cat kills 2.1 animals a week, that amounts to over 100



kills a year, 12 of them birds. Multiply that by even a portion of those cats that spend time outdoors, and the published estimates of half a billion bird kills a year seem conservative.

Clearly, cats are a significant threat not just to Tweety, but to whole populations of birds.

Just as clearly, all of us should be keeping our cats indoors and encouraging the people we know to do the same. If that wasn't apparent before, it should certainly be obvious now. As the 20/20 piece says, "The camera never lies."

For more information, see (<http://www.abcbirds.org/cats/>).

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

Watch for the order form on our webpage when this year's seed crop pricing is available!



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Field trips you don't want to miss

Close Encounters of the Bird Kind: October 6, 8-11 am
 Meet at Nathaniel Greene Park

Feathered Friends of Fellows Lake: October 13, 8-11 am
 Meet at parking lot, east end of lake

Quivira/Cheyenne Bottoms: October 19-21, 7 am-7 pm
 Call Greg Samuel for details, 417-839-5627

Sparrow on South Creek: October 27, 8-11 am
 Meet at the Forest Institute parking lot, Forest Village Dr.

Graduates from 2011 and 2012 GLADE classes joined in a National Forest Service Public Lands volunteer event on September 29. They were organized by MSU and GLADE's Celeste Prussia, with help from GOAS and Master Naturalist volunteers.



Meanwhile, Greg Swick, Andrew Kinslow, and Janice Greene headed a weekend teacher training event, funded by a \$15,000 Coover Foundation grant through CFO's Rural Schools Project. Andrew Kinslow's Logan-Rogersville HS Field Research class and the GLADE project serve as models for the *Glade Mentor Development Project*, designed to motivate students to take action in their home communities. This new project prepares teachers to be mentors using experiential education models. Stipends of up to \$500 are available to teachers who mentor students in development of post-GLADE-type projects.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Greater Ozarks Audubon and the Sierra Club will cosponsor the GOAS October program, ***Are We Loving the Ozarks to Death?*** Janice S. Greene, Ph.D., MSU professor of Biology and GOAS member, and the Watershed Center's Executive Director, Mike Kromery will speak at the program moderated by Drury University Biology professor Wendy Anderson, Ph.D.

The program will address the increasing demand for resources and the issues facing the Ozarks region.

To learn more about the program see the attached flier at (http://www.greaterozarksaudubon.org/Oct2012_program.pdf). You might also be interested in Annie Leonard's, ***The Story of Stuff***, and ***The Story of Bottled Water***, videos on YouTube accessed through your browser. This promises to be a captivating program. See you on there!

Come at 6:30 pm, Thursday October 18th for refreshments and to socialize. The program will begin at 7:00 pm in the auditorium, followed by the membership meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Business Highway 65).



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