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DR. RUTH REPORTS

Ruth Grant, GOAS Chapter President



MY SUMMER VACATION

How many of us remember writing reports with this title for our grammar school teachers? Life has come full circle, and now I'm writing a summer vacation essay, again.

My husband and I traveled to the ocean-cooled Maritime provinces of Canada July 9, leaving Missouri heat behind. July isn't prime birding time in Missouri or the Maritimes. Nevertheless, we had a delightful time watching whales and visiting seabird colonies.

We saw nesting Atlantic Puffins, up



Northern Gannets

close and personal, on Machias Seal Island in the Bay of Fundy. We saw nesting Gannets, as well as fringed orchids, water lilies and pitcher plants at Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve in Newfoundland.



Gray and Harbor Seals

At Witless Bay Ecological Reserve there were Kittiwakes, Common Murres, and Razorbills, as well as more puffins.

All of us enjoy viewing birds that don't come to visit us in Missouri.

Come to our September meeting to share your summer adventures and to hear Klee Bruce talk about her California birding trip!



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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

GOAS BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12th

7:00 p.m. Environmental Resource Center

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

7:00 p.m. Program

Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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Contact Mary Sturdevant, GOAS Membership Chair with questions, or Jim Fossard, Secretary, if you want to receive the newsletter by mail.



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South Creek Work Days

GOAS plans to have monthly, scheduled work days on South Creek throughout the year. We have made an agreement with the city to maintain the creek corridor. Now we need all able bodied workers to pitch in on the scheduled work days to help uphold our commitment. We are going to try Saturday afternoon work days so that they will not conflict with field trips. Please mark these days on your calendar and come join the work that will include at times removing invasive species, pruning up trees, dragging and piling limbs cut, and cleaning out trash. Be sure to wear heavy shoes and gloves, bring water, and loppers or saws if you have them. Meeting locations follow:

- Saturday September 21, 1 to 4pm..... McDaniel Park
- Saturday October 12, 1 to 4 pm McDaniel Park
- Saturday November 9, 1 to 4pm Footbridge, Holland @ Downing
- Saturday January 11, 1 to 4pm Campbell
- Saturday February 8, 1 to 4pm Campbell
- Saturday March 8, 1 to 4pm Footbridge

Fall Program Preview

September: Klee Bruce presents **Great Birds, Great Tans, and Golf Carts**. Klee shows us the birds and their habitats, and California scenery

October: Robert Gallardo presents **Honduras and its Natural Treasures**. Honduras' coral reefs, Mayan ruins, parks and reserves will sweep you away. The country has a recorded 756 bird species, and counting.

November: The GLADE class of 2013 will entertain our chapter with highlights from this summer's **Week in the Woods**.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Great Birds, Great Tans and Golf Carts

Take a virtual trip to Southern California to see the birds of this area, their habitat, and the beautiful scenery. You will meet some of the 38 birds Klee added to her life list on this spring adventure, including the Townsend's Warbler, Costa's Hummingbird and Say's Phoebe.

Klee Bruce is an 11 year old nature enthusiast and a member of the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society. When she is not birding, you can find her drawing, photographing nature or working on her greeting card business. Klee lives in Ozark with her parents, older sister and younger brother.

Come at 6:30 pm, Thursday September 19th 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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