

Lark News

January 2017

Wilson County Christmas Bird Count

I want to thank everyone who participated in the first official running of our new Christmas Bird Circle this year. All data has been turned into The Audubon Society. We ended up with 75 species on the day and Greg Tomerlin added Brown Creeper for 76 total for the count week. Bird of the day was found by Justin Nation and Robin Nation, 2 Lark Sparrows. Of course, Chris Agee and I had to leave our assigned area and go take pictures. Great find you two. Eight species of waterfowl were found along with all the woodpeckers. A few misses but overall a great effort by all. Special thanks to Greg Tomerlin and his mom Geri for opening their home and providing pizza and drinks for everyone at the end of the day. Great place to add up all the numbers and talk with everyone after a long fun day of birding. Hope you will join us next year.

Stephen Zipperer

Wilson County Seen and Heard

What birds have you seen this year in Wilson County? As of today January 12, 2017, 79 different species have been reported in Wilson County for the new year on eBird. 11 Species of waterfowl, 4 hawk species, 2 gull species, 3 owl species, all the woodpecker species, and many passerines, including Rusty Blackbirds and Purple Finches which seem to be everywhere. I had 7 Common Loons today at Shutes Branch Recreation Area along with Bonaparte's and Ring-billed Gulls, and lots of Pied-billed Grebes. Did not see the Eagles yet in the nest across from Cedar Creek Access Area in Mt. Juliet; any time now they should start nesting. Had a nice flock of Purple Finches and Cedar Waxwings on Hebron Rd. Ducks are showing up on all the little ponds in the area. Get out and find some. Greg had 3 Sandhill Cranes at the fields near Lebanon High School. Good birding. Let us know what you are seeing at your feeders and other places on our Lebanon Birding Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/lebanonbirding/>

eBird Challenge

eBird will enter you to win a prize if you enter 365 lists to it this year. One list a day, or multiple day list to catch up if you are already behind. If you haven't signed up get started. It's a great way to keep track of your birds and see what's being seen. Planning a trip this year. Use eBird to tell you what's being seen where you are going. All the data you enter helps scientist figure out what birds are doing so they can help make good decisions on conservation.

<http://ebird.org/content/ebird/news/listaday2017/>

Upcoming programs:

January's meeting will not be held. The club's annual trip to Wheeler NWR in Alabama is on Jan. 21, 2017. Hopefully the **Eurasian Wigeon** will still be hanging around at the Observation Building. The Sandhill Cranes and Whooping Cranes are there along with all the other ducks. Hope you will meet us at the Wheeler Visitor cent at 9AM when it opens. **Sign-up here:**

lebanonbirding.org/field-trips/sign-up-wheeler-national-wildlife-refuge-saturday-21-january-2017

February's meeting falls on the same weekend as the Winter TOS meeting at Paris Landing State Park. There are plenty of rooms available at the Lodge. We hope everyone will attend this weekend long birding event. No business will be going on, just birding all the Hot Spots around Kentucky Lake. If we get lucky hopefully we will spot some Golden Eagles. On Friday, February 17 in the evening everyone will gather for socializing. Saturday will be a full day of birding along with Sunday morning. If you want to drive down early Saturday morning, I will gladly lead a group around the lake. We will catch up with the main group by lunch time at the new Big Sandy Refuge Office. They will provide lunch for us. There is a cost for the lunch. I will let you know how much as soon as I know, but I will need to know if you are coming so I can let the TOS President know. They need a head count for the lunch. **Sign-up here:**

lebanonbirding.org/2016/12/21/field-trip-to-paris-landing-kentucky-lake-saturday-18-february-2017

If you can't make the Winter TOS meeting, Stephen Zipperer will be leading a field trip to some Hot Spots in Sumner County on Saturday, February 11. Loons, ducks and gulls are what we hope to find. Meet at Cedars of Lebanon Nature Center parking lot at 7:30 am. Even if you are going to the Winter meeting you can come on this field trip too. The more the merrier. **Sign-up here:**

lebanonbirding.org/field-trips/sign-up-birding-sumner-county-saturday-11-february-2017

Chris Sloan from Nashville TOS has agreed to give his Shorebird Identification program at our **March** meeting. Put it on your calendars. That's March 18 at 10:30 am in Cabin 13 at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. I have heard great reviews for this presentation.

Still working on the April meeting, but we will be joining the Nashville Chapter of TOS on Saturday, April 22 at Edgar Evins State Park in search of the Cerulean Warbler and other spring migrants. More information about this field trip is forthcoming. Can't wait.

Be sure to check our website at lebanonbirding.org. Greg does a great job of keeping it up to date. There are sign up forms for most trips. Not required, but great to know if you are coming.

Remember, a slow day of birding is better than most days.