

Lark News

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Happy Summer to everyone. Hope everybody has had a great summer so far and this newsletter finds you well. Hope everyone got to take some time off and vacation. With July coming to an end kids will be heading back to school and Fall migration, which has already begun for shorebirds, will start to kick into high gear before we know it. Hopefully, this year's hurricane season will remain uneventful and the winter season will be more accommodating to bird outings this next year than last winter. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual business meeting and officer elections on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 10:00 am at cabin 13. Be sure to pack a lunch and stay after the meeting to socialize with everyone.

If you are interested in being an officer or trip leader, or would like to help get speakers for our meetings, please let us know.

We have some guest speakers and events already planned.

Meetings and Outings

Saturday, August 18: Business meeting and officers elections. 10:00 AM Cabin 13 Cedars of Lebanon State Park.

The Shorebird Rendezvous at Rankin Bottoms

This is a Joint outing with the Knoxville Chapter of TOS

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Meet at Cedars of Lebanon State Park Nature Center at 10:00 am

Carpool up to Cocke County, Douglas Lake, Rankin WMA 3+ hours

Rankin Bottoms is one the best places to view shorebirds in East Tennessee. Join us on a day trip for an afternoon of birding with the Knoxville Chapter. Viewing at Rankin Bottoms does not get good until the afternoon so we can leave later in the morning and be back home after dark. Not much shade at Rankin Bottoms so be sure to bring an umbrella, hat and sunscreen. Be sure to pack a lunch and snacks and plenty to drink. We are inviting everyone in east Tennessee to this event so let's have a large showing. We will set up a popup tent and table with field guides. Bring your scopes, binoculars and cameras. This is a great outing and chance to work on your shorebird identification and hopefully some Terns and other interesting birds.

Please let me know if you are interested. Stephen Zipperer stzipperer@gmail.com

Reelfoot to Memphis Labor Day Weekend Run

Fourth Running

September 1, 2018 Saturday.

We will meet in Tiptonville at 7am and begin the adventure. If you have ever wanted to experience the Mississippi Flyway here's your chance. We will bird all day along the Mississippi River and end up at The PITs in Memphis. You will need to bring all the food you need for the day and water and drinks. We make one stop in Arkansas at a gas station that has food and drinks. There are other stops for restroom breaks. We go rain or shine. It's a great day. There is no charge. You are responsible for all your needs. This is just birders out birding. Let me know if you are interested. Stephen Zipperer stzipperer@gmail.com.

September 15, 2018 regular meeting. Chris Sloan will return to give us a presentation on his trip to Uganda. Uganda Birds and other Natural Attractions. It should be very interesting.

October 5 – 7, 2018 Fall TOS meeting is in Manchester TN on the weekend of October 5 – 7, 2018. Make plans to attend. All information on TOS website and you should have the information in the latest TOS newsletter that just came out.

Hopefully on **October 20** we can do some birding or we will have another speaker.

November 17, 2018 will be our annual Soup and Birding meeting at the Turrentine's in Bedford County. We will bird after lunch. This is also the time we pay our annual dues. More details to come.

December we will put together a field trip to somewhere. We usually don't have a meeting this month because of all the Holiday events around Christmas. We can discuss this at the August meeting.

December 29, 2018 will be our Wilson County Christmas Bird Count. This will be the second official running of this new area. Please make plans to attend. We need everybody we can get. Jan 5, 2019 will be our back up date.

Lot's going on in January 2019.

Wheeler Refuge Sandhill Crane Festival in Alabama is Jan. 12 – 13, 2019.

2nd Annual Wings Over Winter at Paris Tennessee will be Jan. 18 – 20, 2019.

We will discuss going to Wheeler this year at the August meeting. Would really like to get a group to the Duck River Refuge in New Johnsonville, Tn this winter to try and see Golden Eagles. There are lots of Ducks there also.

Well that's it for now. Please make plans to attend the August meeting and bring your lunch. Hope to see everyone there.