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The Pileated Post

A National Audubon Society Chapter
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Grand Lake Audubon Society

Sept - Nov 2017

Frankly Speaking

The summer has flown by and it is time to get back into a routine. I hope that routine will include the monthly meetings of Grand Lake Audubon Society. We will still be meeting at the same location, but it will have a new name. It is now: **Trinity Baptist Church**. We have confirmed that we will be able to use the building on the second Monday of each month, September-June.

This past year saw us doing several Field Trips. The trip to Spavinaw Creek was more or less a washout due to high water in the area we usually monitor. There was the weekend trip to Hackberry Flats with six GLAS members in attendance. We saw some things not ordinarily seen in NE Oklahoma. We have participated in the Har-Ber Village Christmas celebration. The Eagle Watch was well attended and eagles were seen. We have several trips planned for next year that are out of state, but they are only one-day trips. Tom Whipple has put together programs for the ensuing year that are very good. Please come and enjoy the speakers and refreshments afterward.

Keep looking up because you never know what you might see.
~Frank

Hospitality Schedule

Sept. 11 – Ellie Womack & Diana Smith
Oct. 9 – Sandy Sullins & Willie Hale
Nov. 13 – Ann Spragins & Sandy Hendrickson

Editor's Notes..

It would be most helpful to us if, when you change your email and/or mailing address as well as your telephone number, you would contact us so the changes can be made to our records.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 11 – First meeting of the fall, 7 p.m., 400 South Main Street, Grove --- Program by Brandon Brown, Oklahoma Wildlife biologist; Paddlefish and what is done at the Research Center (north of Twin Bridges).

Sept. 16 -- Schermerhorn Park, Galena, Ks., Depart Wal-Mart 7:30 a.m.*; Lunch TBA.; John Beyer, 918-787-5188.

Oct. 9 -- 7 p.m.; 400 South Main St., Grove – GRDA representatives; covering several areas—water quality, shore line cleanup, status of Zebra Mussels.

Oct.13-14 – 34th Annual Pelican Festival; Wolf Creek Park, 963 16th St., Grove; Willie Hale, 918-791-0926.

Oct. 21-- Owl Watch, Har-Ber Village; Depart Wal-Mart 5:15 p.m.*; Hot dogs provided, bring covered dish to share & eating utensils.

Nov. 4 -- Pensacola Dam, Depart Wal-Mart 7:30 a.m.*; Bring sack lunch; Frank Houck, 918-787-6532

Nov. 13 -- 7 p.m.; 400 South Main St. Grove – “Oklahoma Birds”, photos taken mainly at 2017 Red Slough Birding Convention, by our own Tom Whipple.

***Meet** at Wal-mart parking lot, north of the wildlife area to car pool. We leave on time, so don't be late.

I can be reached at efhouck727@gmail.com or 918-787-6532. Thanks so very much!

~~Evelyn Houck

Congratulations to...

Our own Tom Whipple has two photos published in the July/August 2017 issue of *Outdoor Oklahoma!!!*

The issue, "Readers' Photography Showcase 2017" is full of interesting photos taken in various locations in Oklahoma.

Did you know...

A large Praying Mantis is capable of catching and eating hummingbirds?

Some Ruby Throats fly more than 3,000 miles from Canada to Costa Rica?

Backyard Photos



Verbena (photo by E Houck)



Buckeye Butterfly (photo by E Houck)



Ruby-throated Hummingbird (photo by E Houck)



Three Cooper's Hawks (photo by E Womack, 7-2017)

Buckeye Butterfly

Buckeye butterflies are small (1-5/8 – 2/3/4 inch wingspan). Males perch during the day on low plants or bare ground to watch for females, flying periodically to patrol or to chase other flying insects. Females lay eggs singly on leaf buds or on upper side of host plant leaves. Caterpillars are solitary and eat leaves. Caterpillars and adults overwinter but only in the south. Adults from the south's first brood migrate north in late spring and summer to temporarily colonize most of the US and parts of southern Canada. The eyespots may be used to scare away predators.

Cooper's Hawk

Among the bird world's most skillful fliers, Cooper's Hawks are common woodland hawks that tear through cluttered tree canopies in high speed pursuit of other birds. You're most likely to see one prowling above a forest edge or field using just a few stiff wing beats followed by a glide. With their smaller lookalike, the Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawks make for famously tricky identifications. Both species are sometimes unwanted guests at bird feeders, looking for an easy meal (but not one of sunflower seeds).

Adults are steely blue-gray above with warm reddish bars on the underparts and thick dark bands on the tail. Juveniles are brown above and crisply streaked with brown on the upper breast, giving them a somewhat hooded look compared with young Sharp-shinned Hawks' more diffuse streaking.

Voice: Series of flat nasal barks *pek, pek, pek*.

50/50 Drawing

An established activity at GLAS meetings for a number of years has been the 50/50 drawing. Near the end of the business meeting, the drawing is held with the winning prize being half of the amount received from the purchase of a ticket or tickets. The other half of the amount goes into the GLAS treasury for expenses.

Tickets may be purchased at the registration desk as you arrive at the meeting, or any time prior to the drawing. Tickets are \$1 each/6 tickets for \$5.

Some winners in the past have chosen to donate the amount of their prize back to the organization, while others chose to use it as they see fit.

It is a fun thing to participate in and helps increase the coffers of the organization too.

So consider joining in the fun and anticipation of receiving a few extra monies at the meetings!!!!

Coming Events...

Dec.17 – Christmas Bird Count

Jan. 20 – Eagle trip to Northwest Arkansas

Past and Upcoming Events:

“**Ecology & Environment Day**” in the Nature Building at Har-Ber Village, June 17; theme: “The Birds & Bees” and how they help with pollination. Participants received bumblebee stickers.

“**Art on the Lake**”, August 12 at the same location. Hands on activities pertaining to birds were prepared for participants.

Pelican Festival, October 13-14, Wolf Creek Park. As you know, this is our fund raiser for the year that helps pay for all programs and any items needed for our meetings that we all enjoy.

This year our booth will double in size due to Ken Spragins and David Hale donating the fee for the second 10x10' space.

Please help with donations of items to be sold during the festival. I will begin taking donations in September. You may contact me at 918-791-0926 with contributions or helping with setting up, manning the booth, and taking it down. Thank you in advance! ~~Willie Hale

Editorial: Are you.....

Supporting Grand Lake Audubon Society with your attendance at the meetings and events of the chapter?

For example: The speakers spend a lot of time preparing their presentation and travel long distances to be at the meeting. It is disappointing to them, and embarrassing to the chapter, that so few people are in attendance.

Trip leaders as well spend a lot of time planning and preparing for outings of the Chapter.

Officers/committees responsibilities are other areas that require planning and work for meetings.

Let's turn over a new leaf and make more of an effort to attend/participate in the events made available to each of us by Grand Lake Audubon Society.

Question ???

What do you get if you cross poison ivy and a four-leaf clover?

A rash of good luck!

It's That Time....

Chapter only dues are now payable. If you have a National Audubon Society membership, the local chapter dues have already been paid with that membership. For local chapter only dues, mail your check for \$15 to GLAS, P O Box 451813, Grove, OK 74345-1813 or bring it to the next monthly meeting.

Thank you for your support of this chapter and Audubon Adventures.

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