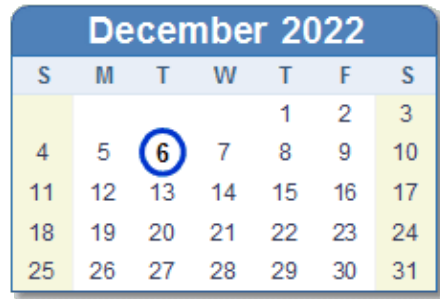


## Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – November 2022

### Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place at 6 PM Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> in Room D of the Chota Recreation Center.



**Tuesday, Dec 6th 2022**

The guest speaker will be Meredith Clebsch. Meredith owned and operated native plant nursery “Native Gardens” for 28 yrs and was Land Director for the Foothills Land Conservancy for 15 yrs. The topic will be “Ecology of Gardening”, an overview of methods to create and enhance urban landscapes by providing healthy, attractive habitat for birds, pollinators and other wildlife. Suggested plant species for our area will be covered.

### 2023 Monthly Meetings

Room D of the recreation center has been reserved for birding club meetings for the first Tuesday of each month at 6 PM for all of 2023.

The following is the initial list of 2023 speakers and topics:

January 3: Joe Lewis – Identifying the common birds of the village. As a twist we will play “guess that bird song” for each bird.

February 7: Nicholas Smith, University Of Tennessee - Birds as seed dispersers.

April 4: David Hanni, TWRA Bird Conservation Coordinator - Non-game bird work, bird conservation.

### **Club Mission Statement**

As per previous emails, a mission statement has been added to the club's web site at <http://tvbirdingclub.org/>.

## **Tellico Village Birding Club**

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Welcome To The Tellico Village Birding Club!

Our mission is:

To gather in friendship, enjoy the wonders of nature and share our passion for birds.

To build a community of birders who strive to promote the knowledge, development, protection, and conservation of birds and their habitats.

To offer support for both new and experienced birders through monthly meetings, guest speakers, and bird walks.

### **Show-And-Go Bird Walks**

As an experiment I led a fun "Show-And-Go" bird walk Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> on the Wellness Center trails. Based on the success of that bird walk I will be doing more in the future. "Show-And-Go" bird walks will be announced via e-mail a day or two before they occur. There is no need to "register", you simply just show up at the announced place and time.

### **Movie Suggestion**

A movie suggestion by way of club member Teresa Johnson; "Emptying The Skies" is a fascinating movie about bird poaching. According to a Google search the movie is available on Google Play Movies & TV (\$1.99), Vudu (\$2.99), Apple TV (\$3.99) and YouTube (\$1.99).

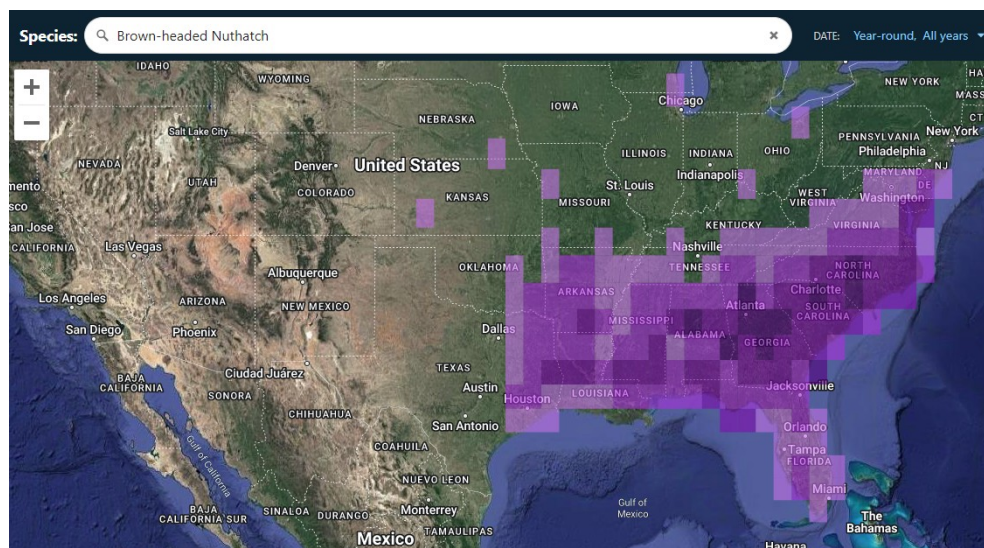
## eBird

If you have never checked out Cornell Lab Of Ornithology's eBird web site at <http://eblink.org/> you should. Powered by lists submitted by birders around the world, the site lets you explore where bird species have been seen and what birds have been reported at birding locations. It is best viewed on a desktop or laptop. Some features on the site require registration which is simply the process of providing your email address and creating a password.

As an example of the sites usefulness, let's look at the status of Brown-headed Nuthatches in the Tellico Village area.



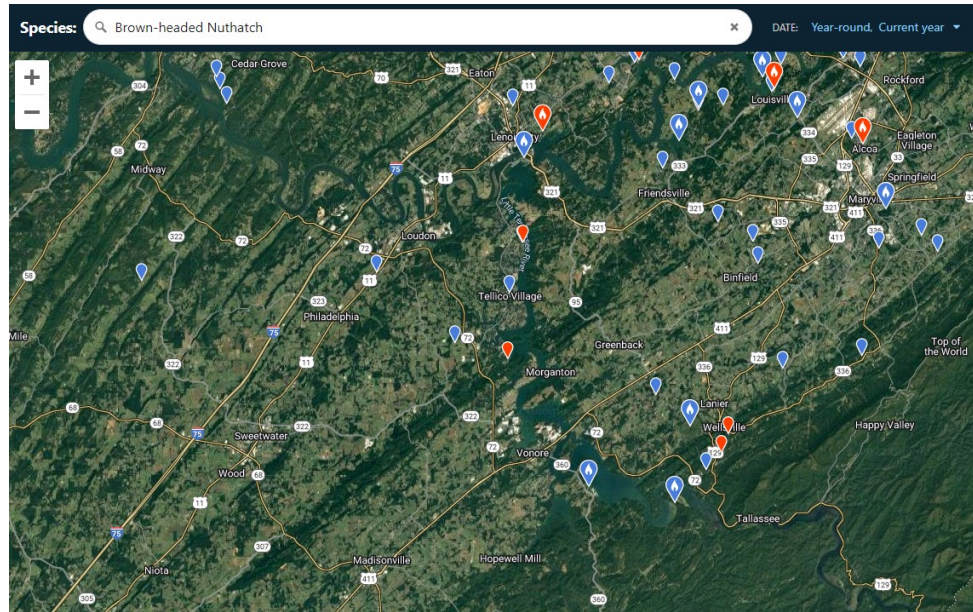
Go to the web site and click on Explore and Species Maps which should take you to <https://ebird.org/map>. Enter "Brown-headed Nuthatch" in the species prompt and you will see where Brown-headed Nuthatches have been reported by birders since eBird started.



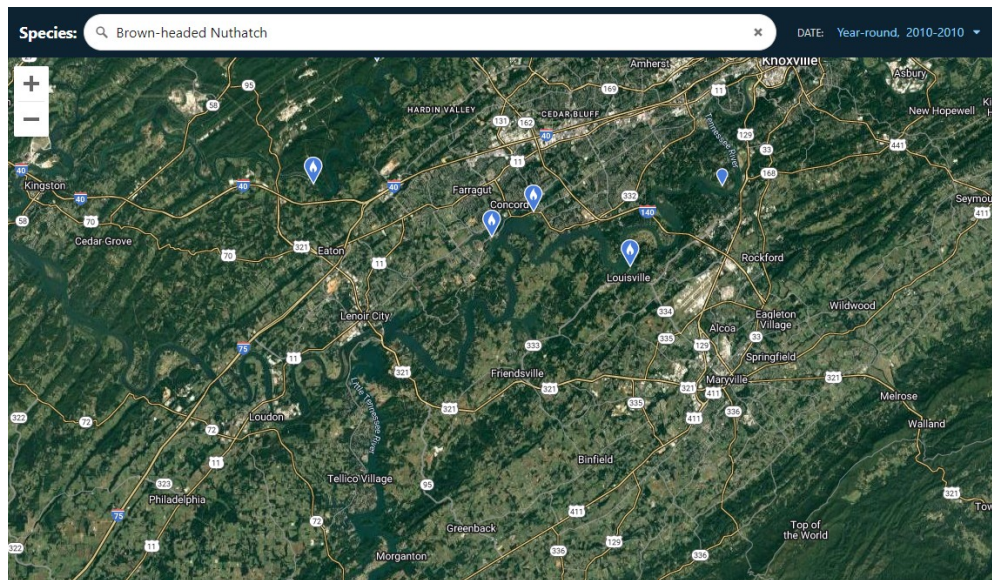


Pan/Zoom into our area of eastern Tennessee and you will notice that Brown-headed Nuthatches have indeed been observed in our area.

For fun, change the date range of the map to “year round” and “current year” in order to get just this years’ sightings. Note that as you zoom in, the purple squares turn to pins representing individual sightings.

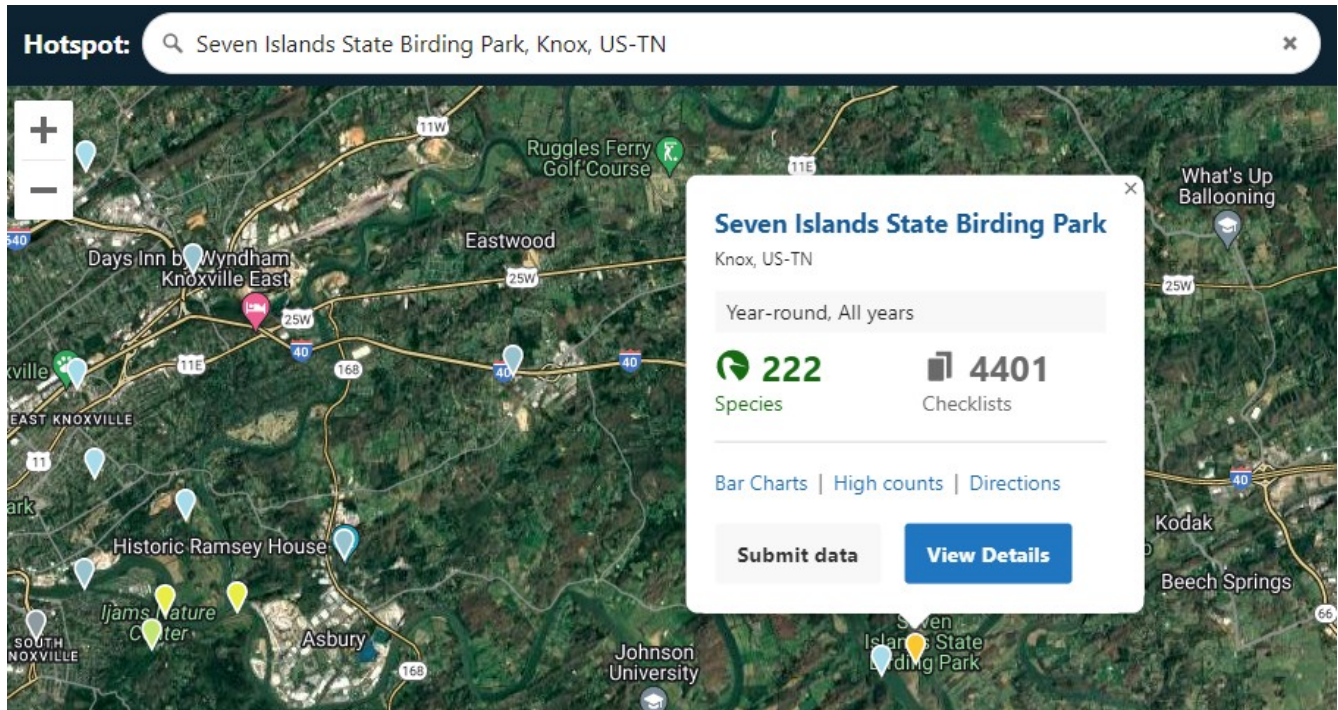


Then change the year range to “2010 to 2010” to see the difference in the sightings twelve years ago (noting of course that more people submit lists to eBird nowadays compared to the earlier years of eBird).





Another very useful feature of eBird is to see what is being seen at various birding locations. If you select Explore and Hot Spots from the eBird home page you should end up at <https://ebird.org/hotspots>. If you enter “Seven Islands State Birding Park, Knox, US-TN” as the hotspot you will see that 4400-plus lists have been submitted over the years with 222 species reported.



Click “View Details” to see the details. My favorite thing to look in the details page are the submitted lists of recent visitors. You will see that a Stephanie Mueller submitted a list on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 with 28 species. Clicking on the date gives you the details of the species list. Some birders include photos with their lists. I find the eBird hot spots data invaluable for scouting places to bird when I am traveling.

### **Future Newsletters**

The plan is to send out a newsletter on the third Tuesday of every month. If you have something that you would like to share with the club please email it to [tvbirdingclub@gmail.com](mailto:tvbirdingclub@gmail.com) a few days before the newsletter goes out.