

Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – November 2023

Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place at 6 PM Tuesday, December 5th in Room D of the Chota Recreation Center. The guest speaker will be Lucas Coe-Starr, aka the Oak Ridge Bird Man.



Meetings in 2024 will be held the first Tuesday of the month at 6 PM in Room D of the Recreation Center. Due to the Recreation Center being closed for Election Day the first Tuesday in both March and November, meetings are not scheduled for those months.

Birds Of Tellico Village Videos

With Birds Of Tellico Village Episode 3 completed, work has begun on the next episode. Episode 4 will present Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Barred Owl, Eastern Screech-owl, and great Horned Owl. Below are links to the first three episodes on YouTube:

Episode 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mckVH7dfLXY>

Episode 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYRmThHKpMI&t=244s>

Episode 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsIripyEveU&t=200s>

Rare Bird - Ancient Murrelet

A rare Ancient Murrelet is present as of the writing of this newsletter. Head to the boat ramp and look for the other birders: [10 News - Extremely Rare Bird Spotted In Chickamauga Lake](#)

Ask AI

Just for fun I asked the "Ask AI" app what the difference between "fledgling," "juvenile," and "immature" is when talking about birds. Here is the answer ...

"Fledgling," "juvenile," and "immature" are terms used to describe birds at different stages of development. While they are often used interchangeably, they have distinct meanings in the context of bird biology.

1. Fledgling: A fledgling is a young bird that has recently acquired its flight feathers and has left the nest but is still being cared for and fed by its parents. Fledglings are typically awkward in flight and may spend time on the ground or in low branches as they learn to fly and forage for food. They are not fully independent and still rely on their parents for protection and nourishment.
2. Juvenile: A juvenile bird is a young bird that has reached a stage where it is capable of independent flight and foraging but has not yet attained its adult plumage. Juvenile birds often resemble adult birds to some extent but may have distinct markings, colors, or patterns that differentiate them from adults of the same species. They are no longer reliant on parental care but are still learning important skills for survival.
3. Immature: The term "immature" is more general and can refer to any bird that has not yet reached full maturity, including both fledglings and juveniles. Immature birds may exhibit a combination of juvenile and adult characteristics, such as partially developed plumage or behaviors associated with learning and development.

In summary, a fledgling is a young bird that has recently left the nest and is still dependent on its parents, a juvenile is a young bird capable of independent behavior but has not yet acquired adult plumage, and immature is a more general term that encompasses all stages of development before reaching full maturity.

Smoky Mountain Wild Turkeys

Courtesy of the Smoky Mountain National Park, here are fun facts about the many Wild Turkeys in the park: [Fun Facts](#)

Member Contribution - Susan Henry-Kilday

We had a Thanksgiving bald eagle fly by our dining window. And our loons have returned to fish. We've seen four all together. The great blue herons are very active as well. And the nuthatches are still eating from our feeder.

Member Contribution - Ken Rose

Came across this short video of scientists studying the dynamics of bird flight. Thought the club might be interested.

https://youtube.com/watch?v=2sh8_3-R90I&si=Yuzql5ckxsu2FiKU

Member Contribution - Donna Armbrust

Last week we had a flock of Cedar Waxwings and a flock of Yellow Rumped Warblers in our yard at the same time.