

Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – December 2023

Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place at 4 PM Tuesday, January 2nd at the Yacht Club. The guest speaker will be Bill Hartman of the Tennessee Bluebird Society's Valley Chapter.



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Note that the February meeting has been moved from Tuesday February 6th at the Rec. Center to 2 PM Wednesday February 7th at the Yacht Club.

The remaining 2024 meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each 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

Episode 4 is almost completed! It presents 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>

Changing Bird Names

I'm sure many of you have heard about the American Ornithological Society's decision to change many bird names. Here is a link to a decent article on the issue: [Eponymous Bird Names and the History of Ornithology](#)

Note that of the sixty-plus birds that are scheduled to appear in our Birds of Tellico Village video series, Cooper's Hawk is the only one which will be subject to a name change under this effort. At some point in the future, when a name change for Cooper's Hawk becomes official, we can decide if we want to edit Episode 4 and insert a graphic note about the name change at the start of the video.

Rare Bird - Ancient Murrelet

You know the bird you went to see is rare when local television crews show up to interview birders while you are there. Here an article about the bird and a picture by myself (Joe Lewis) who had a successful trip to get a look: [10 News - Extremely Rare Bird Spotted In Chickamauga Lake](#)



Identifying Black-Capped and Carolina Chickadees

Somewhere on Facebook I saw a discussion about local chickadees which took place after someone in the Knoxville area claimed to have heard a Black-capped Chickadee in a location where only Carolina Chickadees should be present. A link to the following excellent article appeared in the discussion: <https://www.audubon.org/news/identifying-black-capped-and-carolina-chickadees>

Member Contribution – Lynda Parker

This article appeared in the news: [Baby Owl In Christmas Tree](#). Both Lynda and I are a little skeptical that a “baby” owl would be around in November. What do you think? Is there something fishy about this birdy story?

New Members

A new section in the newsletter; Let's say hello to some newer members of the birding club ...

Cathy Bilodeau, Toqua – We arrived in TN March 2022 from the Eastern shore of Maryland. We lived close to the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, which had a lot of migratory birds.

Nancy & Ken Eldridge -- We have lived in Mialaquo for just over 2 years and came from Indiana.