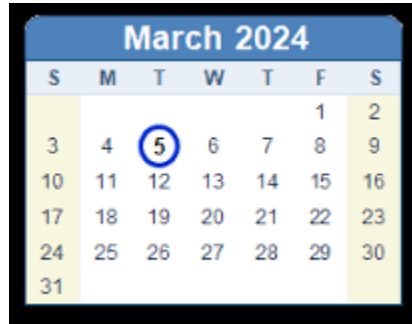


Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – February 2024

Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place 5 PM Tuesday March 5th at the Wellness Center Hiking Trails. Joe Lewis will present “Binoculars 101”. Bring your binoculars.



A calendar for March 2024. The title is "March 2024". The days of the week are listed at the top: S, M, T, W, T, F, S. The dates are arranged in a grid. The date 5 is circled in blue. The calendar is set against a background of yellow and white squares.

March 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		5	6	7	8	9
3	4					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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 November a meeting has not scheduled. An alternate event such as a bird walk will be scheduled.

Birds Of Tellico Village Videos

Episode 4 is finished! Work had begun on Episode 5.

Below are links to the four 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>

Episode 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8nV2ooMldQ&t=40s>

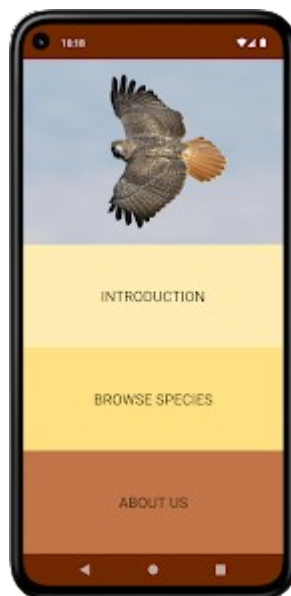
What's In A Name?

I am probably not the only birder who has questioned the name of the Ring-necked Duck. When you get a good look at one in most of the U.S. the only “ring” you see is a small white one around the bill and you are tempted to call them Ring-billed Ducks. Head far north during breeding season however and you will see where the name came from by checking out a male in breeding plumage:



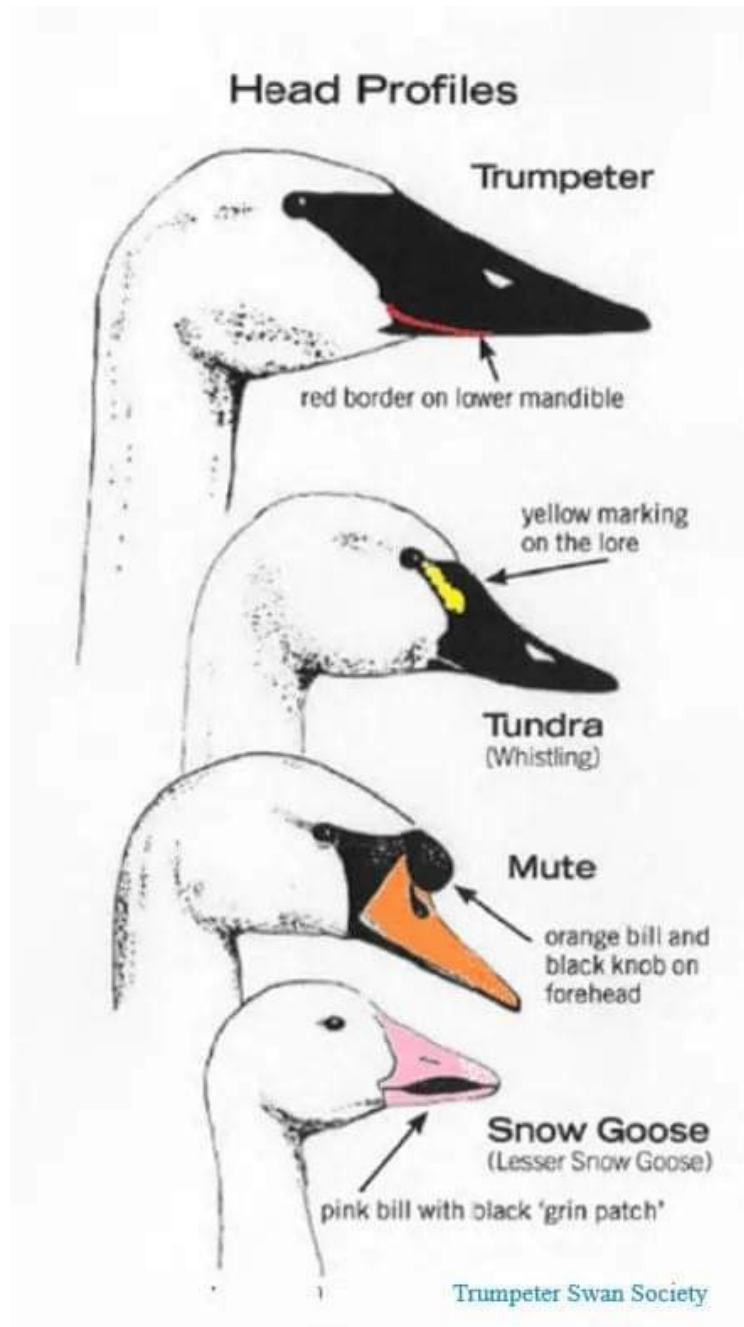
Hawk App For Your Phone

Here's a cool app named “Raptor ID” from hawkwatch.org that you will want to put on your Android or Apple Phone: [Click This Link For Raptor Id](#)



Swan Identification

Someone posted on a Facebook bird identification group that they keep the following picture on their phone so that they can differentiate between Trumpeter and Tundra swan while out birding. I thought that was rather clever and will hopefully remember to attach a copy of this picture when I email this newsletter to the club so you can do the same:



Climate Change / Oak Ridge Bird Man

I stumbled across an article from the end of January featuring Lucas Coe-Starr who recently was guest speaker at a monthly meeting of the birding club: [Climate change affects migrating birds](#)

Member Contribution – Teresa Johnson

From Teresa: One of the most interesting facts about cardinals is that they practice what is appropriately called anting. In fact, over 200 species of birds, including the Baltimore Orioles and the wild turkey, also cover themselves with ants. It is possible that because the ants release formic acids, cardinals help themselves ward off lice. Cardinals are also named after Roman Catholic Bishops, who wear red robes.

Member Contribution – Michael Elkins

Michael contributed a beautiful photo from Hiwassee Refuge. I hope everyone got out to the refuge at least once this past winter.

