

## **Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – March 2024**

### **Next Monthly Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will take place 6 PM Tuesday April 2nd in Room D of the Rec. Center. Guest speaker Clare Dattilo of Seven Islands State Birding Park will present “Woodpeckers of Tennessee”.



A calendar for April 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 2 is circled in blue. The calendar shows that April 1st is a Monday, April 2nd is a Tuesday, and April 3rd is a Wednesday. The dates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are in the first row. The dates 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 are in the second row. The dates 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 are in the third row. The dates 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 are in the fourth row. The dates 28, 29, 30 are in the fifth row.

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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**

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=PslripyEveU&t=200s>

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

### **Providing Nesting Materials For Birds**

There are always a lot of suggestions for providing nesting material this time of year. Some reasonable, some terrible. If you are considering doing so please check out the following article:

<https://nestwatch.org/connect/blog/what-kind-of-nest-materials-are-best-to-provide-for-birds/?fbclid=IwAR06xDVyM98uxaky5nIRLRikGKmIU0d8SwvY6NY2Q0pR0zVJArCHuzQLLtl&sfnsn=mo&mibextid=VhDh1V>

### **Hummingbird Map**

Hummingbirds should be returning to our area soon! Some of you may already know about the interactive hummingbird migration map which lets you see their progress northward based on the reported observations of early arriving males:

<https://www.hummingbirdcentral.com/hummingbird-migration-spring-2024-map.htm>

### **Identification Articles and Videos**

You might find these identification links interesting ...

Cooper's Hawk vs Sharp-shinned Hawk (one of the most asked ID questions):

<https://youtu.be/7ptXPpeSNy0?si=SxKoGy8nJmZwMwpK>

Kestrel vs Merlin:

<https://www.hawksonthewing.com/2024/02/27/did-i-just-see-a-kestrel-or-merlin/?fbclid=IwAR1KgrragcFITpa4VbjvdbDaQAG6g0T51IFFSB55izHfbPc71O5qKfzIeYs>

### **Volunteer Opportunity - Habitat House**

A couple of couples in the village (Barbara & Rick Mannarino and Nancy & Brock Benn) are sponsoring a Habitat House in Loudon and construction is about to get underway (the first scheduled work date is Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>). If you would like to be involved contact Rick at [rmannarino1380@charter.net](mailto:rmannarino1380@charter.net).

**Member Contribution – Norma Aiello**

Norma provided this beautiful picture of a Red-bellied Woodpecker ...



**Member Contribution – Sue Hume**

Sue came across a Cooper's Hawk while walking about 10 days ago and provided a lovely picture ...





### **Member Contribution – Michael Elkins**

Michael went along with our woodpecker theme and provided the following pictures of two species seen less frequently in the village than some of the others woodpecker species ...



**Member Contribution – Pamela Holasek**

Pamela has a robin fascinated with the reflection of the “other robin” in Pamela’s window. It is that time of year! ...



**Member Contribution – Linda Knight**

Linda provided a “Bird Buddy” camera picture of a male House Finch sharing food with its mate (well that’s my interpretation anyway) ...

