

## Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – April 2024

### **Next Monthly Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will take place 6 PM Tuesday, May 7th in Room D of the Chota Recreation Center. Joe Lewis will present “Exploring Ebird data”.



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 on Episode 5 is nearly complete.

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>

### **Improve Your ID Skills**

Want to brush up on your raptor ID skills? Lots of information on the HawkWatch International website: <https://hawkwatch.org/raptor-id/>

Also, check out the “What’s This Bird LIVE!” series presented by the American Birding Association. Here is a link to the latest episode: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bINEf\\_bDobI&t=654s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bINEf_bDobI&t=654s)

### **Kyker Bottoms Wildlife Refuge**

I stumbled upon a blog entry which discusses Kyker Bottoms. It did confirm one thing I had thought, which is that the north and south sides of the refuge are completely separated by Nine Mile Creek: [https://www.engravedonhishands.com/Kyker Bottoms Wildlife Refuge.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR24SG-wGm6UeUmLmuohZjioS7Tz0bY3q8xTZ8sMUb3JQXvqxY6-Q4R\\_JUk\\_aem\\_AeIpj9nO5UyIOUvEJduebS8BIwESJETJJGAYX3maZUIiJ5QQKQNjaETfGpLFomQ0R3XlAr28NXiWp16yOibCYYhS](https://www.engravedonhishands.com/Kyker%20Bottoms%20Wildlife%20Refuge.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR24SG-wGm6UeUmLmuohZjioS7Tz0bY3q8xTZ8sMUb3JQXvqxY6-Q4R_JUk_aem_AeIpj9nO5UyIOUvEJduebS8BIwESJETJJGAYX3maZUIiJ5QQKQNjaETfGpLFomQ0R3XlAr28NXiWp16yOibCYYhS)

### **Member Contribution – Ken Rose**

Ken says: Saw this very short YouTube clip (This Bird's Wing Flapping Is Synced With A Camera's Frame Rate And It's Mind Boggling) and thought that Bird Club members might find it interesting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mm37PJ6-O8A>

### **Member Contribution – Richard Ganch**

Richard sent a link to a news story which you might have seen recently: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/mar/24/birding-online-community-10000-species>

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Another item of interest from Richard: <https://petapixel.com/2024/03/26/new-photos-show-one-of-the-worlds-rarest-hummingbirds/>

### **Member Contribution – Donna Armbrust**

From Donna: Adult female pileated woodpecker, Yona Way on Saturday 4/20. We have two active nest boxes, a Chickadee laid 5 eggs and has four chicks. Also a bluebird with 5 chicks. Each box has a male assisting with feeds. Each box has a camera so we are able to monitor them both.

### **Member Contribution – Mike & Linda Gregory**

From Mike and Linda: Sightings in Chota neighborhood this week included a pair of migrating Broad-winged Hawks soaring along the tree tops and we also heard a Chuck-will's Widow after dark.

**Member Contribution – Margaret Moutvic**

From Margaret: We have male and female hummingbirds which are great to see!

**Member Contribution – Mike & Linda Gregory**

Mike and Linda came across one of the “smoke morph” wild turkeys at Cades Coves. The color morph is produced by a recessive gene that occurs in about 1 out of 100 wild turkeys.





**Member Contribution – Sue Hume**

From Sue: Saw this Great Blue Heron while out walking this morning. Had camera (point and shoot) on full extension to capture it.

