

Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – May 2024

Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place 6 PM Tuesday, June 4th in Room D of the Chota Recreation Center. Robyn Miller of the American Eagle Foundation will be doing a presentation about vultures.



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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. Originally a meeting was not scheduled for November due to Election Day, however the polling place has been moved to another location and a meeting will be held as usual in the Recreation Center.

Birds Of Tellico Village Videos

Hooray, episode 5 has been released: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvqudrqFJpc>

Below are links to the prior 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>

Spring Bird Survey

The email “spring migrant” survey produced an interesting list of birds returning to or passing through the village this spring (not in any particular order):

Baltimore Oriole
Swainson’s Thrush
Blue Grosbeak
Red-eyed Vireo
Great-crested Flycatcher
White-eyed Vireo
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Summer Tanager
Indigo Bunting
Eastern Kingbird
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Cedar Waxwings
Chimney Swift

Animal Help Now App

I stumbled across an app you can use to get in touch with local wildlife rehabilitators in an emergency: <https://ahnow.org/apps.php>. You might want to install the app on your phone in advance of ever needing it.

Member Contribution – Richard Ganch

Richard provided a link to an article on seven of the south’s most beautiful birds:
<https://gardenandgun.com/articles/seven-of-the-souths-most-beautiful-birds/>

Member Contribution – Teresa Johnson

From Teresa, “I ran across this new book by Amy Tan, a famous author. It sounds rather interesting, and I thought it might be something to share with our other bird enthusiasts.”
<https://www.unionavebooks.com/book/9780593536131?SAR20240510=web-more>

Member Contribution – Jane Coggins

Jane provided a couple of great shots taken in Cades Cove. She returned home to capture the Northern Lights ...





Member Contribution – Pat Ball

Pat provided a spring update:

I usually have to fill my feeders every day, now they're still fairly full after several days. Are my pet birds feeding on the cicadas?

I have red bellied woodpeckers, nesting wood thrushes and it was fleeting, but I think I glimpsed an oriole.

My bird bath is still standing room only, especially if there's a robin bathing in it. The robin is a violent bather and takes its time with no regard for whoever might be waiting or how long.

Oh, yesterday I saw a chipmunk actually "jump on a dove's back" to chase it away from the ground food. Those poor doves.

Member Contribution – Chuck Cruickshank

Chuck provided a blink camera video of an Eastern Bluebird feeding a cicada. I passed it on to Bill Whitehouse of TVN who had asked for bird/cicada pictures and videos. Here is an extracted frame:



And Yet There Is More

Along the same lines, here is a picture I just took on the corner of Cheestana Way and Toqua Road ...

