

Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – July 2024

Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place 6 PM Tuesday, August 6th in Room D of the Chota Recreation Center. Nancy Zagaya of the American Eagle Foundation will present “A Bird’s Eye View of Raptor Rehabilitation”. We will be “passing the owl” to raise money for the American Eagle Foundation with a suggested donation of five dollars.



A calendar for August 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 6 is circled in blue. The calendar shows that August 6th is a Tuesday.

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

Work on episode 6 has begun! The episode will include Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Eastern Phoebe, Cedar Waxwing and Common Grackle.

Below are links to the prior five 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>

Episode 5: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvqudrqFJpc>

Stride Fight Diabetes event on Saturday, September 21st

Tellico Village Parks and Recreation is holding a “Strides Fight Diabetes” walk on Saturday, September 21st. Save the date and join the birding club walking team which will bird while we walk (we may do a little extra credit walking down to the village gardens).

Here is the email I received:

Dear Club, Civic, and Church Leaders,

Tellico Village Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Lions Club, to sponsor a community health event, to raise diabetes awareness and encourage physical activity through walking regularly. The event is **3 laps, totaling 1.5 miles, around the “Jim Lilley Walking Trail”**. We invite your members to organize a team to participate in this event.

The Diabetes Awareness Event – STRIDES FIGHT DIABETES

The pledge driven, walking event is scheduled at the Tellico Village Wellness Center on Saturday, September 21, 2024 8:00am – 10:00am. The Lions Club is **matching the first \$1,000** of walker contributions, and the event net proceeds will be donated to the **East Tennessee Children’s Hospital Camp Cure for Type 1 Diabetic Children**.

Camp Cure provides a positive group experience for Type 1 Diabetic Children. Loudon and Monroe County children, as well as, other local area patients at East Tennessee Children’s Hospital, attend this camp. The hospital provides medical specialists and staff, who operate a safe, fun environment for ages 5 through 12, enjoying arts and crafts, swimming, and other activities. Children learn about the disease, managing diabetes, and deal with feelings, while in camp with others just like them.

What You Can Do

Encourage your members to:

- Form a **“Walking Team”** representing your organization.
- Each Team member registers at TellicoLife **POA Event STRIDES FIGHT DIABETES – JIM LILLEY TRAIL**, or on the day of the event at the Check In Tent.
- We encourage you to show your colors and setup a tent at the Finish Line.
- Rideshare, walk, and spend the morning enjoying the magnificent view of the Smokies.**

The Tellico Village Parks and Recreation Department is giving a **6 month Wellness Center membership** to the Individual delivering the largest contribution.

The Lions Club is giving **eight (8) Oktoberfest tickets** to the **“Walking Team”** delivering the largest contribution.

Do It Because

Your Team’s effort emphasizes the personal benefit of regular walking exercise in lowering sugar levels, and Camp Cure provides a “Summer Camp” experience to the diabetic children at no cost. Donations are critical to make that happen.

If you have a question, call or send an email to TVLionsStrides@GMAIL.COM. Tellico Village Parks and Recreation, with the Lions, look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Simon Bradbury Director of Parks and Recreation

Mark H. Williams STRIDES Event Director

Member Contribution – Kristin Farrington

Kristin suggested that birding club members view the June 2024 Golf Talk video where Chuck James talks about the history of the golf course Audubon certification process. Chuck appears near the end of the video, starting around the 23 minute mark ...

Link to the video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LawuHVLphUY>

Note that Jon North, head golf course superintendent here in Tellico Village, will be the birding club's December speaker and will discuss the recent re-certification process.

Member Contribution - Jane Coggins

From Jane: "Saw this mama and her eggs at the oaks daylily festival in Corryton today"



From the web: Unlike many birds, a killdeer builds its nest on the ground. In order to protect the nest and young, a killdeer will build in an area resembling the buff-colored and spotted eggs, making graveled driveways and open dried fields prime locations for nest sites.

Member Contribution – Richard Ganch

Richard sent a link to the Ijams Nature Center Hummingbird Festival which will be taking place August 17th: <https://www.ijams.org/ijams-hummingbird-festival>

Member Contribution – Michael Elkins

Michael was able to get pictures and a video of four bluebirds leaving the nest. Here are two of the pictures ...



Member Contribution – Don and Diane Naylor

From the Naylor: “We have a resident cardinal that is now totally bald. He’s always just had only 2 little feathers on top, but now has lost his hair. We keep our feeders and bath clean and the other birds around seem ok. Do you have a clue as to what is wrong with this little guy?”



From the web: Cardinals may appear bald for a number of reasons, including molting, lice, mites, or environmental factors:

Molting - Cardinals molt once a year, usually in late summer after breeding season, to replace worn-out feathers with new ones. Unlike most birds, which molt a few feathers at a time, many cardinals molt all of their head feathers at once, leaving them bald until the new feathers grow back in. This process is normal and temporary, and the feathers usually grow back within a month.

Lice or mites - Lice or feather mites can also cause baldness in cardinals. However, some ornithologists say that they've handled thousands of cardinals over the years and only a few had naked heads, even though they had mite or lice problems.

Environmental or nutritional factors - Other factors that may cause baldness in cardinals include environmental or nutritional factors.