

Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – May 2025

Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place 6 PM Tuesday, June 3rd in Room D of the Chota Recreation Center. The guest speaker will be Tiffany Hamlin, owner of the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Knoxville.



A calendar for June 2025. 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 3 is circled in blue, indicating the next monthly meeting.

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Birds Of Tellico Village Videos

Episode 8 has been released! It features Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned Kinglet, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Hermit Thrush and European Starling.

Watch Episode 8: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2cci2Yjvoc&t=26s>

Work has begun on Episode 9 which covers Great Blue Heron, Wild Turkey, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Turkey Vulture, and Black Vulture.

If you have missed any of the prior episodes the following link will take you to a YouTube playlist with all eight Birds of Tellico Village episodes.

Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaRW-j-J504E1pHUBZ1shfbjoi2z0MhcP>

Updated Village Bird Checklist

The village checklist had three additions this month based on my own sighting and birds reported to me by other members; American Redstart, Cape May Warbler, and Yellow-breasted Chat. You can download the latest checklist from the “Birds” page of the club’s website: <https://tvbirdingclub.org/birds/>

“Baby Birds”

It is the time of year where you may see birds that puzzle you. On a recent waterfall hike I came across two fairly tame, pint-sized doves. Size-wise they reminded me of Inca Doves of the southwest US. As it turns out they were juvenile Mourning Doves:



I had another interesting “youngster”, this time in my back yard. A young Brown Thrasher accompanied by its parents who were close by. Note the blue eyes which will turn bright yellow when he/she is an adult. On the next page is a picture of one of the parents for comparison.





Member Contribution – William Roy

William writes: As you know, we had an injured bluebird in our yard. We put it in a cardboard box and fed and watered it until we could find out what to do with it. Little Ponderosa Zoo and Rescue will take in birds for rehabbing. They are located at 629 Granite Road in Clinton Tennessee. Their phone number is 865-457-5536. They have a very friendly staff. You can call them for updates on the animal you left with them. They received a turtle and a skunk while we were there. Once you get off the interstate, it is a very beautiful drive.

Joe writes: Thank you for taking care of our feathered friend! I highly recommend that everyone load the “Animal Help Now” app on their phone. It was instrumental in finding rehab for the bluebird. According to the app, the other “not very local” place that may take in an injured songbird is Camp Wildernest Wildlife Center in Chatanooga. Note that a Google search intimates that Chattanooga Zoo has a wildlife rehab department which takes songbirds.

Member Contribution – Lynda Parker

Lynda thought we all might enjoy Smoky Mountain Nature Lady's May newsletter. Note that there is a "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page:

https://smokymountainnaturelady.beehiiv.com/p/smoky-mountain-nature-lady-newsletter-vol-1-issue-3?_bhlid=7622927b296456a45a57ea2c64689f32457a0301&utm_campaign=smoky-mountain-nature-lady-newsletter-vol-1-issue-3&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_source=smokymountainnaturelady.beehiiv.com

Member Contribution – SuZanne Axt

SuZanne says: My recent visit to a falconry in Ireland allowed me to feed owls and a hawk!





Member Contribution - Michael Elkins

Michael provided pictures of some good looking backyard visitors.



Female Rose-breasted Grosbeak



Great Crested Flycatcher



Summer Tanager



Carolina Wren