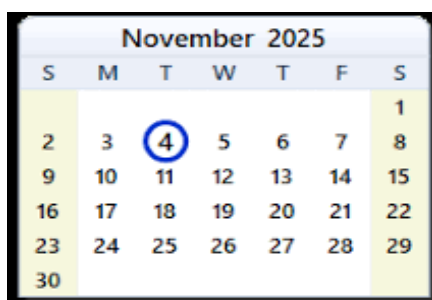


Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – October 2025

Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place 6 PM Tuesday, November 4th in Room D of the Chota Recreation Center. Our guest speaker will be Randy Vogel who will talk about the restoration work being done in the meadow bounded by the Meadow Loop trail.



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No additional meetings are scheduled for 2025. The December 2nd meeting has been canceled.

2026 Bird Club Meetings

As previously discussed, starting in January 2026 bird club meetings will no longer be held on the first Tuesday of each month, but will instead be held at random times in random locations. Stay tuned for more details.

Birds Of Tellico Village Videos Episode 10

The script for Episode 10 has been written. The episode features Gray Catbird, Purple Martin, American Crow, Belted Kingfisher, Green Heron, and Double-crested Cormorant.

Watch Episode 9 on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HV45yk--7M>

Reintroduction of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker to TN

Some of you might have seen this. Here's a link to the story ...

https://www.wate.com/news/tennessee/tennessee-to-reintroduce-bird-species-last-seen-in-cherokee-national-forest-in-1994/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook_WATE_6_On_Your_Side&fbclid=IwdGRzaANmu6BjbGNrA2a7kmV4dG4DYWVtAjExAAEe4V-LgceaP-4BySZYSUpU5QuVOW6LfA30Derbig5znm45Ptn5cSIrgR8k_aem_JbWW3aSJta8D8twl-_KXBg&sfnsn=mo

Valley Chapter - Bluebird Society Annual Meeting

From an email I received: The Valley Chapter of the Tennessee Bluebird Society is pleased to announce our Annual Membership Meeting to be held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. We will have a brief business meeting in the beginning to report on the activities of the year and officers for next year. Following that, we will have a very interesting and informative presentation about improving the habitat in your backyard.

Date: November 17, 2025

Time: 10 AM – Noon

Location: Tellico Village Yacht Club, 5th Floor

RSVP via email to “ValleyChapterTBS@gmail.com”

Member Contribution – Richard Ganch

Richard provided a link to a movie named “Listers, a glimpse into extreme birdwatching” on YouTube and comments that the language is a little strong.

Joe says, a bit long checking in at 2 hours, but it was quite humorous and I just had to watch the whole thing! I have a story related to the Dark-billed Cuckoo sighting mentioned in the movie that I will tell in the future.

Watch the movie here: <https://youtu.be/zl-wAqplQAo?si=AlH7dsPSrhtEjm-o>

Member Contribution – Lynda Parker

Lynda says, “I think I heard a pileated woodpecker this morning in my neighborhood, while out walking the dog. I did not see it, so cannot confirm. But the first pileated I've heard in 9 years living in this neighborhood.. (Chota View Courts townhouse neighborhood), just before the Wellness Center. sorry, not much of a story, but a little something worth noting...”.

Joe says, no apology necessary, we love hearing about Pileated Woodpecker sightings.

Member Contribution – Matthew Craig

Matthew Says, “”We saw this bird on our outing with the Tellico Village Walk and Talk Group, on Gato Way. We are not sure what kind of bird it is, but it really enjoyed posing for the attached picture! .

Joe Says, this makes for a good “guess the bird” picture. Love the yellow eye.



Member Contribution – Linda Foster

Linda says, ”This isn’t what you’re asking for, but I saw 3 blue-headed vireos on mountain hike last week. They were loud.”

Joe says, nice sighting, definitely within the real of what I am looking for.

Barb Gilley – Member Contribution

Barb says, “I was inspired by our "owl lady" who brought her owls to our meeting a few months ago, to install a screech owl box in our backyard. Can't wait til spring to see if I have any prospective tenants.”.

Joe Says, you may not have to wait until spring. I put of a Screech Owl box up at the start of last winter and had an owl visit within a couple of weeks. At varying times since then the owl has spent random days sleeping in the box. In fact it has been in the box all but two of the last fourteen days. I did not have a nesting pair this spring, just the one owl using it as a bachelor pad. I highly suggest putting a Blink camera in the box. I have had several middle of the night visits from a flying squirrel and would not have known this if not for the camera capturing video of the visits.

