

## **Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – February 2026**

### **Bird Club Meeting**

A bird club meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. in Room D of the Chota Recreation Center. A general discussion of birding club items will be followed by a short presentation on how to use eBird to find cool birds, such as this Northern Saw-whet Owl, while on vacation.



### **Save The Date, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lisa Thomison**

Lisa Thomison, Owl Ridge Raptor Center, will be the guest at the naturalists club meeting on Monday March 2, 5:30 pm, Chota Recreation Center, Room A. Based on Lisa's prior appearances for the birding club and the naturalists club this will be standing room only!

### **Save The Date, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bluebirds 101**

Bill Hartman will be doing a “Bluebirds 101” presentation at the Library on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM. Reservations will be required once they are made available via the Library itself.

## **Birds Of Tellico Village Videos Episode 10**

The script for Episode 10 has been written and the narrations have been recorded with editing to begin shortly. The episode features Gray Catbird, Purple Martin, American Crow, Belted Kingfisher, Green Heron, and Double-crested Cormorant.

Watch prior episodes on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=birds+of+tellico+village](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=birds+of+tellico+village)

## **Member Contribution – Linda Foster**

Linda says, “My grandson sent me this . What will they think of next!”. Click the link to see an interesting invention ...

<https://youtube.com/shorts/NbPJMnJH6Rk?si=ddwwN4hzaO80BroF>

## **Member Contribution – Kristin Farrington**

Kristin says, “I’ve attached video of a Downy Woodpecker who is using our bluebird nestbox nightly. In the Winter 2026 NABS Bluebird, the article, Roosting Downys, tells about this being common practice for Downys in winter. ”.

Joe says; Below is a frame from the video. I’ve upload the full video to Google Drive and hopefully you can access it here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TMWckU3jI8Q7asuD\\_6TAZlbUJk-MNUMO/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TMWckU3jI8Q7asuD_6TAZlbUJk-MNUMO/view?usp=sharing)



**Member Contribution – Michael Elkins**





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## **Member Contribution – Elizabeth Evans**

Pictures from a trip to Australia ...





## **Member Contribution – Ronald Armbrust**

Ron says, “Here are a few pictures of our suet feeder in 20 degree weather in January 2026. A Hermit Thrush, a Red Bellied Woodpecker, and 2 Bluebirds.”





### **Member Contribution - Lynda Parker**

Lynda sent an email of the American Bird Conservancy featuring Painted Bunting as their bird of the week. Here is a rather lengthy link to ABC's website page for Painted Buntings ...

[https://abcbirds.org/birds/painted-bunting/?utm\\_campaign=botw&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=botw&contactdata=Tb0scIM3mr54QjH16EARp6iHyPmxvo7jTxVAdHu4wcbu+Frq5GO%2FMqo7FSTQJBrQzmErMULiV4ExOJbvIewPivv1wSITsygZ%2FxzN0BnJ709SgtSzrsv2Fd9grG6ymFfVIWFmAvXTXRLeVsSBV0YBboe+ucmQmwcOZsCkRtg5FK2Cnf185VzcVC930nUFQ4W0m8zHiSXOzbxF720B1xoomHQ6XGBYEvcIE15zrRmrDqcFoKQJRfonmcxT5UrCLcXBGsHfk3wi9jr7e2BTm1plNQ%3D%3D&ms=em\\_nl\\_botw\\_013026&omcampaign=em\\_nl\\_botw\\_013026&omhide=true&emci=50b19ce4-93fb-f011-8d4c-0022482d279b&emdi=b7e86c84-f7fd-f011-832f-000d3a1f0e4c&ceid=82577](https://abcbirds.org/birds/painted-bunting/?utm_campaign=botw&utm_medium=email&utm_source=botw&contactdata=Tb0scIM3mr54QjH16EARp6iHyPmxvo7jTxVAdHu4wcbu+Frq5GO%2FMqo7FSTQJBrQzmErMULiV4ExOJbvIewPivv1wSITsygZ%2FxzN0BnJ709SgtSzrsv2Fd9grG6ymFfVIWFmAvXTXRLeVsSBV0YBboe+ucmQmwcOZsCkRtg5FK2Cnf185VzcVC930nUFQ4W0m8zHiSXOzbxF720B1xoomHQ6XGBYEvcIE15zrRmrDqcFoKQJRfonmcxT5UrCLcXBGsHfk3wi9jr7e2BTm1plNQ%3D%3D&ms=em_nl_botw_013026&omcampaign=em_nl_botw_013026&omhide=true&emci=50b19ce4-93fb-f011-8d4c-0022482d279b&emdi=b7e86c84-f7fd-f011-832f-000d3a1f0e4c&ceid=82577)

## **Member Contribution – SuZanne Axt**

SuZanne Says, “I’m sure you will get some great snowy bird pics this weekend! Here is male cardinal at my bird feeder.”



### **Member Contribution - Susan Henry-Kilday**

Susan has a Wood Duck that hangs around with your basic Mallards. Last year a female Mallard laid eggs on Susan's property but sadly a snake raided the nest before the eggs hatched. Hopefully the Mallards will pick a safer spot this year and have better luck.



### **Member Contribution – Joe Lewis**

Some people get flocks of Purple Finches in the winter, I only get singletons ...



### **Member Contribution – Jane Coggins**

Jane sent a Bird Buddy video of a female cardinal. I've uploaded the video to Google Drive:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Hgdm\\_WF8jkiDNHtZHkTkmRVc4DuJpgV0/view?  
usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Hgdm_WF8jkiDNHtZHkTkmRVc4DuJpgV0/view?usp=sharing)



## **Honorary Member Contribution – Glenda Reeves**

Glenda had a Red-shoulder Hawk as a backyard bird ...



### **Member Contribution – Tim Branigin**

Tim says, “Not certain if this is really worth noting, but I spotted a yellow bellied sapsucker in the backyard the other day.”

Joe says; Definitely worth noting, one of my favorite village winter birds.

### **Member Contribution – Lisa Nall**

Lisa says, “ I don’t have any sightings of rare birds etc, but I thought of you and this group while sitting on our patio and watching a few cardinals and others at our feeders. So pretty with the snowy backdrop.”

