

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

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

Episode 10 is now available for viewing. The episode features Gray Catbird, Purple Martin, American Crow, Belted Kingfisher, Green Heron, and Double-crested Cormorant.

Watch episode 10 on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-wR8z7rd88&t=4s>

### **Library Program, 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 required, use the following link:

<https://www.tvlibrary.org/classes-and-presentations/bluebirds-101>

### **Save The Date, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Earth Day Film**

On the same day, in conjunction with Earth Day, the Aesthetics and Environment Committee will be hosting the screening of a new documentary film titled "The Extraordinary Caterpillar". The one hour film will be shown 7:30 PM at the Toqua Pavilion.

As birders, you know how important caterpillars are to the survival of many bird species. This documentary examines caterpillars and discusses how, as the engine of food webs, they feed birds, support pollinators, and keep ecosystems thriving.

To view the trailer for the film: <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/extraordinary-caterpillar/>

Note: Aesthetics and Environment is a committee of the Tellico Village Residents Association. (TVRA)

## 2026 Backyard Bird Count

The 2026 Tellico Village Backyard Bird Count is underway. Over 40 volunteers will be submitting species list over an eight week period. Weekly results will be sent to birding club members via email.

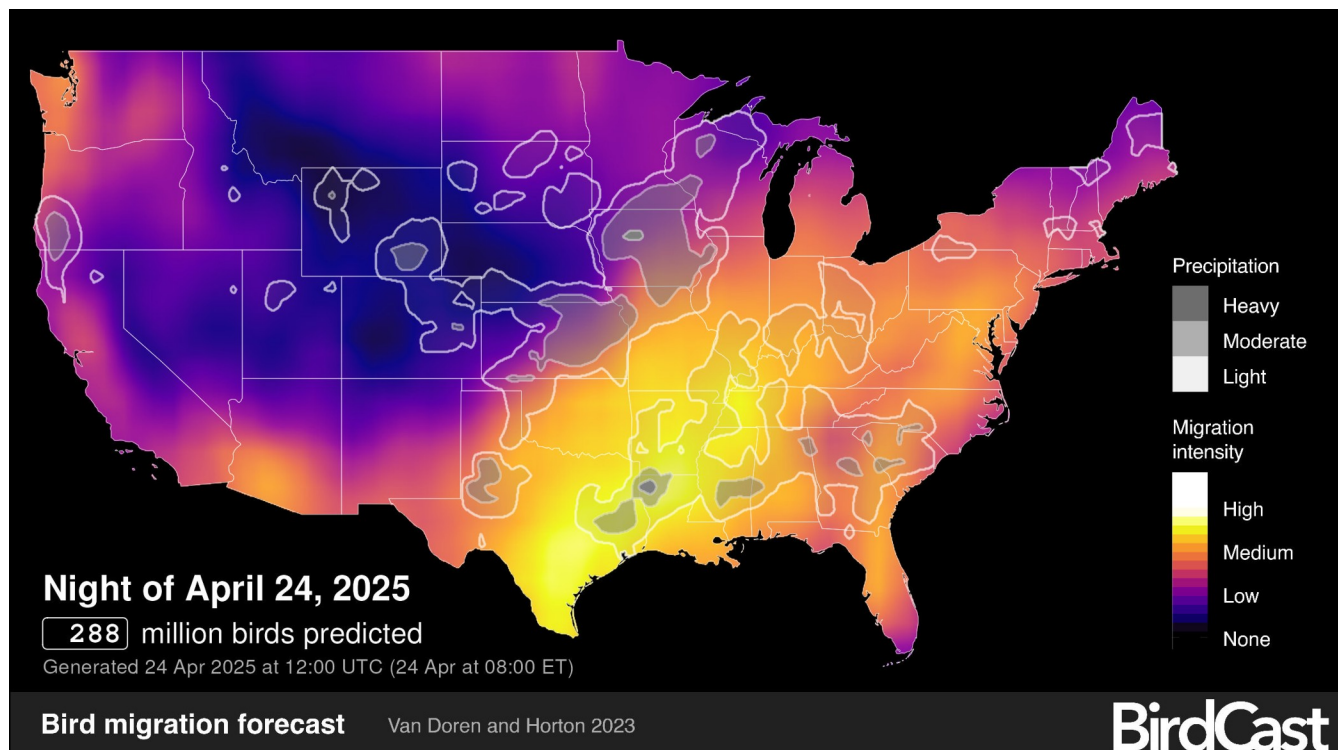
## Warbling Vireo Species Split

The Warbling Vireo has been split into two species, the Eastern Warbling Vireo and the Western Warbling Vireo. According to eBird sightings, Eastern Warbling Vireos are seen in limited numbers in our area of eastern Tennessee when they migrate north in the spring and south in the fall. The reason for species split is described in the “Cool Facts” section of the All About Birds account:

[https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Eastern\\_Warbling\\_Vireo/overview](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Eastern_Warbling_Vireo/overview)

## BirdCast

Repeated from last year’s newsletter; With spring migration under way it is a good time to remind you about the BirdCast web site where you can see forecasts of the intensity of bird migration. Save the following link so you can check daily: <https://birdcast.info/>



### **Member Contribution – Teresa Johnson**

Teresa thinks the book “The Feather Wars: And the Great Crusade to Save America’s Birds” would be enjoyed by club members. Here is a link to the book on Amazon:

<https://a.co/d/08y4WPvX>

### **Member Contribution – Robbyn Stone**

Robbyn submitted the following image from the web after seeing some very young Sandhill Cranes and says, “So cute!!! Right along the roadside foraging in Orlando Area. Interesting how mobile they are after hatching! ”.

Joe stole the following from the web, “Two subspecies of Sandhill Crane occur in Florida. The Florida Sandhill Crane (*G. c. pratensis*), numbering 4,000 to 5,000, is a non-migratory year-round breeding resident. They are joined every winter by 25,000 migratory Greater Sandhill Cranes (*G. c. tabida*), the larger of the two subspecies. The Greater Sandhill Crane winters in Florida but nests in the Great Lakes region.”.



**Sandhill Crane colts facts:  
They grow up fast - Roger...**

[Visit >](#)

**Member Contribution – Doris Drulard**

Doris says, “Here are a few photos of juvenile and adults from Orlando wetlands”.



**Member Contribution – Ashley Finger**

Ashley sent a picture appropriate for spring ...



**Member Contribution – Janine Johnson**

Janine sent the following two pictures:

Brown-headed Nuthatch at Tellico Lake © Janine Johnson

Chipping Sparrow at Tellico Lake © Janine Johnson



**Member Contribution – Michael Elkins**

Michael sent a couple of pictures ...

