

*Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – March 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>

**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.

**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)

### **Updated Village Bird List**

An updated village bird list is now on the club's website. Two new birds were added; Norma Aiello found a pair of Canvasback (see member contribution below) and Joe Lewis snapped a quick picture of 37 migrating Sandhill Cranes while playing golf on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole of Tanasi.

You can check out the update village bird list here: <https://tvbirdingclub.org/birds/>

### **Member Contribution – Mike & Linda Gregory**

Mike & Linda Says: "Right place at the right time"... The last club meeting topic was on using the e-bird app... We wanted to share the following story when Cornell questioned one of our sighting.

On a trip to Nappa Valley California we stopped at a winery at the foot of a mountain for a tasting. During the taisting we happen to see a hummingbird hovering in front of an outdoor fountain getting a drink of water. It was a delightful moment we shared with our family as we were sitting under an outdoor umbrella looking over the fields of grapevines. We quickly realized this bird looked different then hummingbirds we see in Tennessee. We asked the sommelier if he knew what kind it was and he believed it was a "Blacked Chinned Hummingbird". Fortunately we were able to catch a picture of it when it landed near by and recorded our sighting on e-bird. After traveling home we received a message from Cornell questioning our sighting.

We were able to forward a couple of pictures of it to the Cornell staff member, who who in turn confirmed the sighting! A few weeks later we received a call from the owner of the winery who had tracked us down through our receipt. She was so delighted that we had shared our sighting with Cornell which in turn led to numerous visitors from the birding community stopping in for a tasting and a chance to see the hummingbird.

**Member Contribution – Margaret Moutvic**

Margaret sent some cool pictures from a trip to Barbados ...



**Member Contribution – Susan Henry-Kilday**

Susan Says: “Greetings from Curaçao where the Venezuelan Trupial are aplenty. Prikichi sightings too! Next trip...binoculars a must!!”



**Member Contribution – Norma Aiello**

Norma says, “Looking out my kitchen window the day after our "snowstorm", I spotted one different looking bird swimming with about 35 geese. I checked my Tennessee birding book, and it was not there. Then checked my Eastern Bird book and found the picture of a Canvasback Duck. I believe this duck and his mate which showed up the next day are canvasback ducks. The two of them spent the day eating and resting. The next morning they were gone.”



**Member Contribution – Michael Elkins**

Michael Says: “New 200-800 lens. All taken hand held fully zoomed.”

