

Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – July-August 2026

Note: Due to a lengthy vacation at the end of July this will be the newsletter for both July and August.

Fall Bird “Count”

Based on the success of the spring bird count I am planning on organizing a similar event for the fall migration. Since the process of tallying thirty-plus counts for eight weeks was rather time consuming, the fall version will focus on finding birds that are not on the current village birding list rather than doing an actual count. Details will be provided at the end of August.

Mute Swan Added To The Bird List

Speaking of the village bird list, I recently added Mute Swan to the list based on pictures posted on the “What’s Happening Tellico Village!” Facebook page. I had previously seen Mute Swans up by Calhoun’s and also the open water near Fort Loudoun Dam but they have now made an appearance in the village proper. You can view and download the village bird list on the club’s website: <https://tvbirdingclub.org/birds/>

Amazing Peregrine Falcons

In a hunting dive, the Peregrine Falcon becomes the fastest animal alive, plunging at speeds of more than 320 km/h — before striking its prey in mid-air, a blow that can kill on impact. Check out this article: <https://share.google/0g5s4E27x3eYvFjEq>

Hummingbird Iridescence

More amazing bird facts from Cornell Labs; Like airborne jewels, hummingbirds sparkle and shimmer, dazzling us with otherworldly colors all summer long. Have you ever wondered what goes on inside their feathers? Join us for a fantastic journey to reveal what secrets lie behind the shine: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/what-is-the-essence-of-iridescence-ask-a-hummingbird/>

Purple Martin Houses

As previously reported it appears that both Purple Martin houses erected by the birding club this spring have hosted nesting Purple Martins. It was an amazing sight to see numerous Purple Martins on the house at the Wellness Center.



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