

Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – October 2026

Fun With Speech To Text

Local birder Evan Kidd has a fun list of birding related “speech-to-text fails”. You can check it out here: <https://evankiddphotography.com/fun-with-speech-to-text/>

Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards

More fun with the 2026 comedy wildlife photography awards:

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/gallery/2026/oct/03/comedy-wildlife-photography-awards-2026-in-pictures>

Member Contribution – SuZanne Axt

SuZanne captured the Lenoir City Chimney Swifts on the following video a couple of weeks ago and was kind enough to share it. You definitely want to check it out!

<https://onedrive.live.com/?qt=allmyphotos&photosData=%2Fshare%2FD5C75F6A76D3D1EA!s37a77801fa5b4f249357d321e9cfb34c%3Fithint%3Dvideo%26migratedtospo%3Dtrue&cid=D5C75F6A76D3D1EA&id=D5C75F6A76D3D1EA!s37a77801fa5b4f249357d321e9cfb34c&redeem=aHR0cHM6Ly8xZHJ2Lm1zL3YvYy9kNWY2YTc2ZDNkMWVhL0lRQUJlS2MzV19va1Q1TlgweUhwejdOTUFmVTNpbUx4a1l2LTQxZW5hanpxT3dZ&v=photos>

Member Contribution – Sue Hume (Catherine De Guise)

Sue Says, “I would be honored if you would take a little time out of your day to come hear me read some of my st book of fiction.”

The poster features a light beige background with a brown polka-dot border at the top and bottom. At the top, there is a small, faint text block in French. Below this, the title "BOOK READING & Signing" is prominently displayed in a large, brown, serif font, with a quill pen illustration integrated into the word "BOOK".

Below the title, the text reads: "Do you really know your neighbors? In Harper Malouf, nothing is what it seems... Join local author Catherine A. De Guise for a chilling October reading. She'll share an eerie excerpt from her twist-filled debut novel, answer your questions, and sign copies—available for purchase after the event."

To the right of this text, a brown rounded rectangle contains the event details: "TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 10-11 AM".

Below the text, a brown rounded rectangle contains the location and registration information: "Held at the Public Library at Tellico Village Registration Required: Call 865-458-5199 or online at tvlibrary.org."

On the left side, there is a book cover for "Harper Malouf: A Murder Mystery" by Catherine De Guise. The cover features a close-up of red and orange tulips.

At the bottom right, there is a logo for the "Public Library at Tellico Village Center for Lifelong Learning", which depicts a stylized tree with green leaves and a brown trunk.

Member Contribution – Kim Silvestri

Hot July bird bath visitor:



Member Contribution – Norman Holtz

Norman says, “Saw these young turkeys at the Wellness Center last month”.



Member Contribution – Sue Evans

From Sue, a picture of a Green Heron in Cades Cove.



Member Contribution – Michael Elkins



Member Contribution – Tom Hille

Tom says: “A picture taken on the Kahite shoreline off Hiwonihi Trail by John Lewis. John will be our neighbor when we move. ”.



Member Contribution – Sue Hume

Sue says: “We saw the American White Ibis at the Birding and Nature Center on South Padre Island, TX, and the Brown Pelican as we walked the gangplank to the USS Lexington at Corpus Christi, TX, both on Tues, 29 Sept. While in Texas, we saw white tailed hawks, crested caracaras, aka, Mexican eagles, a yellow chat (near McDonald Observatory at Fort Davis), and an orchard oriole---all new species for us.”



Member Contribution – Doris Druland

From Doris, a couple of photos from Cap Tourmente National wildlife refuge Quebec Canada.



Tennessee Warbler



Female Hooded Merganser

Member Contribution – Janine Johnson



Great Blue Heron At Sunset © Janine Johnson

Member Contribution – Janine Johnson



Red-Shouldered Hawk © Janine Johnson