# THE TENNESSEE WARBLER

# Newsletter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society

## August, 2019

Editor, Theresa Graham

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Fourteen years ago, I first served as TOS President and now I am proud to serve in this capacity again. We have moved from analog to digital in our communication, our photography, and in our methods of locating birds in Tennessee. Many of the issues faced by TOS in 2005 remain today. We are one of the oldest conservation organizations, and thanks to our knowledgeable, proactive membership, TOS is well suited to take action in the interest of birds. As we move toward 2020, there is an even more urgent need to work in cooperation with other groups to protect bird habitat.

While conservation of habitat has become increasingly important, it has also become increasingly challenging to accomplish. The number of bird species at risk is sobering. TOS must remain actively involved in the conservation of key bird habitat in addition to all our other goals and functions.

As a TOS member, you have meaningful opportunities to help our 100-plus-year-old organization remain effective today. First, I encourage each of you to visit our website, review our Constitution, and ask yourself: How could you become more active in TOS? To what issues or Committees could you bring expertise? Yes, TOS is about field trips, bird counts and viewing a rarity but it is also about more! At your local chapter level, consider an opportunity to present a program, lead a field trip, become an officer, or serve as a state director. TOS is best understood as a participatory activity. In order to further encourage increased activism in TOS, each member will be receiving a short online survey. Dr. David Aborn of UTC has developed the survey as a way of meeting members' needs and of helping members match their interests with meaningful opportunities to be active in the organization at local or state level or both. Your completion of this survey would be appreciated.

The recruitment of new officers is envisioned by the TOS constitution to be via contact from a member of a nominating committee. I will be appointing a nominating committee by December and hope to have each region represented. As a longtime member of TOS, I know a lot of our members but I do not know everyone. If you are relatively new to TOS, let your local officers or state directors know of your areas of interest and expertise as well as your willingness to help the organization. In this vein, I want to thank Dr. Steve Routledge again for doing an excellent job as TOS President for two terms. Your commitment to TOS is appreciated! Thanks as well to the many TOS members who are serving or have served in various positions or committees! You are the catalysts who make this organization effective! I also want to thank the Nashville TOS Chapter for the outstanding job that they did in hosting the 2019 Spring Meeting!

Finally, I would like to announce that since the Spring Meeting in Nashville in April, we learned of a need to assist in the purchase of important bird habitat on Dauphin Island, AL. As this was a time-sensitive action, we followed the procedures provided in our Constitution and the TOS Executive Committee voted to make a \$1500 donation to the Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuary group, thus joining several other regional bird organizations in this effort.

Hope to see you at the fall meeting in Elizabethton! Details and registration form on page 2.

Feel free to contact me with comments or concerns,

Danny Gaddy President, Tennessee Ornithological Society gaddy@catt.com

## TOS FALL STATE MEETING SEPTEMBER 27 – 29, 2019

The Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society invites you to the Fall State Meeting, which will be held September 27 - 29 in Johnson City, TN.

The meeting will begin on Friday evening at 5:30 PM (eastern daylight time) with a bird walk and social at Sycamore Shoals State Park. This bird walk will be conducted on the walking trails that run along the Watauga River. Following the walk, a social will be held from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the auditorium in the Sycamore Shoals Visitor's Center. This social will provide an opportunity to mingle with fellow birders, register for field trips, and bid on items in a silent auction, a portion of whose proceeds will benefit the TOS Conservation and Research Grant Fund. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided at the social. A registration table will also be available Saturday morning at the hotel for anyone who is unable to attend the social Friday night.

The field trips scheduled for Saturday and Sunday mornings will focus on fall migration in the southern Appalachians, including field trips to Roan Mountain, Unaka Mountain, and Hampton Creek Cove. Field trips to the Big Bald Banding station are also planned. In addition to breathtaking views from Big Bald, this trip will offer a unique opportunity to see fall warblers up close in the hand. A hawk watch station and raptor banding station are also run at this site. This trip is weather dependent and space is limited.

A symposium and a Board of Directors meeting will be held Saturday afternoon. Researchers interested in presenting a paper at the symposium should contact Kim Stroud (<u>kastroud@northeaststate.edu</u>) by September 14. Saturday evening will conclude with a banquet and presentation by Dr. David Buehler, a professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Dr. Buehler is known for his research in the area of avian population dynamics and conservation. His program for the evening is "The Full Life Cycle Conservation of the Golden-winged Warbler."

Saturday afternoon and evening events will be held at Kaycliff Center on Boone Lake. This is a truly unique venue in Northeast Tennessee. Not only does this site have picturesque views of Boone Lake, it also offers walking trails and a museum with a fascinating collection of taxidermy specimens and artifacts collected from Africa and Papua New Guinea.

A block of 20 hotel rooms is being held at the Sleep Inn in Johnson City, TN, until September 9. A special rate of \$79.00 (plus taxes and fees) applies to this block of rooms until September 9; at that time rooms not booked return to general circulation. Use the following link (<u>https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/QQ55B7</u>) or call (423) 915–0081 to make reservations. Please specify the group block "TN Ornithological Society" when making reservations. A registration form for the meeting is attached below. The deadline for banquet reservations is September 14.

## TOS FALL MEETING 2019 REGISTRATION FORM

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Mail re	gistration f	orm and check to: Herndon TOS, PO Box 183, Elizabethton, TN 37644-0183
For que	estions co	ntact: ElizabethonBirdClub@gmail.com

## 2020 SPRING STATE MEETING WEEKEND

The 2020 Spring State Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th at the Plantation Oaks Suites and Inn, 6656 US HWY 51 N. Millington, TN 38053.

Room rate is \$79.95 per night. Please make reservations directly with the hotel (901) 872-8000 to guarantee this rate. Use code TOS.

Friday afternoon (April 24<sup>th</sup>) registration and reception will be available, starting at five o'clock, in the banquet hall immediately adjacent to the hotel. The last weekend in April should provide excellent opportunities to observe migrating shorebirds and passerines. Saturday destinations will include Shelby Forest, Shelby Farms and Ensley Bottoms, with several other sites possible depending on water levels. Sunday's destination will include Hatchie NWR for those traveling back eastward on Interstate 40. All field trips will depart from the hotel parking lot.

Keynote speaker on Saturday will be Dawn Hewitt, editor of *Bird Watcher's Digest*.

Registration forms and further details will be published on the TOS website and in the December issue of *The Tennessee Warbler*.

## 2019 TOS Spring State Meeting Review

The Nashville Chapter of TOS was pleased to host the Annual Spring TOS meeting in April. The venue at the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere proved to be an excellent meeting location, and the weekend's weather could not have

been better. TOS members were treated to free admission to the Zoo on the Saturday of the event. That evening the catering staff of the Zoo provided a scrumptious dinner.

The annual TOS General meeting ended with outgoing President Dr. Steve Routledge handing over the gavel to incoming President Danny Gaddy of Chattanooga. We were pleased to top off the evening's events with our keynote speaker and 53-year TOS member Dr. David Pitts and his wife Marion who were our guests for the weekend. Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed David's presentation on his ongoing research on *Nesting Ruby-throat Hummingbirds* Saturday evening. A good weekend was had by all.

Cyndi Routledge, NTOS President

The official passing of the gavel from past President Steve Routledge to newly elected President Danny Gaddy. Photo: Cyndi Routledge



#### 2019 - 2020 DUCK STAMPS

The 2019 - 2020 Federal Duck Stamp and the Junior Duck Stamp are now available for purchase.

Scot Storm, a native of Freeport, Minnesota, was selected as the winning artist of the Federal Duck Stamp Contest, and 16-year-old Nicole Jeon of Scarsdale, New York, was selected as the winner of the Junior Duck Stamp contest. The Federal Duck Stamp costs \$25, and the Junior Duck Stamp is \$5.

The Federal Duck Stamp program began during the era of the Depression and Dust Bowl as a way to curb the widespread destruction of wetland habitats that were vital to the survival of America's waterfowl.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act (or "Duck Stamp ACT"). The Duck Stamp Act requires anyone 16 or older to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp for hunting. Of course, you don't have to be a waterfowl hunter to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp! Anyone who values wildlife and the habitats they depend on can help conserve habitats by purchasing a Federal Duck Stamp. This includes members of Refuge Friends groups, birders, wildlife photographers and others.

The theme of this year's 86<sup>th</sup> annual Federal Duck Stamp has been "Celebrating our Waterfowl Hunting Heritage." With this in mind, this year's stamp features a Wood Duck and a decoy. This year's Junior Stamp features a Harlequin Duck.

Federal Duck Stamps are available online, at post offices, and many sporting goods and large-scale retail stores that sell hunting and fishing licenses and equipment. Many refuges sell Federal Duck Stamps as well.

#### June 21, 2019 "Wingtips"

Newsletter of the Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp

The Spring bird count data are due as soon as possible to allow me to get my report in to the editor of The

Migrant in a timely fashion. Besides the actual count data, please be sure to include the following effort data:

**Spring Count Data Now Due** 

- 1. Hours and miles by car, foot, and any night birding
- 2. Number of observers and parties
- 3. Any feeder watching hours & names
- 4. Start and end times for the count
- 5. Weather data for the count
- 6. Names of all the participants
- 7. Anything else about the count, i.e. record high or low numbers, extraordinary weather, all-time species total for your particular count, etc.

TOS appreciates your efforts to record and track our bird populations and abundance. Thanks for helping us to archive this data for future generations and researchers.

Ron Hoff, TOS State Bird Count Compiler 166 Chahyga Way • Loudon, TN 37774 • 865-567-9679 webe2brdrs@gmail.com

## **BIRDS AND HUMANS: WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE**

The other day a member of the public called ABC's offices in Washington, DC to follow up on a story we had reported on. More than 500 birds had been killed at a West Virginia wind power facility, just one of many similar events occurring across the country throughout the year, every year. The caller asked several questions specific to this incident, and then asked another, more general question: why can't the birds simply learn to avoid wind turbines? We explained that the first encounter most birds have with a turbine – or for that matter, a tall tower, glass building, or any other structure responsible for more than a billion collisions each year – is usually fatal, and so there is little opportunity for them to learn from the experience.

The caller's seemingly innocent question is not uncommon, but behind it lies evidence of a troubling philosophy: that it is up to wildlife to adapt to each new human change on the landscape. If species can't keep up, it's their fault.

There are two problems with this notion. The first is that changes in nature take time, whereas human impacts are nearly instantaneous. It took the Golden Eagle millennia to evolve its highly effective hunting strategy of soaring above the ground, scouring the landscape below for prey. It has never had reason to look up to see what lies in its flight path because there has never before been anything else there to collide with. But suddenly the eagle's airspace is peppered with turbine blades spinning at 100-plus miles-per-hour. How can it suddenly change to cope with this new paradigm?

The second problem is that each human-created threat does not occur in isolation. Collision with man-made structures is only one of many new and growing hazards that birds now face: hazards that run the gamut from environmental contaminants such as pesticides and lead, to overfishing, invasive species, and introduced disease, to the ubiquitous specter of habitat loss, alteration, and fragmentation. Asking animals to adapt to all these threats at once is asking the impossible.

Nature is totally unaware that it is engaged in a deadly game of chicken with the human race. The juggernaut of human progress is careening down the road towards it at break-neck speed, giving species no time to get out of the way. Our impacts on the environment are outstripping the pace at which populations can naturally adapt; we cannot expect birds to simply evolve their way out of the onslaught.

But extinction is a perfectly natural phenomenon, so why should it matter if bird species disappear for good? Behind this second question lies another dangerous assumption: that the loss of birds and other wildlife has no impact on us; that we are somehow immune to the impoverishment of our environment. It is certainly hard to convey, other than perhaps in emotional terms, how the loss of a single bird species – for example the Po'ouil, a small Hawaiian songbird that went extinct in 2004 – affects humans, particularly when most of us would never have seen it anyway. But cumulatively, species loss amounts to death by a thousand cuts. Each tiny incision produces a barely noticeable drop of blood, but together, they contribute to the slow, inevitable exsanguinations of the planet we inhabit.

Birds pollinate our crops, control our pests, disperse our seeds, and fertilize our earth; they alert us to environmental contamination; they bring joy to millions and income to millions more in the form of the birdwatching and bird feeding industries. Instead of asking why birds don't adapt to the changes we cause, we should be asking how we can adapt our behavior and technology to protect birds, their habitats, and our shared planet. Their conservation should be a significant long-term priority for our society – a promise to keep for the generations that will follow us.

An American Bird Conservancy Opinion Editorial November 2011

Editor's note: TOS is a member organization of the American Bird Conservancy

# **CHAPTER NEWS**

**BIRDING KINGSPORT** had a very active spring! Our monthly club meetings have featured excellent programs. David Kirschke spoke to us on "Seabirding around Cape Horn" in March. Our April meeting featured Bruce Cole, Natural Resources Manager at Holston Army Ammunition Plan (HSAAP) in Kingsport, who presented a program about the birds and other wildlife on the grounds of HSAAP. In May, club member Gary Bailey shared photographs of his birding trip to Costa Rica.

Bird walks have been numerous and have included favorite local spots on the Kingsport Birding Trail (KBT) - the Kingsport Greenbelt and Fort Patrick Henry Dam. Other outings to Phipps Bend, Meadowview Cattails, Warriors Path State Park, and Seven Islands State Birding Park have also been well attended. Another great day was a field trip to Hampton Creek Cove area in Carter County with 10 participants seeing and/or hearing 45 different species. Highlights from this trip were the Golden-winged Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, American Redstart, and Alder, Acadian, and Least Flycatchers. Several participants had life birds during this outing so this made the day even more special.

Spring also brings the start of our Bluebird Trail monitoring at Meadowview Cattails and the Kingsport Greenbelt (KBT). Our first Bluebird eggs were seen in late March. These efforts have been led by Kim Pruden and Bill Grigsby with help from Betty and Jerry Fritz. There have been several successful Bluebird and Tree Swallow nests and we look forward to more fledglings this summer.

In other conservation efforts Birding Kingsport manned an information table at the Exchange Place (local historic site) Spring Garden Fair and made a donation to the Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuary to support efforts to purchase undeveloped land to ensure its ongoing use as habitat for migrating birds.

Officers for Birding Kingsport, effective July 1st are as follows: Helen Sirett, President; Bill Grigsby, First Vice President Programs; Susan Hubley, Vice President Activities; Lois Cox, Administration Secretary; Betty Bailey, Treasurer. Birding Kingsport meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, typically at the Eastman Employee Center in Kingsport. Meeting details can be found on our website at <u>www.birdingkingsport.org</u>.

Happy Birding! Helen Sirett President, Birding Kingsport



#### CHATTANOOGA CHAPTER Report

New Officers: President, David Aborn; Vice President for Programs, Dawn Greenway; Vice President for Field Trips, Ann Arquitt with help from Jim Greenway; Treasurer, Gary Lanham with help from Lizzie Diener; Secretary and Social Media Coordinator, Jim Greenway.

Thanks to Luke Thompson for presenting the program at our June 13 meeting. As far as we know Luke was the youngest person to ever do a program for any of our club meetings. Luke is in his middle teens.

Thanks to TWRA Bird Conservation Coordinator, David Hanni, who presented an impressive program on bird conservation and research in Tennessee at our May meeting.

Thanks to Ron Hoff who presented a program about his & Dollyann's 2018 trip to Peru for our April meeting.

Thanks to John Kuehnel who presented the program done 10 years ago by the late Dick Schier. He used the same photos and it was just as timely today as it was in 2009. John was with Dick when most of the pictures were taken.

Longtime member Dan Williams passed away in June 4.

Ken Dubke, member of the Chattanooga Chapter, has been selected to receive the Robert Sparks Walker Award from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

Ray Zimmerman, Editor

# **CHAPTER NEWS**

The **HIGHLAND RIM** Chapter wrapped up the 2018-2019 year with our annual banquet dinner, provided by the women of the Harmony Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We had 100% in attendance plus special guest, Dr. Jim Peters. Our guest speaker was Eliot Berz from the Tennessee River Gorge Trust. His program was on the *Population Trends of the Louisiana Waterthrush and the Worm Eating Warbler*. For more information on tracking these two birds please visit <u>www.trgt.org</u>.

Our April meeting was held at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN. Dr. Jim Peters was our guest speaker and his program was on *Birds and Beyond*. He had wonderful stories and pictures to share. These up close and beautiful pictures were taken in his backyard using a blind.

In March Eugene Ham did two book reviews: 1) The *Wonderful Mr. Willughby*, author Tim Birkhead & 2) The *Verb to Bird, Sightings of an Avid Birder*, author Jim Cashwell. Mr. Ham, being a wonderful story teller, made both of these books come to life.

We were treated in February to Polly Rooker's presentation on Barn Owls which was so informative and delightful. She also included an informative presentation on Ticks and Chronic Wasting Disease in the Tennessee deer population.

In January Murray & Cheryl King shared photos and bird stories from their Galapagos Island trip. Their pictures were simply spectacular!

In December we had our annual Christmas Buffet at Kerry and Marie Syler's beautiful home. We ended up with way more desserts than covered dishes! No complaints! We also had our meeting and paid our annual dues. Our November guest speaker from TWRA had to cancel due to tornados the evening before. We still had our meeting and extra time to fellowship while we ate.

October was the annual TOS Meeting & Symposium. The Highland Rim Chapter hosted the 2018 TOS Fall Meeting & Symposium at the Ambassador Inn, Manchester, Tennessee on October 5-7. Events included the annual symposium, a board of directors meeting and field trips to Woods Reservoir and Tims Ford Lake areas.

For our September meeting we were thrilled to have Don Hervig. His program was on Falconry, and yes he brought a couple of falcons. We were able to see his Harris's Hawk in action. Some of us had this beautiful bird land on our leather-gloved arm. Exciting!

We kicked off our year in August with our annual covered dish dinner at the home of Darrell & Jean Gibson. We all brought binoculars to see the many birds and turkeys in their backyard. Dwain Adams handed out our new 2018-2019 books, which he designed and made for us. President Lisa Trail and Dwain Adams spent a day in July formulating the plans for the Yearbook that they and HRC members discussed during the June & July Planning Sessions.

Though I've not included our field trips or bird counts in this recap we had a very successful, fun year with both of these.

Respectfully submitted, Janie Denis Secretary HRC-TOS



# **CHAPTER NEWS**

The KNOXVILLE CHAPTER has had a busy spring and early summer. Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. After a brief business meeting, we have a program on different aspects of the birding world, followed by refreshments and fellowship. In March, Lexi Eiler from the International Crane Foundation gave an interesting talk concerning the health of migrating and permanent Whooping Crane colonies. The late Tony King, a steadfast KTOS member, was a strong advocate for Whooping Cranes, so it was wonderful to get an update on these magnificent birds. In April, Doug Raybuck, a graduate student at University of TN, Knoxville, spoke of his research on the Cerulean Warbler distribution in the Cumberland Mountains using geo locators and his travels (along with Evan Buck) to Columbia in January to learn more about their migratory paths to East Tennessee. Doug received a \$1000.00 scholarship from KTOS to assist him in his research and travels. May brought Gary and Betty Bailey from Kingsport to our meeting, to show photos from their trip to Antarctica. Of course, penguins were the highlight! In June, we had a pot luck dinner at ljams Nature Center. New officers were introduced: President. Morton Massey; Vice President, Bill Keeler; Treasurer, Mindy Fawver; Secretary, Laura Tappan. We thanked outgoing secretary Talissa Ralph and president Jimmy Tucker for all their hard work over the last 2 years. We also offered appreciation to Amy Tucker for her tireless work with our website and Facebook presence.

Bird Walks: Each month, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 8:00 a.m., KTOS leads a walk at Seven Islands State Birding Park, led by Mindy Fawver and Bill Keeler. We have 10-20 participants join us who range from first-timers to experienced birders. The last 3 weeks of April and first week of May, Tony Headrick leads Thursday morning walks on Sharp's Ridge, as we look for birds migrating through our area. Tony has led these walks for 16 years, and is still eager to share his knowledge with birders. This spring, we saw approximately 30 species of warblers over the 4 week period. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the old ranger house mid-way up the paved road.

Unusual sightings: On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Chris and Deb Welsh heard and then spotted a Connecticut Warbler just off the parking lot at Seven Islands State Birding Park. For the next 5 days, birders flocked in to find the bird. He was quite illusive, moving back and forth, deep in the bushes along the parking lot. In the evening of May 30<sup>th</sup>, Ron Hoff and Dollyann Myers received a call that 2 Black-bellied Whistling Ducks were at Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery in Blount County. They drove out to see the ducks, and reported the sighting through TN-bird. The next morning a group went to look for the ducks, but they had left overnight, not to be seen again.

www.knoxvillebirding.org Laura Tappan, Secretary

## **OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> DEADLINE**

The deadline date for the December issue of *The Tennessee Warbler* is October 31st. Please submit all articles, announcements, reports and items of interest by this deadline date.

> Submit Material To: Theresa Graham, Editor PO Box 366, Oakland TN 38060 (901) 465-4263 e-mail: 2graham@bellsouth.net

# **CHAPTER NEWS**

It's been a busy time for The **NASHVILLE CHAPTER** since my last report. We successfully completed our 42<sup>nd</sup> year of Wednesday morning Radnor Walks. This event continues to be a resounding success and a fantastic outreach effort. We totaled over 125 birders over the 4 walks. Our 43<sup>rd</sup> year will begin with the Fall walks on September 18<sup>th</sup> and run through October 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us.

Our Window Bird Strike Awareness campaign is nearing completion at Shelby Bottoms Nature Center in East Nashville. We held a designated successful fundraiser in Feb/March to secure funds for some additional lifesaving treatments they are currently being applied to the windows at Shelby so nearly all the windows on the building will have some kind of bird-saving treatments on them. Next up is setting a date for the official unveiling of the completed project and informational kiosk.

In June elections were held for new officers and committee chairs. Many thanks to all those who stepped up to fill the positions for the upcoming 2019-2021 term and our gratitude to those who served and gave of their time over the last 4 years. Volunteers are the heart and soul of organizations like ours, and we truly thank all those who help lead our group into the future.

With that in mind our members continue to enjoy the many varied evening programs provided to us at each monthly meeting by 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Program Chair Danny Shelton. We thank him for his 4 years of service to our Club and look forward to the programs that our newly elected 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Program Chair Susie Russenberger will be bringing to us beginning in September. Members also very much enjoyed the many varied field trips planned and executed by Tarcila Fox, our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Field Trip Coordinator and thank her for all her efforts over the last 4 years. Mike Smith has graciously volunteered to

take on the task of planning field trips for his two-year term beginning in September. We thank Susie and Mike for volunteering and look forward to enjoying and participating in what they have planned for us.

In May we had another successful Spring Bird Count. Coordinator Barbara Harris did a bang-up job coordinating with the area leaders and NTOS members for a great day out and about in Davidson County. Scott Block continues to make the compilation effort troublefree with his grand computer skills. Our Fall Count will take place on September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you're in the area and want to help out, contact Barbara Harris and she'll put you in touch with an area leader who will provide a time and place to meet.

Finally, as you read this article hummingbird season is about to peak and by late-October most if not all of our Ruby-throats will have flown to the Yucatan Peninsula for the winter. I'd like to ask you to consider leaving out a hummingbird feeder this winter if you're not already in the habit of doing so. This last winter I had 4 known winter hummingbirds that were captured and banded. However, I believe there are more than we know about and are getting reported. I'm asking for your help with this ongoing Winter Hummingbird Research Project, that began in November of 1990 with a Black-chinned Hummingbird caught and banded by Bob and Martha Sargent in Chattanooga and continues in the present with Mark Armstrong in East Tennessee and myself in Middle and West Tennessee and northern Mississippi. If you see any hummingbirds after November 15th and before March 15th or if you see any other species of hummingbird at any other time during the hummingbird season we'd love to hear about it.

Until next time, Happy birding! Cyndi Routledge, NTOS President





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