



# THE TENNESSEE WARBLER

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Editor, Theresa Graham

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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

After an unusually cold, snowy, and rainy winter, I'm sure you are all looking forward to spring as much as I am. On behalf of the Knoxville Chapter, I invite all of you to help celebrate spring by attending the Annual Meeting in the Knoxville area. Please see the details of the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter and register early.

This year's Winter Meeting/Birding Weekend, held February 22-23 in the Camden area, was a decidedly low-key affair as a result of repeated scheduling problems and heavy rains. Nevertheless, the small group of attendees found a large number of birds, and a few attendees got new state and/or life birds. We also had a very interesting discussion and tour of experimental forest management work at Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge. This work, described to us by Robert Wheat of the refuge staff, is designed to enhance forest-dwelling songbird populations.

A very important part of TOS activities is carried out through the work of various committees. As announced here in the last issue of the newsletter, a new Conservation Policy Committee has been formed. Most of the members of this committee have been appointed, and they are Bob Hatcher, Dick Preston, Roger Tankersley, David Vogt, and Melinda Welton. I hope to have the remaining member appointed very soon. The members of this committee welcome your suggestions about conservation issues which deserve the attention of the TOS. There have also been recent changes in the membership of the Tennessee Bird Records Committee. Kevin Calhoon and Chris Sloan completed their terms, and have been replaced by Mike Todd (former alternate member) and Jay Desgrosellier. The new alternate member is John Henderson. Thank you Kevin and Chris for your years of serving on this committee.

My term as President of TOS will end at the Annual Meeting, when I will be succeeded by Virginia Reynolds. I have greatly enjoyed my term as president, and thank you for working with me over the last two years. As is always the case, there is much more TOS work to be done, and I am confident we will continue our progress under Virginia's leadership.

Chuck Nicholson  
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Norris, TN

# 2003 SPRING MEETING

## Hosted by Knoxville Chapter

We are fortunate to have an excellent speaker for this event. Dr. Chandler Robbins, an eminent ornithologist, is visiting from the US Geologic Service in Laurel, Maryland. Among his many credits, Dr. Robbins wrote the original Golden Guide to birds, and was instrumental in starting up Breeding Bird Surveys – the most scientifically important citizen science project related to birds. He has authored hundreds of scientific papers and helped shape many research methods in use around the world today. Much of his effort in the last 2 decades has been to band Neotropical migrants in their Central American winter range. The American Birding Association's Research and Education award is named for his many years of service on both fronts. We sincerely hope our birding friends in surrounding states, as well as TOS members, will turn out for this special speaker.

The meeting is **May 2 - 4 at the Episcopal School of Knoxville (ESK)** in West Knoxville. The banquet, featuring Dr. Robbins' talk will be at the ESK dining hall, and catered by Gus's Catering on Saturday night.

A silent auction to benefit the JB Owen Memorial Fund will run from Friday evening, finishing as the banquet starts. The first donation from the JB Owen fund recently was awarded to the Foothills Land Conservancy to aid in the protection of critical habitat. Much of Dr. Robbins' work has demonstrated that habitat loss is a primary cause for the decrease in numbers experienced by many species of birds.

**Field trips** are expected to include: Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Sharp's Ridge, Kyker Bottoms, Kingston Steam Plant and Cove Lake.

**Registration:** \$7 if postmarked before April 10, \$8 after.

Dinner/speaker \$15 additional.

Please mail registration to Jerry Hadder, Treasurer, KTOS. 18 Rockingham Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830. Checks can be made out to KTOS.

**Lodging:** 20 rooms at two hotels on Lovell Road have been reserved for the meeting. In both cases, they are "reserved" under the TN Ornithological Society. Please mention that when you register.

□ **Days Inn** 865-966-5801

\$44.95 + tax for double room, includes continental breakfast

After April 1 the rooms will be released

□ **Motel 6** 865-675-7200

\$36.99 + tax for double room, includes coffee only

After April 15th the rooms will be released.

**Directions:** From Interstate 40 take the Lovell Road exit. Take Lovell Road north (take left off ramp if you come from I-40 west; take right off ramp if you come from the east) about 1/2 mile. Turn left on Gilbert Street. Episcopal School of Knoxville is down about a quarter mile on the right. The address is 950 Episcopal School Way.

## J.B. OWEN MEMORIAL AWARD

The purpose of the J.B. Owen Memorial Endowment is to honor the memory of J.B. Owen, longtime Tennessee Ornithological Society (TOS) member known to thousands in East Tennessee through his columns in Knoxville newspapers. J.B. Owen was an active member of the Knoxville Chapter of TOS (KTOS) from 1947 until his death in 2001. He was awarded the TOS Distinguished Service Award in 1990 (Nicholson, C.P. 2001. "In Memoriam: J.B. Owen (1915-2001)," *The Migrant*, 72(1): 34-35, Knoxville, TN, March). The Endowment provides funds for the annual J.B. Owen Award, with expected value of \$250 to \$500 per year.

The J.B. Owen Award is open to anyone with a project that promotes the welfare and conservation of birds in Tennessee. Applicants should submit the following information:

- Cover letter with short project description and applicant contact information
- Resume
- Project proposal, of up to three pages, showing topic of the project, problem to be addressed, objectives, expected results and significance, deliverables (for example, written report, journal article, presentation), project location, and project schedule.

Each year, applications are due by May 1 and should be sent (preferably) by e-mail to [marieoakes@msn.com](mailto:marieoakes@msn.com) or mailed to Jerry Hadder, 18 Rockingham Lane, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831. The J.B. Owen Endowment Committee of KTOS will evaluate applications and will typically announce the J.B. Owen Award winner the following September.

### 2003 NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT

This year's NAMC will be conducted, as always, on the second Saturday of May, which will be May 10. Pick your favorite county and help track the migration and health of the Neotropical migrants as they return to our part of the world.

For this count, like all other Tennessee counts, please keep track of the effort and weather data. This includes times of the count (as 0700-1730), the morning and afternoon weather, the wind conditions, any precipitation, and the temperatures. Effort data always includes hours and miles by car, foot, and owling. I also need the # of parties and feeder data (which includes total hours and the feeder watcher's names). If there was any effort by means other than car or foot (such as canoe, horseback, motorized boat, etc.), please note that as well. These data help to analyze these counts in the future and are standard for most counts.

Please send your data to Ron Hoff, 282 Hackworth Ln., Clinton, TN 37716 or e-mail it to me ([dollyron@esper.com](mailto:dollyron@esper.com)). Above all, be safe and enjoy the day.

Ron Hoff  
TOS state count compiler

## SANDHILL CRANE VIEWING DAYS A GREAT SUCCESS

*by Joel Keebler*

The 11th Annual Cherokee Heritage & Sandhill Crane Viewing Days event, held in February 2003, was, again, a great success. The event, held in Birchwood, Tennessee, near the TWRA's Hiwassee Refuge, is based upon the Sandhill Cranes that winter there. Refuge manager, Wally Akins tallied as many as 13,000 cranes at the Hiwassee this past season, making the refuge host to one of the largest concentrations of cranes on earth.

The land encircling the confluence of the Hiwassee and Tennessee Rivers is steeped in Cherokee history and this was reflected in the activities at Birchwood School, where there were numerous natural history programs and presentations to choose from. And, this year, there were several well-attended activities tailored to children.

The weekend event was kicked off in Chattanooga with "An Evening for the Birds" on Friday evening. This special fund-raising event earned over \$7,500 to support educational efforts at the Hiwassee Refuge. Over 300 people sampled desserts at the historic Chattanooga Choo-Choo before sitting down to enjoy two great speakers. Choogie Kingfisher delivered a dynamic storytelling program based on Cherokee folklore and Kenn Kaufman presented a humorous, but educational bird program to an attentive audience.

## CRANE VIEWING HIGHLIGHTS

*by Jimmy Wilkerson*

As an attendee at Friday night's "An Evening For the Birds" function in Chattanooga I would like to offer my thanks to all who planned the meeting! Following are my comments about our two day outing at the Hiwassee Refuge the following days.

Saturday morning was a day for the "real troopers" to come out with their spotting scopes and binoculars, along with their expertise to offer the droves of people arriving by car and bus. Most of the morning the ground remained frozen and there was a brisk wind in our faces. But nothing seemed to stop the rosy-cheeked T.O.S. participants from imparting their wis-

dom on anyone who would gather around and listen. Almost all our guests, it seemed, possessed hopes of seeing a Whooping Crane this year. There was only mild disappointment as we explained they were on a different time table from their cousins, the Sandhill Cranes. In the last seven years, I have never had to field so many questions about Whoopers.

As always, even though our event is geared toward the Sandhill Cranes, the appearance of an eagle will steal the show. On Saturday we saw three immature Bald Eagles before having two adults who circled just over the heads of everyone. A group from the Atlanta Audubon Society laid claim to the best bird of the day as they viewed a perched Merlin. In the afternoon the Merlin again made an appearance as it flew about four feet above the ground and only about 40 feet from the roped-off area. What a sight! And what a commotion a small, dark falcon with blue-gray pointed wings, chocolate body and much dark streaking on the breast caused. Kenn Kaufman described it as "a classic example of an adult male Merlin". I wondered just how many of the people gathered around knew who this special person was? He joined us at the viewing area for just over an hour.

Sunday was a carbon copy of the day before minus the buses and the Merlin. However, it was still another exciting day as Ken Dubke entertained the crowd with stories and facts from the past and the present. In late afternoon it began to grow colder and snow flurries began to fall just as the crowd dwindled. It was the signal for the last of the volunteers to pack up and depart for home.

For those not able to attend, hopefully you will be in for a big surprise next year! TWRA is now in the process of building an educational facility for our use in the coming years. Believe me, it will be a welcome addition. If any of you have had to endure using the porta potties or standing outside freezing, you can understand my excitement.

Each year we enjoy the hospitality and fruits of labor of the TWRA Hiwassee Refuge employees who work so hard to make "our" event such a success! I know a lots of thanks are due other TWRA employees as well, but I think it is time we offer special recognition to the Hiwassee Refuge employees themselves. I would also like to express my gratitude to each of the TOS volunteers who faithfully come year after year. Your efforts are commendable.

## CONSERVATION NEWS

Interest in coal mining in the Cumberland Mountains is on the rise. The Office of Surface Mining is currently reviewing 2 applications that would create surface mines of over 2,000 acres each (2 square miles) in Campbell and Claiborne. Unfortunately, some of the most important Cerulean Warbler habitat lies over this coal.

In December an Environmental Assessment was released by TVA for a proposed lease of mineral rights for a 665 acre surface mine on Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area northwest of Knoxville. Due to the impact that this project would have on the habitat of Cerulean Warblers and other forest species, the Executive Committee endorsed a letter that recommends that a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be prepared before the lease is approved. The letter, prepared by TOS, was co-signed by 4 other conservation groups. Comments requesting an EIS were also submitted by TWRA, US Fish & Wildlife Service and at least 11 other conservation organizations and individuals. TVA's response to these comments will be forthcoming.

## 2004 WINTER MEETING

The TOS 2004 Winter meeting is scheduled to be held in January at Pickwick Landing State Park. A definitive date cannot be given at this time. The 2004 opening date for the lodge has not been determined, but the TOS meeting will be held on the first weekend it is open. Definitive information will be published as soon as the date is made known.

## JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> DEADLINE

The deadline date for the August issue of *The Tennessee Warbler* is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please submit all articles, announcements, reports and items of interest by this deadline date.

### Submit Material To:

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The Society should carefully consider requests for funding of studies of ornithological significance, for acquisition of sites of special bird habitat, and for projects from other agencies and organizations which further the objectives of the Society. In order to ensure that the membership and the Board of Directors have adequate notice for the study and reflection of requests for funds of significant amounts, the following amendment is submitted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII OF THE CONSTITUTION, to add

Sec. 6 Proposals to expend Society funds in amounts exceeding One Thousand Dollars for projects beyond the normal reoccurring expenses of the Society shall be submitted for publication in the Society's newsletter prior to the meeting it will be proposed, or by written notice to the Directors thirty days before a meeting of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the society shall furnish names and addresses of these parties upon request. Proposals that do not follow the notification procedure may be presented at any meeting of the Board of directors, but shall not be acted upon at that meeting.

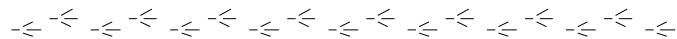
# CHAPTER NEWS

**GREENEVILLE CHAPTER** - Although unfavorable weather often limited travel in and around Greene County this winter, birding was nonetheless quite good. The Greeneville Christmas count logged 83 species, a significant increase over the past few years, and noteworthy reports continued to come in until the end of February.

Highlights of the Christmas count on December 26 were Tundra Swan (present December 17-26), Red-breasted Merganser, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin (also observed January 13), Sandhill Crane, Rufous Hummingbird (present November 13-January 24), and Pine Warbler.

Marsh Wren and Common Yellowthroat were observed on January 1 and 4, and on February 17 a Marsh Wren was still present at the same site. A Brown Thrasher was also observed frequenting a feeder several times in December and January, and two Vesper Sparrows were seen January 13.

Don Miller

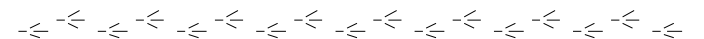


**JOHN SELLARS TOS LEBANON CHAPTER** - Two of our members spent their honeymoon birding the Texas coast from Rockport to Matagorda and up to the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge. Despite the freezing cold and rain, the dreary flat black rice fields and the depressing run down state of many small coastal communities, the birding was spectacular. After a slow ride down the unique Natchez Trace parkway observing familiar birds, the adventure began at a boat ramp on Lake Texana (highway 172). After a slow start the sky filled with Sandhill Cranes with a few Whooping Cranes mixed in, and then a Bald Eagle scattered the flocks. Along the same road their first Caracara and Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks were found along with many duck species and a Vermillion Flycatcher. Both members added many species to their life lists, including the primary target, Whooping Cranes. Several species were present in huge numbers, including Snow and Ross's Geese and

Sandhill Cranes. They had their greatest success in places like Cape Valero subdivision in Rockport and the small side roads rather than in the wildlife reserves like Aransas. Land birds, apart from raptors, were notably shy. There is not hope of seeing an Attwater Prairie Chicken as the reserve has only 20, and the birders are kept well away from the birds. In the attempt to encourage breeding of these few, there is now a bison herd used to graze and tread the ground in the proper manner for this habitat.

Not content with the cold experience, these two intrepid birders then spent a similar freezing but successful trip to Reelfoot Lake with two other members and a couple of birders from Alabama. Two highlights were a couple of daytime sightings of Barred Owls perched in full view and calling, and an active eagle nest where the female left the nest briefly and returned so that she was observed arranging the eggs before settling. Lapland Longspurs by the hundreds were feeding in the stubble with Horned Larks and in another field American Pipits struggled with the snow, carrying blobs of ice at the tips of their now drooping tails. The Pileated Woodpeckers were commonly seen as the true "Cock of the Woods" as several provided us with wonderful views. Last but not least, the Yellow-rumped Warbler, in showy attire, was feeding in the swampy area of the forest. A wonderful trip was shared by all.

Melissa Turrentine



**MAYFIELD-GRAY CHAPTER** - We were so glad to see so many of you attend the fall meeting here in Columbia. We enjoyed the great papers and birding that weekend, and hope you all did as well!

We have had some interesting speakers at our monthly meetings. In October we had Jan Shaw do a presentation on the birds of Panama. In November It was Richard Connors on the birds of Costa Rica. Most recently in February, we had Melinda Welton speak to us about her research about the Golden-winged Warbler.

Jennifer Cardenas

## CHAPTER NEWS

**THE KNOXVILLE CHAPTER** continues to be active with meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, except July and August, usually in room 117 of the University of Tennessee Veterinary School, at 7:30 p.m. Prior to each monthly meeting, we have begun having regular planning meetings at which we can have in-depth discussions of the business of the chapter. This allows more time for the bird programs at the regular meeting. Some of the recent programs have included a talk on Whooping Crane restoration, by Charles Robinson of the Patuxent Research Center, and a talk on Thick-billed Parrots, by Mark Armstrong of the Knoxville Zoo.

Our chapter has made the first contribution of the J.B. Owen Memorial Endowment. \$250 was donated to the Foothills Land Conservancy to protect critical habitat for cranes in the area between the Yuchi and Hiwassee refuges. J.B. Owen was a TOS member from 1947 - 2001 and was well-known throughout the state for his newspaper column on nature.

Field trips are always an important part of our activities and we continue to have at least two every month, usually more. We recently had a successful weekend trip to Georgia and north Florida where almost everyone got life birds. We will try to continue overnight trips, including a May 31 pelagic birding trip out of Hatteras, North Carolina. All TOS members are welcome to join us on this, and any, trip. For details, see <http://www.patteson.com/>. If you decide to go, contact David Trently at [dtrently@utk.edu](mailto:dtrently@utk.edu) (865-531-1473), but send your registration directly to the address at the above web site. (Do so SOON, as May trips are filling up).

We continue to have meeting and field trip information available on our phone line at 865-577-4717 ext 80.

Our biggest concern right now is of course the planning of the TOS Spring Meeting May 2-4 in Knoxville. Expect lots of great birding, including up to 30 or more warbler species! We have a terrific speaker lined up for the Saturday evening program - Dr. Chandler S Robbins. (see elsewhere in this newsletter for details). Hope to see lots of members there.

David Trently

**NASHVILLE CHAPTER** - The Nashville Christmas Count was held on Dec. 14, and we were able to total 82 species. After a cold and cloudy start, it turned out to be a nice, sunny afternoon for birding. Some of the highlights included 1 Double-crested Cormorant at Radnor Lake (only the second one ever for the count), 1 adult Bald Eagle at Bell's Bend (also only the second one ever for the count), 1 Peregrine Falcon on Count Week at Dee Thompson's house, 26 Sandhill Cranes flying over Jay Desgrosellier's apartment, 1 American Woodcock, all 3 owls, all woodpeckers (but only 1 Red-headed), 39 Horned Larks at the sod farms in Bell's Bend, 3 Red-breasted Nuthatches, 1 House Wren, 10 species of sparrows, 72 American Pipits (also at the sod farms), and 1 Purple Finch on Count Week at Dee Thompson's house.

The Hickory/Priest Christmas Count, held on January 1, totaled 89 species. Highlights included an Eared Grebe at Old Hickory Lake (which was still present as of February 20), 2 Merlins at Percy Priest Lake, and 6 Sedge Wrens, a Marsh Wren, and 2 Leconte's Sparrows at Shelby Bottoms.

Chris Sloan and Portia MacMillan have been busy banding hummingbirds this winter. In November, they banded a first year female Broad-tailed in Nashville, which was a first state record. In January, they also banded an immature male Allen's near Carthage, TN, which Chris thinks is about the fifth state record.

Jan Shaw

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**MEMPHIS CHAPTER** - Rob Peeples, Carolyn Bullock and Virginia Reynolds will be participating in the Mississippi Atlas Project again this year. This will be the third year and they again hope to complete several new blocks including 2 in Southern Mississippi near Pass Christian. The highlight last year was locating a singing Bachman's Sparrow on the Pott's Camp block.

The club made a contribution toward the rebuilding of the trails at Shelby Forest State Park in memory of Martha Heinemann. Member, Charles Alexander, has an article published in *Birder's World* in the April 2003 issue. It is about Teddy Roosevelt and his lifelong interest in birds.

## **Towhee**

New winter visitors have arrived at our bird feeder. It was very exciting since we have only heard these birds once or twice at home since we have moved here in Normandy on the ridge. I still have a pretty good slide photo of the one that used to inhabit the spring area ten years ago. It was in the snow, I think, and you can see the male's orange and black pattern amidst the wet snow.

What is it about certain memories that are evoked when you are encountering certain birds? Is this one of many reasons why some of us enjoy the aspect of birding?

The Towhee is one of those birds. Perhaps it may carry me back to a visit at my friend's college in Jackson and on their campus grounds were so many Towhees. This was quite a treat after a morning counting numerous hawks. Once, I hiked after work at Radnor Lake onto Ganier Ridge. I too wanted to see anything and everything I could find. Close to the top I heard the loudest leaf-rustling and scurrying one could ever imagine. My heart was thumping rapidly out of nervousness and "what if it was that bobcat we saw two days ago here and it was..." was running through my head. I felt so silly. It was a Towhee. I watched it until I felt the need to beat the darkness back to my truck. How loud could a Towhee be, I questioned myself.

The Towhee often reminds me of the time I was birding with Ruth McMillan in Gulf Shores one spring. We had a cabin and were treated to wonderful birding in the mornings because of the tall grasses planted between each cabin for privacy. It was bird haven. It was here where I learned of the female singing, too. What looks we were able to see of the Towhee! Other trips, including ones recently to Florida in spring, will always have the white-eyed race Towhee hopping in and out among the live oak trees to greet us, even if it was near the garbage area!

Perhaps though, I will always secretly call it the "Tahoe" bird. This was the only name my mother-in-law (now deceased) could remember of that "little bird that shuffles its feet." She'd call for me in the house to announce that the "Tahoe" bird was here!

The Towhee is not as common in my birding as it used to be. Its numbers may dispute me, but areas where I used to always count on a Towhee do not always guarantee one now. I enjoy them so on top of the mountain in Grayson in Virginia every June. They really enjoy the balds and sing atop of every available tree.

I have seen other species of Towhees while traveling, but our very own, whether it is the eastern or rufous-sided now, is one of my favorites. Here she is, in that bright rusty brown back with a deep orange-rust bib and his black back with the orange bib, both using their feet as a hop-shuffle, kicking up the leaves beneath our feeder. At last, they too, have discovered our brush pile for the white-throats, as a nice spot. We know not if this pair will return next winter but we'll enjoy them for now. At this point, they are "irregulars" for they do not seem to have a regular regimen about visiting us. We'll take them for when they do show up and savor that distant "ta-wee" call in the distance.

Melissa Turrentine of John Sellars TOS



## FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH RECOGNIZES LOCAL ARTIST

February 19, 2003

Whites Creek, TN-The Christmas holidays may be just a memory to most, but for local artist Randal Martin it seems just like yesterday when he stood in front of the White House Christmas Tree with First Lady Laura Bush.

Martin and his wife, Zan, journeyed to the White House on December 4, 2002 for the unveiling of the Christmas tree, whose theme was "All Creatures Great and Small." Martin's "Bluebird" ornament, an extensive woodcarving, was one of six ornaments chosen to represent the state of Tennessee. "It was such an honor to be chosen," says Martin, "it still seems like a dream-the best dream ever!" Martin's ornament is 1 of 10 nationwide represented on the official White House website, [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov), highlighting the event. The "Bluebird", which could easily be mistaken for a real bird, has now become a permanent part of the White House collection.



With Best Wishes,  
Laura Bush

Laura Bush took the time to greet and pose with each artist. "Though we didn't get to chat for long, (Mrs. Bush's) 'Southern hospitality' shown through," Martin laughs. "Zan and I were, of course, nervous, but she (Mrs. Bush) put us right at ease."

The Martin's just received their autographed copy of the picture last week. It now proudly hangs in Martin's workshop, where he not only does woodcarving, but also works with pen and ink, acrylic, oils, air brush, clay and bronze.

The White House ornament is an honored addition to his already impressive portfolio. Martin, CEO and co-owner of Martin & Company Advertising, has created portraits of country music icons such as Charlie Daniels, Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Merle Haggard and William Lee Golden. He also has a portrait of Ronald Reagan hanging in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. Recently, Martin was commissioned by Gibson to create an original image of Earl Scruggs on each of a new series of banjos called "The Earl."

For more information, contact Zan Martin at 615-876-1822, or to view Randal's bird and duck carvings, go to his web site: [www.wood-feathers.com](http://www.wood-feathers.com)

### In Memory

Louise Marshall Fant Fuller, 84, long active in the **Knoxville Chapter** of TOS died Friday, December 6 after suffering from Alzheimer's for a number of years.

Lou was KTOS President (1988-89) and Secretary (1984-87). She was very active in TOS' efforts to preserve valuable publicly owned property, such as the Eastern Wildlife Management Area, Lakeshore Park and House Mountain State Park and was on a committee appointed by Mayer Ashe to study improvements to Sharp's Ridge. She and Marcia Davis planned the non-credit birding course at UT; she was active in the Breeding Bird Atlas project; she suggested the chapter history that J.B. eventually wrote; and spent countless hours in a successful effort to preserve land near Ijams.



#### Memphis Chapter

Dr. Robert Chandler, November 2, 2002  
Nancy Harris (wife of Van Harris),  
February 20, 2003



Kenn Kaufman, seen here autographing his book, presented a humorous, but educational bird program to an attentive audience during the 11th Annual Cherokee Heritage & Sandhill Crane Viewing Days event.

## REGISTRATION FORM TOS SPRING MEETING MAY 2-4, 2003

Make check payable to: KTOS

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Oak Ridge, TN 37830

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Registration(s) at \$7 if postmarked before April 10, \$8 after  
Dinner/Speaker Reservation(s) at \$15 each  
Total - Make check payable to KTOS