



MEMPHIS CHAPTER NEWS

TENNESSEE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

<http://birdmemphis.org>

October 2020

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

Many of our members got an opportunity to visit a celebrity in Fayette County in September. On Monday, September 7, Joanie Webb reported a Black-headed Grosbeak at her feeders. Over the next 6 days, Joanie graciously hosted around 50 birders from all over the state as we got to see a bird that was far from home (see range map below). Many thanks to Joanie for allowing us to disrupt her regular schedule to view this extraordinary migrant and the incredible number of Hummingbirds at her backyard feeders.

<https://ebird.org/species/bkhgro>



https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Black-headed_Grosbeak/maps_range

..... Field Trip Reports

September Field Trips:

8/29: Ensley Bottoms. 10 Observers, 45 species. Wilson's Phalarope (4); Red-necked Phalarope (1).

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S72950421>

9/9: Ensley Bottoms.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S73383295>

T.O. Fuller.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S73383654>

9/12: Shelby County Count. 32 observers, 113 species. Merlin (1); Peregrine Falcon (3).

9/16: Shelby Forest. 8 observers, 49 species. Philadelphia Vireo (6).

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S73672406>

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S73672828>

9/19: Fort Pillow State Park. 14 observers, 43 species. Philadelphia Vireo (5); Golden-winged Warbler (2).

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S73793080>



Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

Photo by: Chad Brown , 9/9



Great Blue Heron

Photo by: Chad Brown , 9/12 (Shelby Farms)

Unusual Sightings:

9/6 to 9/11: White Ibis. Herb Parson's Lake. Sam Edge.

9/7 to 9/13: Black-headed Grosbeak. Private residence, Fayette County. Joanie Webb.

9/11 Semipalmated Sandpiper (1) Herb Parson's Lake. Dick Preston, Julie Markham, Rob Harbin.

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

Submissions of any of the following are desired:

- **Birding Events**
- **Stories about birds or birders**
- **Birding Tips**
- **Poetry, quotes, sketches, or photos**
- **Photo of birds or people at events or field trips.**

Deadline is the 22nd of each month,
Email submissions to mtosnewsletter@gmail.com

Articles of Interest

- What bird are you most like?
<https://cornellabpgstore.com/what-bird-are-you-most-like-all-outcomes/>
- October Big Day 2020
<https://ebird.org/news/october-big-day-2020-bigger-than-ever>
- Swallow-tailed kites successfully raise young in Arkansas after 130-year absence
<https://www.agfc.com/en/news/2020/09/16/swallow-tailed-kites-successfully-raise-young-in-arkansas-after-130-year-absence/>
- Project FeederWatch starts on the second Saturday of November.
<https://feederwatch.org/how-to-participate/>
- Birding in the 901 Facebook group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3257247114362538>



Mark your calendars for October Big Day—17 October 2020! Big Days are a 24 hour opportunity to celebrate the birds both near you and around the world.

How to participate:

1. Get an eBird account. <https://ebird.org/>
2. Watch birds on 17 October.
3. Enter what you see and hear on eBird.
4. Watch the sightings roll in.
<https://ebird.org/octoberbigday>

TOS Membership Information

Benefits include monthly programs, field trips, quarterly journals, and state and chapter newsletters.

Categories and dues are:

Individual	\$36
Family	\$40
Sustaining	\$55
College Student	\$23
Other Student	\$ 5
Lifetime	\$450 one time +\$18 yearly

Please send dues to: Barbara Pyles
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Newsletter Delivery Options

To reduce printing and mailing costs, a digital version, which is usually expanded with photos and occasional articles, is provided. Notify Margaret Jefferson, mjefferson100@hotmail.com. If you have no internet access, a printed version can be mailed.

Chapter Newsletter Submissions

Email submissions to Cliff VanNostrand
mtosnewsletter@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter is the 22nd of the month.

Field Cards

Please mail or e-mail your field cards and notable sightings to Dick Preston. dickpreston48@gmail.com

Tennessee Warbler Deadlines

*February 28 for the April Newsletter
*June 30 for the August Newsletter
*October 31 for the December Newsletter

Forward contributions to:
Theresa Graham, Editor
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Chapter Meeting

Chapter Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Upcoming Field Trip Information

See next page.

New Members

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Treasurer's Report

The balance in the treasury as of October 1, 2020 is \$16,540.77.

..... Upcoming Field Trips

Saturday, October 3, 7:30

Meeman Shelby Forest SP, Visitors Center

<https://goo.gl/maps/jAuf9zZ22RZi2KMj8>

Field Trip Leader: *Van Harris*

shelbyforester1223@gmail.com / 901-876-3337

Wednesday, October 7, 7:30

Meeman Shelby Forest SP, Visitors Center

<https://goo.gl/maps/jAuf9zZ22RZi2KMj8>

Field Trip Leader: *Dick Preston*

dickpreston48@gmail.com / 901-837-3360

Sunday, October 18, 7:30

Wapanocca National NWR, Visitors Center

<https://goo.gl/maps/8mFp46AdEXxbn19p8>

Field Trip Leader: *Van Harris*

shelbyforester1223@gmail.com / 901-876-3337

Sunday, October 25, 8:00

W.C. Johnson Park, Collierville

<https://goo.gl/maps/Uye3rgFgAcetDQ5A9>

Field Trip Leader: *Chad Brown*

cwb496@bellsouth.net / 901-754-3385

Meeting location – parking lot at east end of park (near the boardwalk)

Saturday, November 21, 8:00

Shelby Farms Park/Agricenter International

<https://goo.gl/maps/s3YkaKEbPf2EKsja8>

Field Trip Leader: *Sue Cosmini*

susanewag@gmail.com / 901-326-6798

Meeting location – Old Amphitheater. Use the parking lot between picnic shelter 6 and 7. Directions: Farm Rd to entrance to park, go to first stop sign and turn left. Continue north to four way stop. Parking lot located at that intersection.

Sunday, November 29, 8:00

T.O. Fuller State Park, Visitors Center

<https://goo.gl/maps/JF9xp5K7RvZV9ZfF6>

Field Trip Leader: *Virginia Reynolds*

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