

# The Chattanooga Chat

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The Chattanooga Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society

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## March Program

Birding at the Baylor Campus

April 13, 7:00 PM

Ascension Lutheran Church

729 S. Germantown Road, East Ridge,  
Tennessee 37412

Luke Thompson is the presenter. He will speak about the shorebird habitat restoration project he is completing in conjunction with Baylor Research and include applications to Hamilton County birding and birding at Baylor.

## Field Trips:

### Birds at Chickamauga Battlefield

Danny Gaddy will offer two types of field trips to the Battlefield. The morning trip will be "Birds and Battles." The evening trips will be "Listening for Nightjars – Chuck-wills-Widows & Whip-poor-wills." As always, dress for the weather and be prepared to walk or stand. Let me know if mobility is an issue so I can plan for inclusive birding.

**Birds and Battles** will be a car caravan to 2 or 3 sites to survey the birds present and learn what happened in that area during the Battle in 1863. Park Historian Jim Ogden will describe the action in the vicinity.

Meet at 8 am at the visitor center:

April 5 Wed

April 26 Wed

**Listening for Nightjars** will car caravan to an area of the park where these nocturnal birds nest and call at sunset and after. For the safety of participants, do not plan to bushwhack in the dark.

Meet at 7:30 pm at the visitor center.

April 4 Tues

April 12 Wed

April 19 Wed

April 25 Tues

April 28 Friday

You may email me at [gaddy@catt.com](mailto:gaddy@catt.com) or call 423-316-5647 for information or directions. - Danny

Danny

## Spring Migrant Bird Walk at Crabtree Farms

Saturday, April 29

8:30- 10:00

1000 E 30th St, Chattanooga, TN 37407

Leader: Barbara Johnson

Contact: [chattbirders@gmail.com](mailto:chattbirders@gmail.com)

Crabtree Farms is a community-focused urban farm committed to education, food access, and sustainable agriculture. See, hear, and learn about the birds which visit and nest in the various farm habitats. All ages are welcome, from beginners to seasoned birders. Bring binoculars if you have them; there will also be a limited number to borrow. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes; bug spray is recommended.

The field trip will be canceled in the event of rain.

### **Birds at Reflection Riding**

Saturday, April 8

8 am

Leader: Gary Brunvoll

Contact: [gbrunvoll@epbfi.com](mailto:gbrunvoll@epbfi.com)

### **Birds at Tennessee River Gardens**

Sunday, April 16

8:00 am Eastern (7:00 am Central)

Leader: Clyde Blum

Contact: [cdblum@bellsouth.net](mailto:cdblum@bellsouth.net)

### **Field Trip Report**

Renaissance Park Field Trip

Mar 11, 2023

8:24 AM



2 Mallard  
22 Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)  
3 Mourning Dove  
1 Double-crested Cormorant  
2 Black Vulture  
2 Osprey  
1 Cooper's Hawk  
1 Red-tailed Hawk  
1 Red-bellied Woodpecker  
1 Downy Woodpecker  
2 Eastern Phoebe  
2 American Crow  
4 Carolina Chickadee

1 Tufted Titmouse  
3 Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
2 Cliff Swallow  
1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
7 Carolina Wren  
2 European Starling  
1 Brown Thrasher  
3 Northern Mockingbird  
18 Eastern Bluebird  
1 Hermit Thrush  
50 American Robin  
14 Cedar Waxwing  
7 House Sparrow  
9 American Goldfinch  
5 Dark-eyed Junco  
1 White-throated Sparrow  
1 Swamp Sparrow  
5 Eastern Towhee  
1 Red-winged Blackbird  
2 Brown-headed Cowbird  
9 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
8 Northern Cardinal

Number of Taxa: 35



### **Thanks**

"Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to lead a trip in April. We're now planning our upcoming field trips for May and the summer months. Please email O. J. Morgan ([ojmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:ojmorgan@gmail.com)) if you'd like to lead a trip. Happy birding, everyone!"

### **Birding the Honors Course**

David Stone and Carl Swafford lead 14 birders on a field trip to The Honors Course in Ooltewah Saturday, March 18, from 1:30 - 4:30. They saw and/or heard 41 species of birds. The bird species seen and/or heard are listed below.



Canada Goose  
Mourning Dove  
Killdeer  
American Woodcock  
Black Vulture  
Turkey Vulture  
Bald Eagle  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Blue Jay  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
Tree Swallow  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Purple Martin  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Golden-crowned Kinglet

White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown-headed Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
Brown Thrasher  
Northern Mockingbird  
Eastern Bluebird  
American Robin  
House Finch  
American Goldfinch  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Eastern Towhee  
Eastern Meadow Lark  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Pine Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Northern Cardinal



### **Past Field Trips**

OJ Morgan, our Vice President for Field Trips, compiled this list while combing through several past issues of The Chattanooga Chat. If you would like to lead a trip to one of these locations or a location we have not visited before, please contact O.J. Morgan at [ojmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:ojmorgan@gmail.com).

Raccoon Mountain Pumped Storage Facility  
and Lake  
Standifer Gap Marsh  
North Alabama (Stevenson, Scottsboro,  
Lake Guntersville, etc.)  
Honors Course  
Soddy Mountain Hawk Watch  
Kayden Wilson's Farm  
Chester Frost Park and Pinky's Point  
Reflection Riding  
Enterprise South  
Nickajack Lake  
Brainerd Levee  
Craven's House  
Hiawassee Island  
Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge  
Yuchi Refuge  
Montague Park  
Amnicola Marsh  
Chickamauga Battlefield National Park  
Hinch Mountain  
Nine Mile, Bledsoe County  
McCoy Farm  
McLemore Cove  
Greenway Farm  
VW Wetlands  
Chickamauga Lake (Dam and above)  
Tennessee River Gardens  
Sequatchie Cove Farm  
Baylor School  
Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
Crabtree Farms  
Renaissance Park  
Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge  
Bark Camp Barrens WMA  
Whigg Meadow  
River Gorge Banding Lab  
Cummings Bottom  
Talladega National Forest

**We still seek officers to assist in our way forward.**

President  
Vice President for Program  
Treasurer  
Secretary

TOS State Board Members (We can elect up to five)

**Here are some non-board opportunities.**

**Field trip leaders:** All are welcome to propose and lead bird walks. You don't need to be an expert-- other birders will be along to help!

**Refreshment providers** for monthly meetings: Whether you'd like to supply snacks and drinks or coordinate with a few others, we'd love your help making our events more enjoyable!

**Monthly meeting door greeters:** Welcome meeting attendees as they arrive, offer name tags and mailing list sign-up sheet,

**Monthly meeting room setup and cleanup:** Help place chairs and tables or put the room back into shape at closing.

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You can also send a check to  
Fran Hiestand CTOS Treasurer 8935 N.  
Hickory Valley Road Chattanooga, TN  
37416

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