



**The Chattanooga Chat**  
**September 2023**  
**Chattanooga Chapter: Tennessee Ornithological Society**  
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The Topic for our September meeting is Hawk Migration.

7:00 PM, Thursday, September 14, at Ascension Lutheran Church, 720 South Germantown Road, Chattanooga, TN.

For our Sept. 14 meeting, we have Bill Haley. Bill has done hawk watches from Soddy Mt for 30 years. Some years he has recorded over 3,000 hawks passing through. Come learn about it and how you can go on one of the watches. Then Bill will show pictures of identifying features of the different hawks that live or pass through Tennessee. Finally, he will show pictures of hawks flying to see how many you can identify. This is a great way to learn the hawks. An interview with Bill Haley appears here:

<https://appvoices.org/tag/hawk-count/>

### Crabtree Farms Field Trip September 30

Bird walk at [Crabtree Farms](#) Saturday, September 30, 8:30-10:30. All ages welcome! 1000 E 30th St, Chattanooga, TN 37407 This is a great opportunity for beginners. Call Barbara for info at 410-703-4664.

### Seven Islands State Birding Park Field Trip September 30

Only Three Spaces Remain Open:

The Knoxville chapter of TOS has kindly agreed to host us on a field trip to the [Seven Islands State Birding Park](#) just outside of Knoxville. The plan is to drive up the afternoon of Saturday, September 30, and have dinner with the KTOS folks. The following morning, Sunday, October 1, we'll all meet at the Park around 7:30 am, with the Knoxville folks serving as our guides. We'll return just after lunch.

I'll soon have some hotel options for those making the trip, and I'm hoping we can just ride up together. In the spring, we plan to host the Knoxville members on a visit to Chattanooga.

If you are interested, please let me know soon so that we can plan accordingly. Here's my contact information:

OJ Morgan

Text or call: 423-280-7975

Email: [ojmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:ojmorgan@gmail.com)

## Chattanooga Audubon Seeks Volunteers to Lead Birding Programs.

They would like to offer programs about birds but don't have sufficient staff or volunteers to run them. Are you willing to help with a seminar that describes the importance of "lights out" during migratory peaks or one about migration in general? They would love to have some "Owl Prowls" or birding walks at Audubon Acres.

If you are willing to help, please contact Emily Null, at [enull@chattaudubon.org](mailto:enull@chattaudubon.org),

### **TOS FALL STATE MEETING IN CHATTANOOGA**

**OCTOBER 13-15**

The Chattanooga TOS Chapter invites you to the 2023 TOS Fall Meeting, October 13-15. Please join our Friday evening reception with refreshments and field trip signups at the Fairfield Inn in Lookout Valley, 40 Starview Ln, Chattanooga, beginning at 5:30 PM, Eastern Daylight Time. Saturday's presentations and the TOS Board of Directors Meeting will be held at Baylor School.

We have an exciting lineup of field trips to be held Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Please register for the meeting using the form by October 1, whether you use lodging or not.

TRAFFIC INTO CHATTANOOGA VIA I-24 IS NOTORIOUSLY HEAVY WITH FREQUENT DELAYS ON FRIDAYS! We strongly advise out-of-town members to arrive in the area by 3 PM, Friday, October 13.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at two adjacent hotels in Lookout Valley. Rooms are \$161/ night plus \$27.77 in taxes and fees. For that rate, rooms **must be reserved by Wednesday, September 13**. A full breakfast is included at both. (If you are booking for just one night, you must "Edit Stay", then "Update" on the reservation form).

**Fairfield Inn:** [Book your group rate for TN Ornithological Society](#) or call 423-664-4222 and mention TOS.

**Hampton Inn:** [Book your group rate for TN Ornithological Society](#) or call 423-602-5350 and mention TOS.

The region has many accommodations but they fill quickly, and we are sorry to say that Chattanooga weekend rates are higher than normal during this eventful season. For information on other places to stay, contact Sharon Klein at [smkbirder17@gmail.com](mailto:smkbirder17@gmail.com)

Due in part to the high cost of lodging, CTOS is not charging a registration fee.

We very much look forward to hosting you and sharing Chattanooga's excellent field trip sites and leaders. For general questions, contact Barbara at [chimneyswifts423@gmail.com](mailto:chimneyswifts423@gmail.com)

## TOS Fall Meeting Registration Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

TOS chapter \_\_\_\_\_

this the first time you've attended a TOS state meeting? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

Please register with CTOS by October 1. (**Note the September 13 deadline to reserve blocked hotel rooms!**)

Mail registration form to:

Barbara Johnson/CTOS, 672 E. 17th St, Chattanooga, TN 37408

or email to: [chimneyswifts423@gmail.com](mailto:chimneyswifts423@gmail.com)

### Join Chattanooga TOS

You can now join online.

<https://chattanoogatos.org/joining-or-renewing-as-a-member/>

You can also send a check to

Fran Hiestand CTOS Treasurer

8935 N. Hickory Valley Road

Chattanooga, TN 37416

Individual memberships are

\$28.

Family memberships are \$32.

Student memberships are \$15.

Lifetime Memberships are \$460.

