



# *The Chattanooga Chat*

CHATTANOOGA CHAPTER OF THE TENNESSEE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## JANUARY 9, 2025 PROGRAM CANCELED



Calliope Hummingbird Photo by Gary Brunvoll

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DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS.  
SEE YOU IN FEBRUARY!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I want to wish all CTOS members a Happy New Year! As we move into our 62nd year as the Chattanooga Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society, I want to thank everyone for your continued engagement and support in promoting the protection of birds in our community as well as providing meaningful opportunities for furthering our interest in the avian world. Good work, everyone!

Second, January also means we'll need to renew our memberships to keep us moving ahead into the future. Coming this year will be numerous field trips led by the best ornithologists in the area, interesting programs at our monthly meetings, and opportunities to educate the larger community in ways to maintain the health and well-being of birds everywhere. Knowing that we are truly sincere in our efforts to further the CTOS mission, I want to urge everyone to renew their memberships and encourage others to join as well.

Renewing is easy. As you will see, our website has been updated and can now be found on the TOS site ([tnbirds.org](http://tnbirds.org)). Just look up the Chattanooga chapter where you'll find the membership link. Or you can still use our individual address, [www.chattanoogatos.org](http://www.chattanoogatos.org). If you'd rather not renew online, you can easily bring a check to one of our future meetings or mail it to David Stone, our treasurer, at P.O. Box 330, Ooltewah, TN 37363.

Again, I thank you for your support and look forward to another great year at CTOS!

## CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD

A Calliope Hummingbird was reported on December 5 in Ooltewah, Hamilton County. The homeowner has several hummingbird feeders set up in the yard, and was very gracious in allowing birders to visit and look for this rare bird. The Calliope Hummingbird is found out west but will very rarely visit the Gulf coast area. It is the smallest hummingbird in the U.S.

The Calliope Hummingbird was last reported on eBird on December 20th. Over 100 birders reported it on eBird during the 15 days.

## A NEW LOGO FOR CTOS

For 60+ years, our Chattanooga Chapter has always used the Tennessee Ornithological Society logo. Now, thanks to OJ, Barbara Johnson, and other club members, we have a Chattanooga Chapter logo. Of course, the bird on the logo had to be a Yellow-breasted Chat! These secretive warblers can be found in dense brush here in Chattanooga during the summer months. They are larger than most other warblers and have a bright yellow throat and breast.

Hopefully, we will have ball-caps and T-shirts with our logo made in time to find the Yellow-breasted Chats when they migrate back to Chattanooga.



Yellow-breasted Chat Photo by David Stone

## CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

CBCs haven't been compiled yet. We should have the complete numbers by February.



Tennessee Warbler Photo by David Goldsmith