



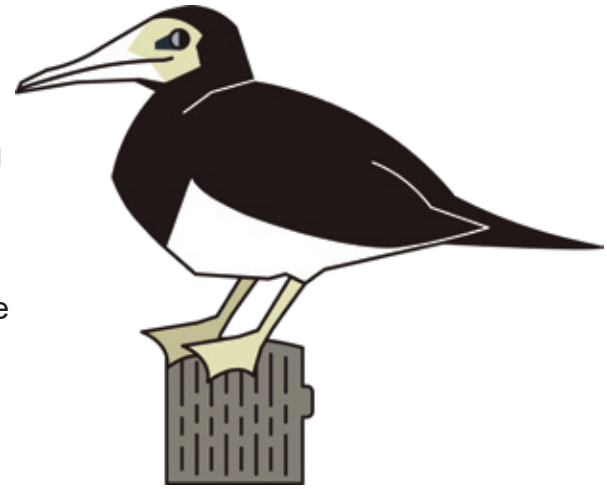
Tennessee Ornithological Society Memphis Chapter

<http://birdmemphis.org>

September 2025

Welcome back, MTOS members! I hope you all enjoyed a summer filled with birds, fresh air, and maybe a few lifers added to your lists. While the Memphis heat may have slowed our birding at times, nature never really takes a break. Shorebird migration is already underway, and the Mississippi Flyway will soon be buzzing with activity as we head into fall.

One of the summer's most exciting surprises was the arrival of a Brown Booby at Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge in late July. In the sweltering heat, I joined many other birders from across the state to track it down, and we were rewarded with fantastic views. The funny thing is, Adrian and I had gone looking for booby species earlier this year during a trip to the National Parks in Florida and struck out completely. Yet here one was, practically in my back-yard! Birding has a way of humbling us and keeping us on our toes... you never know what you might see when you head out!



Stories like this are part of what make our gatherings so special. They remind us how much there is to learn and share with one another. This year's speaker series will feature a variety of voices, from experts sharing their research to storytellers taking us along on birding adventures both near and far. We'll kick things off in September with something special: our very own members sharing highlights from their summer birding experiences. It's a perfect way to reconnect, swap stories, and get inspired for the seasons ahead.

At its heart, MTOS is a community of observers whose passion fuels something bigger than ourselves — citizen science. Every checklist submitted, bird counted, and observation shared adds to the collective knowledge that guides conservation and research. By birding together, we're not only enjoying nature but also helping to protect it for the future.

I'm excited for all the discoveries, connections, and shared moments this year will bring.

Happy birding!

Liz Hall
President
Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society

Looking for volunteers:

Halloween Event at Lichterman Nature Center

The Lichterman Nature Center is hosting a Halloween event on **October 25th**, and is looking to see if any MTOS members would be interested in hosting a table – if interested, Liz Hall has a MTOS display board for the event.

It's a family-friendly event with a variety of activities and "trick-or-treating", where people visit different community partners and tables.

If interested (or if you have any questions!) please reach out to:

Sydney Calderon -
Sydney.Calderon@memphistn.gov

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

Looking for submissions of any of the following:

- Birding Events
- Stories about birds, birders, or birding
- Birding tips
- Articles or other interesting things in the bird world
- Photos, poetry, art, quotes

Send your submissions to:
mtosnewsletter@gmail.com

- ◆ [Record-breaking male Ruby-throated Hummingbird in Dover, Tennessee](#)
- ◆ [Birding As A Tourism Promotion Continues To Take Flight](#)

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS



**Songbird Strolls
at Overton Park
for beginner birders
Sept 12 and Sept 27**

Scan for more info



or visit
overtonpark.org

**Nonconnah Creek at Lakeview Rd
Saturday 9/13/25 at 8am**

**Meet at 2900 Lakeview Rd.
Take Lakeview north from
Brooks Rd. The road bends to
the left and ends, turn right
in front of the warehouse
before the road ends.
Park at the north end of the
lot near the pine trees.**

**Long pant, close-toed shoes,
and bug spray recommended**

**WC Johnson Park
Peterson Lake Nature Center
Thursday 9/18/25 at 8am**

**Let's look for fall migrants along the boardwalk
and possibly some of the other trails**

SHELBY COUNTY FALL COUNT

September 13

Whether it's birds in your backyard, birds at any of our local Hotspots, or birds you spot while you're out elsewhere, count them!

Forward your observations to Dick Preston
dickpreston48@gmail.com



Fall Birding & Natural History Tour

Delta Wind Birds

(Humphreys Co. MS)

Saturday 10/4/2025

8:30am-3pm



deltawindbirds.org

Songbird Strolls (for new birders)

at Overton Park

October 10th and 25th at 8am

World Migratory Bird Day Walk

at Overton Park

October 11th at 7:30am

Arkansas State Bird Observatory

(Jonesboro, AR)

October 18th at 7:00am

MTOS FIELD TRIPS

October and November 2025

Wolf River State Forest

(Fayette Co. TN)

November 1st at 8:00am

Songbird Strolls (for new birders)

at Overton Park

November 14th and 22th at 8am

North of Downtown Memphis

(Bearwater Greenline, Maynard Stiles,

and other sites)

November 15th

Questions? contact Ryan Pudwell

rpudwell@immanuelmemphis.org

TOS Membership Information

Members may join online at www.birdmemphis.org or by mail.

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	\$15
Other Student	\$10
Lifetime	\$450 one time + \$18 yearly

Dues payable by PayPal at www.birdmemphis.org or by check, made out to MTOS.

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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 Caroline Schratz caroline.schratz@gmail.com. If you have no internet access, a printed version can be mailed.

Chapter Newsletter Submissions

Email submissions to Sophie Dismukes 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

*March 15 for the April Newsletter
*July 15 for the August Newsletter
*November 15 for the December Newsletter

Forward contributions to:
Theresa Graham, Editor
E-mail: 2graham@bellsouth.net

Chapter Meeting

September 17, 2025, 7:00pm

St. George's Episcopal Church
2435 South Germantown Rd. Germantown, TN
Phone: (901)-754-7282

Program

MTOS Members

Summer Birding: Photo Retrospective Powerpoint Night

Hospitality

Refreshments will be provided by Anita Vincent and Gregg Elliott.

Upcoming Field Trip Information

September 12: Overton Park

September 13: Nonconnah Creek / Fall Bird Count

September 18: WC Johnson Park/Peterson Lake Nature Center

September 27: Overton Park

Thank you to all who contributed to this month's newsletter!

For our next issue, we would like to feature some photos of:



Please send your submissions to mtosnewsletter@gmail.com

New Members

Leo Old, loldTN@gmail.com

Glenn Weatherly, gpweatherly@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

As of August 22, 2025 the balance in the Treasury is \$14,782.13. There was no new business conducted over the summer hiatus.