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October 2025

September Program

September's program was brought to you by several of MTOS's own as they went over the many birds they experienced over the summer.

Over the course of the program time, MTOS members David O. Hill, Connor Robinson, Ryan Pudwell, Irene Brownlow, and Tricia Vesely shared photos (and videos!) from their summer birding adventures; whether it was birds seen on trips to exciting places like the gulf stream off of Cape Hatteras, Florida, Indiana, and Alaska, or cool birds seen from the farm, there were a plethora of beautiful images and tales shared.



The United States, as of September 2025, has been a home – whether temporary or more permanent – to 1162 birds across a variety of habitats. These powerpoints offered a wonderful glimpse into the flora, fauna, and landscapes of places that many of us may not have been to. Wishing our MTOS members many more future adventures!

MTOS HOLIDAY SALE and SILENT AUCTION

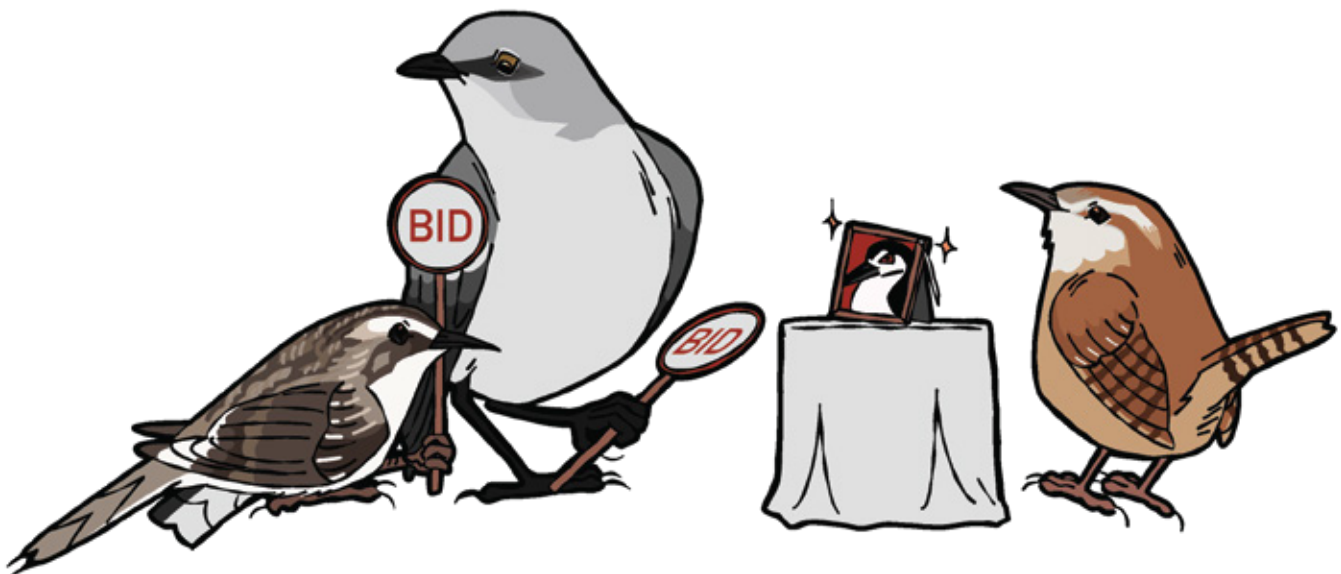
November 19 Chapter Meeting
Browsing starts at 6:45



Come check out items donated by MTOS members for use and enjoyment by others. Bird books, nature books, artwork, housewares, games, and more will be on hand. Many items are priced at less than \$5.00, with no auction bid required. Your participation benefits MTOS-funded activities. After the meeting ends, **15 minutes** will be allotted for shopping, selecting your favorite no-bid items for purchase, and entering bids on **bid sheets**. Sales will then follow.

Checks made out to MTOS and cash are accepted.

Contact Barbara Pyles with questions at brbpyles@gmail.com



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

◆ [Strange Bird Spotted in a Texas Backyard Is the First Known Hybrid Between a Blue Jay and a Green Jay](#)

◆ [Double-striped Thick-knee in Texas](#)

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

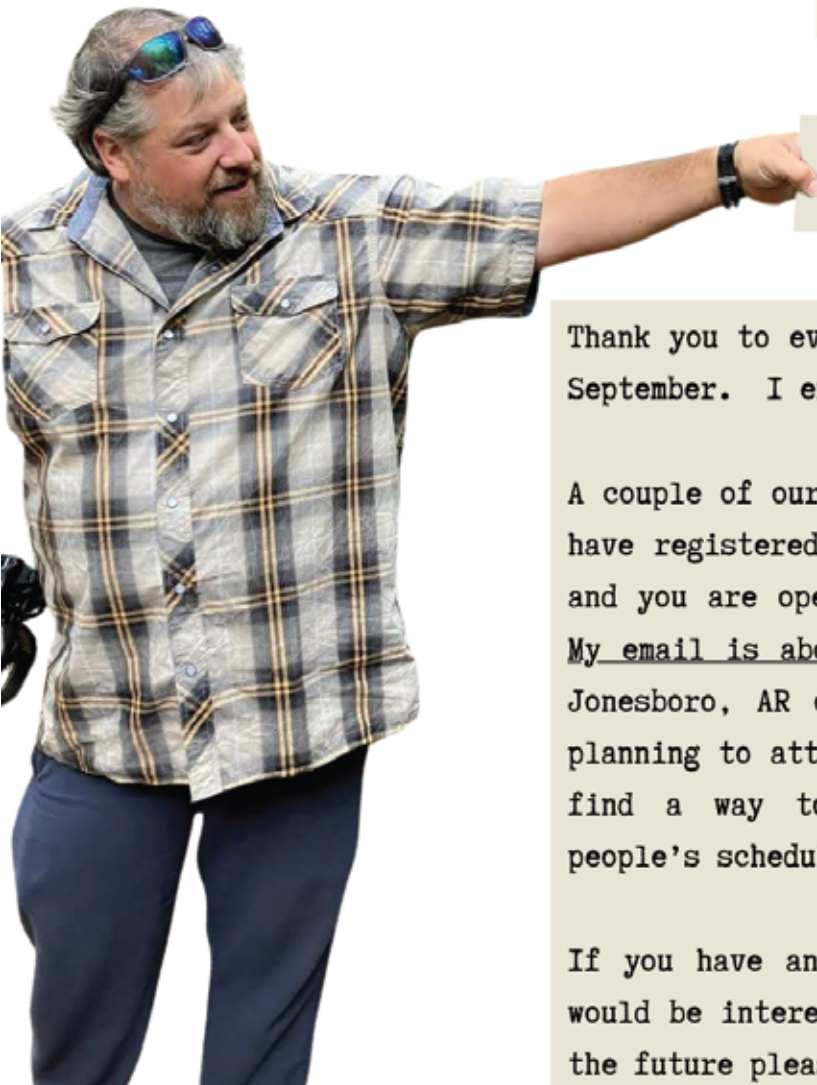
North of Downtown Memphis

(Bearwater Greenline, Maynard Stiles, and other sites)

November 15th

Questions? contact Ryan Pudwell

rpudwell@immanuelmemphis.org



FIELD TRIP NOTES

Thank you to everyone who attended one of the field trips in September. I enjoyed meeting some new folks while birding.

A couple of our October field trips are out of town. If you have registered for the Delta Wind Birds trip on October 4th and you are open to possibly carpooling please let me know. My email is above. The same applies for the field trip to Jonesboro, AR on the 18th. Let me know which one you are planning to attend. I can't promise anything, but if we can find a way to travel more efficiently that works with people's schedules we'll call it a win.

If you have any questions about our field trips or if you would be interested in leading a field trip at some point in the future please let me know.

-Ryan Pudwell

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Join Curt Hart and Allen Sparks for a wildlife photography class focusing on birds, insects (macro), and other wildlife such as mammals and reptiles. The indoor class will be appropriate for beginning to intermediate photographers interested in learning more about techniques for these wildlife subjects. Topics covered include camera techniques, equipment, and image composition. DSLR and mirrorless cameras will be discussed.

Where: Lichterman Nature Center (indoors), 5992 Quince Road, Memphis, TN

When: 9:00-10:30am, Saturday, November 8, 2025

Cost: \$15 which gives access to the class, nature center, and grounds. Admission can be purchased on the day of class Saturday morning November 8.

Registration is **not** required.

Optional shooting with Curt and Allen on the grounds of the Lichterman Nature Center after class.



CONTACT:

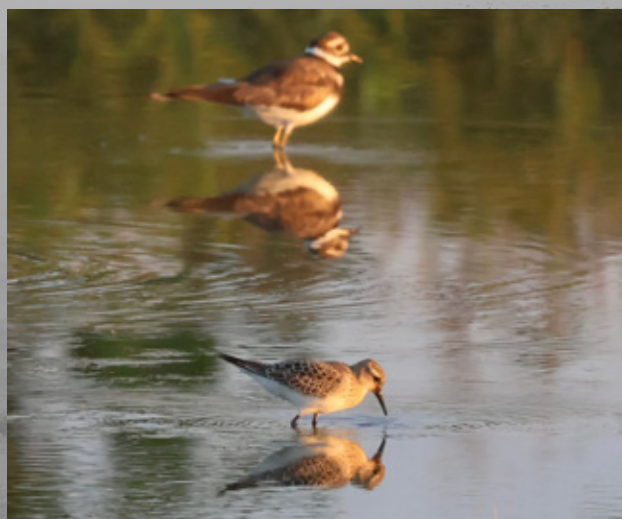
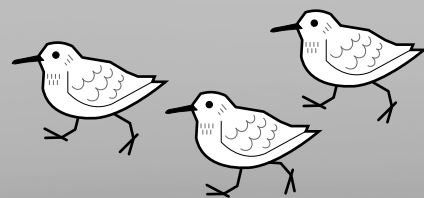
Allen Sparks

901-604-7654 (mobile)

asparks306@bellsouth.net (email)

Photos by:

Adrian Hall



Baird's Sandpiper
with Killdeer



Black-necked Stilt



Semipalmated Sandpiper



Stilt Sandpiper



Willet



Wilson's Phalaropes



Eurasian Oystercatchers



Ruddy Turnstone



Sanderling



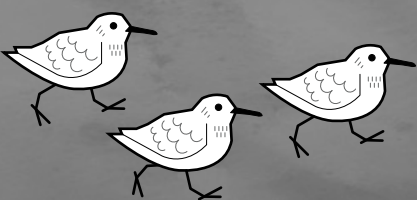
Semipalmated Plover



Spotted Sandpiper



Whimbrel

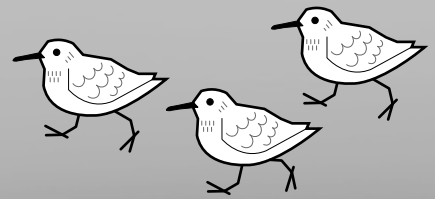


Photos by:

Caroline Schratz

Photos by:

Debra Kienzle



American Oystercatcher



Ruddy Turnstone



Sanderling



Black-bellied Plover



Least Sandpiper



Ruddy Turnstone



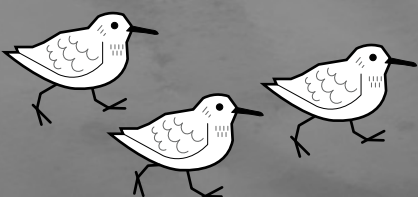
Sanderling



Semipalmated Plover



Short-billed Dowitchers

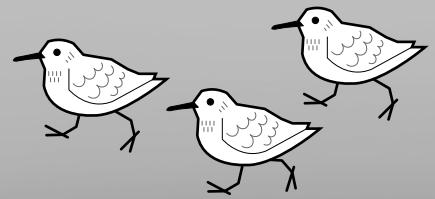


Photos by:

John Matthew Erickson

Photos by:

Ryan Pudwell



American Golden Plover
at the Pits



Black-Necked Stilts
Magnard Stiles



Least & Semipalmated Sandpipers
Shelby Farms Marsh



Semipalmated Plover
with Semipalmated Sandpiper in background
Shelby Farms Marsh



Spotted Sandpiper
Riverwood Lake



Willetts
at the Pits



Baird's Sandpiper



Least Sandpiper



Pectoral Sandpiper



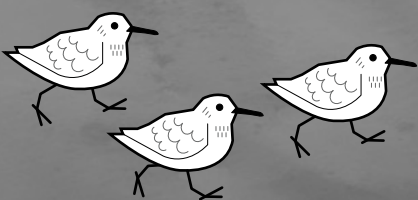
Purple Sandpiper



Red Knot



Semipalmated Sandpiper



Photos by:

Sophie Dismukes

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

October 15, 2025, 7:00pm

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

Program

Liz Reed
Birding is for Everybody

Hospitality

Refreshments will be provided by Sheila Bentley and Mary Bruno.

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

John Matthew Erickson, jmerickson222@gmail.com
Carol Hesch, carol3914@comcast.net
Jack Pullis, jackpullis1@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

As of September 22, 2025 the balance in the Treasury is \$14,598.59. There was no new business conducted at the September chapter meeting.

Seeking Volunteer Talent

The chapter has a volunteer opening. Do you know how to produce nametags on a computer?
Could you make 2 to 8 nametags, once a month?
Contact Membership Chair Barbara Pyles at brbpyles@gmail.com for further details.
Meeting attendance is not required.