



THE CHAT

*SERVING AUDRAIN, BOONE, COOPER, HOWARD,
MONROE AND RANDOLPH COUNTIES*

Jennifer Hamel—Recording the Sounds of Insects and Birds
Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30 PM
Meeting at the Unitarian-Universalist Church
2615 Shepard Blvd. Columbia

Today's technology can detect the sound of the tiniest lady bug to the largest elephant. Jennifer Hamel, graduate student at MU, Columbia in Biological Sciences, will bring the recording equipment she uses to record insect sounds for her graduate work. These same instruments are used to record the sounds and the songs of birds.



Find out how those lovely recordings you use to identify birds on your adventures in the

field are produced. This is a great program for children who might be interested in a career in the biological field. If you have a pet insect you'd like to have recorded, please bring so we can hear what he or she really thinks about life at your home.

CAS Board will meet at 6:15 pm. All are welcome.

Thomas Hill Lake Area Field Trip

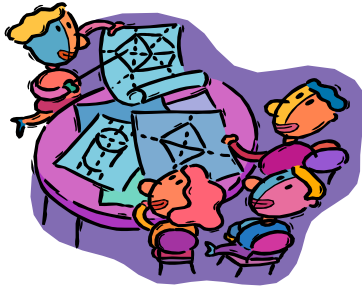
Saturday, April 4th at 7:30 a.m., Bill Clark and Edge Wade will provide the leadership for a day of birding at the Thomas Hill Lake and Reservoir. A large water fowl refuge area will provide you with a wide variety of birds to add to your life list. The group will head out from Parkade Plaza Parking lot. The southwest corner is the meeting

spot. Please be prompt, wear the appropriate clothing for the forecasted weather, don't forget your binoculars, your bird diary, and any other items that you might need for the day. Walking, if any, will be on flat land in dry areas. The field trip will return in the early afternoon with lunch at a local restaurant to discuss the day's findings.



Contact Bill Clark at 573-474-4510. Bill can be seen on Friday, April 10th at 11:00 a.m. on Pepper and Friends discussing Columbia Audubon Society and his most recent birding adventures.

CAS Board Meeting March 18, 2009



The CAS Board Members heard several reports from Committee Chairs but no action was taken on those reports.

Vanessa Melton, VP Membership Chair, provided the following figures of CAS members:

- 43 Local Members
- 531 National Members
- 74 Local/National Members

Treasurer Eric Seaman provided a tentative budget for the Board Members to begin to consider for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Construction of the Troy Gordon Memorial Hummingbird Garden at Wild Haven will begin in April. The Board is requesting CAS members participate in the project. There are several ways you can support the garden through donations of cash; purchasing the flora and fauna proposed for the site; gift certificates from local nurseries; plants from your home garden; and finally, assist with the actual site construction. CAS is working with the Missouri Naturalists to

refurbish the butterfly garden and build the hummingbird garden. Please call Vanessa Melton with your gift ideas at 573-864-3905.



Treasurer's Report As of 3/18/09

Summary	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$1,555.23	\$ 8,731.09
Expense	\$1,769.68	\$14,191.02

For additional information, please contact CAS Treasurer Eric Seaman at 573-442-2301/grooved@people.com.

Columbia Audubon Society Board 2008-2009

Board of Directors

- President Bill Palmer
- Vice-President Vanessa Melton
- Secretary Bonnie Heidy
- Treasurer Eric Seam
- Communications Margaret Muegenburg
- Directors: John Besser
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- Past President Bill Clark

Committee Chairs

- Nature Areas: John Besser
- Membership & Hospitality: Vanessa Melton
- Field Trips Coordinators: Bill Clark & Edge Wade
- Conservation: Dave Bedan
- The Chat Editor: Margaret Muegenburg
- Publicity: Fred Seaman
- Education: Lisa Schenker and Bill Clark
- Website: Mary Dodds McCarthy

- Contact President Bill Palmer at 573-657-1076/Palmer1076@aol.com
- Vice-President Vanessa Melton at 573-864-3905/vanndawn@yahoo.com
- The Chat Editor Margaret Muegenburg at 573-234-7313/maggiemueg@aol.com

CAS Board Meetings

All Welcome

The Board Meetings are held at 6:15 pm prior to the regularly scheduled General Meeting at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd., Columbia.

Copies of the minutes and financial statements are available upon request.

News and Notes

CAS is hosting the Audubon Society of Missouri's semi-annual meeting during the first weekend in May. Edge Wade and her committee is requesting volunteers for a number of duties during the two and one-half days. If you can prepare a food item for the participants as they arrive on Friday night, May 1st, that would be great. A casserole, cookies, veggies, chips and salsa, and drinks would curb the appetite of those checking in for the weekend. Also needed will be individuals to serve as registrars, help with the silent auction items, field trip guides, and a variety of other small and big jobs. If you have time to help for two

hours or for half a day, the committee would be very grateful. A banquet with speaker is planned for Saturday night after the visitors have had a day of workshops and birding. On Sunday, more bird trips are scheduled. Please contact Edge Wade at her e-mail address: edgew@mchsi.com. Other committee members are Eric Seaman, Vanessa Melton and Susan Hazelwood. This meeting is an opportunity to catch up bird news and a chance to see and meet birder friends. It will be a grand weekend for all of us.



CACHE

The CACHE Wednesday morning trips continue with Bill Clark meeting at Parkade Shopping Center, southwest corner, at 7:30 a.m. until noon.



Membership to the Columbia Audubon Society and

The National Audubon Society

PO Box 1331 Columbia MO 65205

Vanessa Melton Vice-President Membership

573-864-3905 vanndawn@yahoo.com

Columbia Audubon Society Membership and Dues Form

Local dues are voluntary. Your local dues support functions such as *The Chat* and the Christmas Bird Count. Membership is for 12 months beginning with the day you join or renew.

Student \$10.00 Individual \$15.00 Family \$25.00

Donor \$50.00 Friend/Business Sponsor \$300.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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If you would like your name included in the CAS Directory, check here.

Make your check payable to the Columbia Audubon Society (CAS) and mail with this form to CAS PO Box 1331, Columbia MO 65205.

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Prescribed Burn at Albert Area

High humidity levels in the early morning of February 8th, the day turned out to be perfect for a prescribed burn at one of the Columbia Audubon-owned properties, Albert Area. The property is located around 10 miles northeast of Columbia close to Murray, Missouri and was a former coal mine reclaimed by the Department of Natural Resources during the 1990's. Ever since then Columbia Audubon has been working to restore the area to improve

natural vegetation and habitat, and one of the ways to do that is by using prescribed burn. The area was burned 3 years ago, and in preparation for this year's Audubon Society of Missouri meeting held in Columbia this May Vanessa Melton thought it would be a good time to burn it again. The area was burned on February 8th at 10 am and it only took about 1 hour to burn almost 16 acres. It was a perfect burn on what turned out

to be a perfect day. Thanks goes out to John Timmerman and Heather of Timmerman Wildland Fire Services for their expertise and use of their equipment, as well as Fred Seaman, Eric Seaman, David Silvey, Charles Pugsley, Ellen Erhardt, Jody Stotsky, Rachel Pia, Bill and JaJuan Lauer, John Besser, Glenn Pickett, and Cora the fire dog for all their help.



Heather from Wildland Fire Services lights the fire of native grasses while Glenn Pickett and Bill Lauer keep it under control.

John Besser lights the fire and watches it burn.





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Wednesday April 18th, 7:30 PM

Jennifer Hamel
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6:15 PM CAS Board Meeting

We're on the Web
columbia-audubon.missouri.org

Address Service Requested

Birding Class for Backyard, Beginning and Others

Looking for a class to increase your knowledge of birds, a new class has been scheduled to begin on Thursday, April 23rd led by Bill Clark, Edge Wade, and Bill Mees. The 6-week class will include classroom instruction, field trips, and other information essential to a beginner or a long-time birder. The class is sponsored by Songbird Station. The cost is \$50.00 with it scheduled to meet on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am at William Wood University, 3100 Falingleaf Drive (off Grindstone Parkway), Columbia. The course is limited to 25 people. Please send the registration for the class to Holly Seaver, Songbird Station, 2010 Chapel Plaza, Columbia, MO 65203, call 573-446-5941 or Bill Clark, 474-4510.



Watch for Chimney Swifts

Chimney swifts are already in Texas and they will be headed this way as they move north this month. Keep an eye out for them in your area and log in the sighting at chimneyswifts.org to post your numbers. Vanessa Melton is requesting information on any sightings at Wild Haven this year with the new chimney swift in place. E-mail at vanndawn@yahoo.com or by phone at 573-864-3905.

Recycling Center Information

Ryan Enterprises, located 2 miles south of Millersburg on Route J provides recycling of all kinds of plastics including those numbered 1 and 2; used flower pots (need to be washed clean and all metal clips and rings removed); plastic wrap or stretch wrap used with pallet deliveries; bottle caps, spray bottles with the nozzle removed. This is a family-owned business with the family farming the land around the area the recycle site. Please phone the family to see when they are open at 573-592-0202 or e-mail at ryanenterprise.biz. This is one more option to help our earth reclaim its natural beauty for us and our many animal friends.