

Columbia Audubon Society August Summer Newsletter - 2009

No meeting is scheduled for August
See you at the September 2009 Meeting on
Wednesday, September 16th — Details in September Newsletter

Vote for CAS 2009-2010 Officers and Board Member

Officers for the Columbia Audubon Society should be elected at the April general meeting, but this past year the decision to find candidates and elect officer/board members was made too late and we headed into the summer with empty positions on the board. Over the summer candidates were found for the three board member positions as well as for vice president.

First, let me explain why there were three empty board member positions. First, Bonnie Heidy was elected as a board member in 2008 when John Besser stepped down to be a full-time chair of the Nature Areas Committee. Not long after she was voted in to her position Kathleen Anderson stepped down as Secretary. We desperately needed a secretary to take minutes at our meetings, so Bonnie Heidy decided to step up and become Secretary vacating her Board Member position. Bonnie Heidy's vacant board member position will be filled by Jean Graebner.

Steve Heying's term as Board Member expired in May of this year and he did not wish to continue in that position, so a candidate for Board Member to replace Steve's position will have to be voted on in September at the general meeting. The candidate for Steve Heying's position is David Silvey.

The remaining board member position which was held by Mariel Stephenson until she resigned in May is set to reach its term in May of 2010. Mariel Stephenson's vacant position will be filled by Bill Mees.

The only board member position that has to be filled by a vote of the general membership is the position whose term expires this year which is that of Steve Heying. David Silvey is running for that board member position, so we will take a vote that board member position in September.

The other vacant office this summer is that of Vice President. When Bill Palmer stepped down as President in June Vanessa Melton fill that position temporarily until September when an official vote will be taken. Melton is running for the office of President which will also have to be voted on in September, and the candidate for Vice President is Bill Clark.



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To sum everything up – there are two officer positions and one board member position that will be voted on in September at the general meeting on the 16th. The list of candidates is as follows:

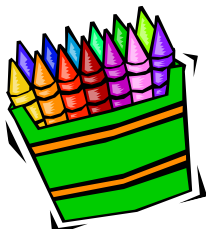
President – Vanessa Melton

Vice President – Bill Clark

Board of Directors Member – David Silvey

*Submitted by Vanessa Melton,
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CAS Kids Summer Coloring Contest

New this year – a coloring contest for kids! The coloring pages were such a big hit at the Stream Extravaganza back in June that I thought we could take the same idea and make it a little broader. Why not make it a contest and throw in a few prizes while we are at it?

I was thinking one way we could reach more folks in the community other than preaching the Audubon gospel at events around town is by drawing in kids with a coloring contest and thus drawing in their parents at the same time. An ad in the Tribune and Missourian would also draw the attention of folks in the community and bring our chapter at least in the perimeter of a spotlight.

The rules are simple – all kids have to do is begin by picking up the Contest Coloring Page of a male ruby-throated hummingbird at Songbird Station or Wild Bird Center, or they can print it off our website at <http://columbia-audubon.missouri.org>. They use their artistic creativity to color the hummingbird how they wish, and mail it in to our P.O. Box (**Columbia Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1331, Columbia, MO 65205-1331**). All entries must be postmarked by **August 31st, 2009**. There are two age groups

– the first one ranging from 5-10 year old and the second groups ranging from 11-15 year old. One prize will be given to a winner from each age group. The prize for the first group is bird flash cards and a Bird-opoly board game graciously donated by Songbird Station, and the prize for the second group is a Wild Bird Center, MOBI, 2-sided hopper feeder generously donated by Wild Bird Center. The winners will be announced and prizes will be given at our September general meeting on September 16th. All entrees are invited to come and view the submitted coloring pages.

You will find the Coloring Contest Page inserted in this newsletter. Please help spread the word about the contest and give the page to a child you know between the ages of 5-15. We will also need a judging committee of 2-3 people, so if you would like to be on the committee contact Vanessa Melton at 573-864-3905 or vann-dawn@yahoo.com.

Thanks everyone, and let's hope for many colorful hummingbirds!

Upcoming Events for all of the Family

Song Bird Station's programs for August are listed below:

August 2nd at 2:00 PM: Kids Fun Day

August 15th 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Field Trips

August 16th 2:00 PM: Focus on Binoculars

Song Bird Station

2020 Chapel Plaza Court

Columbia 573-446-5914



Wild Bird Center's monthly birding field trip is scheduled for August 1st at Eagle Bluffs and another for August 15th. The group will leave at 8:00 AM from the Center at 2703 E. Broadway. Located near the junction of Broadway and Hwy 63. Check with Bruce at 449-8777.

CACHE: Bill Clark's weekly field trips continue each Wednesday at 7:30 AM meeting at the southwest corner of the Parkade Center.



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Bruce Bynum reports in the *Wild Bird Center of Columbia Newsletter* an uptick in the number of hummingbirds coming to feeders. He states that the entire family, including the fledglings, are enjoying the nectar of your feeders. Ruby-throated hummingbirds are usually in the area into the first or second week of October.

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



September's Packed with Fall Birding Activities

Upcoming Field Trips

September 19th, Saturday, CAS Monthly Trip –destination to be announced in September newsletter.

September 12th, Saturday, Songbird Station monthly field trip from 8 am to 10 am — donuts and coffee to follow. Leaves from the Station.

September 5th and 19th, Saturdays, Wild Bird Centers regularly scheduled trips from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Leaves from the Wild Bird Center.

BioBlitz Events

This fall on Friday September 4th and Saturday September 5th, UM Columbia graduate students will hold their annual BioBlitz at Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area. Guided trips will include identification of aquatic inverts, tadpoles, insects, bats and herps plus the flora and fauna of the area and that is on Friday, Sept. 4th beginning at 5:00 pm along with an ice cream social. Saturday, Sept. 5th includes a morning bird talk, live-trap mammals, wetland plants, identification of fish in the distribution channel and pools, wetland plants, fungi, insects, upland habitats on the east side of Eagle Bluffs. A second BioBlitz is scheduled for September 14th at Easley and Cooper's Landing sponsored by Missouri River Relief — detail to follow.

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CAS September Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 16th at 7:30 PM

Members asked to share recent photographs during their bird expeditions as a kickoff to the regularly scheduled meetings.

Exhibit from the CAS Kids Summer Coloring Contest and awarding of the prizes—will be a treat for the whole family.

Election of Officers and Board Members for the 2009—2001 fiscal year.

Conversation over fabulous treats supplied by members—all of whom will WOW with the variety and tasting sensations.