



THE CHAT

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MONROE AND RANDOLPH COUNTIES*

Michael Hopper—Ecology Restoration for the Birds Wednesday, January 20th 7:30 PM Meeting at the Unitarian-Universalist Church 2615 Shepard Blvd. Columbia

Michael Hopper will present a program to kick off 2010 on bird research and ecology restoration. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th at 7:30 at the Unitarian-Universalist Church.



Michael works for the United States Geological Survey in the area of ecology restoration. He

has been involved in research concerning birds for a number of years and will bring an ex-

perience that will prompt you to ask questions. Join CAS for an evening of the latest information concerning our fine feather friends and the environment they occupy.

CAS Board Meeting
Wednesday, Jan 20th
6:00 pm—Lobby of the church—all welcome.

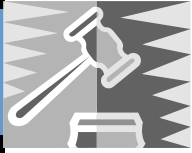


Christmas Bird Count— 2009 Count a Great Way to End 2009

The tally results at the Christmas Count Chili Supper kept Edge Wade and others busy while the participants lined up for the delicious chili offerings of CAS members. Susan Hazelwood and Jim Lang reported another banner year of sightings in a day of weather that changed from hour to hour. The results of the bird count will be provided by Jim



Lang along with the names of those who enjoyed a day of counting and fellowship with other dedicated birders. All in all it was a success for CAS to be a part of this national bird count. Susan and Jim would like to thank the hearty souls who make each year's count triumph and rewarding for all of us.



From the President

The Christmas Bird Count has come and gone for Columbia Audubon, but if you are still itching to count birds for citizen science there is still time - don't worry. You can scratch that itch by participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count coming up in February from the 12th through the 15th. This count is similar to Project Feeder Watch where you only count the highest number of individuals seen at one time. And you don't have to just count the birds in your own backyard. You can count virtually anywhere just make sure you have permission when spying on private property. Folks are not beneath calling the police when some prowler is staring at their house with binoculars! Anyway,

I hope you can get out some time the weekend of February 12th-15th to count birds for a great project. For more information on the Great Backyard Bird Count and to submit your data check out www.birdsource.org and click on Great Backyard Bird Count.

Submitted by Vanessa Melton,
President



Treasurer's Report

Not available as of the newsletter deadline. Please contact Eric Seaman, Treasurer at 442-2301 or grooved@peoplepc.com



Newsletter Editor Found!

Jim Gast has once again stepped forward for newsletter editor duties! He will be taking over as editor of The Chat beginning with the February edition, so if you have items or articles for future editions contact him. Thank you Jim for stepping up to the plate.

Vanessa Melton,
President

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News and Notes

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The CACHE Wednesday morning trips continue with Bill Clark meeting at Parkade Shopping Center, southwest corner, at 7:30 a.m. until noon. The January dates on the Wednesdays are Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27th. Contact Bill at 573-474-4510 for additional information.

CAS Monthly Field Trip

Bill Clark and Edge Wade, the CAS Field Trip Coordinators, will have the monthly field trip and depending on weather the location and date can be known through the calling of Bill Clark at 573-474-4510.



E-Mail Option

The Chat is now available via e-mail. If you are receiving The Chat by U.S. Mail and would like to help CAS keep down costs by getting The Chat in e-mail form, please e-mail Edge Wade at edgew@mchsi.com to request the change.



Columbia Audubon Society CBC will be featured on the Gary Grigsby on KBIA January 4th at 8:20 am talk radio about this year's count. Additional recordings can be heard throughout the day.



Scattering Fork Outdoor Center's

Owl Prowl

Sunday, January 10th has been set aside as a chance for you to prowl the owls at Scattering Fork Outdoor Center in Mexico. No experience required for this day of beauty and wonder as you get a first hand view of the majestic owl. Contact for information 573-581-3003 or visit scatteringfork.org for the details.



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Columbia Audubon Society Membership and Dues Form

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Michael Hopper
Ecology Restoration for the Birds



CAS Board Meeting at 6:00 PM

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The Great Backyard Bird Count



The Christmas Bird Count was a successful adventure for CAS members but February brings

another opportunity for you to participate in the Great Back Yard Bird Count held

February 12th through the 15th. Sign on to The Great Backyard Bird Count to discover how just 15 minutes during those 4 days can add to statistical count for 2010. Last year some 93,629 checklists were submitted with 619 species observed and a total of 11,550,200 individual birds counted. You might even think of pairing up with a birding friend to spend the day counting.



I have thoroughly enjoyed preparing and mailing the newsletter, *The Chat*, for the last two and one-half years. Columbia Audubon Society is a vital component of our community, the state, the country and the world. The continued dedication of the members to experience birds in natural spaces will last for generations as this is at the forefront of their mission. CAS will continue to be a strong force for the bounty and the beauty of all of nature. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Margaret