

## Tulsa Audubon Society Annual Calendar

All our events are free and open to the public.

**Meetings** are held the third Tuesday of each month (except Jun--Aug) at the Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria in Tulsa. Meet for snacks and social time at 7:00 p.m., program begins at 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday Morning Birders.** The Tuesday Morning Birders meet at 7:30 a.m. during Daylight Savings Time and 8:00 a.m. during the winter at the LaFortune Park parking lot near the entrance at the traffic light on Yale. Birders (or would-be birders!) of any skill level are welcome to join us. For more information contact Jo Loyd, 918-835-2946 or Jana Singletary, 918-296-9629.

**Saturday Morning Birders.** The Saturday Morning Birders meet on the second Saturday of every month except Jul. & Aug. Anyone who would like to bird with us (whatever your skill level!) is welcome. Meet at the monument at Lake Yahola at 8:00 a.m. in Mohawk Park, 3730 Mohawk Blvd (just north of the water plant). From there the destination will vary each month, based on the weather, and current birding conditions. For more information contact leader Terry Mitchell at 918-697-3198.

**Field Trips.** We also schedule occasional field trips on other weekends, including some out-of-town. Some are on this calendar, others announced at least a month ahead of time so that you can put them on your calendar and plan to attend.

Note that **Oxley Nature Center** also offers free field trips each month. Their **Saturday Morning Birding** outing is on the first Saturday of the month, from 8:00-9:45, birding around Oxley Nature center; a **Butterfly Walk** is held the third Saturday, April through September from 9:00-11:00; a **Botany Walk** is held the fourth Saturday morning year-round (times vary), call 918-596-9054 to confirm time and location (sometimes at Redbud Valley). See [www.oxleynaturecenter.org](http://www.oxleynaturecenter.org).

### September 2016

**Sept. 10, Sat. Saturday Morning Birders.** Leader: Terry Mitchell, [tasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:tasfieldtrips@gmail.com)

**Sept. 20, Tue. Society Meeting. “The ABCs: Antarctica, Birds, and Cetaceans ”** by Dr. Doug Wood, Professor of Biological Sciences at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He is an ornithologist and avid birder who travels far and wide in pursuit of birds.

**Sept. 24, Sat. Monarchs on the Mountain** is a new festival celebrating the vital role Eastern Oklahoma plays in the Monarch Butterfly migration, at Turkey Mountain from 10-2:00 in the pavilion area, 6850 S. Elwood Ave.

### October 2016

**Oct. 7-9 OOS (Oklahoma Ornithological Society) Fall Meeting** at Jenks High School. See [WWW.OKBIRDS.ORG](http://WWW.OKBIRDS.ORG) for registration info.

**Oct. 8, Sat. Saturday Morning Birders cancelled for October due to OOS Meeting.**

**Oct. 9, Sun. Deadline for Bird Seed Sale orders.**

**Oct. 19, Wed. After Work Beginning Birding.** All ages and skill levels welcome for a short walk. Meet at 6:00 pm at the Lake Yahola Monument, 3730 Mohawk Blvd (just north of the water plant). Leader: John Kennington, 918-809-6325.

**Oct. 18, Tue. Society Meeting. “Prairie Raptors Over the Changing North Dakota Prairies ”** by Dr. Joe Grzybowski, biologist, ornithologist, and professor at the University of Central Oklahoma. He is well-known for his work in avian research.

**Oct. 22, Sat. Bird Seed Sale Pickup Day.** 10:00 - 4:00.

### November 2016

**Nov. 12, Sat. Saturday Morning Birders.** Leader: Terry Mitchell, [tasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:tasfieldtrips@gmail.com)

**Nov. 11-12, Fri. & Sat. Wild at Art.** Join us for our annual show featuring original fine art, crafts, food and drink all created by Oklahoma artists and artisans. At the Tulsa Garden Center Fri. Noon-8:00, Sat. 10:00-4:00. See [www.tulsaaudubon.org/wild-at-art-htm](http://www.tulsaaudubon.org/wild-at-art-htm)

**Nov. 15, Tue. Society Meeting. “Soundscape Ecology: The Science of the Auditory Landscape”** by Dr. Ashley Unger, Research Assistant at Oklahoma State University. She studies the impact of energy development on grassland fauna and Range ecology

### December 2016

**Dec. 10 Sat. Saturday Morning Birders.** Leader: Terry Mitchell, [tasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:tasfieldtrips@gmail.com)

**Dec. 17, Sat. Christmas Bird Count.** Tulsa Audubon Society participates in the 116th count by the National Audubon Society. For information contact Jo Loyd, [jo.loyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jo.loyd@sbcglobal.net), 918-835-2946

**Dec. 20, Tue. 7:30 p.m. Society Meeting - Annual Christmas Show and Tell Party.** Attendees are invited to bring stories, artifacts, or images (about 10-15 on a flash drive) to share with the group. Members bring treats to share.

### January 2017

**Jan. 14, Sat. Saturday Morning Birders.** Leader: Terry Mitchell, [tasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:tasfieldtrips@gmail.com)

**Jan. 17, Tue. Society Meeting. “Free-Ranging Domestic Cats as Invasive Species: Impacts on Native Wildlife and Management Controversies ”** by Dr. Scott Loss, Assistant Professor at Oklahoma State University. He studies the effects of human-caused global changes on wildlife populations and the communities, ecosystems, and landscapes they inhabit.

**Jan. 28, Sat. Annual Eagle Day** along the river in south Tulsa at Helmerich Park, 73rd & S. Riverside Dr. on Sat. and Sun. mornings. Following the watches are presentations focusing primarily on Bald Eagles, featuring live eagles and raptors, hosted at the Jenks High School Freshmen Academy, 3rd & F St. Food, t-shirts, vendors will be present. **Note for 2017 there are no Sunday events!**

### February 2017

**Feb 4, Sat. Visit to the Iowa Tribe’s Bah Kho-je Xla Chi (Grey Snow Eagle House) in Perkins, OK,** an eagle rehabilitation facility to house and protect injured eagles. They have over 50 non-releasable Golden and Bald Eagles. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Braum's parking lot at 101st and Riverside in south Tulsa. Contact Gary Siftar, 918-455-6627, [gsiftar@okraptors.com](mailto:gsiftar@okraptors.com)

**Feb. 11, Sat. Saturday Morning Birders.** Leader: Terry Mitchell, [tasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:tasfieldtrips@gmail.com)

**Feb. 21, Tues. Society Meeting, “Monitoring & Conversation of Bird Populations in the Midwest’s Most Threatened Habitats: Prairies, Wetlands, and Bottomland Forests”** by Dana Ripper and Ethan Duke, who are co-founders and current operators of the Missouri River Bird Observatory. With degrees in biology and wildlife management, respectively, both are passionately devoted to avian conservation.

**Late Feb. Woodcock Watch.** Exact date will depend on when we started observing the Woodcock begin their displays. Watch email, website or Facebook for announcement.

### March 2017

**Mar. 8, Wed. After Work Beginning Birding.** All ages and skill levels welcome for a short walk. Meet at 4:30 pm at Ray Herral Nature Center, 7101 S. 3rd St in Broken Arrow (On 121st between Elm and Lynn Lane). Leader: John Kennington, 918-809-6325.

**Mar. 11, Sat. Saturday Morning Birders.** Leader: Terry Mitchell, [tasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:tasfieldtrips@gmail.com).

**Mar. 21, Tue. Society Meeting, “Gardening for Butterflies”,** by Jim Thayer. He is a Master Gardener, a Linnaeus Gardener, a volunteer naturalist at Oxley Nature Center and a butterfly expert.

### April 2017

**Apr. 8, Sat. Saturday Morning Birders.** Leader: Terry Mitchell, [tasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:tasfieldtrips@gmail.com)

**Apr. 18, Tue. Society Meeting, “What’s Happening at the Sutton Center?”** by Dan Reinking, Senior Biologist at the George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center.

**April 19-25, Lesser Prairie-Chicken Festival in Woodward, Okla.** See [www.lektreks.org](http://www.lektreks.org).

### May 2017

**May 6, Sat. Big Day Count.** Tulsa Audubon Society annual day-long, county-wide census of migrant and resident species. For information contact Josh Smith, [jsmi81.js@gmail.com](mailto:jsmi81.js@gmail.com), 918-724-9709.

**May 13, Sat. Saturday Morning Birders.** Leader: Terry Mitchell, [tasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:tasfieldtrips@gmail.com)

**May 16, Tue. Society Meeting, “Creating a Pollinator-Friendly Landscape”** by David Redhage of the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

**May 20-21 Sat.-Sun. Wildlife Habitat Garden Tour and Plant Sale.** See [www.tulsaaudubon.org](http://www.tulsaaudubon.org) for more information, admission donation and a map to the gardens on the tour. Contact [johnkennington@gmail.com](mailto:johnkennington@gmail.com), 918-809-6325.

### June 2017

**June 10, Sat. Saturday Morning Birders.** Leader: Terry Mitchell, [tasfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:tasfieldtrips@gmail.com)

**Jun. 25, Sun. Summer Potluck Picnic.** Bring the family for some summertime fellowship and relaxation. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at Washington Irving Park, located in Bixby on Memorial Drive, just before crossing the River. TAS will provide burgers & hot dogs, beverages, cups, plates, and eating utensils. Contact [johnkennington@gmail.com](mailto:johnkennington@gmail.com), 918-809-6325.

### July 2017

No Events Scheduled

### August 2017

**Aug. 5, Sat. First Purple Martin Roost Watch.** Exact location to be announced, depending on where in downtown Tulsa the martins decide to roost! Contact [johnkennington@gmail.com](mailto:johnkennington@gmail.com), 918-809-6325.

**Aug. 19, Sat. Second Purple Martin Roost Watch.** Exact location to be announced, depending on where in downtown Tulsa the martins decide to roost! Contact [johnkennington@gmail.com](mailto:johnkennington@gmail.com), 918-809-6325.

## Welcome

The Mission of Tulsa Audubon is to foster appreciation, enjoyment and stewardship of our natural world

*We work to achieve this in four ways:*

- Promote the conservation of wildlife and the natural environment
- Provide the opportunity for study and observation of birds and all wildlife
- Contribute to research in the fields of conservation and ornithology by monetary support and active participation
- Educate the public on the need to protect the environment, and to promote a better public understanding of these natural resources

## Monthly Meetings

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## Field Trips

Field trips to observe birds, wildflowers and nature are scheduled throughout the year. The public is especially encouraged to join us on these trips.

## Publications

**Email Updates.** To keep up with the latest TAS news, members and not-yet-members are encouraged to sign up for our monthly email update. You can sign up at [www.tulsaaudubon.org](http://www.tulsaaudubon.org) or send your name and email to [johnkennington@gmail.com](mailto:johnkennington@gmail.com).

**Bird Finding Guide.** Now available online at [www.tulsaaudubon.org](http://www.tulsaaudubon.org)

**Tulsa County Date Guide.** A guide to the dates of occurrence and abundance of the birds of Tulsa County (1999)

**Field Checklist of Birds of Tulsa County.** \$.25 each (2007)

[www.tulsaaudubon.org](http://www.tulsaaudubon.org)

## Chapter Projects

**Eagle Day** is held in January to observe wild Bald Eagles along the Arkansas River, followed by indoor presentations hosted by TAS and the Jenks High School Ornithology Club featuring live eagles and raptors. TAS owns a sanctuary on Lake Keystone used by wintering eagles (not open to the public.)

**Backyard Habitat Garden Tour & Plant Sale** is our annual tour featuring homeowners who have made their yards to be attractive to wildlife. Nurseries will be selling hard to find native and wildlife friendly plants.

**WING-IT** - "Wildlife In Need Group - In Tulsa is a wildlife rehabilitation group sponsored by Tulsa Audubon. Visit [www.wingintulsa.org](http://www.wingintulsa.org) or call 918 508 9607.

**Flycatcher Trail Outdoor Classroom & Demonstration Garden** is a collaborative project on the campus of Jenks High School, designed to engage students in outdoor learning experiences, serve as a model of a "backyard bird friendly space" for the entire community.

**Wild At Art** - An annual fine arts and craft show held in November, with art that is themed 'Flora, Fauna, and Friendly to the Earth'

**Bird Friendly Businesses** - Recognition is given to local businesses that have taken steps to be bird-friendly. See TAS website for criteria.

**Bird Seed** - High quality bird seed is sold each Fall

**Christmas Bird Count** - TAS participates in the National Audubon Society's nationwide census of winter bird populations.

**Big Day Count** - A County-wide census of migrating and resident species held during spring migration.

**Lesser Prairie-Chicken Festival** - An annual birding festival in northwest Oklahoma attracting hundreds of visitors from around the world.

## Membership

Membership in the National Audubon Society provides membership in the Tulsa Audubon Society. Members receive four issues of *Audubon* magazine and receive our *Tulsa Audubon email news updates*. One-year Introductory Membership dues are \$20.

Join online at [www.tulsaaudubon.org/membership.htm](http://www.tulsaaudubon.org/membership.htm) or mail a check payable to The National Audubon Society, Chapter T01 to: **Tulsa Audubon Society, P.O. Box 330140, Tulsa, OK 74133**

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