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From Your President

Members of your Board of Directors attended the Kentucky Audubon Council meeting Saturday, February 20, 2001 at Birheim Arboretum outside of Louisville, Kentucky. The purpose of this meeting was to plan for the future of a State Office for Kentucky to support activities for Audubon.

Attending the meeting were two members of National Audubon, Lynn Teneffoss, Director of Chapter Services and Thomas Urquhart, Director of Field Support. They outlined the advantages for having a Site Office.

1. Enjoyment of Birds
2. Leadership and advocacy
3. Environmental Education
4. Habitat preservation
5. Expand service projects

Heading the planning process for this project, Board Member for Conservation, Dan Hendricks, created an outline and strategic plan to engage all the Chapters in the State of Kentucky to accomplish this goal. Items covered during his presentation related to funding, responsibilities of Chapters and leadership of the campaign.

— Jim Cain



Morning Bird Walk at Raven Run Nature Sanctuary on Saturday, May 26th (859) 272-6105

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Important Bird Areas, A New Beginning

I am pleased to announce to the members of BHAS the Conservation Committee has launched its first comprehensive, statewide, program: The Important Bird Areas.

Important Bird Areas, or IBAs are sites that provide essential habitat for one or more species of bird. IBAs include sites for breeding, wintering, and/or migrating birds. IBAs may be a few acres or thousands of acres, but usually they are discrete sites that stand out from the surrounding landscape. IBAs may include public or private lands, and they may be protected or unprotected.

Standardized, science-based criteria are used to identify areas as IBAs. The IBA Criteria fit into five categories:

- Sites for important populations of threatened or endangered species.
- Sites for important populations of rare or endangered species or species of special concern.
- Sites for species associated with rare, threatened, or unusual habitat types.
- Sites where birds occur in significant abundance or diversity.
- Sites where long-term bird monitoring and research is conducted.

A site may qualify as an IBA if it meets one or more of these criteria. Volunteers, in this case the BHAS Conservation Committee, nominate sites by providing information on simple IBA nomination forms, which are reviewed by a committee of expert ornithologists.

Working with ornithologists and wildlife officials in central Kentucky, a

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Buckley Hills Audubon Society is to build an organization to support environmental education, conservation, and recreational programs for the mutual benefit of the National Audubon Society, the members of the Buckley Hills Audubon Society, and the Community.

2001 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Clyde E. Buckley

Wildlife Sanctuary

1305 Germany Road • Frankfort, KY

(859) 873-5711

Sunday, June 10, 2:00 P. M.

**Kentucky Mammals and
Rehabilitation**

\$4.00/adult and \$3.00/child

(Friends of Buckley Admitted Free)

Learn about many of our native mammals from the founder and director of Kentucky Wildlife Line. Our presenter, Barbara Rosenmen, oversees the care of more than 500 wild animals annually. An interpretive trail walk will follow.

Sunday, July 8, 2:00 P. M.

Amphibians and Reptiles of Kentucky

\$4.00/adult and \$3.00/child

(Friends of Buckley Admitted Free)

Jeff Hohman from East Kentucky Power-Touchstone Energy will teach us about the physiological differences between reptiles and amphibians and their niche in Kentucky's environment with lots of harmless creatures and "critter handling".

A guided hike will follow.

Sunday, August 5, 1:00 P. M.

A Family Fun Day In The Country

Free admissions

Grab a sandwich and fixin's from 1:00 until 2:00, or while it lasts. Take a hike or hayride and watch the live animal presentations.

Saturday, September 15,

7:30 P. M.

AN EVENING ADVENTURE

\$4.00/adult and \$3.00/child

(Friends of Buckley Admitted Free)

We will walk approximately one mile through the forest and fields to discover some of nature's night things without the aid of flashlights and participate in sensory activities along the way. Afterwards, we will meet in the nature Center for cider and cookies.

Saturday, October 20, 6:30 P. M.

Night Things

\$4.00/adult and \$3.00/child

(Friends of Buckley Admitted Free)

East Kentucky Power-Touchstone Energy will share the truth about bats and their role in ecology. This will include mist nets and Beanie Baby Bats to demonstrate how they collect and study these creatures. Mike Lynch will then provide us with views and descriptions of the moon, planets, stars, and other astronomical objects visible this fall. Come and enjoy the evening. Bring telescopes or binoculars if you have them.

BUCKLEY HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY BULLETIN BOARD

RAVEN RUN

Join us for a morning bird walk at Raven Run Nature Sanctuary on Saturday, May 26th. The program will begin at 8 am and we are meeting at the public parking lot at Raven Run. This is not a guided tour, but a chance for all interested birders to get together for a friendly walk through the variety of habitats at Raven Run.

If you have little experience birding this is a great chance for you to learn about our migratory birds. The program is free but registration is required so we know how many people to expect.

Please call Raven Run at (859) 272-6105 for more information and to register. We will begin promptly at 8 AM and the gate will be closed once the program has begun, so please try to arrive at 8:00 am.

Brian Perry



TOURISM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Woodford County Chamber of Commerce honored the C. F. Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary with their award for contributions made to tourism in Woodford County for the year 2000. The plaque was presented to Tim and Debby Williams. Congratulations on a job well done!

Membership Spotlight

Persistence. More often than not that's what it takes to create and maintain a home for our feathered and furry friends in a suburban setting. BHAS member Carl Whitehouse is one of the most persistent people I know. The Martin houses in his back yard are one example of his willingness to provide a home for some of our feathered friends. Over the years, I have seen him battle Starlings, House Sparrows, bad locations and not the least of all wobbly poles in his quest to attract Purple Martins. Another example is his willingness to spend huge sums and of money and effort to maintain at least 5 or 6 feeders depending on the season. Further, he doesn't seem to mind when a mamma raccoon and her kits waltz thru the cat door and feast on high dollar cat food. Once, when he was filling the feeders and I happened by all he did when I asked him about the amount of time and money spent was smile and say "they sure do eat a lot!" The most revealing insight into the depth of his compassion became plain to me when he waded into the middle of a fight between two dogs and the neighborhood groundhog "George". He retrieved George from the dogs but only

after receiving bloody wounds to both hands and several stitches. The story of this battle has reached mythic proportions in south Lexington.

Carl works calmly and purposely with no thought of recognition or reward other than the sense of fulfillment that comes with knowing that you have made a difference. He knows that with persistent effort we can all create a secure habitat for our feathered and furry friends in our own back yards.

So Carl, from the members of BHAS, we give you a heartfelt "thanks" for all your good works.

If our readers feel they know someone who should be in the Membership Spotlight, please let me know.

Barry Ray Atkins
Membership Chairman

Raven Run Advisory Board congratulates to Stuart Butler Vice President and Board Member of Buckley Hills Audubon Society for his most recent election as President of Raven Run Advisory Board. He has served many years as a Board Member representing Audubon

Important Bird Areas con't:

number of potential sites are under consideration.

1. Daniel Boone National Forest – Neotropical migrants and forest songbirds
2. Red River George Cliff Area – Forest songbirds
3. Land Between the Lakes – Forest, grass and shore habitats
4. Mammoth Cave – Forest songbirds
5. Transient Lakes – Waterfowl
6. Berheim Forest – Forest songbirds
7. Kentucky River Palisades – Forest songbirds
8. Henderson Sloughs – Waterfowl and forest songbirds
9. Muhlenberg County – Field birds in reclaimed strip mined grasslands.

The first two areas of concentration chosen for consideration as IBAs are the Kentucky River Palisades and the Red River George. The accumulation of breeding and migratory information on several bird species has recently begun. Site visits to these areas are being scheduled as well.

We on the Conservation Committee are excited about our new project and it is our sincere hope that the members of BHAS will become as excited as we are as we report to you the progress we are making. If you have questions or would require further information please call Dan Hendricks or Barry Atkins

Dan Hendricks
Conservation Chair

SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND FRIENDS OF BUCKLEY HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Annual Fund consists of gifts from members who want to additionally support the educational and conservation Bird program. The Annual Fund is above and beyond the income from the National dues program.

Our Chapter has established this annual fund to provide operating funds for the Budget. In addition, a portion of your contributions will be added to the Endowment Fund for future Campaign projects.

FRIENDS OF BUCKLEY HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY

YES! I'd like to become a Friend of the Buckley Hills Audubon Society. My contribution is enclosed.

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Your membership benefits include:

- Membership in your local chapter
- One year subscription to AUDUBON
- Membership in our grassroots network
- Exciting travel opportunities
- Invitations to our Nature Centers
- Special offers on select Audubon products

Remember, all members of
BHAS are welcome to
attend any Board meeting.
**Next regular scheduled
meeting is
MAY 9, 2001**
at The Fayette County
Extension Bldg.
Red Mile Place
Lexington, KY at 7:00 p.m.

If you have an article or topic you
would like to see in our Newsletter,
send it to:

**Buckley Hills Audubon Society,
Attn. Jim Cain
2084 Williamsburg Road
Lexington, KY 40504**

Buckley Hills Audubon Society

Chapter #J51

201 West Short Street, Suite 310
Lexington, KY 40507

JOIN US TODAY!

Take advantage of this great offer. Please use the application below to ensure that Buckley Hills receives full credit for both new and renewal memberships. A portion of the membership dues are returned to us helping support our education programs and other expenses. This is a great opportunity to give subscriptions or to renew your own, even if it's not due yet.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY #J51

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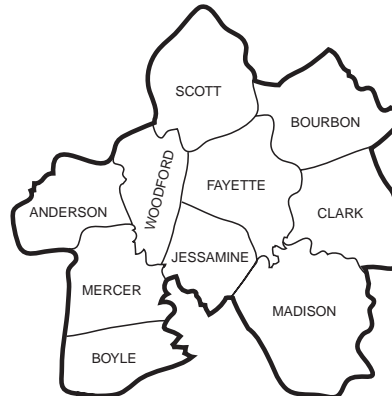
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@ batkins1@prodigy.net if you have suggestions for membership
recruitment opportunities in your area (groups, organizations, activities,
etc.) or if you would like to become more involved in your local chapter.

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