



Buckley Hills Audubon Society NEWSLETTER

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From Your President

As I look out the windows upon the snow covered back yard of our home, my mind is reviewing the message I will share with our many members. This afternoon many species of birds are feeding on seeds most recently purchased at the "Fall 2000 Wild Bird Seed Sale" from Audubon chapters. Survival from the winter cold for the birds is their most important task as they search for food and water. Remember you have another opportunity to restock your wild bird seed for the winter season at the upcoming Wild Bird Seed Sale January 13th and 20th, 2001 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Southern States Store (see advertisement this page). The bird seed sales are a major fund raising project for the Buckley Hills Audubon Society (BHAS) and Audubon Society of Kentucky (ASK). Please mark your calendar!

Members of your Board of Directors have been attending meetings with the Kentucky Audubon Council (KAC). Its mission is to serve as an effective support and coordinating organization to the Commonwealth's chapters and members of the National Audubon Society.

The Kentucky Audubon Council's goal is to initiate plans for the establishment of a State Field office. The State Director for the State office will be responsible for coordinating the state's Audubon chapters activities, getting new chapters started, building Nature Centers and securing funding for operations.

— Jim Cain

BUCKLEY HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY *and* AUDUBON SOCIETY of Kentucky

Present the

Wild Bird Seed Sale



January 13 & 20, 2001 8AM-4PM
Southern States Farm Store - 949 Pine Street
(off Versailles Road) Lexington, KY

Habitat Conservation, A look into the Future

As we within the area of the BHAS look around us in 2001, we see the forces of economic and social change rapidly altering the landscape of central Kentucky. It is truly amazing to observe how rapidly hilltop farms and watershed valleys are turned into seemingly endless expanses of identical houses on quarter acre lots with names like Rabbit Run where there are few rabbits and, with all the fenced in yards, no where to run. There are those who would argue that the prosperity brought to central Kentucky by the mindless sprawl of housing and strip shopping centers is an admirable goal in and of itself. That is a debate which, at this time, we will not enter. What is important to the members of BHAS at this time in the development of central Kentucky is how we, as individuals and as an Audubon chapter, can protect the still wild places around us and enhance and maintain the areas that have already been consumed by development.

For our purposes, as generally mentioned above there are two general categories of Conservation where the BHAS must focus its attention to help forestall, or at least lessen, the impact of unrestrained development and loss of wildlife habitat in Central Kentucky:

Identification and Protection of Undeveloped Areas

Central Kentucky is geologically and topographically a highly diverse area. We have an ideal mix of gently rolling hills with fairly level tops and the Kentucky River is one of the most diverse watershed basins in the eastern United States. It is the intent of the Conservation Committee, with the help of the members of BHAS, to identify as many areas located within the Kentucky River water shed as possible in which to begin conservation programs. As BHAS covers a large portion of central Kentucky we have members in close proximity to places such as Stoner and North Elkhorn Creeks in the northern reaches of our area and the Dix River in the southern reaches. This diversity of membership will work to our advantage in our quest to conserve and protect many wildlife habitats at once. One such program the Conservation Committee is excited about is the Important Bird Areas program promoted by our National organization. This program incorporates several criteria for inclusion such as endangered species, breeding ground and migratory pathway to name a few.

Creation of Wildlife Friendly Habitat in Previously Developed Areas

For those of us who live in an urban or suburban setting the opportunities to create a natural setting for the conservation of wildlife habitat are many. The return to planting native species of plants, which provide the types of food and cover the native birds and

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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

Saturday, April 28th, 9:00 A. M.

Bird Banding Demonstration

\$4.00/adult and \$3.00/child

(Friends of Buckley Admitted Free)

See and photograph, up close, some of our most colorful wildlife. Learn about the techniques, equipment, and values of this unique research from David Skinner of the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission and his wife Susan. Possibly hand release your favorite-feathered friend. You must preregister for this event before 7/14/00 by calling (859) 873-5711.

Saturday, May 5 or 12 7:00 A. M.

(which ever date is conducive to the peak of migration)

Buckley's Birdathon

Free admissions As part of my fund raising efforts we've obtained pledges for the number of bird species we'll encounter today. Bring your binoculars and let's find more than ever.

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.

BUCKLEY HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY BULLETIN BOARD

**Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001
at Joseph Beth Bookstore
Lexington Green**

—11:00 am —

**Bird Show By the Eyrie
Featuring
Laura & Carol Reynolds**

—12:30 and 1:30 pm —
**Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary
featuring Tim Williams
Presenting a
Special Wildlife Program**

—3:00 pm —
**Bird Show By the Eyrie
Featuring
Laura & Carol Reynolds**

BACKYARD HABITAT SEMINAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th
at the PALOMAR CLUB HOUSE

For more information contact
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KENTUCKY CAWS!

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The Newsletter of the
Kentucky Audubon Council

It's Time to Get Reacquainted!

If you are a member of a chapter, you will be receiving this newsletter from your newsletter editor, perhaps as-an-insert-with your-chapter newsletter. We will post the newsletter on our Web site at audubon@wku.edu. We urge you to add this Web site to your favorites if you use the Internet. We also urge you to send us your email address so that we can put together a state-wide distribution at a low cost. By the time you receive this newsletter, it is our goal to have a method for registering your email address at our Web site.

Since the last Kentucky Audubon Council newsletter was published, we have lost two chapters, in Elizabethtown and Henderson. We now have 6 active chap-

ters and one affiliated club. In round numbers, we have 3500 members in the state. About 1000 of our members are not assigned to a local chapter because there is not one in their area.

The purpose of our newsletter is to try to put the chapters in closer contact with each other and to let Audubon members without chapter affiliation know what is happening in Kentucky. Through this newsletter you will learn where and when the Council plans to meet during the next several months. You will learn whom to contact for help with anything that relates to the flora, fauna, and environment in our beautiful state.

Kentucky Audubon Council

**NEXT MEETING
Bernheim Arboretum
11:00 am
Saturday, Feb. 20, 2001**

Membership Matters

In this months newsletter I would like to share with you the membership status through January 1 and tell you about a very special person in the Membership Spotlight.

Membership Status:

As of January 1, 2001 BHAS had a total membership of 771, which is a decrease of 32 from the last newsletter.

New membership recruitment on the local level is going well. Even though the total number of members is going down the proportion of members recruited at the chapter level is going up so a big thanks

goes out to all those members who are working so hard to recruit on the local level.

In this months Membership Spotlight in tune with our theme of wildlife conservation, I would like to tell you about one of our members who has been carrying on the conservation theme in the community of rural Jackson County. James Cooper is a quiet purposeful man who lives on a small farm in a community of farmers. As he and I were talking recently, he told me of the pleasure he takes in watching the daily activities of a group of monarch butterflies on a milkweed patch by the fence row and a group of hummingbirds on a patch of jewel weed in the branch below his house. At the expense of having his fence rows and roadsides trimmed and mowed to create a neat and finished appearance, he has let them grow wild to provide habitat for these and other creatures. Much to the chagrin of his well meaning, manicured neighbors I'm sure. Further, he told me of the destruction of other potential habitat areas along fence rows by the use of chemical sprays in the further attempt to have a neat, well trimmed look about the tilled fields. In an insightful way, James has recognized one of the core principles of conservation. Namely the need to leave wild places wild and unfettered. By doing so we allow our feathered and furry friends to live their lives unspoiled by man as their species has done for eons past. If each of us could recognize, as James Cooper has, the importance of wildlife stewardship in the places where we live and work the world would be a much better place for us all. So James from all of us to you we give a heart felt THANKS!

Barry Ray Atkins
Membership Chairman

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animals have evolved to depend on, is a growing movement in backyard habitat. This movement is important as the majority of plants sold at most garden centers are not native to this area and provide little if any food and cover for local wildlife. Even though a nicely manicured yard with neatly trimmed shrubs and lawns look nice they provide little by way of habitat requirements. The BHAS has a number of knowledgeable, accessible people who are willing to share information and tips on the means and methods necessary to modify yard areas for food and cover. BHAS Membership Chair Barry Atkins has a lecture and slide presentation to help educate our members and the community at large as to the many ways we can provide food and cover for our feathered and furry friends.

A Plea to Our Members

With a new chairman and several new members, the Conservation Committee is ready in earnest to set about the varied tasks described above. However, we cannot do it alone. We desperately need the help of the people who comprise the membership of the BHAS. With the energy and talent of our members, we, as individuals and as an Audubon Chapter, have the potential to maintain a positive and lasting stewardship on the landscape around us. The mindless destruction of the wild places in central Kentucky will only be halted when aware caring individuals become united with a sense of common purpose. It is my sincere hope that the members of BHAS will volunteer in at least some small way to help conserve and protect our remaining wild places and provide a home for our feathered and furry friends in our own back yards.

If you have a wild area close to you and would like to participate in one of our programs or if you need help with your backyard habitat please let me know.

Dan Hendricks
Conservation Chairman
(859) 296-1093

**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

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Lexington, KY 40508

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- Membership in your local chapter
- One year subscription to AUDUBON
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- 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
January 10, 2001
at Fayette County
Extension Building,
1145 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,
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Buckley Hills Audubon Society

Chapter #J51

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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.

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