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General Meeting—Thursday, September 11, 7:00 p.m., Dick Administration Building, Union College, Lincoln

Memory in Corvid Research

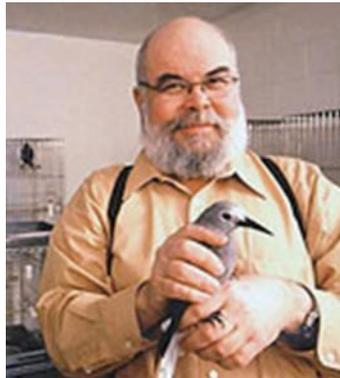
with Dr. Alan C. Kamil

by Arlys Reitan



Over five years ago Dr. Alan Kamil spoke to Wachiska Audubon

about Clark's nutcrackers and pinyon jays which are included in the group of birds known as corvids. Professor Kamil's presentation was so well received and fascinated the audience so we have invited him back to further elaborate on the cognitive (memory, perception, or knowing) abilities and behaviors of some of the more common avians in this group. Other familiar species in this category would be crows, ravens, and magpies.



Dr. Alan C. Kamil

Corvids are cleverer than most birds. They have been known to outwit small children and primates. Perhaps you have witnessed a crow acting in a particular manner and wondered what s/he was up to. During the 19th century these birds were considered the "most advanced" birds based on the belief that Darwinian

evolution brings "progress." Researching this topic revealed that corvids were discovered in Australasia and spread around the world. Shrikes and vireos are descendants of these early species.

Professor Kamil is an experimental psychologist and ecologist. He is the director, School of Biological Sciences and George Holmes Professor of Biological Sciences and Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is also a professor at the Center for Avian Cognition at UNL. His work focuses on the evolution of memory and adaptive learning in many animals, especially the Clark's nutcracker and other birds.

To quote Dr. Kamil, "My research focuses on animal cognition in a broadly evolutionary context. Our general approach is to work in the laboratory studying problems suggested by natural history and ecology under controlled circumstances. The broad questions are how cognition evolved, how animals use cognitive abilities to solve problems in nature, and how cognitive abilities can affect the evolutionary process."

In 2013, Dr. Kamil received the Comparative Cognition Society Research Award honoring scientists who have made major contributions to our understanding of animal cognition during their career.

Join Wachiskans on **Thursday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m.** for this free public presentation in the Dick Administration auditorium on Union College campus, 3800 South 48th Street, in Lincoln. From 48th and Calvert streets, go one block south to the north end of the campus. You can park on both sides of 48th Street as well as in the College View SDA parking lots. There is additional parking north of the new science building. Look for Audubon signs on the Dick Building's doors. There is a ramp at the east entrance and an elevator inside. Refreshments will be available after the program.

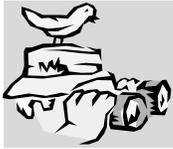
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Birdseed order form inside

Calendar

September

- 1 LABOR DAY
- 2 Finance Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 2 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Education Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m. (rescheduled due to holiday)
- 8 Population/Environment Committee, Wachiska office, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 General Meeting, "Memory in Corvid Research," by Dr. Alan Kamil, Union College, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Field Trip to Waubonsie State Park, 8:00 a.m. (page 2)
- 15 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 15 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Fall Birdseed Sale orders due (see pages 3-4)
- 25 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's, 11th & G, 6:00 p.m.



Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

Warbler Walk at Waubonsie State Park

Waubonsie State Park is located just east of Nebraska City in Iowa's Loess Hills, a unique landform created from wind-blown sediment when glaciers melted 14,000-28,000 year ago. This scenic park offers ridgeline trails with expansive views and wooded ravines that could be harboring migrant birds this time of year. In 2005, the 642-acre Wa-Shawtee Unit was added to the park bringing the size to nearly 2,000 acres. A hike in the hills will give us a chance to take in the rich autumn colors of prairie grasses and hardwoods while scouting for migrant warblers, flycatchers, and vireos.

We'll meet at **8:00 a.m. Sunday, September 14**, in the Wachiska office parking lot at 4547 Calvert Street in Lincoln. Participants can either caravan or carpool for the 55-mile drive. Suggested items to bring include insect repellent, water bottle, any lunch snacks you may desire, and binoculars if you have them. Anyone interested in joining the group in Nebraska City can meet us around 9:00 a.m. at the Cenex gas station on the south side of Hwy. 2 just west of I-29. If you have questions, call John at 402-475-7275.

Prairie Festival at Spring Creek

by Jamie Kelley, Community Education Director
Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center

Twilight on the Tallgrass, Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center's annual fall celebration of prairie, will be held on Saturday, September 13, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Visitors are invited to bring their blanket and picnic supper to enjoy between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. As in previous years, Culver's frozen custard, lemonade, and bottled water will be for sale.

Visitors will interact with scientists and prairie enthusiasts at stations along a prairie trail. They can build kites from recycled materials, create artwork from plant materials, and track their experiences in a handmade journal. Catching insects with UNL entomologists continues to be a big hit with all ages.

Native Plant Society to Visit Nine-Mile Prairie

by Rachel Simpson

The Nebraska Native Plant Society invites you to join their field trip to Nine-Mile Prairie on Saturday, September 13, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP rachelsimpson7@gmail.com as space will be limited. Dr. Bob Kaul, curator of Bessey Herbarium at UNL's State Museum, will lead the group. Dr. Dave Wedin, director of Nine-Mile Prairie, will explain current research and management activities of the prairie.

Gamebirds of the World Display on East Campus Honors Dr. Johnsgard

by Dr. Patricia Freeman, Professor
UNL School of Natural Resources

Dr. Everett C. Madson of Omaha has given a generous gift of Gamebirds of the World to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in honor of Dr. Paul A. Johnsgard, Professor Emeritus at UNL.

On Saturday, September 20, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the School of Natural Resources and the State Museum will celebrate Dr. Madson's gift with an official opening in Hardin Hall on the northeast corner of 33rd and Holdrege streets on East Campus. It will be a free public celebration before the home football game.

The mounted or taxidermied birds are the finest I have ever seen and have been accessioned into the University of Nebraska State Museum; however, they are being exhibited in the School of Natural Resources in Hardin Hall.

The research branch of the UNL's State Museum is over 140 years old and retains and protects millions of specimens for research and educational purposes, just as the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC, the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, and Field Museum in Chicago do, but on a smaller scale. Most specimens never go on public exhibit, and the majority of the specimens in the vertebrate collection (birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and fish) are of small, non-game species.

I have spent nearly 50 years among museums and natural history collections small and large but never before have I seen birds so beautifully and thoughtfully arranged in such natural, graceful poses.

The birds are now distributed throughout Hardin Hall—large ones on display in large public spaces, smaller ones in offices, sometimes rotating temporary custodians, so they can be enjoyed by as many as possible. It is a magnificent sight. Faculty, staff, students, and visitors are enjoying them and are excited and delighted by their presence. It is my sincere hope that Dr. Madson, his family, friends, and anyone interested in the beauty of the natural world will enjoy this wonderful gift to the university. Thank you to Dr. Madson for the gift and also to Dr. Johnsgard for touching him so deeply as a teacher during his undergraduate years.

The Madson Gamebird Collection is now an official part of the University of Nebraska State Museum's Biodiversity Laboratory of Zoology. The specimens are on loan to the University of Nebraska's School of Natural Resources.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Madson is the father of Brittany Dabestani, Wachiska's cookie caller for several years. Brittany proudly states that her father is the main reason that she is a fellow bird lover!)



Wachiska Audubon Fall 2014 Birdseed Sale Order Form

		Bag Size	Bag Code	Price Each	Quantity	Total Cost
ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX						
FEED MIXES	Regal Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	RE35	\$ 48.00		\$
	Standard Audubon Mix	40 lb bag	ST40	\$ 28.00		\$
	Classic Audubon Mix	20 lb bag	CL20	\$ 19.00		\$
		40 lb bag	CL40	\$ 33.00		\$
	Attraction Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	AT35	\$ 34.00		\$
	Woodpecker Gourmet	20 lb bag	WO20	\$ 30.00		\$
	Bushy Tail Treat	20 lb bag	BT20	\$ 28.00		\$
SEEDS	Millet, White	50 lb bag	MI50	\$ 18.00		\$
	Nyjer Thistle - NEW smaller bag	8 lb bag	NY8	\$ 10.00		\$
	Peanuts, shelled rejects	20 lb bag	PR20	\$ 30.00		\$
		50 lb bag	PR50	\$ 65.00		\$
	Peanuts, in the shell	50 lb bag	PS50	\$ 70.00		\$
	Safflower Seed	20 lb bag	SA20	\$ 18.00		\$
		50 lb bag	SA50	\$ 38.00		\$
	Sunflower Hearts, coarse	20 lb bag	HC20	\$ 27.00		\$
		50 lb bag	HC50	\$ 60.00		\$
	Sunflower Hearts, fine	20 lb bag	HF20	\$ 27.00		\$
		50 lb bag	HF50	\$ 60.00		\$
	Sunflower Seed, black oil	25 lb bag	SB25	\$ 15.00		\$
50 lb bag		SB50	\$ 28.00		\$	
SUET CAKES	High Energy Treat, 11.75 oz. cake		EN-C	\$ 2.00		\$
	NEW - Berry Treat, 11 oz. cake		BT-C	\$ 2.00		\$
Total number of bags and cost (All prices INCLUDE sales tax)						\$
Wachiska T-shirts (Circle the size you want. For more than one, note sizes on back of form. Price includes tax.) S M L XL XXL						\$ 18.00
DELIVERY-- Please, only for people truly unable to pick up. Any number of bags -- MUST include phone number below						\$ 20.00
Tax Deductible Donation to support Wachiska's education & conservation activities						\$
Total Enclosed. Make check payable to Wachiska Audubon Society.						\$

Name _____ Email address _____ Phone Number _____

This form and your check must be postmarked by Friday, September 19, 2014
 Mail to: Wachiska Audubon Society Birdseed Sale - 4547 Calvert St, Suite 10, Lincoln NE 68506-5643
 You can also order online and pay with Pay Pal at www.WachiskaAudubon.org

Soaring Hawk Wachiska T-shirts

Proudly proclaim your support of the Wachiska Audubon Society when you wear this striking t-shirt. A soaring hawk and the Wachiska logo intertwine to form the bold graphic. The unisex V-neck chocolate brown shirt is 100% cotton with bright green and white imprint. Sizes S - XXL only \$16.82 each (\$18 with sales tax).

QUANTITIES LIMITED.

Order NOW!



FEED MIXES

Regal Audubon Mix – sunflower hearts, peanuts, safflower seed, raisins, protein pellets

Standard Audubon Mix – white millet, sunflower seed, cracked corn, peanuts, oat groats

Classic Audubon Mix – sunflower seed and hearts, white millet, cracked corn, safflower seed, peanuts, oat groats

Attraction Audubon Mix – sunflower seed and hearts, safflower seed, peanuts, raisins, protein pellets

Woodpecker Gourmet – 75% nuts (almonds, peanuts, walnuts), pumpkin seed, corn, black oil sunflower seed and hearts, safflower seed

Bushy Tail Treat – peanuts, sunflower seed, whole corn, raisins, pumpkin seed, feed pellets. Treat your favorite backyard squirrels and keep them away from the bird feeders!

SUET CAKES

High Energy Treat – sunflower seeds, millet, cracked corn; enjoyed by most wild birds

NEW! Berry Treat – a wonderful winter treat

Wachiska Audubon Fall 2014 Birdseed Sale & Fundraiser

Wachiska's Birdseed Sales are an important part of our fundraising and offer you a great deal on birdseed! **Our prices are very competitive** and your purchase will support our conservation and education efforts throughout the coming year. We count on your support.

Complete the order form on the reverse side and mail with your check.

Or place your order online and pay with Pay Pal at

www.WachiskaAudubon.org

Orders due Friday, September 19, 2014.

SEEDS

White Millet (98%) – popular with cardinals, mourning doves, house finches, juncos, sparrows

Nyer Thistle (NEW smaller 8 lb. bag) – all-time favorite of finches, chickadees, juncos

Peanuts (shelled) – attractive for woodpeckers and blue jays

Peanuts in the Shell – watch your bushy tail friends crack the shells to get their favorite treat

Safflower Seed – good for house finches, chickadees, cardinals, woodpeckers – NOT FAVORED by squirrels and grackles

Sunflower Hearts – highly prized by birds and leave less mess; use coarse hearts for feeders with large openings that might allow fine hearts to drop out

Black Oil Sunflower Seed – favored by most seed-eating birds; high oil content for more energy

Additional copies of this flyer and the order form are available on our website or order online at www.WachiskaAudubon.org

ORDER PICK UP DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Pick up site is

Midwest Roofing,
1938 Yolande Avenue
(south of 20th and
Cornhusker Highway),
Lincoln.

Saturday, October 11

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 12

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

PLEASE—Plan to pick up your order during one of these times.

Orders that are not picked up cause a lot of extra work for our volunteers whose help we greatly appreciate! If it is totally impossible for you to pick up your seed, we are offering a **NEW LIMITED DELIVERY SERVICE for \$20 for any number of bags**. Be sure to include your phone number on the order form so we can arrange delivery.

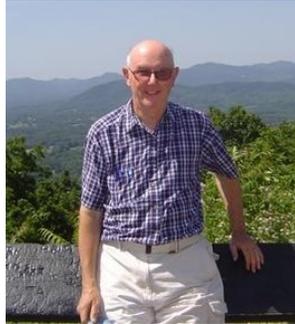


From the Board ...

by Bob Boyce, Recording Secretary

An Action that Matters: \$3/Month for Lincoln's First Large Solar Array

Think of it as a chance to vote on Lincoln's energy future. The size of Lincoln's first large, local solar project will be determined by how many LES customers sign up by October 1 for the new SunShares program and how much we donate. Participation in SunShares costs a minimum of \$3 a month, to be added to your electric bill. In addition to determining the size of the photovoltaic array, a show of public support for solar will shape Lincoln's energy future and create momentum for additional clean energy investments.



Bob Boyce

You can sign up at the LES website <https://www.les.com/savings-energy/solar-net-metering/learn-more> or phone LES at 402-475-4211. Sooner is better. Tell your friends—create buzz! If enough people sign up, we can have the largest solar installation in the state or even the region.

If you want to base your decision of how much to donate on how it will affect the percentage of renewable power you use, here is a table to give you an estimate: <https://www.les.com/pdf/sunshares-equivalent-guide.pdf>.

Citizens' Climate Lobby is working to stabilize climate. But on the way to attaining that we can take personal actions that will make a difference. This one will. I signed up for 10 shares @ \$1/each in this solar initiative. I hope you'll sign up, too!!

Climate Change Report

Last year the Legislature passed LB583, sponsored by Senator Ken Haar, requiring a study of climate change in Nebraska.

The University of Nebraska stepped up to produce the scientific study which will be released as part of the Heuermann Lecture Series and hosted by UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"Climate Change Implications for Nebraska: Managing Resources in a Changing Climate" will be presented in person on Thursday, September 25, at 3:30 p.m. in the brand new Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center, 2021 Transformation Drive. A 3:00 p.m. reception will precede the lecture.

A live Webcast <http://heuermannlectures.unl.edu> (high-speed Internet access required—dialup will NOT work) will be shown with a Web rebroadcast at 7:00 p.m. at the same link.

Climate Change Update

by Marilyn McNabb

Nebraska Question and NAS Work on Climate Change

After National Audubon's president David Yarnold spoke at Wachiska's celebration dinner for the chapter's 40th anniversary last September, he was asked a question. He not only remembers the question, he is still telling people about it. The question was this: "In the future, how can I look my grandchildren in the eyes if they ask what I did to address climate change? What is Audubon doing?"

At a meeting in July in Minneapolis, Yarnold told about being asked the question in Nebraska. The occasion was a meeting to prepare chapter volunteers and staff with a powerful answer. Based in major part on Christmas Bird Count reports, Audubon's staff has developed a realistic assessment of the likely future of birds if we do nothing to change the trajectory we are now on with global warming.

On September 9, the report will be announced to the press. Let's hope for a Big Splash! Then Wachiskans can start thinking together about what we can do.

LES SunShares: Help combat climate change

Full disclosure—I very much want to see success for the new SunShares program to build Lincoln's first solar plant. Just so you know my bias, I serve on the Lincoln Electric System board.

Here's how I think about it: It is rare that any of us has a choice about something that will so directly affect global warming. Signing up for the SunShares program is one such chance. It's not only that the size of the project will depend on how many people sign up before October 1 to pay \$3 a month or more to support it. It's not only that the project will give LES staff experience integrating solar generation into our mix, now about 85% coal. It's also that the project embodies our community's willingness to move into a different future, one that's safer for our grandchildren and birds.



Marilyn McNabb

Go to www.les.com and click on "Plug into the Sun" to enroll or wait for information in your bill. The website, under Frequently Asked Questions, estimates what percent of your usage is generated by renewables (by 2016 when the new wind farm kicks in) as one way of deciding the size of your contribution.

New Members to the Flock

by Joyce Vannier, Membership Chair

This summer has brought a myriad of members Wachiska's way. Please consider taking part in a general meeting program, a field trip, a committee meeting, or any of the many chapter events coming up.

Joining the growing ranks as Friends of Wachiska have been Al Berndt, Mickey & Bob Creager, Donna Gustafson, Phyllis Reagan, Gail Steen, and Dennis & Rebecca Zabel.

Those joining through a membership with National Audubon and assigned to Wachiska are:

Jocelyn Baade	Jo Lowe
Alana Barth	Peggy Luebbe
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John Becker	Mary Mattox
Vicki Beilke	Jamie McLennan
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John Heppner	Marty Tuttle
Anna Hopkins	Jan Veleba
Randall Jarolimek	Pat Vo
Janet Latimer	Lisa Woerly

Memorials Received this Month

In Memory of Paul Reagan

Terry Stentz Paul's Family

In Memory of Irene Alexander

Peg & Larry Fletcher

Correction

In last month's article on the Missouri River Recovery Program, the official length of the entire river should have been 2,341 miles. Only one of the segments that is most highly modified was taken into account in the original statement. The author passes along her regrets for this error. — Editor

Emerald Ash Borer Update

by Julie Van Meter, Entomology Program Manager/State Entomologist, Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a small green beetle, first identified in the U.S. in 2002, in Detroit. This exotic beetle infests all ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.). Nebraska has roughly 50 million ash trees and all are susceptible to EAB. EAB larvae feed under the bark in the phloem and cambium, disrupting the flow of water and nutrients within the tree and eventually girdling and killing it.

Emerald ash borer has recently been confirmed in Arkansas and New Jersey, bringing the number of EAB positive states to 24. EAB finds in surrounding states have led to changes in state and federal EAB quarantines.

The entire states of Missouri and Iowa are now under state and federal quarantine for EAB. Kansas quarantined Leavenworth County in July 2014, in addition to Johnson and Wyandotte counties in the northeast which have been regulated since 2012. Colorado identified EAB infesting ash trees in the Boulder area in the fall of 2013, and Boulder County is now regulated under state and federal quarantines.

These quarantines regulate the movement of specific articles including ash nursery stock, ash logs and lumber, and all hardwood firewood from infested to non-infested areas. Moving them out of a quarantine area is prohibited unless certified by USDA or the state regulatory agency.

The Nebraska EAB Working Group, with representatives from multiple state and federal agencies and industry, **does not** recommend treating ash trees for EAB until an infestation has been found within 15 miles of your tree. But now is a great time to look at your ash trees and determine how you want to proceed should EAB be found locally. Determine if the tree is generally healthy, properly sited, and of high enough value to you to justify treatments for the life of the tree. Trees that have significant branch die-back, damage, decay, or are poorly situated are likely not good candidates for treatment. You could continue to enjoy those trees until EAB infests them and then remove them or consider removing them now and replanting with a non-ash tree.

EAB has not been found in Nebraska. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) and USDA continue to monitor for EAB through trapping and visual surveys and inspections. We inspect items such as firewood and nursery stock to confirm it is compliant with the appropriate quarantines. NDA and USDA, along with other members of the EAB Working Group, also conduct inspections of suspect ash trees to determine if they are infested with EAB. If you suspect your tree has EAB, please report it to Julie Van Meter with the NDA at 402-471-2351 or the National EAB Hotline at 866-322-4512. For more information on EAB, visit the Nebraska Forest Service website at <http://nfs.unl.edu/emerald-ash-borer>. They have developed several great EAB handouts and references, including an FAQ sheet and homeowner specific information.

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Membership

Wachiska offers two choices of membership. Local membership, called Friends of Wachiska, includes receiving *The Babbling Brook*, our chapter's monthly newsletter. It also includes voting privileges and attendance at monthly meetings, programs, and field trips. All membership dues from a local membership stay with Wachiska to support chapter activities such as prairie preservation and education.

Membership in the National Audubon Society also includes membership in our local chapter, Wachiska. You will receive *Audubon* magazine from National Audubon along with *The Babbling Brook*.

Friends of Wachiska (local membership)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Recruited by _____

E-mail _____

_____ \$20 Individual/Friend _____ \$50 Sustainer
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Make checks payable to **Wachiska Audubon Society**. All funds remain with our local chapter. Mail to:

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Attention: Membership Committee
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Lincoln NE 68506-5643

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OR

National Membership in National Audubon Society

Dues from new (introductory) memberships and for first-time gifts will be returned to Wachiska if this coupon is used:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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Enclose introductory membership fee of \$20.

Make checks payable to **National Audubon Society** and mail to:

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Attention: Membership Committee
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Soaring Hawk Wachiska T-shirts Now Available



Elizabeth Nelson
Wachiska President

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Sizes S - XXL only \$16.82 each (\$18 with sales tax) are available at Wachiska general meetings or contact the Wachiska office, 402-486-4846.



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2015 Audubon Calendars

We just received color photos of the new Audubon calendars for 2015, and they are all breathtaking! Orders need to be to the publisher by October 1, so email or call Arlys in the Wachiska office if you are interested in knowing more. There are eight designs in the same sizes and formats as in past years. We must sell at least 25 for a fundraiser.

Wachiska Audubon Society's financial records are available for examination in the office.

A Gift to the Future

A bequest to Wachiska Audubon Society is a gift to future generations enabling our natural heritage to continue. For wills, trusts, and gifts, our legal name is **Wachiska Audubon Society**. Our Federal Tax ID number is **51-0229888**.