Wachiska Audubon Society’s vision: To share the experience and love of nature—that life may flourish in all its natural diversity.

The Babbling Brook

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An Indoor Picnic with Flying Flowers
by Danny Staehr, “Dan the Butterfly Man,”
Butterfly Curator, Lincoln Children’s Zoo

Butterflies are living testaments to nature’s artistry. These colorful creatures are in abundance in Nebraska this time of year. Following the annual picnic July 10, there will be a short program when we’ll explore the great diversity of butterflies and moths in Nebraska, as well as outline what can be done to attract them to your own landscape. Along the way, you might also find out some interesting facts and myths about these insects.

Danny Staehr has worked part-time for the Lincoln Children’s Zoo in Laura’s Butterfly Pavilion since 2002, and is butterfly curator at the seasonal exhibit. His job involves working with the USDA which requires permits for the exhibit and with butterfly farmers who supply the butterflies. Staehr has written a number of articles on butterflies and butterfly gardening and speaks to groups ranging from pre-schoolers to residents of retirement communities.

Danny is a retired computer tech/web developer and is Wachiska’s webmaster. He was “Dan the Weatherman” for over 25 years at Lincoln’s Broadcast House. He holds a BA in broadcasting from UNL.

Staehr was reared on a farm near York where his love of nature and gardening began. Growing up he helped his parents who were farmers and later operated a garden center. Danny is an Eagle Scout and a former professional with the Boy Scouts. He has worked for a Natural Resources District and was executive director of the International Butterfly Breeders Association. He currently is a member of another international butterfly organization, Association for Butterflies.

This butterfly program will be presented after Wachiska’s annual picnic on the regularly scheduled day of Thursday, July 10. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., we’ll gather at Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center (SCPAC) southwest of Denton to share an indoor potluck picnic. Bring a favorite dish or two to share along with your own table service. Beverages will be provided. Bring family and friends. This will serve as our monthly meeting.

The SCPAC staff has waived the entrance fee for this event. Come out early and walk the trails, take photos, scout out the butterflies, so we can discuss them during the talk. Plans are to finish the evening about 8:00 p.m. There is a possibility we might be able to stay after dark to blacklight for moths.

Directions to SCPAC from south Lincoln: Take Old Cheney Road to Warlick Boulevard at the first stoplight west of 14th Street. Turn southwest onto Warlick; drive through the Highway 77 intersection, reaching Denton in 7 miles. At the four-way stop sign in Denton, continue straight (west) another 1/2 mile before reaching Southwest 98th Street. Turn left (south) and drive another 3 miles. The Audubon sign and driveway are on your left (east) immediately after the curves. This is a 20 - 30 minute drive from Old Cheney Road. For instructions from downtown or other directions, check their website at www.springcreekprairie.org or call SCPAC at 402-797-2301.

Calendar

July

1 Finance Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
1 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
7 Education Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
10 Annual Picnic, Spring Creek Prairie, 6:00 p.m., program on butterflies by Danny Staehr
13 Field Trip to see least terns, 8:00 a.m. (page 2)
15 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
21 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 6:00 p.m.

Note: NO Legislation Committee meeting in July

An Indoor Picnic—Thursday, July 10, 6:00 p.m., Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, 11700 SW 100th Street, Denton

Wachiska Audubon Office: 402-486-4846  Email: office@wachiskaaudubon.org
Looking for Least Terns
by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

In the summertime least terns grace rivers and lakes with their aerial acrobatics as they fish by swooping, hovering, and then plunging head first into the water. Our smallest tern was once an abundant species but is now listed as federally endangered. Interior least terns face an array of threats to their sandbar habitat including competition for water needed to scour sandbars on upper parts of traditional nesting rivers, human disturbance, contaminants in the river, and flooding of colonies due to untimely dam releases. The lower Platte River is one of a few remaining river sections in Nebraska that has naturally occurring sandbar habitat. We'll visit a couple of public access areas by the Platte River starting at Two Rivers State Recreation Area where we hope to see some least terns. It may be possible to see piping plovers, a species listed as threatened in the northern Great Plains and a frequent nesting neighbor of least terns. We'll also stop at nearby Memphis State Recreation Area and check for the bald eagle pair and bobolinks that have chosen to spend their summer breeding season in the area.

Meet Sunday, July 13, at 8:00 a.m., on the south side of the State Capitol in Lincoln, at 15th and H streets across from the governor’s mansion. Participants can either carpool or caravan the 55-mile trip to our destination. A state park entry permit is required and available for $5/vehicle for a daily permit. Bring a water bottle, sun protection, insect repellent, and binoculars if you have them. We plan to return midday. The public is welcome. Call John at 402-475-7275 with questions.

Nature Cared for Injured Dove

“Have we an injured dove that has been walking around in our garden for the past several days. It seems to have an injured leg. What do we do, if anything?”

This question was received in the Wachiska office via email and referred to Kevin Poague at Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center. Kevin always has a helpful idea or best practice to consider. His reply was, “The best I can do is offer the number of the Wildlife Rescue Team, 402-473-1951. I’m not sure if there is anything they can do for a bad leg, but it may be worth a call.”

Two days later this report flew in: “It seems my dove has recovered. While trying to capture it this morning, it took off for our pin oak flying quite high into the tree. So the leg must have healed enough to let it fly. All I did was make sure there was water and feed nearby. Thank you all for responding to my SOS. Joe”

Once again, it seems that Nature is the best medicine in caring for its own.
You Can’t Fool Mother Nature

Looking for a hot tip for where to invest your money? If you are looking to strengthen the agricultural products sector of your stock portfolio, look no further than Dow Chemical. In a June 2 article in Forbes magazine, Dow was given an enthusiastic "buy" recommendation based on Wall Street optimism surrounding its newly approved Enlist weed control system.

Weeds in farmers’ fields have grown resistant to glyphosate-based herbicides. If you have spent any time in the Midwest you recognize the most famous of these, Roundup. In 1996, Monsanto introduced the Roundup Ready weed control system which consisted of the herbicide to kill plants and genetically-modified crop seeds that could withstand the herbicide. Handshakes all around the boardroom, Monsanto got paid twice! Unfortunately for the profiteers, Mother Nature took a scant 20 years to develop weeds that became resistant to the herbicide, as many as 80 percent of cropland acres.

Seeking to gain an edge on its competitor, Dow Chemical reasoned that if one chemical is not effective, maybe two would be! It has added 2,4-D to the noxious elixir. Weeds that escape the first chemical will surely fall to the second! They added additional genetic modifications to ensure that crop seeds would produce plants unaffected by either herbicide. Back in the Monsanto camp, they have developed their own two-pronged offering in their Roundup Xtend system. And yes, it will entail the requisite purchase of Roundup Xtend GMO seeds. But never fear, both the USDA and the EPA are preparing to grant final approvals for these systems, so the public can rest easy knowing that surely these government agencies would not let harm befall the public. Surely!

Forbes concludes its article by confidently stating that Dow has a very bright outlook and will be able to increase revenue in multiple ways due to their new system. Who knows, maybe this latest "solution" will buy us another 10 years or so until the chemical companies unveil the third, fourth, and umpteenth components to their "systems."

Transferring into Wachiska Audubon from another chapter are Julia Kennedy and Julie Mack.

Welcome to each of the above! Please let us get to know you right away by participating in some of our summer activities listed in The Babbling Brook or on our website. Call a Board member listed on the back page or the chapter office if you have questions. Get in touch with us if you can help in some volunteer capacity. Wachiska is a friendly and inquisitive group.

Memorials Recently Received

Irene Alexander passed away in late April at the age of 93. Irene and her husband, George, started Wachiska’s Bird ID class and taught it for many years. Irene also chaired the education committee years ago. Remembering Irene are Terry Stentz, Mort Stelling, and Ken and Arlys Reitan.

Two weeks later Paul Reagan died at age 90. Paul and Phyllis led field trips and chaired the prairie festival many times. Paul was a master at making signs and maps for every occasion. He was handy with a pen, a knife, a microphone—anything that needed to be done. Recent memorials in Paul’s memory came from Mort Stelling and Ken and Arlys Reitan.

The Reagans and the Alexanders together received Wachiska’s President’s Award in 1992, the first year it was presented.
The birding portion of this year’s Birdathon took place on May 10 and 11. A total of **161 species** were seen. Field trips to Wilderness Park and Platte River State Park were included, but other areas were covered as well. Rainstorms may have reduced the bird species total. On the positive side, it was a very good weekend for seeing warblers, including some unusual ones. A singing prairie warbler and a Cape May warbler were discovered at Pawnee Lake, and a blue-winged warbler was heard singing at Wilderness Park. The following species were reported by Larry Einemann, John Carlini, Shari Schwartz, Michael Willison, Jon Strong, Ken Reitan, and others:

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**Bird Species Identified During Birdathon 2014**

by Ken Reitan, Species Compiler

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Memorial gifts to Wachiska Audubon remembering loved ones who have passed away may be designated to a particular cause or directed to the general fund. We will send a personal acknowledgement to the loved one’s family. Mail your gifts directly to the Wachiska office.

The Wachiska office received the following note in June with a Birdathon donation from a Beatrice member: “Hi, there. Just a comment about all the fabulous trips and tours [offered]. You are doing a wonderful job. Wish I were in a position to take advantage of some! Keep up the good work.”

Wachiska thanks each person who has contributed to the chapter’s 25th annual Birdathon this year. Your support of our many activities and programs is so much appreciated and critical to our continued existence. Fundraising is a necessity for any local nonprofit organization, and most of us are not trained in this area. But Wachiskans come through every year, and this is the reason we were able to so proudly celebrate our 40th anniversary last September! Thank you again and again. Once more Tim Knott served as chair and was responsible for the appeal letter and lining up the field trips on Birdathon Weekend, May 10-11. If you are still meaning to take part in this endeavor, please send your checks to the Wachiska office and mark them “Birdathon” on the memo line.

The following list includes 139 contributions received from early April through June 26. Those donating through Give to Lincoln Day will be announced after the final report from the Lincoln Community Foundation is received around the end of June. Please let the office know if you find a discrepancy.

Birdathon 2014 Marks its Silver Anniversary
by Arlys Reitan

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Mary Winquest
Charles Wright
Darlene & Merlin Wright
Marvene Wurst
Dennis Zabel
Quarter Century of Habitat Tours Germinate Lasting Interest
by Anne Senkbeil and Arlys Reitan

The details have been put to bed on another year of planning, organizing, and hosting Wachiska’s Backyard Habitat Tour. This 25th anniversary of the Tour was designed to be really special. Old gardens were brought back from previous years as a celebration of our history and to emphasize how gardens are always changing. These were stunning gardens that probably won’t be featured again for quite a while. This was meant to be a unique event.

This year over 675 people showed up to visit however many of the seven yards they could fit into the five-hour period during midday on Father’s Day. After an extremely uncertain night before with tornado sightings, high winds, and torrential rain experienced all around, the skies cleared and the humidity forgot to come forth for which all participants were grateful. Receipts show this annual fundraiser yielded $4,818!

The t-shirt table was a popular spot where President Elizabeth Nelson and other volunteers sold about a dozen shirts which brought in another $268. Other tables of interest at various yards included cookie and lemonade samples, a display by the Herbal Society, live music on a patio, free packets of Nebraska wildflowers and native grasses, and bee habitats made of sticks.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped in many capacities—the central committee which meets year ‘round in the planning process; those who took tickets, offered water to all guests, and pointed out unique features in each garden; people helping with parking; those giving interviews and appearing for media coverage; and all the others who had a special task and carried it out to a successful completion.

Please contact the Wachiska office if you would like to nominate your garden or another as a wildlife habitat refuge to be discovered by others, demonstrating how they can offer solace to birds and other small creatures in the city or outskirts.

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Birds Attracted to Saunders County Wet Meadow Prairie
by Stan and Jean Shavlik

Spring weather was highly erratic this year which disrupted many migrating birds; however, when I saw the first oriole on my feeding station, I cut oranges in half and attached them to a 2’ x 2’ board. I then filled a couple of plastic lids with grape jelly and went inside the house. Within five minutes I had 14 Baltimore and orchard orioles eating oranges and jelly! This went on for several weeks until two good-sized bags of oranges and nine jars of jam and grape jelly were consumed. When nesting begins, the eating stops.

One day as I was watching the feeder, I spotted a finch-sized bird with a light blue head eating seeds from my feeder. When checking my bird manual, I had a record of seeing one in June 1995, May 18, 2002, and May 20, 2014. The beautiful lazuli bunting stayed around for 4-5 days before continuing on its migration.

[We] also have a pair of ringed doves [Eurasian Collared-dove] around the feeder and a pair of brown thrashers, white-crowned sparrows, rufous-sided towhees, cardinals, and several bunnies cleaning up what falls out of the feeder. [Other species here are] hummingbirds on columbines, the nectar feeder, and other flowers, along with bobolinks.

Editor’s Note: In July 2004, Wachiska signed a conservation easement with Stanley and Jean Shavlik to protect their 19-acre wet meadow prairie near Linwood in Saunders County. From time to time we hear from Stan about how his birds are doing and what’s happening on the prairie.

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(Habitat Tour continued)

Here is a note received in the office on the following Tuesday from a Tour participant who was suggesting a garden to be considered for a future Tour: “Your 25th Backyard Habitat Tour was fabulous. My sister and I have been attending for 16+ years. The gardens were beautiful. The home in Piedmont that had a band for their garden party was especially welcoming! Thank you for all you do to help keep gardening interesting!”

Lincoln's Waterfest
Waterfest is Lincoln's biennial public event that draws over 2,000 participants. Come out to Holmes Lake Park on Saturday, July 7, and check out Wachiska's table and the displays of many organizations on the theme of our water sources and uses. There will be games, handouts, trinkets, etc. for everyone. This is a free summer family event.
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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
$30 Families  $100 Patron

Make checks payable to Wachiska Audubon Society. All funds remain with our local chapter. Mail to: Wachiska Audubon Society
Attention: Membership Committee
4547 Calvert St Ste 10
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Birdathon Donations

Please remember to return your Birdathon envelopes and donations as soon as you can. We have a long way to go to reach our goal or to match last year’s gifts. Every dollar counts. Your consideration and support are always appreciated. Thank you!

Aluminum Cans Still Being Collected

Take your aluminum cans to A-Can Recycling Center, 3255 South 10th Street in Lincoln, where Wachiska has an account. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays and 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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

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