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Wachiska Program — Thursday, February 11, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom web conference (registration required)

Link to register: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpcO6vqTljHdLid1hQr_D9hsGNQuEn-5Zw

2020 Climate Action Plan for Lincoln

by Marilyn McNabb, Vice President

At Wachiska's February general meeting, we will be learning about the 2020 Climate Action Plan for Lincoln and three of its Action Areas. The plan was developed by the Verdis Group, an Omaha environmental consulting firm. The principal author was Kim Morrow, previously with Interfaith Power and Light and a minister at First Plymouth Church.

The plan is 172 pages long and highlights eight "Action Areas for Making Lincoln a Climate-resilient City," thus reducing risk to the city by reducing emissions that worsen climate change. Many climate impacts intersect with existing social and infrastructure vulnerabilities.

Wachiska is having this meeting in February so we can be part of the process to make this plan work for us. Our panelists will be Miki Esposito, Tim Rinne, Bruce Johnson, and Gene Hanlon.



Miki Esposito

Miki Esposito is Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird's senior policy adviser on the Mayor's Lincoln Resiliency Initiative. Miki has 13 years of experience working for the city of Lincoln. She led the environmental cleanup that paved the way for the creation of the West Haymarket and later served as director of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities.

Miki will explain how the climate plan was developed and how we can give feedback.

Tim Rinne will discuss the area dealing with Building a Resilient Local Food System. He is a founding member of both the Lincoln-Lancaster County Food Policy Council and the Nebraska Food Council. Along with his neighbors, Tim helped create the Hawley Hamlet neighborhood garden in their city block, where 20 households are now annually growing some of their own food in what was formerly grass lawns.



Tim Rinne



Bruce Johnson

Bruce Johnson is a board member of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District; professor emeritus, Department of Agricultural Economics at UNL; and a founder of the Elder Climate Legacy Project. Bruce will talk about natural solutions to the risk of flooding in Lincoln.

Gene Hanlon, coordinator of the Citizens for Environmental Improvement coalition and the retired director of Lincoln's Waste Management, will discuss the Action Area on waste.



Gene Hanlon

Join Wachiska on **Thursday, February 11**, at **7:00 p.m.** for this Zoom presentation. This free, public program is available to those who register at https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpcO6vqTljHdLid1hQr_D9hsGNQuEn-5Zw. Copy and paste this link into your browser or go to Wachiska's website after February 1 and click on the link directly from the notice to register. You will then receive a confirmation with the meeting number and password. Keep that email and a few minutes before the program is to begin, click on that confirmation and you'll be invited into the meeting.

Calendar

February

- 8 Conservation Committee via Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 General Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 12-14 Great Backyard Bird Count
- 15 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 16 Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 **Postmark deadline for receiving Spring Birdseed Sale orders** (pages 3-4)
- 25 Legislation Committee via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 26-27 **Spring Birdseed Sale distribution** (pages 3-4)

Lincoln's 2020 Christmas Bird Count Report

by Jason "the Birdnerd" St. Sauver

Saturday, January 2, 2021 started extremely foggy, but the 70+ participants in Lincoln's 81st Christmas Bird Count were not to be deterred—neither by the weather nor the current COVID-19 pandemic. While concerns about health caused the count to look really different this season with volunteers counting solo, no carpooling, and watching their yards and feeders carefully from home. Still, after the fog rose, 72 species were recorded across Lincoln's count circle, a few more than the past few years. Fewer waterfowl was seen due to most areas having frozen water other than Salt Creek and a little area at Holmes Lake. But, conversely, a few birds that have not been seen on the count in past years were found even in the fog, including three Lapland Longspurs and two Brown-headed Cowbirds. A few other things of note: We had nearly our highest counts ever for Blue Jays, recording 548 this year. Dark-eyed Juncos were the species seen most commonly, showing up on 45 of 48 checklists! The top five most often seen species were Canada Goose = 4,915, European Starling = 1,288, Dark-eyed Junco = 964, Rock Pigeon = 944, and House Sparrow = 862.

Another main change this year due to health conditions was not holding an in-person post-count social hour to exchange sightings and tally up our counts. We DID get together with many participants via Zoom to chat and share stories of seeing owls, finding cowbirds, and sharing lovely pictures of our feathered-friends taken during the count. A huge thank you goes out to all of the amazing volunteers who spent many hours in the field or in their homes counting the birds we all love so much, to continue this great tradition, and to add to the longest-running community science project in the country! THANK YOU.

2020-21 LINCOLN CBC - BIRD COUNT SUMMARY

Species	Tally	Species	Tally	Species	Tally
Cackling Goose	15	Rock Pigeon	944	Lapland Longspur	3
Canada Goose	4915	Eurasian Collared-Dove	54	Eastern Bluebird	8
Wood Duck	1	Mourning Dove	275	American Robin	138
American Wigeon	1	Barred Owl	3	European Starling	1288
Gadwall	5	Great Horned Owl	2	Cedar Waxwing	59
Mallard	637	Belted Kingfisher	12	Spotted Towhee	2
Northern Shoveler	6	Red-headed Woodpecker	1	American Tree Sparrow	376
Lesser Scaup	10	Red-bellied Woodpecker	88	Song Sparrow	67
Northern Pintail	1	Downy Woodpecker	145	Lincoln's Sparrow	1
Green-winged Teal	16	Hairy Woodpecker	17	Swamp Sparrow	3
Pied-billed Grebe	1	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4	White-throated Sparrow	11
American Coot	4	Northern Flicker	50	White-crowned Sparrow	1
Northern Bobwhite	10	Northern Shrike	1	Harris's Sparrow	40
Ring-necked Pheasant	8	Blue Jay	548	Dark-eyed Junco	964
Wild Turkey	16	American Crow	113	Northern Cardinal	264
Bald Eagle	9	Tufted Titmouse	1	Red-winged Blackbird	119
Northern Harrier	5	Black-capped Chickadee	292	Meadowlark spp.	97
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	Red-breasted Nuthatch	32	Great-tailed Grackle	1
Cooper's Hawk	5	White-breasted Nuthatch	150	Brown-headed Cowbird	2
Red-tailed Hawk	69	Brown Creeper	16	Purple Finch	6
Rough-legged Hawk	5	Carolina Wren	27	House Finch	127
American Kestrel	15	Winter Wren	1	Pine Siskin	11
Merlin	1	Golden-crowned Kinglet	9	American Goldfinch	366
Ring-billed Gull	36	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	House Sparrow	862

Total # of Species	72
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Wachiska Audubon Spring 2021 Birdseed Sale Order Form

	Bag Size	Bag Code	Price Each	Quantity	Total Cost
ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX					
FEED MIXES	Standard Audubon Mix	40 lb bag	ST40	\$ 35.00	\$
	Classic Audubon Mix	20 lb bag	CL20	\$ 21.00	\$
		40 lb bag	CL40	\$ 35.00	\$
	Attraction Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	AT35	\$ 46.00	\$
	Woodpecker Gourmet	20 lb bag	WO20	\$ 40.00	\$
	Bushy Tail Treat	20 lb bag	BT20	\$ 34.00	\$
SEEDS	Millet, White (98%)	50 lb bag	MI50	\$ 25.00	\$
	Peanuts, shelled rejects	20 lb bag	PR20	\$ 36.00	\$
		20 lb bag	SA20	\$ 25.00	\$
	Safflower Seed	50 lb bag	SA50	\$ 52.00	\$
		20 lb bag		\$ 25.00	\$
	Safflower Seed, Nutra Saff	20 lb bag		\$ 25.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, coarse	20 lb bag	HC20	\$ 35.00	\$
		50 lb bag	HC50	\$ 75.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, fine	20 lb bag	HF20	\$ 35.00	\$
Sunflower Seed, black oil	25 lb bag	SB25	\$ 25.00	\$	
SUET CAKES	High Energy Treat, 11.75 oz. cake		EN-C	\$ 1.50	\$
	Berry Treat, 11 oz. cake		BT-C	\$ 1.50	\$
Total number of bags and cost (All prices INCLUDE sales tax)					\$
Tax Deductible Donation to support Wachiska's education & conservation activities					\$
Total Enclosed. Make check payable to Wachiska Audubon Society					\$

Name (Print)

Email address

Phone Number (required)

Mailing Address

This form and your check must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 17, 2021
 Mail to: Wachiska Audubon Society Birdseed Sale - 4547 Calvert St, Suite 10,
 Lincoln NE 68506-5643

ORDER PICK UP DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

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

Friday, February 26
3:00 -6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 27
9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Note: stay in car; we will bring the seed to you.

Pick up location: 14th & Arapahoe streets (between Van Dorn & Hwy 2)

Are you interested in volunteering for the birdseed pick up

Yes (check box)

Wachiska Audubon Spring 2021 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.** The great majority of Wachiska's budget for education and conservation programs comes from donations and fundraising, and our twice-a-year birdseed sales are two of our major fundraisers. If you feed birds regularly, or want to give it a try, please buy from Wachiska. Our new convenient pick up location in SW Lincoln makes it easier than ever to get your birdseed. We depend on your purchases, and so do our feathered friends! Thank you!

FEED MIXES

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

SEEDS

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

Peanuts (shelled) – attractive for woodpeckers and blue jays

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

Nutra Saff Seed is without the hard, outer shell.

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:

www.WachiskaAudubon.org.

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Look for Signs

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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, please email Arlys at office@wachiskaaudubon.org to make alternate pick up arrangements.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to assist, please contact Lana Novak, 402-570-1273.

Audubon Files Lawsuit to Protect MBTA

“What the Trump Administration did to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) was illegal, and we are going to do whatever it takes to reverse it,” said David Yarnold, president and CEO of the National Audubon Society. “This bird-killer policy has already been struck down in court, and we’re confident we’ll see the same outcome again here.”

The National Audubon Society, joined by several other conservation organizations,* filed a federal lawsuit January 22 in the Southern District of New York challenging the Trump Administration’s weakening of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. This is not the first legal challenge to the rollback of the MBTA. In August of 2020, in response to a previous lawsuit filed by Audubon, other organizations, and states, the Southern District ruled that the administration’s 2017 Solicitor’s Opinion did not align with the intent and language of the 100-year-old law, and overturned the policy. Despite this ruling, the administration raced to finalize a regulation to codify the unlawful Solicitor’s Opinion and published the regulation the first week of January.

“While we’re confident in the wide-ranging and bipartisan support to reinstate these vital protections, this lawsuit is necessary to challenge a plainly illegal policy that will devastate our bird populations,” said Sarah Greenberger, interim chief conservation officer, National Audubon Society. “With both the law and public opinion on our side, we intend to act not only in the courts but with the new administration and Congress to quickly reinstate and strengthen the decades-old precedent for protecting our nation’s birds.”

The 2017 policy change by the Trump Administration ignored the intent and language of the law to protect and conserve birds. Instead, it attempted to limit the MBTA’s protection only to activities that purposefully kill birds, exempting all industrial hazards from enforcement. Any “incidental” death—no matter how inevitable, avoidable, or devastating to birds—became immune from enforcement under the law. If the Trump Administration’s legal opinion had been in place in 2010, BP would have faced no consequences under the MBTA for more than one million birds killed in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

New science has revealed the loss of three billion birds in North America since 1970 and that two-thirds of those birds are at risk of extinction due to climate change. In light of these alarming reports, the National Audubon Society is advocating for a multi-front approach to reinstate the long-standing and common-sense interpretation of this foundational law.

“We hope to see the Biden-Harris Administration begin a process to reinstate MBTA protections and to use the opportunity to add a reasonable permitting process to manage incidental take,” stated Greenberger. “We also hope to see Congress pass the MBTA to clarify these long-standing protections and authorize this common-sense approach.”

The MBTA was passed out of the House Natural Resources

Committee in the 116th Congress and had a bipartisan group of 90+ co-sponsors. The bill would secure protections for birds and direct the Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a permitting process for “incidental take” through which relevant businesses would implement best management practices and document compliance, further driving innovation in how to best prevent bird deaths.

**Co-plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed January 22 are the American Bird Conservancy, Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, Natural Resources Defense Council, National Wildlife Federation, and Sierra Club.*

Nebraska Environmental Trust Facts and Talking Points

by Lorrie Benson for the Friends of the Environmental Trust

During its nearly 30-year history, the Nebraska Environmental Trust has distributed over \$350 million, with every county in the state receiving funding. In recent years distributions have been about \$20 million/year.

According to the statutes creating the Trust, funding is to be used to “...conserve, enhance, and restore the natural environments of Nebraska.” Funding is to be used for environmentally valuable projects that might not be funded otherwise. Using funds for regulatory programs or work mandated by law is explicitly forbidden, and funding that financially or otherwise benefits private interests must have very careful scrutiny.

The Trust board includes nine citizen board members appointed by the governor. If January’s appointments are all confirmed by the legislature, the entire 14-member board (including five state agency directors) will be white males, mostly middle-aged or older. There will be no representation from the western two-thirds of the state, even though three of the citizen board members will be from the third Congressional District.

Until recently, the Trust has funded permanent conservation easements. This valuable conservation tool is recognized in statute. Less than 1 percent of Nebraska land is under conservation easement, all with the permission of property owners. Property taxes or payments in lieu of taxes continue to be paid on nearly all land. Unfortunately, in recent years the Trust board has refused to fund permanent conservation easements and land acquisitions.

In addition to the concerns above, the Friends of the Environmental Trust are encouraging the Trust board to be fully transparent in its decisions, to give every grant application the consideration it deserves, to follow the grant application scoring process set out in statute, and to be faithful to its mission and the promises made to Nebraskans when the Trust was created. For more information, see the websites for the Trust (environmental.trust.nebraska.gov) and for the Friends group www.nefriendsenvirotrust.org.

Climate Change Update

by Marilyn McNabb

With apologies to 16 of Wachiska's 17 counties, this month our column is going to look only at the city of Lincoln and its 2020 Climate Action Plan Draft. Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird initiated the project and is seeking consultation with business, non-profit, government, faith, educational and public health sectors, immigrant and refugee groups, and those with disabilities and low incomes. The report itself was produced by the Verdis Group under the direction of Kim Morrow. It's 172 pages, viewable at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: resilient). I think it's excellent.

The plan aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change ("mitigation") and make Lincoln more able to cope with the effects of climate change, such as drought and flooding ("adaptation"). The Plan calls for 80 percent reduction in Lincoln's greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 compared to 2011 levels, when city records began.

In releasing the report, the mayor acknowledged Lincoln has benefitted from sound past choices and asked Lincolnites to look at what the city needs to do long-term in the face of climate change. The draft plan includes eight action areas:

- Transition to low-carbon energy
- Building a decarbonized and efficient transportation system
- Align economic development goals with climate realities to ensure a thriving economy
- Improve protections for and with Lincoln residents (flooding, emergency planning)
- Build a resilient local food system
- Maximize natural climate solutions
- Reduce waste
- Engage residents in co-creating a climate smart future

I immediately turned to "maximize natural climate solutions" and was delighted to read this: "Planting native species is important because local species, such as birds, have co-evolved with local plants for survival. Many species available in nurseries are from outside the U.S. and provide mainly aesthetic value.... Without (local) "predators and diseases, non-native plants can become invasive and take over local landscapes. Expanding native plantings in the city's greenspaces will continue to help increase biodiversity and survival of insect, pollinator, plant, and bird species."

This will sound familiar to everyone who attended Wachiska's June meeting with Spring Creek Prairie staff Jason St. Sauver and Cacey Wilken or for those who watched web talks by Douglas Tallamy or read his recent book, *Nature's Best Hope*.

The Plan imagines the city in 2050 in which, in the face of drought, "many homeowners have replaced their lawns with

drought-resistant landscaping, and some are incorporating pollinator habitat and vegetable gardens." Sooner is better.

The Plan Draft follows most authorities in the field in urging the electrification of as much as possible, since utilities are moving rapidly away from fossil fuels. This includes home heating, public transportation, cooking appliances, and charging electric cars. It proposes citywide compost collection—and much, much more.

The Draft Climate Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission, probably on February 17, and then to the City Council, most likely on March 15. It will be presented as an amendment to the current Comprehensive Plan for the City. If you have comments, email Miki Esposito, Senior Policy Advisor to the Mayor, esposito@lincoln.ne.gov, and/or members of the Planning Commission and/or the City Council (see Public Officials contact information on page 7 of all Wachiska's newsletters).

Thank You, Generous Donors!

by Elizabeth Nelson, Donor Development Chair

The December *Babbling Brook* featured our annual end-of-year fundraising drive for the Wachiska Prairie Management Fund, the account from which we will be paying for several key initiatives in 2021. As of the mid-January due date for this article, Wachiska has received donations totaling over \$14,000! We do not have the final list of donor names and totals compiled yet, but we can tell you we received:

- \$9,630 from checks sent to the Wachiska office.
- \$1,800 in gifts made through PayPal on the Wachiska website, an easy way to make a gift with your credit card.
- \$2,750 of donations made directly to our Prairie Management Fund at the Lincoln Community Foundation which can include tax free gifts of IRA withdrawals or appreciated stocks.
- \$50 in monthly reoccurring gifts. We really encourage monthly gifts! Go to lcf.org and click on DONATE. Choose "Other LCF Fund" and enter 710146. This allows you to charge a monthly gift to any credit or debit card and support the Wachiska Audubon Prairie Management Fund all year!

These donations, added to the \$12,409 raised in October through the Gannett Foundation Fundraiser, brings Wachiska's fourth quarter fundraising total to nearly \$27,000.

In 2020, Wachiska's conservation committee developed a new, comprehensive Prairie Management Plan. Our goals for 2021 are to undertake aggressive action to control invasive species, expand biological inventories on our prairies, and hire a prairie habitat manager.

Again, thank you for your gifts. Your generosity is much appreciated and needed. For those who would still like to give, choose any option described above or contact Elizabeth Nelson at enelson555@gmail.com to discuss other ways to give.

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- ___ \$25 Individual/Friend
- ___ \$35 Family Friend
- ___ \$50 Black-capped Chickadee Friend
- ___ \$100 Northern Cardinal Friend
- ___ \$250 Western Meadowlark Friend
- ___ \$500 Bald Eagle Friend
- ___ \$1000 Peregrine Falcon Friend

Select the level of support that is right for you and make your check payable to **Wachiska Audubon Society**. All funds will remain with our local chapter and are tax deductible. Mail to:

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Attention: Membership Committee
4547 Calvert St Ste 10
Lincoln NE 68506-5643



American Goldfinches

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