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## **Birds of Venezuela**

On an unusually cold day in Nebraska, around -20 F, ASO member Bechara Rolando Embaid received a call from someone complaining about the cold in her area. When asked, she stated that the temperature was 72 F.

The caller was Bechara's friend Mary Lou Goodwin, cofounder of the Venezuelan Audubon Society, calling from the Junko, a village in the mountains surrounding Caracas, Venezuela.

To experience the warm (or hot) weather Venezuela can have, meet its people, and learn of traditions and natural beauties, you are cordially invited to join us at Audubon for a "warm" slide presentation and lecture by Embaid about the birds of Venezuela.

The show will include a sample of photos taken by Mary Lou Goodwin of the 1,300 bird species found in Venezuela. Their habitats range widely, from the cloud forests to the Andes mountains, coastal mountains, the plains (llanos), the Gran Sabana bordering Brazil, the Los Roques Archipelago, the Paraguana desert, the Orinoco Delta, and the jungle.

Embaid is a graduate of the University of Washington and the

◦ diving clubs in the country, including those of the petroleum industry. He has media experience in television and radio. His lectures are known for their educational and entertainment value appealing to audiences of all ages.

Embaid founded the Marine Conservation Center of the Audubon Society of Venezuela, serving for five years as board member and chair of activism. He participated with other local environmental organizations from Venezuela including FUDENA (Foundation for the Defense of Nature), on whose team he promoted Venezuela for the international day of beach cleanup, an effort involving 15,000 volunteers. A brief description of the Venezuelan environmental movement will be included in the program.

Come to enjoy the beauty of Venezuelan birds at the general meeting Thursday, January 12, 7:30 P.M. at the Hanscom Park Methodist Church, 4444 Frances St (one block south of 45th & Center Sts).

A short business meeting will follow the program. The evening will conclude with coffee, cookies and conversation. The public is invited.



American University of Beirut. He was a diver and lecturer on conservation of the marine environment in Venezuela, his native country, spending 15 years lecturing at major

## **Cock of the Rock**

# **Feeder Watch for January ASO Field Trip**

**By Clem Klaphake**

Not knowing what January weather see their Common Redpolls. might bring us, the next ASO field trip will take us to several residences The field trip is scheduled for Saturday, to see what is visiting backyard January 21. We will meet at 8:00 A.M. at feeders. As of now, we will visit the the Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, check Rose, Davis and Schwery residences the feeders there, and possibly do some (the first two are in Bellevue, and the carpooling before we head out to the third one is in Cass County just residences. across the Platte River).

If any of you have some unusual or interesting birds coming to your feeders close to the time of our field trip, please let me know. Last year some of us ended this field trip with a stop at the Ratzlaff house in central Omaha to

In past years, this has been a popular trip because it allows time to socialize and discuss everyone's winter sightings of the feeders new year. The hosts have also been very gracious to allow us into their homes and provide hot coffee and cider as well as light snacks.

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## **Current Currents**

**By Elliott Bedows**

### **Bird Flu and You.....What to Do?**

By now we have all been intimidated with warnings from the media on how a bird flu pandemic will be "possibly imminent" When the October 31, 2005, issue of *Newsweek* ran the front cover story, "The Bird Flu.....The Race to Prevent a Global Epidemic....How to Protect Yourself," the entire commentary reeked of media hype from the get-go.

could occur is akin to saying a meteor could strike the earth. After all, it has happened before. But for now, there is no reason to panic. As I write this, no sound evidence exists that the H5N1 strain of avian flu virus, which is targeted as the potential pandemic agent, has ever passed between humans, and there is virtually no reliable evidence that any person other than those who have handled or eaten contaminated

I wonder how many of you have spoken to your personal physicians about bird flu. If you have not, I encourage you to do so sometime soon. When I did, I received exactly the responses I expected. "Unless you are running around a barnyard full of poultry or have them in your household (as many people in Asia do, by the way), or you are *ingesting* tainted poultry or the contaminant remnants thereof, the possibility of contracting this disease is essentially *nil*."

Currently there are a number of interests trying to kill off migrant bird populations (including Sandhill Cranes and waterfowl), trying to eradicate wetlands and trying to destroy various nesting wild bird populations in the name of "saving us" from bird flu.

This is thoroughly absurd. I expect that some readers will question what authority I have to call this media attention heresy. Well, aside from my Ph.D. in Microbiology (University of Illinois, 1977) and post-doctoral fellowship in Epidemiology (School of Public Health, University of Michigan), which includes two publications on influenza virus, albeit human, not bird flu, I also have a strong desire to dispel myths and promote sound educational fundamentals. To that end, I do a lot of studying and research. Accordingly, I would issue the following caution.

There are many who find ways to profit off people's ignorance, and promoting fear (terror, if you prefer) is one of the ways currently in vogue. For example, many web sites offering to sell cures and preventions for bird flu have now been established. Don't believe me? Do a Google® search by typing in "bird flu" and check out the number of associated "Sponsored Links" in the right-hand column. The argument that a bird flu pandemic

domestic poultry have contracted the disease.

This is not to say that bird flu isn't dangerous and shouldn't be considered a concern, especially as an economic dilemma. It can wipe out a poultry farm in less than a day because the virus easily spreads to other birds, including wild ones. That has to be a genuine concern to poultry farmers. But the fact that wild birds are far less sensitive to the virus and can therefore serve as carriers, should not be a concern to humans unless those people want to eat those wild birds. That may be a large part of the propaganda problem. Hunters certainly do not want to be shooting contaminated birds, so the idea of eradicating them seems like the easy way out of a difficult situation.

The problem with that "logic" is that destroying native bird populations and vital nesting or migration habitat will not only fail to prevent the spread of bird flu, it may actually force wary wild bird populations into contact with domesticated birds who are fed abundantly. This would thereby increase the degree of contact between the two, which can increase the spread of the virus between birds.

To put it simply, the outrage over the deadly potential of bird flu to humans is excessive and intended as a scare tactic that has little, if any, sound scientific basis.

And while I conclude with the disclaimer, "These are my opinions," etc, I once again urge you to get the opinion of your own health professional. I think you'll find there is much less to fear about bird flu (which is not to be confused with the strain(s) of human flu that we get shots for each year) than is currently being hyped by the media.

## Christmas Bird Count

By Betty Grenon

We had a moderately low species count this year, 54 plus two during count week. I would surmise that was because of the cold weather early in December. Most of the still water, lakes, ponds and puddles were frozen over. The Missouri was open, but it seems that most of the waterfowl had already moved on. For instance, the only geese we had were Canadas, which had a high count of 3,800. We totaled 12,487 in all. Our best birds were a Hermit Thrush in the Glenwood quadrant and two Pileated Woodpeckers seen near Camp Wakonda. The latter had only been seen previously during the count week in 2000. Thirty-six observers were in the field and at the feeders. The weather was cold, but clear and quite bearable.

My thanks to all who continue to support this effort.

## Mark Your Calendar

Rivers & Wildlife Celebration

March 17-19

Already? you might ask. But as the saying goes, when winter winds blow, can spring be far behind. The Rivers & Wildlife Celebration is a way of saying welcome to spring in Nebraska.

And, like all of them, this meeting of great numbers of both humans and fowl promises much. Field trips to the world-renowned gathering of Sandhill Cranes. More trips—to see the Prairie Chickens dance and hear their mating call; scoping for ducks and geese. Speakers on topics such as "Hot on the Trail of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker." If none of these intrigue you, maybe nothing will.

Complete information will be forthcoming in the February issue of *The Meadowlark*.

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### Programs at Spring Creek Prairie

*Class sizes limited, so register early by calling 402/797/2301.*

**New Year's Winter Walkabout** 10:00 am to 12:00 noon; \$6 adult & \$4 Saturday, January 14 10 am - 12 noon or 1-3 pm ; \$5 adult; \$3 child. Find out what animals stay active and how they adapt to winter's fickle weather. Discover examples of plant life cycles in all their stages. There is always much to see and explore when you become a winter naturalist. Most of the program will take place outside, weather permitting. Appropriate for age 8 and older. All participants must dress for the weather. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration required by February 24.

Register for either morning or afternoon session. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Preregister by January 13.

**A Tribute to the Prairie Winter: Nature Journaling for Adults** Saturday January 28, 10 am to 2 pm \$8 adult

Join center staff and embrace the

**Backyard Birds and Wildlife Habitat Saturday Mar 11, 10 am. Finke Gardens & Nursery, 500 No 66th St, Lincoln. Free. Staff of Spring Creek Prairie will present an hour-long**

wonders of the winter season. Participants will explore the prairie and its connecting habitats while honing observation and recording skills with fun and enlightening activities. Time will be divided between inside and outside activities, weather permitting. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch and dress for the weather. Writing materials will be provided, but participants are invited to bring their own journals if they desire. Program is designed for persons 16 and older. Preregister by January 27.

**Snug as a Bug** Saturday, Feb. 4 10:00 am - 12:00 noon;

\$6 adult; \$4 child (12 & under). Using magnifiers and microscopes, adult/child teams will probe through leaf litter and logs to discover a variety of spineless wonders whiling away the winter. Activities include a short hike, weather permitting, and an indoor investigation session. Appropriate for grades K through 6; designed for adult/child teams of 2 or 3. Preregistration required by Feb 3.

**Becoming a Winter Naturalist**  
**Saturday February 25,**

**program at Finke Gardens & Nursery as part of their series of winter landscape classes for the public. Learn the common backyard birds of the area and discover what plants to establish to entice birds and other forms of wildlife to your yard. The talk is free, and reservations are not required.**

**In Search of A Season: A Spring Treasure Hunt** Wednesday, March 22; 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Saturday, March 25 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Starting times every 30 minutes. \$15/team**

Teams of two to ten participants will be given a treasure map & clues to search for hidden treasure chests along the trails of Spring Creek Prairie. At each chest they will use observation skills, deductive reasoning, special equipment and common sense to investigate the sights and sounds of the prairie and discover the subtle and sometimes elusive treasures of spring. The activities are geared for a variety of skill and interest levels; each team must have at least one adult. Teams must preregister for a starting time by March 21.

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## **Your Check-off Dollars**

### **at Work**

An easy method of putting your dollars to work for wildlife projects in Nebraska is to donate at the time you file your income tax return. The dollars are sent to Nebraska Game and Parks for the benefit of programs in the state.

Some educational projects funded by the check-off dollars include habitat restoration at Audubon's Spring Creek Prairie to remove nonnative plants, restoration of a new prairie

## **Victory in the Senate**

On December 21, after another "please call your senators and urge them to.....," environmental lobbyists and their supporters cheered the gratifying victory in the Senate when drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was defeated.

We can rest more easily for a time, but as surely as a new year follows the old, the issue will be resurrected.

preserve along the Platte in Hamilton County, Oak Savannah Restoration at Ponca State Park and Power Creek Recreation Area. Native plants numbering nearly 100 species will be used to restore former cropland of several hundred acres. Many more projects could be detailed.

Remember hearing about the plight of the Salt Creek Tiger Beetle? It was a beneficiary of a plan for its recovery. River Otters, nesting terns and plovers, flying squirrels and the swift fox have a better chance of surviving human depredations because of the voluntary contributions of taxpayers. Still more have benefited.

In *Something Wild 2005*, Nebraska Game and Parks thanked the generosity of the donors as well as those making direct donations throughout the year. Direct donations can be made by calling 402-471-0641, online at [www.outdoornebraska.org/wildlife/programs/nongame/ngdonate.asp](http://www.outdoornebraska.org/wildlife/programs/nongame/ngdonate.asp) Or write to Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Program, Box 30370, 2200 N 33rd, Lincoln NE 68503-0370.

When you complete your 2005 tax return, remember our state's wildlife and the need.

## **Election of Board Member at January General Meeting**

Pauline Dickey has been nominated for the position of Corresponding Secretary to fill the remainder of the 2005-2006 term.

Her election by members attending a general meeting has been delayed for two months because of our Joslyn events. The plan now is for the election to take place at our January 11, 2006, meeting at the usual place—Hanscom Park Methodist Church.

When it is, we can't be discouraged. When asked, we again need to lend our voices to prevent this disastrous project from taking place. With enough pleas, will we in Nebraska be heeded?

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## **Land for At-Risk Species**

Along with alarming news of wildlife habitat that continues to be sacrificed to development after development comes announcement of a program granting incentives to owners to preserve and protect the wealth of nature's gift of land.

The Nebraska Game & Parks Commission has established the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) which will improve habitat for species at risk or endangered.

Plants as well as animals are considered. Several eco-types eligible include riparian woodlands, savannah grasslands, and riverine wetlands. Along with those species of animals and plants which are the focus of the program, other species will benefit because they inhabit the same spaces under improvement.

Some of the project's cost, 25%, must be paid by a landowner or group, with 75% paid by the federal government.

The species due to profit from opening sloughs along the North Platte River are Bald Eagles, Sandhill Cranes, and the Northern River Otter. Also benefiting are mink, beaver, and non-game songbirds in the area.

Maintenance of the area by landowners is required for at least ten years through burning, grazing, and control of

undesirable plants. The right grazing program will hopefully allow restoration of native grass species.

Participants will retain control access and use of the land. Landowners will win by increasing the value of their property and at the same time provide help in protecting and restoring at-risk species.

## Great Backyard Bird Count Needs Your Help

The ninth annual Great Backyard Bird Count is coming up February 17-20. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Audubon encourage everyone to count birds with a buddy! Bird enthusiasts of all ages can share their love of birds with a friend, a child, a scout troop, a class, or a co-worker, opening new eyes to the joy of birding and the fun of creating a unique snapshot of winter bird abundance and distribution across the continent. Every pair of eyes is needed, and everybody counts, whether in a backyard, on a high-rise balcony, in a park, or on any of the 730 million acres of public lands.

In 2005, participants sent in more than 52,000 checklists, with a record-breaking 613 species and more than 6 million birds counted. These millions of sightings generate what would be impossible otherwise: continent-wide information about where the birds are and how their numbers compare with those of previous years. Anyone with internet access can see the results in maps and charts as the sightings pour in.

"This project has become a major source of scientific information about North American bird populations, said Dr. John Fitzpatrick, Director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "It is a classic example of the vital role citizens and the

the most checklists, record the greatest number of species, or count the highest number of birds. (Last year's top numbers: 433 checklists from Gautier, Mississippi; 169 species from Corpus Christi, Texas; and 291,246 birds from Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Missouri). A photo contest will also be held based on bird pictures taken during the event and submitted for posting on the GBBC gallery. Winners will be announced after all the data from the event have been submitted.

Everyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to seasoned experts. During the count, bird watchers tally up birds for as little as 15 minutes, or for as long as they like, keeping track of the highest number of each bird species they see together at one time. People are encouraged to report birds from public lands and local parks, as well as from their back yards. Participants enter their numbers online at [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc) and can explore sightings maps, lists, and charts as the count progresses.

Year-round, anyone can view results from past counts and learn how to participate by visiting the web site listed above. There is no fee or registration for the event, which is sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited. For more information,

internet now play in understanding our planet."

For nearly a decade, the GBBC has kept tabs on the every-changing patterns of birds in winter. How far north will American Robins be reported this year? Will Sandhill Cranes migrate early or late? Introduced Eurasian Collared-Doves have been turning up in new states—where will they be this year? Native Red-bellied Woodpeckers have been spreading to the northeast—will the trend continue? Scientists also want more information on declining species such as Rusty Blackbirds and Painted Buntings. While these species are suffering due to the continued destruction of their preferred habitats, other factors such as mercury accumulation in Rusty Blackbirds, and removal of Painted Buntings for the illegal cage bird industry, may make a bad situation worse.

In 2006, for the first time, the Lab of Ornithology and Audubon are launching an element of friendly competition. Awards will be given to localities that submit

contact the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at [cornellbirds@cornell.edu](mailto:cornellbirds@cornell.edu) or (800) 843-2473 in the United States; (607) 254-2473 if calling internationally, or contact Audubon at [citizenscience@audubon.org](mailto:citizenscience@audubon.org) (215) 355-9588, Ext 16.

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### Audubon Sale Items Available

It's easy. Just pick up the phone and ask us if we have it. Items include books, shirts, caps, pewter Sandhill Cranes, and others of interest to our members.

The now-famous *Field Guide to Wildflowers of Fontenelle Forest and Neale Woods* by Neal Ratzlaff and Roland Barth can be purchased. If you don't own a copy, we have one for you. The flowers are ones that appear in many spots other than the above.

To make a request, please call Pauline Dickey at 932-8205, and she will assist you.

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By Kevin Poague

### Status of Audubon's Important Bird Areas

#### Effort in Nebraska

For the past two years, Audubon Nebraska has been conducting an Important Bird Areas (IBA) program under the guidelines of the National Audubon Society. The goals of the effort are to:

- identify the most essential areas for

Platte River Whooping Crane Trust.

The IBA's encompass almost 3,000,000 acres in 35 counties, roughly six percent of the state, and most are public areas. They contain a wide variety of habitats, including wetlands and riparian systems, prairie, lake, and forest areas,



birds

- monitor these sites for changes to birds and habitat, and
- conserve these areas for long-term protection of biodiversity.

In Nebraska, two public nomination rounds were held and 26 sites were selected as IBA's: Boyer Chute NWR, Calamus Reservoir SRA, Cedar Point Biological Station, Crescent Lake NWR, DeSoto NWR, Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, Fort Niobrara NWR, Indian Cave State Park, Kiowa Wildlife Mgt Area, Lake McConaughy SRA, Lake Ogallala State Recreation Area, Lancaster County Saline Wetland complex (encompassing Arbor Lake, Shoemaker Marsh, Whitehead Saline Wetlands & Jack Sinn Wildlife Mgt Area),

Lewis & Clark Lake & Gavins Point Dam, Missouri National Recreational River, the Nature Conservancy's Niobrara Valley Preserve, Neale Woods Nature Center, Niobrara State Park, Ponca State Park, North Platte NWR, Rainwater Basin, Rowe Sanctuary, Schramm Park State Recreation Area, Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, Thomas Ashford Scout Reservation, Valentine NWR, and the Wild Rose & Mormon Island properties managed by the

A group from a pool of volunteers meet once a month to assemble, fold, and label *The Meadowlark*, thereby saving ASO a tidy sum each year. The group is congenial and given to much banter, along with their work. I will try to name all of them, present and from the recent past, but I extend my apologies to anyone missed.

Richard & Carole Rasmussen, Nelli Falzgraf, Pauline Dickey, Alfa Fiske, Eunice Levisay, Louise Bates, Essie & Sam Grill, Sid & Edith Wilson, Jean Schmid, Earl & Marge Collins, Wanda Neaderhiser, Martha Elias, Tom & Nancy Gallagher, Don & Erma Graves, Marge Hickey, DwanDean Leach, Don Maas, Martha Massengale, Alberta

but all provide essential habitat for either large numbers of birds, a high diversity of bird species, or significant numbers of particular bird species whose population declines are of concern to biologists.

The sites met strict standardized scientific criteria established by Nebraska's IBA technical review committee, which includes many of the state's leading birders and biologists. The committee also selected the IBA's, and we would like to thank them for their time and effort: Mark Brogie, Joe Gubanyi, Joel Jorgensen, Loren and Babs Padelford, Ross Silcock, and T. J. Walker. The effort has identified new opportunities for public education (monitoring birds at IBA's, e.g.) and for developing land management strategies to sustain and perhaps improve the habitat at these sites for birds in need.

Funding for this program was provided in part by the State Wildlife Grants program, administered by the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission. Information on Audubon's IBA's in Nebraska is available on our website, <[www.nebraska.audubon.org](http://www.nebraska.audubon.org)>

### **Thanks to Volunteers, aka The Folding Commttee**

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Jenny Henricksen, Ruth Demarest and Shirley Noar, who phones each month to recruit workers.

Several persons who served for some years have had to resign. Because of the number of those retiring, we petition other potential volunteers to come forward and offer their help for this easy, time-light, non-obligatory service to ASO. Call 451-3647 if you can assist.

One wit, Don Maas, who has moved out of state, suggested that we find a more flattering term for the folding committee. The name he accepted was Plication Technologists. (Look up the first word if it isn't in your working vocabulary.)

Knowles, Marian Payton, Kathy  
Schwery, Jean Warren, Anna Winans,

Petitions and joking aside, we appreciate  
all of your help!

*Your Editor, Laurine Blankenau*

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