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The CryptoNaturalist
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Hummingbirds: I shall sip nectar
from this flower in a silent ballet.

Woodpeckers: I'MMA STAB THE
BUGS OUTTA THIS TREE WITH
MY FACE-KNIFE!!!

9/6/18, 9:49 PM

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1st Quarter, 2026

President's Message...

Happy New Year! Wishing you and yours a joyful 2026, filled with exciting migrations and sweet melodies. May the coming year bring new adventures, special birdy moments, and endless opportunities for friendships, love and happiness. Cheers to a wonderful year ahead!

Leading NTOS into 2026 is your newly elected Board of Directors. I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about each of them in their own words.

1st VP and Program Director – **TIM RYAN** - Tim started birding when he joined NTOS in 2022 after moving to Nashville. Prior to that, he was a casual birdwatcher and a member of several Audubon chapters in New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. He retired from a career in solar and wind energy at the end of 2023 and did an ABA Area Big Year in 2024. Tim's favorite spring birds are the Prothonotary Warbler and the Louisiana Waterthrush breeding at Radnor Lake. He has been on several international birding tours in 2025 (Colombia, Taiwan, and Mexico) and will continue that next year — Oman, Borneo, Thailand, and a New Zealand pelagic are on his schedule for 2026.

2nd VP and Field Trips – **SHELLEY SMITH** - Birding has been part of Shelley Smith's life since her grandparents first introduced her to it when she was six, but her interest really took off about five years ago. When she's not out birdwatching, Shelley enjoys fishing, gardening, and watching the Pittsburgh Steelers. Professionally, she has spent the past 17 years working in child welfare and currently works for the state of Tennessee. Shelley brings her love of the outdoors to NTOS as our new Field Trip Coordinator. She's eager to plan trips that create great experiences for all who participate.

Secretary – **KATHY WARE**: Kathy has been an outdoor enthusiast since early childhood when her mom urged her to "go outside and play" in Greenville, SC, where she grew up. Since retiring from the engineering world in 2019 she has been urgently trying to "go outside and play" as often as possible to make up for lost time being a (productive?) member of society, working and raising a family. She began birding long ago and registered her first E-Bird (a Little Blue Heron) in 2005. Today she makes birding and fly fishing a part of her travels and enjoys turning her friends and family members onto the joys of being in the beautiful places enjoying the gifts of nature.

Treasurer – **PAM LASLEY** - Pam has been birding for about thirty years. When she and her husband Steve first got married, money was tight, but she had a pair of hand me down binoculars and could afford a Peterson Bird guide and some seeds and so a birder was born. Their first bird identified was a Brown-headed Nuthatch in Athens, GA. Pam is a CPA who is mostly retired now, but is a volunteer treasurer for four non-profit organizations, including the State and Nashville chapters of the Ten-

nessee Ornithological Society. She has two grown children who have recently married, but she is still way too young to be a grandmother.

AND LASTLY A BIT ABOUT ME – My love of the outdoors was instilled in me at an early age thanks to my dad. Every Saturday after we finished our chores, he'd load us in the VW van with any neighborhood friends who'd like to come along, and off we went, packed lunch in hand, on some outdoor adventure. Years later Steve and I did the same with our own kids. Ask them about a trip to see the Ivory Gull! Photography was a big part of those early days following Steve, the family birder around. Soon family pictures morphed to bird pictures. And as Steve will tell you, I can't do anything half-way. So onward to volunteering with Bob and Martha Sargent's Hummer/Bird Study Group, to Master bird bander and establishment of my non-profit – Southeastern Avian Research. Through it all there have been amazing new friends, wonderful adventures, incredible opportunities and of course great birds.

MANY THANKS to each of these special folks for their volunteer spirit and anticipated great work thru 2027!!

Happy birding! Cheers!

Cyndi Routledge, President

First Quarter 2026 NTOS Programs

The Nashville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society (NTOS) meetings are held at the Radnor Lake Visitors Center at 1160 Otter Creek Road on the third Thursday of every month (except July and August). We usually gather and greet one another at 7:00 pm; have a Business Meeting at 7:15; followed by a program at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. Membership in NTOS is not required.

January 15 - "Jammin' in Jamaica" presented by Steve Lasley

Steve and Pam Lasley, along with other NTOS members, visited the island of Jamaica last spring where they experienced an unanticipated cultural adventure mixed with beautiful endemic birds. Jamaica's natural beauty is a paradise for nature lovers and birdwatchers alike. The island boasts lush rainforests, cascading waterfalls, and stunning beaches, creating diverse habitats for wildlife. Please join us as Steve shares photographs and stories from their experience on this beautiful Caribbean Island. Steve Lasley, an avid birder and bird photographer, is a long time member of the Nashville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society.

February 19th "Smart Yards and Bird-friendly Habitats" – presented by Gretchen Judkins

Join Gretchen Judkins from Tennessee Smart Yards to learn about the nine principles of Smart Yards and how they connect to bird-friendly habitats. Tennessee Smart Yards is a free, online certification program that is all about making your yard more environmentally friendly. Attendees will leave two steps closer to certification with a yard-sketching activity and free rain gauge. Gretchen Judkins is the Environmental Compliance Specialist for Metro Water Services. She inspects industrial facilities that hold National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and is the public education coordinator for Nashville's MS4 permit. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. In her free time, she enjoys browsing

First Quarter 2026 NTOS Field Trips

Please note: These field trips may be canceled if hazardous weather conditions arise. Any cancellations will be announced as soon as possible on the TN-Bird Listserv and NTOS's social media accounts.

January 24th • 8:00 AM • Hatchie NWR – O'Neal Lake

Kick off the new birding year with NTOS as we head west to the beautiful Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge! We will join trip leader Mark Greene for a morning walk around O'Neal Lake, where we'll search for flocks of wintering waterfowl and scan the surrounding fields for seasonal specialties. Our walk will largely take place along a gravel road, but sturdy footwear is recommended. We'll meet at 8:00 AM at the O'Neal Lake parking area, just past the Hatchie NWR Visitor Center at 6772 TN-76 Stanton, TN 38069 (Coordinates: 35.49797, -89.26051). Dress warmly, bring a spotting scope if you have one, and come enjoy a crisp winter morning exploring one of West Tennessee's most scenic refuges. Let's start the year off birding together! For questions, contact Shelley Smith at wkusmith@gmail.com and include "NTOS Field Trip" in the subject line.

February 14th at 7:30 am- Fowler Rd Irrigation Pond - Lincoln County

What better way to brighten up chilly February than with two NTOS field trips on the calendar? First up: Saturday, February 14th, when we'll head to one of Tennessee's premier birding hotspots, the Fowler Road Irrigation Pond. Trip leader Avery Fish knows this site very well and has turned up an impressive list of species here over the years. Our targets for the morning include a great mix of waterfowl and sparrows, with possibilities like LeConte's Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Longspurs, and Short-eared Owl. We'll be walking through grassy areas, so waterproof boots or muck boots are strongly recommended. Because parking at the pond is extremely limited, we'll meet at 7:30 AM at the Lincoln Park Shopping Center near the McDonald's in Fayetteville (Address: 1410 Huntsville Hwy, Fayetteville, TN 37334;

estate sales and going on hikes.

March 19 - "Birding Argentina" – presented by Graham Gerdeman

Northwest Argentina is a place of beautiful landscapes, Andean culture, and fine wines. Although not a high-profile global birding destination, it contains several endemic species as well as numerous regional specialties, including three of the world's flamingo species. NTOS member Graham Gerdeman will share photos and stories from a recently completed three- week tour of the region done with a dozen other Tennessee birders. They also went east and explored the world famous Iguazu Falls and Argentina's Iberá wetlands, ultimately compiling a list of more than 480 bird species. Graham is a Nashville-based birding enthusiast and a professional photographer focusing on wildlife and conservation stories. He is the editor of Seasons Reports for TOS's "The Migrant"; the current Secretary of the TN Bird Records Committee, and a local eBird reviewer who has probably sent you emails about bird observations.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Attend a Bird Festival: Festivals are a great way to enjoy birds and meet like-minded people—[check out our full listings](#).

How the Pandemic Lockdowns Changed a Songbird's Beak
<https://archive.ph/2025.12.15-223937/>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/15/science/covid-ecology-anthropause-birds.html>

Coordinates: 35.13046, -86.56586) and carpool the short 20-minute drive to the site. If you have a vehicle that can comfortably transport other participants, please bring it; carpooling is essential for this trip. For questions, contact Shelley Smith at wkusmith@gmail.com and include "NTOS Field Trip" in the subject line. Bundle up and join us for what promises to be a fantastic winter outing!

February 28th at 3:30 pm - Cornelia Fort Airpark- Davidson County

For our second field trip of the month, we're staying close to home and heading to one of Nashville's popular birding spots: Cornelia Fort Airpark in Shelby Bottoms Park. Trip leader Ariel Dunham, an expert on the birds of Shelby Park, will guide us on this outing on Saturday, February 28th. This trip offers a unique twist: we'll begin in the afternoon, exploring the ponds for waterfowl and sparrows as we make our way toward sunset. As dusk settles, we'll keep our eyes on the open fields, hoping to catch a Short-eared Owl sweeping across the airpark. We'll meet at 3:30 PM at the Airpark parking area (Address: 2640 Airpark Dr Nashville, TN 37206; coordinates: 36.19080, -86.70387). Dress warmly and wear sturdy footwear as we'll be navigating pasture areas around the ponds. For questions, contact Shelley Smith at wkusmith@gmail.com and include "NTOS Field Trip" in the subject line. Plan to join us for an afternoon of late-winter birdwatching!

March 21st at 7 am-Lytle/Ravenwood Park - Davidson County

Come explore Lytle Park, one of the newest gems in Nashville's expanding park system! Our fall field trips to this park have consistently drawn great interest, and this year we're switching things up with a visit in a different season. March brings a unique blend of lingering winter species and the earliest signs of spring migration. From sparrows and raptors to waterfowl on the ponds, this under-birded landscape promises exciting discoveries even in the final weeks of winter. For this field trip, we'll be guided by Grant Winter, a local birder who frequents Lytle/Ravenwood Park and knows its habitats well. March 21st offers a wonderful blend of lingering winter species and the first hints of early spring migration. We'll meet at 7:00 AM at the parking lot and playground at Ravenwood Park in Hermitage (Park Coordinates: 36.190870, -86.646290). Trails are largely unimproved, so sturdy footwear is recommended, and early mornings can be chilly so please dress warmly. For questions, contact Shelley Smith at wkusmith@gmail.com and include "NTOS Field Trip" in the subject line. Join us as we explore the beauty of Lytle/Ravenwood Park in late winter!

SPRING Wednesday Morning

Radnor Lake walk

LEADERS needed...April 22nd, 29th, May 6th, & 13th

To volunteer contact Cyndi Routledge –

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Got a Winter Hummingbird?



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**THE GREAT BACKYARD
BIRD COUNT**
February 13-16, 2026

NTOS donated 5 pairs of binoculars to the Bird Alliance Program at Middle College. Now they're ever more involved with bird science!!

The bird detectives: APSU Middle College students turn curiosity into impact

By: [Colby Wilson](#) December 11, 2025

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — When [Austin Peay State University Middle College](#) student Devlin Wescott first connected with [Dr. Stefan Woltmann](#) through the Partners Engaged with Emerging Researchers (PEER) program, he had no idea that he would soon help lead a campus-wide conservation effort to potentially save hundreds of birds' lives. What started as an individual research project has come to include the Bird Alliance, a group of Middle College students who spend their mornings walking campus, documenting bird strikes, and contributing to Woltmann's decade-long research initiative that has already proven successful in preventing bird deaths.

"I was just looking for a professor I could work with," Wescott said. "I want to be a wildlife biologist in the future; I was big on wildlife, but not specifically birds. And now it's snowballed into bringing in more people to the group and allowed me to meet a lot of new people and opened up a lot of different opportunities for me." The students monitor 11 buildings, mostly on the east side of campus, at least three times per week, documenting both bird strikes and—importantly—dates when no strikes occur.

Their systematic approach is building on Woltmann's long-term research at the [Sundquist Science Complex \(SSC\)](#), which provided the foundation for the students' success. A few years ago, Woltmann read a study estimating that more than 600 million birds die yearly from window strikes in the United States. After identifying problematic windows in the SSC through years of careful monitoring, the university applied vinyl treatments in March 2023 that have reduced bird deaths from dozens annually to a total of two since their installation. Woltmann said the vinyl is identical to that used on city buses, which allows people in the building to see outside while making the glass visible to birds.

The project expanded under the guidance of Brandy Schnettler, the PEER faculty advisor and teacher at APSU's Middle College, who formed the APSU Bird Alliance to capture students' growing interest in conservation work. The group includes high school students with diverse career aspirations—from architecture and veterinary medicine to wildlife biology—united by a common interest in making a difference.

"We just ended up pulling more and more people into the group as time went on," Schnettler said. "People would just see us out and ask what we were doing and wanted to be part of it. And so it just wound up evolving as the semester went on."

The growing effort resonated with students like senior Skie Griest, who was eager to explore the environmental side of architectural design.

"I have plans to go into the architecture field, so I thought it was important to know how certain setups affect the environment," said Griest, who discovered through the project that she wants to continue this work at her future university. "And I just like birds."

Bee Dennis also followed her interest in birds when joining the group and found unexpected fulfillment in the research process. She said the work has allowed her to make an impact that extends beyond resume-building.

Woltmann stressed that meaningful research requires patience and persistence—lessons that are particularly valuable in a time when people are increasingly accustomed to instant results. His 10 years of data from a single building provided the foundation needed to identify problems and test solutions.

"The only way that I can say where the problems are is that I'm stubborn enough to keep looking and keep doing this over time," he said. "Anyone interested in moving forward in research really needs to get that experience—you're not always going to answer your questions in a semester or a year or maybe 10 years."

The project has already inspired solutions beyond data collection. The Art + Design Building now features artwork on a large conference room window that serves both aesthetic and practical purposes, completely eliminating bird strikes at that location since installation.

"To me, that was just an obvious win-win," Woltmann said. "If we could expand to have more art like that on campus, I'd love to do it."

For the students, the research experience provides hands-on learning opportunities typically reserved for graduate students at larger universities.

"I realized that there's a lot of value placed in the research here," said junior Preston Thurman. "They have professors that actually want to build and create a better future for others."

The Bird Alliance students are learning that even "negative" data—when they find no bird strikes—represents valuable scientific information.

"These zeros, they sometimes mention, 'oh, we're not finding anything,'" Woltmann said. "One, you're not finding dead birds. That makes me happy. And two, those zeros are meaningful zeros for a data set like this."

The students plan to either continue this research at Austin Peay or take their experience with them to their future universities, potentially expanding bird-safe initiatives to campuses across the country. As time goes on, students will come and go from Middle College and the PEER Program, and Schnettler sees the Bird Alliance as a blueprint for recruiting them to get involved with projects outside the classroom.

"There's always a set of [Middle College students] who are just *beyond* curious about the natural world," she said. "They want to do more than what they're doing in their classes, and you can pick up on that pretty quickly. Our Middle College kids are really great, and every year we end up with these gems—students who want to go further, find answers, and help the community around them. They just have that drive."

About the Austin Peay College of STEM

The College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) provides studies for students in the areas of agriculture, astronomy, aviation sciences, biology, chemistry, computer science, earth and environmental sciences, engineering physics, engineering technology, information technology, mathematics, medical laboratory sciences, radiologic sciences and physics. Our outstanding, discipline-based programs are student-centered and designed to prepare students for responsible positions at all levels of research, industry, education, medicine and government.

Red-cockaded Woodpecker to return to Tennessee for first time since 1994

News Channel 9 ABC

Nashville, Tennessee — Tennessee is preparing to welcome back a small but striking bird that has been absent from the state for more than 30 years. The Red-cockaded Woodpecker, once native to upland pine and oak-pine forests, is set for reintroduction as part of a long-term habitat restoration effort.

The woodpecker vanished from Tennessee in 1994 due to fire suppression, logging of old-growth pines, and fragmentation of its natural habitat. The last known RCW in the state was spotted in the Cherokee National Forest.

The reintroduction project began with efforts to protect the white fringeless orchid in the Savage Gulf State Natural Area. Biologists quickly realized the large tracts of restored land could support the woodpeckers. About 1,200 acres have been prepared through habitat restoration, and plans include acquiring RCWs from other states for release, with the goal of reintroduction by 2028.

The project also reflects Tennessee's commitment to balancing conservation and community enjoyment. TDEC Commissioner David Salyers said the effort shows that Tennesseans care about protecting what is authentically theirs.

NTOS Fall Count

Date: 4Oct2025

A lesser black backed gull and a peregrine falcon, both at Old Hickory were overlooked. Please add those to your totals.

Species	Beaman Park	Bells Bend	Cheatham Co.	Harpeth East	Harpeth West	Old Hickory Lake	Owl's Hill	Percy Priest	Radnor Lake	Shelby Park	Warner Parks	WS Davis Marsh	Total
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	1	2	2	1		3			2			12
Great Horned Owl				1	1	1				1			4
Barred Owl			2					1	1	2			6
Swifts, Hummingbirds													
Chimney Swift	13	25	5	2	43		15	50	39	8			200
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			3					2		3			8
Kingfishers													
Belted Kingfisher	2	5	4	2	3		5	1	2	2			26
Woodpeckers													
Red-headed Woodpecker			2										2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	16	6	13	17	6	8	7	17	5	33			128
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					1			1	1	1			4
Downy Woodpecker	3	3	9	8	6	6	8	14	3	40			100
Hairy Woodpecker	2		2	2			1	2		1			10
Northern Flicker	17	1	4	3	7	3	7	3	6	14			65
Pileated Woodpecker	2	4	3	3	1	1	1	6		7			28
Falcons													
American Kestrel	2		6	3	1		1		1	2			16
Peregrine Falcon					1								1
Flycatchers													
Eastern Wood-Pewee	2		5	3	4		2	4	2	7			29
Acadian Flycatcher										1			1
Eastern Phoebe	3	2	3	7	1	1	2	5	5	8			37
Vireos													
White-eyed Vireo	5		2	5	4			3	3	7			29
Yellow-throated Vireo			1							1			2
Blue-headed Vireo							1	3					4
Philadelphia Vireo							1	2	1	3			7
Red-eyed Vireo			1			1			2				4
Jays, Crows													
Blue Jay	82	8	20	30	31	12	54	9	16	86	1		349
American Crow	18	15	12	7	13	10	19	1	12	15	2		124
Fish Crow		1							3				4
Larks, Swallows													
N. Rough-winged Swallow					11								11
Tree Swallow							2						2
Cickadees, Titmice													
Carolina Chickadee	15	5	12	17	10	10	12	7	6	73			167
Tufted Titmouse	8	8	16	14	4	14	15	21	4	95			199
Nuthatches, Creepers													
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1		1					1			3

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White-breasted Nuthatch	8	6	7	6		5	2	9	1	40			84
Wrens													
House Wren								2	1	2			5
Sedge Wren	1												1
Marsh Wren									2				2
Carolina Wren	29	10	11	12	14	8	8	16	8	72	1		189
Kinglets, Gnatcatchers													
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					1								1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						3			4				7
Thrushes													
Eastern Bluebird	8	12	25	10	22	7	13	7	53	59			216
Gray-cheeked Thrush				2	1	1		3	1	1	3		12
Swainson's Thrush	1		2	3			3	4		5			18
Wood Thrush		1	7	4			1			2			15
American Robin	9	4	11	9	55	5	3	10	14	31			151
Mockingbirds, Thrashers													
Gray Catbird	26	1	2	2	3	4	1	2	4		1		46
Northern Mockingbird	36	8	11	13	27	4	5	2	8	26			140
Brown Thrasher	11	1	2	4	11	1			3				33
Starlings, Pipits, Waxwings													
European Starling	75	55	18	8	242		15		118	51			582
Cedar Waxwing					4		5	30		20			59
Warblers													
Ovenbird										1			1
Black-and-white Warbler				2						4			6
Tennessee Warbler	2		10	5			2	7	1	27			54
Orange-crowned Warbler					1					1			2
Nashville Warbler				1	1			3		1			6
Common Yellowthroat	13	2	2	1	3			2	5	4	1		33
American Redstart	1	1	5	2	3	1	3	3	4	11			34
Cape May Warbler							1						1
Northern Parula	1		3	1			3	1		1			10
Magnolia Warbler	3		11	4	7	3	6	9	5	27			75
Bay-breasted Warbler				8		5		3	1		5		22
Blackburnian Warbler											1		1
Yellow Warbler											1		1
Chestnut-sided Warbler			5					5	1	2			13
Palm Warbler	1	5							2				8
Pine Warbler	1				2								3
Yellow-rumped Warbler					1	3		1		2			7
Black-throated Green Warbler				2	2	3		5	1	2	8		23

Species	Beaman Park	Bells Bend	Cheatham Co.	Harpeth East	Harpeth West	Old Hickory Lake	Owl's Hill	Percy Priest	Radnor Lake	Shelby Park	Warner Parks	WS Davis Marsh	Total
Wilson's Warbler	1								1				2
Sparrows													
Eastern Towhee	8	1	4	6	4	6	1	2	3	15			50
Chipping Sparrow		20					6	1		4			31
Field Sparrow	15		2	2	9	5	5		1	33			72
Song Sparrow			1					2	3	1			7
Lincoln's Sparrow			1						1	1			3
Swamp Sparrow									4				4
White-throated Sparrow		4											4
Tanagers, Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Buntings													
Summer Tanager			6	4	1		2	1	1	15			30
Scarlet Tanager				1						1			2
Northern Cardinal	79	12	24	23	22	14	13	6	17	103	1		314
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			3	6				6	1	19			35
Blue Grosbeak					1				2				3
Indigo Bunting	8	5	1	2	8		2	5	7	56	2		96
Blackbirds													
Red-winged Blackbird	1		8		13		4		1	22	3		52
Eastern Meadowlark	5	1	5						2	12			25
Common Grackle	6		1	6	8	10	3		3	205			242
Brown-headed Cowbird			6		10			3		110			129
Finches													
House Finch	13	1	3	16	16	8	4	2	3	72			138
American Goldfinch			5	7			2	2	9	86			111
House Sparrow		7			3		6		2				18
Total Species	52	43	68	56	68	28	67	60	68	78	12		114
Total Number of Birds	633	353	440	348	921	154	436	343	575	1681	19		5903

NTOS Fall Count

Date: 4Oct2025

Bells Bend	
Date -->	Oct. 4
Start & End Time -->	5:56AM - 3:05PM
Temp & Weather -->	59-81 degrees; thick fog untill 7:45AM; otherwise, clear and sunny
Car Miles & Hours -->	8 mi, 1 hr
Foot Miles & Hours -->	8 mi, 8 hours
Owling Miles & Hours -->	0
Observers -->	Krista Allen,Lise Brown, Barbara Harris, LinnAnn Welch,

Cheatham Co.	
Date -->	October 4, 2025
Start & End Time -->	6:30AM - 11:25AM 6:00PM - 8:40PM
Temp & Weather -->	Clear Skies 60 Degrees Fahrenheit - 85 Degrees Fahrenheit
Car Miles & Hours -->	48.5 Miles 4 Hours and 55 Minutes
Foot Miles & Hours -->	.5 miles .5 Hours
Owling Miles & Hours -->	34.5 Miles 2 Hours and 40 Minutes
Observers -->	Robert English and Andrea (Pandy) Upchurch

Harpeth East	
Date -->	October 4, 2025
Start & End Time -->	6:30 am- 4:30pm
Temp & Weather -->	57 degrees to 80 degrees. AM fog, then partly cloudy
Car Miles & Hours -->	9 car miles, 10 minutes
Foot Miles & Hours -->	4.5 foot miles
Owling Miles & Hours -->	0 miles, 10 minutes
Observers -->	Steve Goodbred, Jim Arnett, Rita Veneble, Kathy Malone, Trae and Susan Bradfield

Harpeth West	
Date -->	October 4, 2025
Start & End Time -->	6:00 AM - 1 PM
Temp & Weather -->	62 -79F, clear skies, no wind
Car Miles & Hours -->	42 mi. 2 hours
Foot Miles & Hours -->	2.5 mi. 4 hours
Owling Miles & Hours -->	.25 mi. 30 min.
Observers -->	Richard Connors, Marie Connors, Roy McGraw, Sheila Shay, Sarah Scott

Old Hickory Lake	
Date -->	10/4/25
Start & End Time -->	5:30am to 1:00pm
Temp & Weather -->	57 to 82
Car Miles & Hours -->	27 miles, 1.5 hours
Foot Miles & Hours -->	3.5 miles, 5.5 hours
Owling Miles & Hours -->	30 minutes, .5 mile
Observers -->	Mike Smith, Randy Harrod, Melissa James

Owl's Hill	
Date -->	October 4, 2025
Start & End Time -->	7 - 11 am
Temp & Weather -->	start: 60 and overcast, end 75 sunny
Car Miles & Hours -->	n/a
Foot Miles & Hours -->	2
Owling Miles & Hours -->	0
Observers -->	Frank Berryman, Shirley Breece, Sam D'Anna, Deborah Linius, Max Mays, Tera Rica Murdock, Chris Ryland, Nila Sathe, Anne Snyder, Marcus Snyder, Cyndi Tolsma, Paul Yoder

Percy Priest	
Date -->	October 4th, 2025
Start & End Time -->	5:15am-11:30am
Temp & Weather -->	Clear skies - Started at around 61 degrees. Ended around 79 degrees.
Car Miles & Hours -->	30.9 miles
Foot Miles & Hours -->	1.5 miles
Owling Miles & Hours -->	1 hour - .25 miles
Observers -->	Avery Fish, Isaac Brown, Shelly Smith, Brad Dowd, Grant Winter

Radnor Lake	
Date -->	October 4, 2025
Start & End Time -->	6:30 am to 12:23 pm
Temp & Weather -->	57 at start, 81 at end
Car Miles & Hours -->	0
Foot Miles & Hours -->	10 miles, 7 hours
Owling Miles & Hours -->	0
Observers -->	Pam & Steve Lasley, Paige O'Neal, Linda Holt, Tommy Edwards, John Froeschauer

NTOS Fall Count

Date: 4Oct2025

Shelby Park	
Date -->	10/4/25
Start & End Time -->	6:45 am - 11:30 am; 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Temp & Weather -->	Approx. 62 degrees at start. High of 82. Mostly sunny all day.
Car Miles & Hours -->	0
Foot Miles & Hours -->	4.45 miles, 6 hours, 38 minutes
Owling Miles & Hours -->	0
Observers -->	Robert Dickinson, Jennifer Dickinson, Paul Richard Cook, Matthew Palmieri, Eric Hilt

Warner Parks	
Date -->	10/04/2025
Start & End Time -->	6:50AM-21:05PM
Temp & Weather -->	60's-mid 80's, clear skies
Car Miles & Hours -->	0
Foot Miles & Hours -->	10.68 miles, 16 hours, 39 minutes (999 minutes)
Owling Miles & Hours -->	3.62 miles, 1 hour 41 minutes (101 minutes) - all Graham Gerdeman
Observers -->	10 total: Baily Crable, Brianna Saylor, Allison Palmer Jenna Atma, Rachel Anderson, Benjamin Pardo, Kim Bailey, Graham Gerdeman, Caroline Rexter, Amy Pardo

Walter S Davis Marsh	
Date -->	10/4/25
Start & End Time -->	11:22-11:57
Temp & Weather -->	sunny and still. Mid 70sF and climbing
Car Miles & Hours -->	0
Foot Miles & Hours -->	.14 miles ; 25 minutes
Owling Miles & Hours -->	0
Observers -->	Graham Gerdeman

Happy New Year!

Dues for 2026 for the Nashville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society are now due.

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Total _____

Dues include local and state dues and entitle one to all state and chapter publications and events. The Nashville newsletter "The Newshawk", the state newsletter "The Tennessee Warbler", and now our scientific journal, "The Migrant" are all published electronically. You will receive an e-mail when they are published on the state and Nashville websites.

Let's go birding in 2026!

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