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Three Decades of Great Plains Wanderings

by Ted Lee Eubanks

For the past 30 years, interpretive planner and birder **Ted Lee Eubanks** has worked from one edge of Nebraska to the other. Ted and his firm, Fermata, wrote the Platte River Recreation Study and developed an interpretive strategy and signage for the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway. He has also spoken at tourism and economic development conferences throughout Nebraska.



Ted Lee Eubanks

During these same three decades, Ted worked throughout the Great Plains from North Dakota to central Texas. His work has given him a unique perspective of the nature and wildlife of the Great Plains, especially birds. As part of his presentation, Ted will focus on the birds and wildlife of the Great Plains, especially Nebraska, and share some of his most memorable experiences during his career.

Currently residing in Austin, Texas, Eubanks received a BA in journalism from the University of Houston and since 1984, has been involved in the founding and development of several businesses. He is a writer, a photographer, an interpreter, a planner, and a noted public speaker.

Eubanks founded Fermata in 1992. Since that time, he has been engaged in studying and promoting heritage tourism and outdoor recreation as sustainable approaches to community revitalization. He specializes in using the interpretive arts to connect people to places, the masses to messages, and markets to merchandise.

According to his website, Eubanks is responsible for the following innovations in the fields of interpretation and citizen science:

He conceptualized and implemented the first birding trail in the world, the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. This prototype has now been replicated in hundreds of communities, regions, states, and nations.

Eubanks devised the word “avitourism” in a 1993 paper on High Island to describe tourism related to birding. The word is now in usage around the world.

While serving on the board of directors of the National Audubon Society, Ted devised a method for using the Internet as a way to gather citizen science data about birds. That initial prototype became Audubon’s BirdSource which eventually morphed into Audubon and Cornell’s eBird.

Join Wachiska Audubon for our next Zoom program on **Thursday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m.** This free, public presentation is available to those who register at this link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArd-yvrjMoE9IGSUO7R6n_zSld64Jt5Ku3

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with the meeting number and password. Save that email; a few minutes before the program is to begin, click on that confirmation email, and you’ll be invited into the meeting. Encourage friends and colleagues to join us.

Calendar

July

- 11 Conservation Committee via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 General Meeting via Zoom, “Three Decades of Great Plains Wanderings,” by Ted Eubanks (**NOTE required registration**)
- 15 Newsletter deadline in Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 19 Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

August 6 - “Tour the Wild Side,” 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Executive Director's Message

by Mark Brohman

The Fourth of July holiday is upon us. I hope everyone can take some time off and enjoy family, friends, and maybe some watermelon or lemonade. I can't believe I have been the Director for over six months already. It has been an honor to serve and be part of this great organization.



Mark Brohman

Our Backyard Tour is coming up on August 6 (see article on pages 4 and 5). We have a variety of sites this year and believe by showcasing native plants, we can encourage the public to plant responsibly. Native plants can be just as colorful and showy, while at the same time provide valuable habitat for our native insects, birds, and other wildlife.

Wachiska will be participating in Give Nebraska for the first time in many years, so be sure and read about that in the next article. Several members had mentioned they would like to donate through their workplace, and this opportunity affords them that option. We are grateful for Give to Lincoln Day, and adding Give Nebraska just expands our access to donors.

Tim Knott and I were able to continue our work with Arnold Elementary School. In June we took a summer class of third graders to the nearby creek and prairie and pointed out animal tracks, trees, and other plants. We talked about the prairie and the riparian corridor along the creek. We made use of the backpacks from our recent Watchable Wildlife grant sponsored by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. A favorite moment of the day was when a youngster spotted a raccoon track and exclaimed, "I found an eagle track." Because of the large claws on the track, he just knew it had to be an eagle. I was able to point out the full track and that it indeed was a raccoon track. I think he was a bit disappointed, but still excited.

I want to again thank everyone who contributed through memberships, Birdathon, Give to Lincoln Day, and special donations and gifts. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission. As the saying goes, "In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught." Wachiska will continue to educate the public about Nebraska's wetlands, prairies, forests, and wildlife.

Congratulations to long-time Wachiska member Dr. Charles "Chuck" Francis on his recent retirement from UNL. Chuck was an agronomy professor for 45 years and a leader in sustainable ag practices. He is also a past president of Wachiska.

"Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps a singing bird will come."
— Lois Lowry

Wachiska Joins Give Nebraska

by Mark Brohman

Wachiska will be participating in Give Nebraska starting July 1. It has been several years since Wachiska participated in this campaign (then called Community Services Fund). Three new groups were added this year, including Wachiska, Autism Society of Nebraska, and History Nebraska Foundation. Give Nebraska has 75 member agencies and organizations receiving funds. They provide fundraising, public relations, educational, marketing, and networking to members. They run workplace giving campaigns in businesses and nonprofits of all sizes.

Currently there are 117 worksites participating, including City of Lincoln, Kawasaki, Lancaster County, Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln Public Schools, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, State of Nebraska, Union College, University of Nebraska, and many more. The campaign is statewide and will be an excellent opportunity to gain new donors who believe in our causes.

In 2020, Give Nebraska raised \$512,000 for member agencies with over \$529,000 given in 2021. Check with your employers and see if they are a worksite member.

Recovering America's Wildlife Act

by Mark Brohman

On June 14, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the most important piece of wildlife and conservation legislation in half a century. The Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) will help prevent over 12,000 species like monarch butterflies, manatees, and green sea turtles from going extinct or becoming endangered. RAWA will have huge impacts by

- investing \$1.4 billion in annual funding to recover at-risk wildlife species
- focusing efforts on 12,000 wildlife and plant species identified as in need of conservation assistance
- spending at least 15 percent of the resources on recovering threatened and endangered species
- devoting \$97.5 million each year to Tribal Nations' proactive wildlife conservation efforts on tens of millions of acres of land

This landmark bill is closer than ever to becoming law. Hopefully, the Senate will pass RAWA as *The Babbling Brook* goes to press, but if not, Wachiska members need to contact Nebraska's two U. S. senators and urge their support (contact information on page 7).

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has noted that RAWA could bring \$17M annually into the state. Restorations of wetlands, grasslands, and woodlands would occur, and funds would support education, recreation, and research.

Climate Change Update

by Marilyn McNabb

It's been a frustrating time for those of us who want meaningful climate action from Congress. Even Katherine Hayhoe, the most gentle and optimistic of climate scientists, gave an interview that sounded a tone of exasperation: "People do not understand the magnitude of what is going on, she said. . . This will be unprecedented. Every living thing will be affected. . . if we continue with business-as-usual greenhouse gas emissions, there is no adaptation that is possible. . . Our infrastructure, worth trillions of dollars, built over decades, was built for a planet that no longer exists. . . Human civilization is based on the assumption of a stable climate, but we are moving far beyond the stable range." (*The Guardian*, 6/1/2022)

One person or one family or one church—what can we do? If you own a home, one thing is to switch anything powered by natural gas/methane, to electricity, which has the potential for more and more clean energy as we figure out improving the grid and backing up generation with better batteries. Reducing methane emissions has a good, comparatively near term effect on climate which we need for a path to the 1.5 C goal. There's an excellent book explaining this strategy: *Electrify, An Optimist's Playbook for Our Clean Energy Future* by engineer Saul Griffith. You can find a checklist for homeowners for electrifying everything in your house at this website: rewiringamerica.org.

Ken Haar was an advocate for the environment in the Nebraska Unicameral (2009 - 2016) and Lincoln City Council (1989 - 1997). The following is his report on a proposal coming to the Lincoln City Council in August.

Are you a PCCCCE?

by Ken Haar

A new acronym—PCCCCE—Person who Cares about Climate Change and Clean Energy. Are you a PCCCCE? If so, here is an action you can take right now. If you live in Lincoln or have neighbors, look out your window and know this—eventually, and the sooner the better, every house and every business that you see must stop burning fossil fuels. About 50 percent of our Green House Gas (GHG) emissions in the U.S. ultimately comes from burning fossil fuels in our homes and businesses—GHG from generating the electricity we use and the GHG from burning fossil fuels on site. Every house and every business must ultimately switch from fossil fuels to electricity. Every single one! Our public power utilities are transitioning away from fossil fuels. What can you or I do?

(1) Think air-source heat pumps. Heat pumps move heat, which is much more efficient than creating heat from burning fossil fuels or electric resistance. HVAC systems with heat pumps and heat-pump water heaters are here now and work well in our climate (I have both). Heat pumps cut the use of GHG, are more energy efficient, and to be fully transparent, are more expensive up front. PCCCCEs should be using heat pumps to cut GHG emissions but not necessarily right now. The time to go with heat

pumps is when your old HVAC system fails or when you build a new house.

Councilman Bennie Shobe is introducing an item into Lincoln's FY 2022-2024 City Budget to create the Heat Pump Pilot Project which will jump-start the large-scale transition to heat pumps. The Project will include education and financial incentives so when your HVAC system fails or when you build a new house, you can transition to heat pumps. The Heat Pump Pilot Project will work hand-in-hand with Lincoln Electric System's Sustainable Energy Program and will involve stakeholders such as PCCCCEs like yourself, contractors, homebuilders, and landlords. So step away from the window, and . . .

(2) Contact City Council members to express your support for the Heat Pump Pilot Project. The City budget process is well underway with the Council's public hearing on the budget set for Monday, August 1, at 3:00 p.m. Good, better, best—emails to each member (<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/City-Council/Council-Members>) letters, person-to-person contact.

Upcoming Prairie Conservation Events

Platte River Prairies Field Day

On Saturday, July 9, The Nature Conservancy will host a public field day at its Platte River prairies with events running from 7:00 a.m. to about 2:15 p.m. This family-friendly event is open to people of all ages. A variety of educational hikes will take place throughout the day, led by scientists and conservation professionals from several organizations. You can attend the whole event or pop in and out for the topics you're most interested in.

Conserving Fragmented Prairies Workshop at Marquette and Wood River, Nebraska

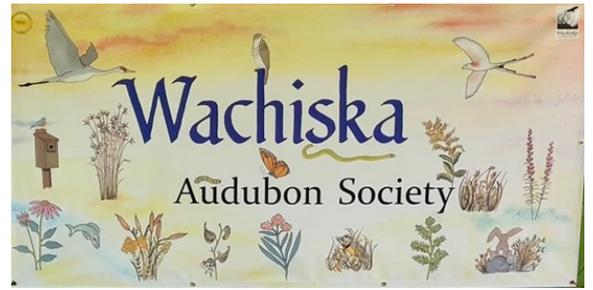
Hosted by Prairie Plains Resource Institute and The Nature Conservancy's Platte River Prairies, this field-based workshop will focus on topics related to restoration and management of fragmented prairies. Taking place July 25-26, at Marquette and Wood River, Nebraska, we will visit sites that illustrate both successes and challenges as a way to foster conversation and sharing of experiences between participants. Topics will include prairie restoration/reconstruction, fire and grazing management, woody plant and other invasive species management, and more.

There is no cost for this workshop, but participation is limited, so register early to ensure you get a spot. Masks may be required for indoor sessions. In case of severe weather, we may need to cancel all or part of the event.

Check out this website for more information on both events and to register: prairieecologist.com/2022/06/02/join-us-for-two-events-in-july/.

2nd Tour the Wild Side Using Native Plants in Your Landscape

Saturday, August 6, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



When the heat of August begins to beat you down, perk up by visiting this wide variety of landscapes where native plants are hosting butterflies, insects, and birds while living side by side with lawns, vegetables, trees, and concrete!

There is no set order to check out the landscapes, other than your own curiosity! Activities confirmed to date include the availability of native plant seedlings and Raptor Conservation Alliance visits with some live raptors!

The Tour will occur rain or shine (bring your own umbrella). There is no charge, though donation jars will be present at most sites. You can also make an online donation to Wachiska from the website homepage (upper right). Check "other" in the option box, then enter "Wild Side Tour" in the comment box. Checks are always lovingly received at the office!

Peg & Larry Fletcher's Prairie (25 acres) 1900 South 105th Street

Wachiska is a partner in this mature re-created prairie located near Walton. The prairie was seeded with a highly diverse mix of prairie plants from species throughout Southeast Nebraska over a 20-year period. It has a variety of wildflowers blooming throughout the year. Highlights include spiderwort, white false indigo, rattlesnake master, butterfly milkweed, rough gayfeather, and compass plant. There are several species of birds year-round and the prairie abounds with insects.



On-site parking is available for those with mobility issues (go south from A Street on 105th Street). Others may park at the trailhead near 98th and A streets. That intersection is closed for construction, so you will need to take 98th Street north of Van Dorn to get to the parking areas. You may also park in Walton (trail parking is near the grain elevator) and walk the trail to the site.

Masks are required at this Tour stop and will be available at the check-in table.

Tim & Carol Hinkle – 1305 Plumridge Road (near Holdrege & 148th streets)

This eight-acre prairie was already planted with a variety of native grasses and diverse prairie plants when the owners purchased it in 1998. Since then, they have added plants and extended the grassy areas, including Indian grass, big and little bluestem, and side oats. Wild plum thicket surrounds two areas of the property, and mowed paths wind throughout the areas that provide habitat for a variety of wildlife. If a birdwatcher, come with your binoculars! If you have an interest in renewable energy, you'll get a chance to see and learn about solar panels.



Native trees include burr oak and hackberry. Native plants include swamp milkweed, rudbeckia, penstemon, wild bergamot, purple coneflower, and golden alexanders. The property is a certified wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

Prairie Pines – 3100 North 112th Street

Although not an official stop on this year's tour, if you have time, stop by and experience Prairie Pines Nature Preserve, a protected area of natural interest and habitat for diverse species. It is sustained for conservation, nature experience and understanding. Created by nature and endowed by the life's work and pleasure of Walt and Virginia Bagley, it exists on 145 acres of woodland, grassland, wetland, and remnant prairie. Presented by the joint efforts of UNL's Institute of Natural Resources, the Nebraska Forest Service, and the nonprofit Prairie Pines Partners, it forever shall be "a refuge for all living things."

The Prairie Pines Nature Preserve grass trails and the Nature Ninja course for children are open to the public every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Things will get busy in the afternoon as August 6th is the fourth annual Run Four the Pines! which begins at 6:00 p.m. For more information, go to <https://prairiepines.org/index.html>.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church 8320 South Street

In 2016, the church at 84th and South streets began a major transformation of its 1.9 acres of green space. The vision for Aldersgate Gardens is to benefit the environment and serve the community by providing habitat for wildlife, immersion in nature, and nature-based play for children. The site was on earlier Wachiska garden tours; since then, a nature-based playground has been added, including a seven-foot-tall hill slide, a second rain garden with a permanent pool of water, a 2,000-square-foot mini-prairie, and another 7,000 square feet of lawn have been eliminated. There are paths leading to the playground from the side streets with a large poster featuring a variety of birds that frequent the area.

To date, the church has planted 115 trees, 659 shrubs, 870 perennials, 393 grass plants, and 4,708 grass plugs. This includes many different varieties of plants, many of which are native to this area.

Plant markers provide the common and scientific names of many plants. An online catalog (<http://www.aldersgatelinc.org/plant-catalog>) provides additional details of what is growing at this site. Aldersgate Gardens is an affiliate Landscape Steward Site of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, a member of the Children & Nature Network, and a certified Pollinator Habitat.

Dave & Linda Titterington 6324 Starling Circle

After living in the East Campus area for 35 years, the residents downsized to a home in south Lincoln that had a very large yard, a new blank canvas to create wildlife habitat. After fencing in the entire yard for two dogs, a hardscape feature was added to include a fire pit and a stone walk around the bird feeding area. Soil from the hardscape project was used to build a 75-foot-long berm which includes high bush cranberry, black choke cherries, arrow wood viburnum, and a snowball viburnum. Many pollinator plants have filled in the berm. There is a fenced-in area planted to two raised beds for herbs and two for vegetables. Inside the garden are nanny berry bushes and two June berry shrubs, in addition to other plants.

At this time, a lawn is still maintained, but it is completely organic. Corn gluten is used as a pre-emergent and fertilizer—totally harmless to children and pets. Weeds are controlled with organic non-chemical herbicides. The backdrop of the backyard is Colonial Hills Park, which is enjoyed by families and wildlife. Two purple martin houses house eight nesting pairs. Tour attendees will be able to share the joy of watching the martins.



Wachiska/Walt Branch Library Native Plant Garden – 6701 South 14th Street

This 900-square-foot native plant garden is in its second year. Planted in April 2021, with the help of dedicated volunteers and funded by a PIE grant, the landscape is everything the group hoped for and more. Echinacea, sage, rattlesnake master, hyssop, monarda, prunella, service berry, button bush, whorled milkweed, native grasses, and many other plants have made themselves at home and are ready to show off! Insects and birds abound with benches strategically placed for bird watching (two feeders enhance the native plants, providing food).



Arapahoe Community Garden 14th & Arapahoe streets



Arapahoe Community Garden was started in 2013, a joint effort of Southview Baptist Church and the Indian Village Neighborhood Association and is managed by garden coordinators Tim and Joanna Menter. Over the years, the area has been

transformed into more than just vegetable gardens. In 2017, Diane Walkowiak, a volunteer helping with the gardens, proposed creating a pollinator garden to bring more beneficial insects and visual beauty into the garden area. The initial plants came from her yard with donations from neighbors. Assisted by her husband, Bill Wehrbein, and other volunteers, her work now includes several spots featuring a variety of native plants, including yarrow, common milkweed, wild onion, indigo, larkspur, coneflower, sunflowers, penstemon, black-eyed Susan, and goldenrod. There are also mulberry trees, raspberries, and blackberries, as well as a variety of non-native plants. The plantings have not only increased the number of pollinators for the adjacent vegetable gardens, but also provide a restful space for gardeners and the public to take a break and enjoy the beauty and wonder of nature. Diane will be on hand to provide tours of the area and answer questions. This stop also provides several places to sit, so take time to make it a relaxing visit! While resting, look north across Arapahoe Street and you'll see what long-time Wachiska member, Elizabeth Nelson, is doing to make commercial property more "wild."

Shorebirds Using Florida Rooftops for Nesting

by Mark Brohman

Because of competition with humans for beach space, some of Florida's shorebirds have turned to nesting on gravel roofs. Killdeer, least terns, gull-billed terns, black skimmers, and American oystercatchers are some of the shorebirds nesting on gravel rooftops. Least terns have been known to exhibit this behavior since the 1950s. Hazards of this practice would include chicks falling from the rooftops and getting little protection from predators and the sun. National Audubon chapter volunteers have developed chickabooms, long extension poles with a small box attached on one end, so chicks can be lifted back onto the roof without humans having to access the roof. These volunteers have put short fences along the roof edges to protect the chicks from falling. Modified pallets, A-frame shelters, and other structures are placed on rooftops to help protect young chicks.



Least Terns on Rooftop

Rooftop and air conditioner repairs can disturb the birds or crush eggs during the nesting season. Since these birds are state and federally protected, Audubon is working with the owners to limit roof access to protect the birds during nesting season. Learn more about this Florida Audubon project at fl.audubon.org.

Summer Programs at Spring Creek Prairie

Birding is for Everybody: Accessible Bird Outings

Mondays, July 18 and August 15 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy the birds and chat with Cassandra Dean, BIRDABILITY Captain, about Birdability and accessible birding improvements. Binoculars will be available to borrow. Read about Birdability at <https://www.birdability.org/>. Free admission.

Third Tuesday Bird Outing

Tuesday, July 19, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

We ask for online registration, so we know who and how many are coming and can email any updated COVID or weather cancellation information. Binoculars will be available.

More information on these and other programs can be found on our website at <https://springcreek.audubon.org/events>. Questions to 402-797-2301; scp@audubon.org.

Check out this site for a full-fledged belly laugh!

View this National Audubon website for a few laughs:
<https://www.audubon.org/magazine/may-june-2016/strike-pose-12-pics-birds-being-birds?>

Black Swallowtail

by Richard Peterson



Male Eastern Black Swallowtail

The black swallowtail, *Papilio polyxenes*, is in the butterfly family Papilionidae. It's also referred to as the

eastern black swallowtail or the parsnip swallowtail. The species name is from a figure in Greek mythology, Polyxena, who was the youngest daughter of King Priam of Troy. The species is found from southern Canada down into South America. In the U.S. it's more common east of the Rocky Mountains.

The upper wing patterns of the males and females are different which means the species is sexually dimorphic. The upper surface is black with two rows of yellow spots. These spots are large and bright in males, smaller and lighter in females. Females have a prominent blue area between rows, while the males have a much less prominent blue area. Although the difference seems minor, when you see them in the field you may think they are two different species. The underside of the wings, however, are essentially identical. Male adult wingspan is 7-10 cm across with females only slightly larger.

Females lay single, pale yellow eggs on the tender new growth of the host plant. Larval hosts include any of the variety of aromatic flowering plants in the family Apiaceae, also known as the Umbelliferae. This includes carrot, parsley, celery, caraway, coriander, fennel, and dill as well as water hemlock (*Cicuta*), poison hemlock (*Conium*), Queen Ann's Lace (*Daucus carota*), and others. Egg stage lasts 4-9 days, the larval stage 10-30 days, and the pupal stage 18 days. Ambient temperature and the host plant species account for the range of days. The head area of the larva has an orange "forked gland" called an osmeterium. When the larva is disturbed, this gland is pushed out to emit a foul smell to discourage predators. Any gardener who has disturbed or picked up a larvae is well acquainted with the odor. The pupal stage is spent in a brownish-green chrysalis. It does not hang upside-down like the monarch chrysalis, but instead is secured by a silk pad at its posterior end to a stick or other firm site. The chrysalis looks like it is leaning back and is held at an angle by a loop of silk around the thorax. There it will spend the winter unless there is time for another brood.

Males emerge before females in the spring. They then secure and defend territories, on high ground, where they locate females for courtship and mating. These hilltop leks give early season males a better opportunity to control the territories that females prefer. Although given an early advantage, these males are not able to mate as often later in the spring when greater numbers of females are present. Males can mate twice a day, but females mate multiple times. Copulation can take as long as 45 minutes. In the U.S., there are usually two broods and perhaps a third further south. The black swallowtail is common in fields, along roadsides, meadows, gardens, and other open spaces and is the state butterfly of Oklahoma and New Jersey.

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