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General Meeting—Thursday, January 8, 7:00 p.m., Dick Administration Building, Union College, Lincoln

Native Plants and a New Garden Ethic

by Benjamin Vogt, Owner of Monarch Gardens

Kids growing up today will see 35 percent fewer butterflies and moths than their parents did 40 years ago; that number is 27 percent for birds, mammals, frogs, and fish. As climate change impacts species—shifting bloom time out of sync with emerging spring pollinating insects and moving climate zones north several feet each day—how we manage and plant our landscapes will reveal our core values in the years to come.

Aldo Leopold proposed that we need a new land ethic, and perhaps that ethic is one we also need to apply to our gardens. How can native plants help us and other species adapt to climate change? What are the psychological barriers that prevent us from accepting the challenge of climate change and sustainable garden design? How can our private and public landscapes be a place of defiant compassion for other species and future generations while benefitting our cities? In what ways can prairie gardens empower and teach us about our home ground? In this presentation, expect a philosophical discussion filled with surprising information and stunning images.



Benjamin Vogt

Benjamin Vogt owns Monarch Gardens, a prairie garden consulting and design firm in Lincoln. He speaks nationally on prairie, climate change, native plant and wildlife gardening, and writes a weekly Great Plains garden column for Houzz.com. Ben is a contributor to the book *Lawn Gone: Low Maintenance, Sustainable, Attractive Alternatives for Your Yard* as well as the anthology *The Tallgrass Prairie Reader* (ed. John Price).

Benjamin has a Ph.D. from UNL where he teaches English. He currently serves on the Board of the Wachiska Audubon Society.

Join Wachiska on **Thursday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m.** for this free public presentation in the Union College Dick Auditorium, 3800 South 48th Street, in Lincoln. From 48th and Calvert streets, go one block south to the north end of campus. Free parking is available on both sides of 48th Street and in the College View SDA Church parking lots. There is additional parking north of the new science building. Look for Audubon signs on the Dick Building's doors where there is also a ramp at the east entrance and an elevator inside. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Calendar

January

- 5 Education Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 General Meeting, "Native Plants and a New Garden Ethic," by Benjamin Vogt, Union College, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Field Trip to Moorehead Park near Ida Grove, IA, 9:30 a.m. (page 2)
- 13 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 15 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's, 11th & G, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Spring Birdseed Sale orders due (see pages 3-4)

Upcoming Highlights

- February 7-8 – Birdseed Sale pick up (see times on pages 3-4)
- February 7 – Bird ENCOUNTER, Walt Library, (page 5)
- February 12 – "Chasing Icebergs," by Dr. Ken Dewey

Birdseed Sale Time Again

It might not seem very long since the Fall Birdseed Sale, but the birds will probably disagree! Use the [order form on pages 3-4 inside](#) if you need to replenish your seed anytime soon. Orders with payment are due in the office January 20; distribution pick up will be February 7 and 8. Location and pick up times are listed on the order forms. Check the Wachiska website for the order form as well. Thank you for your continued support.



Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

See a Saw-whet with Don Poggensee



Northern Saw-whet Owl

There are two things that make Moorehead Park in northwest Iowa special. The first is the northern saw-whet owls that spend their winters in the park's conifers, and the other is Don Poggensee who faithfully locates their favorite roosts and documents their annual visits.

Don recently shared this update on his observations this season: "Looking back on my records of recording the northern saw-whet owls here in Moorehead Park just west of Ida Grove, this marks the 25th year of having this type of boreal owl with us, since I found my first one in the fall of 1989. Ours usually show up toward the end of October or early November each year and tend to leave about mid-March as spring starts and the temperature begins to warm up. Last year was a poor reproduction year that resulted in only one saw-whet that I found which stayed with us throughout the winter months. It moved around the park it seemed every few days which gave me a tough time locating it from day to day when other birders would call asking if I would help them find it for their life list or to photograph this species. I named that owl Gypsy as it roamed the pine trees in the park and used many different roosting trees during the daylight hours. The first roosting tree that I found in last year is the same tree that our first owl turned up in this year. There was only one day difference between the two arrival dates. Could it be the same owl? I have never seen one bend down and look me over as this one did this year. Since finding the first one October 29, I have found two more in the park. It will be a good year for showing this seven-inch owl to birders wanting to see this species."

Meet for our trip at **9:30 a.m.** on **Sunday, January 11**, on the south side of the State Capitol in Lincoln, at 15th & H streets across from the governor's mansion. Participants can either carpool or caravan the 150 miles to Ida Grove. Bring binoculars and scope if you have them and also any snacks, sack lunches, or beverages you may want. Dress for winter weather and plan to spend some time outside. We'll stop by the Owego Wetlands on our way home to check for wintering short-eared owls and plan to be back in Lincoln by early evening. There is no fee and the public is welcome. Call John at 402-475-7275 with questions.

(Editor's Note: Saw-whet owls are rusty brown below, chocolate-colored above with white spots, and with large yellow eyes. They nest in tree cavities, with the males advertising their territories beginning in late winter. The most common call is a high, whistled toot; others are a catlike mew, whines, and bill snaps.)



From the Board ...

by Elizabeth Nelson, President



Elizabeth Nelson

2014 was an excellent year for Wachiska. Our education and outreach efforts touched hundreds of adults and children through events like Prairie Discovery Days, our annual Bird EnCOUNTER, the Backyard Habitat Tour, and many field trips. Our popular monthly meetings covered a variety of topics from energy and climate issues, to forest and grassland ecology and the impacts on wildlife, and just plain fun topics about birds, butterflies, and weather forecasting.

Wachiska's legislative efforts, coordinated with Audubon Nebraska, contributed to the creation of dedicated water sustainability funding, the addition of wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation seats on the Natural Resources Commission, and the continued protection of conservation easements as a landowner right. Our Audubon partnership with Ducks Unlimited has proven to be of great benefit to conservation. 2015's priorities will include a continued focus on water, the protection of conservation easements, and the preservation of the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

Wachiska's conservation committee accomplished a great deal as well completing a variety of improvement projects on our Klapka Prairie, conducting on-site reviews of all the easements we monitor, and drafting a strategic plan to guide our prairie preservation efforts for the next decade and beyond. The finalization of the purchase of the Gewacke Prairie in late December topped off an accomplishment-filled year. In 2015, several prairie burns are planned as well as additional improvements on the Klapka Prairie. As always, we are keeping our eyes open for native prairie parcels we can help preserve.

The chapter also expanded our financial administration, gaining the services of a new volunteer bookkeeper and volunteer CPA, positions which have not previously existed. These individuals are making our treasurer's job easier and helping assure that Wachiska correctly handles our growing financial responsibilities. Our efforts require substantial investments in terms of volunteer hours and significant financial commitments. All our programs, our prairie preservation efforts, and fundraising activities are conducted by volunteers. Arlys Reitan is our only paid staff person (working part time) to keep our office running smoothly and many programs on track. The exceptional dedication of our member volunteers is the heart and soul of Wachiska's success. Our 2014 fundraising efforts were successful; the Backyard Habitat Tour, two birdseed sales, and our annual Birdathon fundraiser brought in sufficient funds to cover our education, outreach, and lobbying expenses. A special fundraiser for the Gewacke Prairie purchase project saw over 90 people make donations enabling this purchase to become a reality. Many thanks to all those who planned and organized these fundraisers, as well as the hundreds of individuals who contributed.



Wachiska Audubon Spring 2015 Birdseed Sale Order Form

	Bag Size	Bag Code	Price Each	Quantity	Total Cost
ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX					
FEED MIXES	Regal Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	RE35	\$ 48.00	\$
	Standard Audubon Mix	40 lb bag	ST40	\$ 28.00	\$
	Classic Audubon Mix	20 lb bag	CL20	\$ 19.00	\$
		40 lb bag	CL40	\$ 33.00	\$
	Attraction Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	AT35	\$ 34.00	\$
	Woodpecker Gourmet	20 lb bag	WO20	\$ 30.00	\$
	Bushy Tail Treat	20 lb bag	BT20	\$ 28.00	\$
SEEDS	Millet, White	50 lb bag	MI50	\$ 18.00	\$
	Nyjer Thistle - NEW smaller bag	8 lb bag	NY8	\$ 11.00	\$
	Peanuts, shelled rejects	20 lb bag	PR20	\$ 30.00	\$
		50 lb bag	PR50	\$ 65.00	\$
	Peanuts, in the shell	50 lb bag	PS50	\$ 70.00	\$
	Safflower Seed	20 lb bag	SA20	\$ 18.00	\$
		50 lb bag	SA50	\$ 38.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, coarse	20 lb bag	HC20	\$ 27.00	\$
		50 lb bag	HC50	\$ 60.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, fine	20 lb bag	HF20	\$ 27.00	\$
		50 lb bag	HF50	\$ 60.00	\$
	Sunflower Seed, black oil	25 lb bag	SB25	\$ 15.00	\$
50 lb bag		SB50	\$ 28.00	\$	
SUET CAKES	High Energy Treat, 11.75 oz. cake		EN-C	\$ 2.00	\$
	NEW - Berry Treat, 11 oz. cake		BT-C	\$ 2.00	\$
Total number of bags and cost (All prices INCLUDE sales tax)					\$
Wachiska T-shirts (Circle the size you want. For more than one, note sizes on back of form. Price includes tax.) S M L XL XXL \$ 18.00					\$
Tax Deductible Donation to support Wachiska's education & conservation activities					\$
Total Enclosed. Make check payable to Wachiska Audubon Society.					\$

Name _____ Email address _____ Phone Number _____

This form and your check must be postmarked by Tuesday, January 20, 2015.
 Mail to: Wachiska Audubon Society Birdseed Sale - 4547 Calvert St, Suite 10, Lincoln NE 68506-5643
 You can also order online and pay at www.WachiskaAudubon.org

Soaring Hawk Wachiska T-shirts

Proudly proclaim your support of the Wachiska Audubon Society when you wear this striking t-shirt. A soaring hawk and the Wachiska logo intertwine to form the bold graphic. The unisex V-neck chocolate brown shirt is 100% cotton with bright green and white imprint. Sizes S - XXL only \$16.82 each (\$18 with sales tax).

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FEED MIXES

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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

ORDER PICK UP DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Pick up site is
Midwest Roofing,
1938 Yolande Avenue
(south of 20th and
Cornhusker Highway),
Lincoln.

Saturday, February 7
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday, February 8
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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

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 Mitch at photodude18@gmail.com to make alternate pick up arrangements.

Wachiska Audubon Spring 2015 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*** and your purchase will support our conservation and education efforts throughout the coming year. We count on your support.

Complete the order form on the reverse side and mail with your check.

Or place your order online at www.WachiskaAudubon.org

Orders due Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

SEEDS

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

Nyjer Thistle (NEW smaller 8lb. bag) – all-time favorite of finches, chickadees, juncos

Peanuts (shelled) – attractive for woodpeckers and blue jays

Peanuts in the shell – watch your bushy tail friends crack the shells to get their favorite treat

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

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 or order online at www.WachiskaAudubon.org

Climate Change Update

by Marilyn McNabb

What do we do now that we know the results of National Audubon's comprehensive research project on the predictable effects of global warming on our birds? The study says that if we continue with "business as usual," then 314 species—nearly half of all North American birds—are **severely threatened**, meaning they will lose more than 50 percent of their current climatic range by 2080. Interactive maps on the National Audubon website show how these at-risk birds' potential ranges could expand, contract, or shift in both summer and winter as our climate changes.

Audubon's Climate Initiative's answer to the "what to do?" question is that you can enlist in a new citizen science project to monitor how birds are responding to a changing climate. We can create a bird friendly yard, get involved with an Important Bird Area (an IBA like Spring Creek), tell local leaders how important it is to protect birds, and/or enact policies to lower greenhouse gas emissions and increase clean energy.

So that brings us to expansion of wind farms in our windy state and the question of their toll on birds. I wish there were a way to protect every single bird while we make a transition from coal, gas, and oil to renewable fuels and still keep the standard of living we've become accustomed to, including nearly universal air conditioning in summer. Maybe clever humans will soon invent something to do all that, but meanwhile, the change away from business as usual is urgent, and wind is an important component.

Two recent studies reach similar conclusions about wind turbines' effects on birds relative to other hazards. One was done by *U.S. News and World Report* and released last August and the other on September 15. The second was done by five authors funded by the American Wind Wildlife Institute (awwi.org), a nonprofit with Audubon as a founding partner along with Sierra Club, Environment Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, The Nature Conservancy, wildlife management agencies, and the wind industry.

As Audubon California's renewable energy director pointed out, there is no standardized methodology for assessing the impact of wind turbines on birds, and estimates vary widely. Because of the wide range of estimates of bird deaths, the *U.S. News* study gave low and high estimates of birds killed each year except for nuclear and coal:

Solar	low	1,000	high	28,000
Wind	low	140,000	high	328,000
Oil and gas	low	500,000	high	1,000,000
Nuclear		33,000		
Coal		7,900,000		

U.S. News noted that the almost eight million birds per year that the coal industry kills is small compared to an estimated 1.4 to 3.7 billion birds/year killed by cats.

The American Wind Wildlife Institute's peer reviewed study is titled, "A Comprehensive Analogy of Small-passerine Fatalities from Collision with Wind Turbines at Wind Energy Facilities," and was published in PLOS ONE. It's on the web at <http://dx.plos.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0107491>. The lead author said, "Using conservative assumptions, we estimate that, on an annual basis, less than 0.1 percent (and typically less than 0.01 percent) of songbird and other small passerine species populations in North America perish from collisions with turbines." AWWI said the study estimates that all bird fatalities from wind turbines range from 214,000 to 368,000 annually—"a small fraction compared with the estimated 6.8 million fatalities from collisions with cell and radio towers," and, of course, deaths by cats. The comparative figures may seem cold-hearted, especially given the likely growth of the wind industry, unless one sees this as a choice between losing birds and losing whole species of birds, as the Audubon study predicts if we keep burning coal. AWWI is also directing studies on minimizing wind energy's impact on wildlife and best practices on siting and operation of turbines.

Next month we will look at how wind turbines are sited in Nebraska and what consideration is given to birds.

Fun, Free, Family Event at Lincoln City Libraries

Lincoln City Libraries, The Wild Bird Habitat Stores, Wachiska Audubon, and Nebraska Games and Parks have joined together to offer a fun and educational family event, Lincoln's **Bird EnCOUNTER**, on **Saturday, February 7**, from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at Walt Branch Library, 6701 South 14th Street.

We invite people of all ages to come watch, explore, and learn about our feathered friends. Make a pine cone feeder or a burlap bag and fill it with nesting materials. Learn to use binoculars for bird watching or listen to and identify bird songs. There will be crafts, games, live raptors, and several new activities this year.

This event is free and open to the public. It is planned to coincide with the Great Backyard Bird Count sponsored annually by National Audubon and Cornell Labs. For more information, contact Vicki Wood with Lincoln City Libraries at 402-441-8565 or Jessica Umberger, Wachiska Audubon, at 402-580-3057 or jessi.umberger@gmail.com.

Looking for a Volunteer Graphic Designer

We have several brochures we wish to create in 2015 and would appreciate the services of a volunteer graphic designer to help with layout and printing management. If you have experience with InDesign or other similar design programs and would like to help out, please contact Elizabeth at enelson555@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Junior Audubon Leaflets

by Richard Peterson

When I retired, I decided to pursue some of the activities I enjoyed growing up. Bird watching was one of them. When I was young, my parents introduced me to the National Audubon Society. We lived in Des Moines, Iowa, until I began junior high in 1954 and our family moved to the suburbs. Clive was then on the west edge of town which made possible year around hikes in the nearby woods and streams. My world got increasingly more interesting.

I recently found some mementos of those early years. They were Junior Audubon leaflets, part of the Audubon effort to get young people interested in nature. I paid \$.05 each (\$.10 each if you bought fewer than six) and sent off for the following:

- No. 10 - The Sparrow Hawk. ©1941 R. Bruce Horsfall 1913
- No. 11 - The Screech Owl. 3M-3-52 R. Bruce Horsfall
- No. 14 (Senior) - The Barn Owl. R. Bruce Horsfall
- No. 82 - Bald Eagle. ©1941 5M-8-54 Louis Agassiz Fuertes
- No. 136 - Red-tailed Hawk. 1945 Allan Brooks
- No. 138 - The Burrowing Owl. ©1937 5m-6-48 Allan Brooks 1928

The 5½" x 8½" leaflets are four pages of description written by Roger Tory Peterson, plus a separate insert of a color print of each bird, and a crayon outline version for coloring.

Artist Robert Bruce Horsfall (b 1869 – d 1948) was born in Clinton, Iowa. He was a wildlife artist who illustrated a number of books including *Birds of the Pacific Coast* (1923) and *Birds of North Carolina* (1942).

Louis Agassiz Fuertes (b 1874 – d 1927) was born in Ithaca, New York. He was one of the most prolific bird illustrators and artists after John James Audubon. Some of the books he illustrated include *Bird Craft* (1897), *The Woodpeckers* (1901), and *Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America* (1904). He died in a car accident after returning from an expedition to Abyssinia.

Allan Cyril Brooks (b 1869 – d 1946) was born in India. He spent his career as an ornithologist and bird artist in Canada. He was a contemporary of Fuertes. Brooks' style was more impressionist with more emphasis on the habitat than on details of plumage. After Fuertes' death, Brooks was commissioned to complete the plates for *Birds of Massachusetts* (1932). During World War II, he contributed his paintings to the Red Cross.

Roger Tory Peterson (b 1908 – d 1996) was hired by the National Association of Audubon Societies in 1934 as art director of *Bird-Lore*, the Societies' magazine. He revised and expanded what became the Junior Audubon leaflets. More than 60 of Peterson's revised leaflets were published. Many of the original leaflets had been published since 1903 and first sold for \$.02 each.

I've decided to research all the leaflets issued since 1903 including the author of the text and the artist who painted the original. Call me at 402-489-2996 if you have information to share.

Audubon's Nebraska Crane Festival Set for Mid-March

by Deb Hauswald, Audubon Nebraska

Audubon Nebraska is pleased to announce its 45th annual celebration of the sandhill crane migration, Audubon's Nebraska Crane Festival (formerly known as the Rivers and Wildlife Celebration). The Festival will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center in Kearney, March 19-22, and will feature a variety of birding excursions including guided half-day and full-day trips to local birding hotspots, sunrise and sunset trips to crane-viewing blinds along the Platte River at Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary, and an overnight outing to see prairie grouse.

Main speakers will include naturalist and author Scott Wiedensaul who was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his book, *Living on the Wind: Across*

the Hemisphere with Migratory Birds, and Joseph Ryan, vice president for climate change and strategic initiatives for the National Audubon Society. Other speakers will present on a variety of nature-related topics. A workshop on crane behavior will be offered, and the popular family-oriented Wild Experience Room will return with hands-on activities for kids.

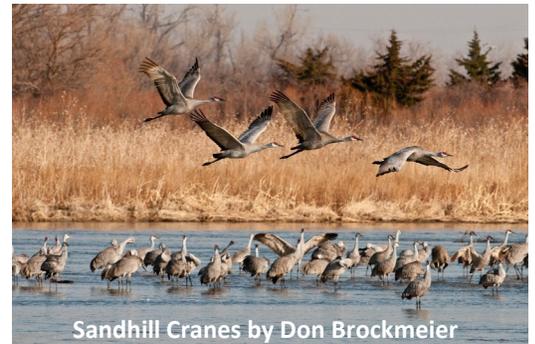
For registration and general festival information, visit nebraskacranefestival.org or call 402-797-2301. General crane viewing information can be found at rowe.audubon.org or by calling the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary, 308-468-5282.

Nebraska is home to one of the most amazing and spectacular wildlife migration phenomena in the world—the sandhill crane migration. Over 80 percent of the world's population of lesser sandhill cranes (approximately 500,000 - 600,000) use the Platte River and adjacent fields to rest and refuel before continuing north to their nesting grounds in the northern U.S., Canada, and Siberia.

Audubon Nebraska Annual Report

by Marian Langan, Executive Director Audubon Nebraska

As the end of 2014 draws near, we reflect on the year's activities. Visit nebraska.audubon.org and follow the link to see our annual report, including the efforts of the Wachiska Audubon Society and our other Nebraska chapters. Thank you to each of you for your part in these conservation successes. The result is that more kids are loving our rivers and prairies, more habitat is protected for birds and other wildlife, and we have more of a chance that the beautiful habitats and birds we care about so much will survive into the future.



Sandhill Cranes by Don Brockmeier

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Check next month for updated contact information for newly-elected officials above or visit the Internet for the latest information.

Membership

Wachiska offers two choices of membership. Local membership, called Friends of Wachiska, includes receiving *The Babbling Brook*, our chapter's monthly newsletter. It also includes voting privileges and attendance at monthly meetings, programs, and field trips. All membership dues from a local membership stay with Wachiska to support chapter activities such as prairie preservation and education.

Membership in the National Audubon Society also includes membership in our local chapter, Wachiska. You will receive *Audubon* magazine from National Audubon along with *The Babbling Brook*.

Friends of Wachiska (local membership)

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Address _____

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Wachiska Audubon Society
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Lincoln NE 68506-5643

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Address _____

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Phone _____ Recruited by _____

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Wachiska Audubon Society
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You can help Wachiska save paper and reduce the cost of printing and mailing *The Babbling Brook*. Beginning in early 2015, each month's newsletter will be posted online by the first day of each month. Electronic subscribers will receive an email the first of each month with a link to the online newsletter.

If you would like to switch from paper to online delivery, please send an email to newsletter@wachiskaudubon.org and put "Electronic Newsletter" in the subject line. We'll get you converted over in the next month or two. Thanks for helping us save trees and postage!



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**Birdseed Sale
Order Form Inside**

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