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The Babbling Brook

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General Meeting and Program — Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m., Unitarian Church, 6300 A St, Lincoln

Shifting Ranges: 588 Habitats in a Changing Climate

by Lucas Sabalka

In 2015, the National Audubon Society released a groundbreaking report called “Birds and Climate Change.” This report detailed what we can expect for North American bird species in the coming decades. It focuses on the impacts of climate change on 588 avian species using decades of observations from Audubon members and our best understanding of what each species needs to survive.



Dr. Lucas Sabalka

In the most likely climate scenarios, the majority of the bird species studied—314—will see at least 50 percent of their current summer or winter range no longer suitable for them. Some species, like the purple finch, may see an increase in their expected habitable ranges because new habitats will become suitable as existing ones are no longer viable for them. Others, like the burrowing owl, are expected to mostly lose territory.

Some impacts of climate change are unavoidable, but we can still protect many of the species we love. One of the most important ways to protect birds from the effects of climate happens to be one of the most important ways to protect birds in general: creating and protecting habitats. These strongholds should take into account both current and future bird populations.

For our March 14 program, we'll hear about the “Birds and Climate Change” report from **Lucas Sabalka**. Lucas has a Ph.D. in mathematics and works as a computer vision specialist. He serves on the administrative board for Lincoln Electric System, though the views expressed here are his own. Sabalka is an expert on global warming and energy production. He volunteers his time speaking on global warming with focuses on impacts in Nebraska, solutions, and depoliticizing the topic because he believes climate change is the most important challenge of our time.

Lucas believes that another important step to protect birds is to put a price on carbon. After all, polluting shouldn't be free.

Dr. Sabalka will speak to Wachiska on **Thursday, March 14**, at **7:00 p.m.** at Lincoln's Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street. Free parking is available in the church lot with overflow parking in the Pius High School lot across the street to the west. There is easy access to the church with no steps and plenty of space for mingling while enjoying refreshments after the meeting. Bring friends to this free public presentation.



Birdseed Distribution

Friday, March 15, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 16, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
northwest corner of 14th and Arapahoe streets
Please don't forget!

Calendar

March

- 6** Spring Birdseed Sale order deadline (pages 3-4)
- 11** Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 14** General Meeting, Climate Change by Lucas Sabalka, Unitarian Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 15** Newsletter submission deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 15-16** Birdseed pick up, 14th & Arapahoe (see times at right)
- 16** Sandhill crane field trip, 2:00 p.m. (page 2)
- 19** Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 27** Prairie Conservation Review Committee, Gere Library, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- 28** Legislation Committee, DaVinci's, 11th & G sts., 6:00 p.m.



Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

Sandhill Cranes May Be Ancient But They Never Get Old

Wachiskans tend to be quite knowledgeable when it comes to sandhill cranes but, with the exception of Paul Johnsgard, many may not realize that fossils from that species have been found dating back millions of years. Sandhill cranes are thought to have used the Central Flyway since glacial conditions receded 10,000 to 12,000 years ago, about the same time that the last woolly mammoths disappeared.

Crane lovers are invited to join an informal pilgrimage to the Alda area to watch cranes from our cars in the afternoon while the birds loaf and dance in the fields, followed by a riverside viewing at sundown of the spectacular masses as they pour onto the roost site they've gathered on for millennia. We'll meet on **Saturday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m.** on the south side of the Capitol in Lincoln, 15th and H streets, across from the governor's mansion. Participants can either caravan or carpool for the 100-mile trip to our destination. Bring binoculars and scope, if you have them, and be prepared for falling temperatures at sundown. No fee or entry permit is required, and the public is welcome. If you have questions, call John at 402-475-7275.

Close Encounter of the Bird Kind

by Shari Schwartz and John Carlini

Long-time birders know all too well how it feels to whiff on quests for their avian targets and can fully appreciate those rare occasions when the stars align and the desired bird cooperates.



Photo by John Carlini

Short-eared Owl

January's field trip to North Lake Basin Wildlife Management Area by Utica was one of those occasions. The wintry afternoon started off slow with a meager offering of hawks perched either too far for scoping or in impossible backlighting. But despite the scarcity of birds and bone-chilling temperature, everyone was in good

spirits as we cruised onward admiring the ice-glazed landscape. On our second pass of the marsh later in the afternoon, the bird that topped our wish list was more likely to appear—short-eared owl. A few have been reported at that location in recent winters. We stopped at a pullout and were almost immediately greeted by a short-eared owl that glided by and landed on a nearby post for all to view to their hearts' content. We noticed the owl seemed undisturbed by passing vehicles and found that when we crept slowly past with our caravan, it allowed us to take in our fill of its beauty in a close encounter of a lifetime.

Migratory Bird Initiative Q&A



Blackburnian Warbler

Audubon's newest conservation science project, the Migratory Bird Initiative, will gather in one place all of the migratory bird science information generated in the Western Hemisphere.

National Audubon and its partner organizations will map the places that different bird species need to thrive and weave a unified approach to bird conservation across country, state, and chapter lines. With that knowledge we can make historic, well-informed decisions about where to invest our efforts, especially internationally, to protect birds.

If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to Great Egret Society Manager Lindsay McNamara at greategretsociety@audubon.org or 212-979-3105. To register for the call, RSVP online at audubon.org/gesdonors/events.

Education Committee Volunteers Needed One Time Only

by Tim Knott, Education Committee Chair

The education committee will need additional volunteers this year because of a busy spring. We are scheduled to have a booth at UNL's Weatherfest on April 6. Help is needed for an event at Elliott School when the Raptor Center visits with live birds for third, fourth, and fifth graders in mid-April. We also will be participating in some Family Nature Nights similar to the one scheduled for Cavett School on April 4.



In most of these cases we only need volunteers for an hour or two to man a booth, pass out information, and answer questions about Wachiska or to head kids in the right direction to the next display. You don't need to be an expert or become a member of the education committee—just be on call when we need help. It's fun, too. Call me at 402-483-5656 or leave a message with your name and phone number at the office. Thanks for your consideration.

Inclement Weather Policy Remains in Effect

We shouldn't have to be concerned about program cancellations due to inclement weather, but then we haven't had a winter like this one for sometime. If LPS cancels classes, Wachiska will not meet that day or evening. Let's hope this is a moot point for the remainder of this year!



Wachiska Audubon Spring 2019 Birdseed Sale Order Form

		Bag Size	Bag Code	Price Each	Quantity	Total Cost
ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX						
FEED MIXES	Standard Audubon Mix	40 lb bag	ST40	\$ 30.00		\$
	Classic Audubon Mix	20 lb bag	CL20	\$ 20.00		\$
		40 lb bag	CL40	\$ 34.00		\$
	Attraction Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	AT35	\$ 45.00		\$
	Woodpecker Gourmet	20 lb bag	WO20	\$ 40.00		\$
	Bushy Tail Treat	20 lb bag	BT20	\$ 34.00		\$
SEEDS	Millet, White (98%)	50 lb bag	MI50	\$ 21.00		\$
	Peanuts, shelled rejects	20 lb bag	PR20	\$ 36.00		\$
	Safflower Seed	20 lb bag	SA20	\$ 23.00		\$
		50 lb bag	SA50	\$ 52.00		\$
	Sunflower Hearts, coarse	20 lb bag	HC20	\$ 34.00		\$
		50 lb bag	HC50	\$ 75.00		\$
	Sunflower Hearts, fine	20 lb bag	HF20	\$ 34.00		\$
	Sunflower Seed, black oil	25 lb bag	SB25	\$ 19.00		\$
SUET CAKES	High Energy Treat, 11.75 oz. cake		EN-C	\$ 2.50		\$
	Berry Treat, 11 oz. cake		BT-C	\$ 2.50		\$
Total number of bags and cost (All prices INCLUDE sales tax)						\$
Tax Deductible Donation to support Wachiska's education & conservation activities						\$
Total Enclosed. Make check payable to Wachiska Audubon Society						\$

Name (Print)

Email address

Phone Number (required)

Mailing Address

This form and your check must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 6, 2019
 Mail to: Wachiska Audubon Society Birdseed Sale - 4547 Calvert St, Suite 10,
 Lincoln NE 68506-5643

ORDER PICK UP DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

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

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16

3:00 -6:00 p.m.

9:00 -11:00 a.m.

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

Are you interested in volunteering for the birdseed pick up Yes (check box)

Wachiska Audubon Spring 2019 Birdseed Sale & Fundraiser

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

FEED MIXES

Standard Audubon Mix – white millet, sunflower seed, cracked corn, peanuts, oat groats

Classic Audubon Mix – sunflower seed and hearts, white millet, cracked corn, safflower seed, peanuts, oat groats

Attraction Audubon Mix – sunflower seed and hearts, safflower seed, peanuts, raisins, protein pellets

Woodpecker Gourmet – 75% nuts (almonds, peanuts, walnuts), pumpkin seed, corn, black oil sunflower seed and hearts, safflower seed

Bushy Tail Treat – peanuts, sunflower seed, whole corn, raisins, pumpkin seed, feed pellets. Treat your favorite backyard squirrels and keep them away from the bird feeders!

SUET CAKES

High Energy Treat – sunflower seeds, millet, cracked corn; enjoyed by most wild birds

NEW! Berry Treat – a wonderful winter treat

SEEDS

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

Peanuts (shelled) – attractive for woodpeckers and blue jays

Safflower Seed – good for house finches, chickadees, cardinals, 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:

www.WachiskaAudubon.org.

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(between Van Dorn &
Hwy 2) in Lincoln.

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

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

Voices from the Sandhills – Bull Bash Saturday

by James Ducey



It was another Saturday, but one with special significance. One reason was a temperature not as frigid as the previous overnight low of -17. The sky was a cerulean blue without a single cloud. There was still a chill from a southerly wind.

Juncos were busily feeding on the birdseed outside the front door upon the start of my jaunt into the Heart City. Walking along the drive, both red-breasted and white-breasted nuthatches were heard. The house sparrows were busy in their bit of shrubbery at a corner of the Mill Pond. They always chatter but once a pedestrian gets close, they are very quiet.

On Main Street, the bulls were stolid in pens on what is normally a highway. It was the 18th annual Bull Bash. Some of the finest herd sires were being shown. The Sandhills have the best cattle, and there were Herefords, Angus, and others of a similar ilk. There was ag equipment parked for showing. A tent with a well-working heater was a haven.

My first stop was a regular one, providing a warm place to sit while enjoying some good conversation. There was talk about unwelcome industrial wind turbines and how to continue to work to preserve features so special to the county and region. It is always grand to visit with cattlemen and cattle women who are truly essential to a grassland that is unique on Earth. It is quite unexpected to hear ranchers talk about the American burying beetle, endangered whooping crane, and an appreciation for dark sky spaces.

After a stop at the grocery store, my walking route once again went along Main Street where the bash activities were actively underway. People were gathered and talking. A young girl was selling Girl Scout cookies. There was a fine quilt display in a main street furniture store. Art was on display in a bank lobby. Miss Rodeo Nebraska and her cohorts were present as the livestock industry was being celebrated.

Another fine visit was to the local bookstore. Author Bryan Jones was autographing his rendition of history associated with the Sandhills north of the Platte River and south of the Niobrara River. It was the first time he'd been in Valentine on a bull-bash day. One more copy of his book was bought and it had an autograph because the copy I donated to the library and a couple others given as gifts did not have a scrawl signature.

The one-day respite from previous days of bitter winteriness was being appreciated outside during an obvious gathering of a community of Sandhillers. Skeins of Canada geese were flying to the southeast just before the noon hour, likely heading to the Niobrara River from their feeding grounds.

Bull Bash events continued into the dark hours but were well beyond my time in the city. It was another day, but special for so many reasons on February 9.

You Are Invited to Participate in the Prairie Conservation Review Committee

by Elizabeth Nelson

An article in the February newsletter described the establishment of the Prairie Conservation Review Committee which is tasked with developing a long-range plan for administration and management of the prairies Wachiska owns and the conservation easements that Wachiska holds. This committee is expected to work for no more than one year and to present specific recommendations, budgets, and/or options to the Board.

The first meeting of this committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Gere Library's Room #1, at 56th and Normal streets. We invite any interested members to become involved in the brainstorming, research, and planning that this committee will undertake.

During this first meeting the committee expects to:

- Review the challenges Wachiska faces managing our prairies and easements, specifically our aging volunteers and the acute need for non-volunteer management
- Develop plans for clearly understanding the true time and money costs we are currently investing in managing our prairies and easements
- Brainstorm alternative ways to manage our prairies and easements
- Identify other Audubon chapters with similar land-management obligations and assign research into what other chapters are doing
- Identify other area organizations or landowners that are protecting prairies and assign research into possible partnerships
- Consider the value and limits of how Wachiska can use the funds already raised for this purpose. At the end of 2015, Wachiska established the Prairie Management Funds and has raised \$300,000 thus far.

The committee will work under the guidance of the conservation committee and be led by Wachiska President Stu Luttich with assistance from Elizabeth Nelson and joined by conservation committee members Ross Scott, Arnold Mendenhall, Tim Knott, and Don Pepperl as well as donor advocates Marilyn McNabb and Linda Brown.

Please join us on March 27 to help determine how Wachiska will responsibly meet our long-term mission to preserve, restore, and protect native grasslands. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to help, please send your name and contact information to Elizabeth Nelson at enelson555@gmail.com.



Nebraska Climate Summit

The Nebraska state climate office and Nebraska Extension are bringing the Fourth National Climate Assessment to Nebraskans.

This will be a one-day session on climate and climate change in Nebraska, on Thursday, March 21, at Innovation Campus in Lincoln. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m., there will be a free lunch break at noon. Follow the link below for more information and an online registration form:

<https://www.nebraskansforsolar.org/event/nebraska-climate-summit-a-one-day-session-on-climate-climate-change/>.

Topics for the summit include:

- Highlights of climate projections and impacts from the NCA4 (includes a panel discussion)
- The future of climate and expected affects for Nebraskans
- Weather and climate monitoring
- Climate scenario planning by Nebraska Extension
- Climate and agriculture
- Climate and health
- Climate and municipalities

Across the state, Nebraskans already have noted an increase in high-rain events as well as warmer temperatures. Agricultural producers have seen longer growing seasons and warmer summers, requiring increased water resources as well as wetter springs, preventing efficient planting schedules. Both urban and rural dwellers have seen more extreme rain events, resulting in increased runoff and soil erosion.

These changes are expected to multiply—potentially affecting the health of people, crops, livestock, ecosystems, and energy—as temperatures continue to increase into the future.

But they don't have to.

"The NCA4 is a jumping off point," said Martha Shulski, director of the state climate office. Now, it's up to climatologists with the NSCO, High Plains Regional Climate Center, National Drought Mitigation Center, and Nebraska Extension "to start a dialogue—or continue one—with stakeholders as we dive deeper to address these issues. This summit is the next step forward, so Nebraskans can together tackle climate change issues facing the state."

Shulski, Tyler Williams, Extension climatologist, and partners across the university and state will lead the one-day information session on climate and climate change.

Registration will be capped at 350. There will be free parking. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required (see link above).

Wachiska Board Gains Expertise of Ross Scott

by Richard Peterson

Ross Scott joins the Wachiska Board of Directors as the new chair of the conservation committee. We met up at The Mill off 48th Street on a beautiful, early January day where we sat down for an informal chat.



Ross Scott

Ross and his siblings were born and raised in Maryville, Missouri. His ancestors were Scotch-Irish and his relatives still own a 4th generation farm outside of Maryville. Ross graduated from Northwest Missouri State with a B.A. in English and history.

Soon after, he worked for the railroad, enabling him to travel and learn about Nebraska and nearby states. The job made it possible to buy his first nice camera, a Canon SLR. He then worked for various drainage contractors staking out terraces, waterways, and dams. His work with landowners and farmers helping to conserve soil and water resources was invaluable. While working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service he wanted to broaden his expertise. This brought him back to school and to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where Ross became qualified as a soil conservationist. This included expertise in soil and land use, plant identification, wetland determinations, etc. He then began his new career with the Papio Natural Resources District in Omaha. He retired from NRCS as a resource conservationist.

Since the 1990s, Ross and his wife, Bess, have lived on 10 acres near Roca. Bess is an avid UNL volleyball fan and already has her Final Four tickets for 2019! Bess retired from Lincoln Public Schools and is now associate professor of educational leadership at Doane University. Their daughter, Erin, teaches art to elementary students, and son, Fred, teaches information technology at Southeast Community College. On their acreage they plant wildflowers and grasses to attract pollinators. They also grow oak and nut trees and Christmas trees for their own use. Ross still maintains his avid interest in photography and likes to hunt for rocks, minerals, and Native American artifacts.

Ross and Bess have a trip planned to Boston later this year. Being a lover of history and museums, Ross will have plenty to enjoy. He's into Blue Note Jazz (Monk, Bill Evans, Miles Davis, etc.). His reading leans toward non-fiction, particularly John McPhee.

Ross has been active in Wachiska activities for some time; in fact, he met Arnold Mendenhall and Ernie Rousek quite early in his career, and it was Ernie who recruited him to formally join Wachiska. Ross has been present at our prairie dedications and helped with burns and plant identification. He was involved in the development of our Klapka Prairie and has been with the conservation committee since 2015. Ross is well suited to take on his new responsibilities. He will make a strong member of the Wachiska team.

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American Goldfinch family

Not to Happen (at Least Not this Spring)

by Arlys Reitan, Office Administrator

As this newsletter was about to go to the printer, we were informed that the electronics recycling event just scheduled for mid-April would not take place due to the recycling company's decision that day to no longer work with nonprofits for such events. With no time for consideration of a Plan B, it was necessary to remove the announcement and rethink this idea.

Please let me know if you have ideas of a company who would accommodate a needed project like this. We already had lined up a good location, had insurance requirements in place, and publicity was ready to go.



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