



*Wachiska Audubon Society's vision: To share the experience and love of nature—that life may flourish in all its natural diversity.*

# The Babbling Brook

*Our 41st Year of Protecting Nature 1973 - 2014*

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## Wind Energy and Wildlife in Nebraska: Striving for Co-existence

*by Caroline Jezierski, Nebraska Wind Energy and Wildlife Project Coordinator*

The development of renewable energy, such as wind energy, is often supported by conservationists, but recent reports about impacts to wildlife have raised some questions. Unlike using fossil fuels to produce energy, harnessing the power of the wind does not produce carbon dioxide as a byproduct. With mounting concerns about the impact of climate change on wildlife and the habitats they depend upon, wind energy is increasingly being considered an important part of the solution to minimize human-generated carbon dioxide production. Unfortunately, wind turbines placed in areas with high wildlife use or sensitive habitats can have both direct and indirect impacts on wildlife. Siting wind turbines in a manner that reduces impacts to wildlife and their habitats will be increasingly important as wind energy development continues.

In this presentation, **Caroline Jezierski** will provide an overview of current topics relevant to wind energy development in Nebraska. Topics will include turbine dynamics, economic and environmental benefits, potential impacts to wildlife, tools to minimize impacts, and more.

In her position, Caroline facilitates communication among stakeholders with the goal of minimizing potential impacts of wind energy development on wildlife through site selection, operation, and mitigation.



**Caroline Jezierski**

Although Caroline is from Nebraska, she has only recently returned to the state to live after studying and working elsewhere. She received her BA in biology from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, and her MS in marine biology from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Prior to joining the Nebraska Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit in 2011, she worked throughout the West, from Baja to Alaska, as a field technician, a biologist, and a naturalist. Her recent work has focused on human dimensions in resource management and has included studying the impact of sea kayak tourism on harbor seal behavior and the effectiveness of education in reducing impact, minimizing human-bear encounters through outreach and education, reviewing and permitting development projects, and sharing the wonders of the natural world uncovered by researchers with vacationers and anyone who will listen.

Join Caroline and Wachiska **Thursday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m.** for this free public presentation in the Dick Administration auditorium on Union College campus, 3800 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street, in Lincoln. From 48<sup>th</sup> and Calvert streets, go one block south to the north end of campus. Due to construction on that end of campus, parking can be found along 48<sup>th</sup> Street, near the church on Prescott Avenue, or at the campus gym. Look for Audubon signs on the doors of the Dick Building. An on-site ramp and elevator are available. Refreshments will be served following the talk.

**REMINDER:** Wachiska's **Birdseed Sale** takes place the end of January. See pages 3 and 4 for the order form and seed descriptions. This biannual fundraiser has a direct link to the chapter's mission. Check out the variety of mixes and seeds offered at low prices—the sales tax is already included. Order an extra bag for our bird feeders at some of the branch libraries.

### Calendar

#### January

- 7 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 General Meeting, "Wind Energy and Wildlife in Nebraska: Striving for Co-existence," by Caroline Jezierski, Union College Dick Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Field trip to Ida Grove, IA, to look for saw-whet owls, 10:00 a.m. (page 2)
- 15 Deadline for receiving Birdseed Sale order forms and payment (pages 3-4)
- 17 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 20 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's, 11<sup>th</sup> & G, 6:00 p.m.
- 31-2/1 Birdseed Sale distribution/pick up (see times on pages 3-4)



## Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

### See a Saw-whet with Don Poggensee

What makes Ida Grove's Moorehead Park in northwest Iowa such a great place to observe winter owl visitors? Maybe the close proximity to their summer breeding grounds is a factor. Maybe they're attracted to the thousands of conifers planted in the area by a local resident. Or perhaps it's due to Don Poggensee's commitment and perseverance as he searches for and finds northern saw-whet owls every winter. This will be Don's 24th year of tracking, photographing, and documenting this species in the park, often in freezing temperatures.

Last year we trekked to Moorehead Park and were rewarded with memorable views of a miniature owl that Don showed us. While there's no guarantee when it comes to wildlife viewing, we're hoping to have similar luck this year with Don's generous assistance. He has located only one northern saw-whet owl this winter but also found two long-eared owls in the park. On our way home we'll stop by the Owego Wetlands Complex which can host wintering short-eared owls.

Meet at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 12**, on the south side of the State Capitol in Lincoln, at 15th & H streets across from the governor's mansion. Participants can caravan or carpool the 150 miles to Ida Grove. Bring binoculars and scope if you have them and also bring a sack lunch, snacks, and beverages unless you prefer to purchase refreshments along the way. Dress for winter and be prepared to spend some time outside. We'll be back in Lincoln by early evening. There is no fee and the public is welcome. If you have questions call John at 402-475-7275.

### More New Members Added to the Fold

by Joyce Vannier, Membership Chair

Several folks have joined Wachiska through memberships with National Audubon this month. The following new members have been assigned to our chapter:

Dale & Sandra Benham	Charles Hummel
Roger Blum	James Kallemeyn
Ron Bowlin	Nancy Kersten
Karla Britain	Sally Massouris
Sibyl Carr	David Palm
George Deemer	Marvin & Mary Rhodes
Arlys Dill	Dean Siefkes
Julia Dunn	Lisa Silberman
Arnold Gobber	Carrie Smith
Rosemary Handy	Mary Thompson
Julie Hendricks	Lynette Zimmer

Transferring in from another chapter is Richard Richard.

Join your new friends by attending a field trip or meeting soon. We always have interesting and informative speakers and field trip guides. If you have any questions, call the Wachiska office anytime, 402-486-4846.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bird EnCOUNTER

by Jessica Umberger  
Population/Environment Committee

We are excited to announce that the Bird EnCOUNTER will again take place at Gere and Eiseley branch libraries on **Saturday, February 8**, from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

We invite your active participation in this educational event introducing children to backyard birds. Focused on preschoolers, K-12, and university students, this program will provide details on ways to actively engage your family in recognizing bird species that reside in, and make their way through, the beautiful state of Nebraska. We will mentor participants through crafts related to birds—they will build pine cone feeders and packets of nesting materials to be hung in backyards with hopes of attracting their own birds to watch and enjoy. They will also do bird drawings and puzzles of bird species, helping them identify birds on their own. There will be many other activities for all to enjoy!

This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Bird EnCOUNTER will be the weekend before the 2014 Great Backyard Bird Count scheduled for February 14-17. For GBBC details, visit [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc).

We need volunteer mentors to help guide children in these activities at both libraries. Contact Jessi at 402-580-3057 or [jessi.umberger@gmail.com](mailto:jessi.umberger@gmail.com). This activity is being organized by the population and environment committee with the help of many chapter volunteers and Lincoln Public Library employees. We hope to see you there!

### Tim Knott Honored as Prairie Champion

by Marian Langan

Tim Knott's commitment to the conservation and stewardship of the tallgrass prairie ecosystem has led to his being awarded the 2013 Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center Tallgrass Prairie Champion Award.



**Tim Knott receives award from Roger Furrer and Marian Langan**

For 40 years Tim has played a significant role in preserving and protecting tallgrass prairies. His expertise in prairie ecology, plant identification, and unending work ethic has helped to solidify Wachiska Audubon's stewardship of tallgrass prairies. Tim has also committed himself to helping students learn about prairies by actually exploring and discovering prairies and has arranged numerous events to make that possible.

This award was developed to honor people whose work has had a significant impact on tallgrass prairie conservation. Nominations are made by the board members and staff of Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center and the Wachiska Audubon Society.



Love your Birds!  
Support Wachiska!

This is the time of year that birds really depend on feeders. Keep your birds happy and help Wachiska get a great start to our 2014 fundraising efforts! We appreciate your support!

# Wachiska Audubon January 2014

## 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 and pay with Pay Pal at**

**[www.WachiskaAudubon.org](http://www.WachiskaAudubon.org)**

**Orders due Wednesday, January 15, 2014.**

### FEED MIXES

**Regal Audubon Mix** – sunflower hearts, peanuts, safflower seed, raisins, protein pellets

**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

**Peanut Delight** – new no-melt recipe, good for feeding even as the weather warms

### SEEDS

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

**Nyjer Thistle** – All-time favorite of goldfinches, house and purple finches, chickadees, juncos

**Peanuts (shelled)** – attractive for woodpeckers and blue jays

**Peanuts in the shell** – watch your bush tail friends crack the shells to get to 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**  
**[www.WachiskaAudubon.org](http://www.WachiskaAudubon.org)**



## ORDER PICK UP DATES. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

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

**Friday, January 31**  
**4:30 – 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, February 1**  
**12:00 noon - 2:00 pm**

### 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 call the Wachiska office to make alternative arrangements—402-486-4846.

**Order pick-ups are being coordinated by Elizabeth Nelson.** If you have questions during pick up hours, call Elizabeth at 402-770-3485.



## Wachiska Audubon January 2014 Birdseed Sale Order Form

		Bag Size	Bag Code	Price Each	Quantity	Total Cost
<b>ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX</b>						
FEED MIXES	Regal Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	RE35	\$ 50.00		\$
	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	\$ 38.00		\$
	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	20 lb bag	NY20	\$ 22.00		\$
	Peanuts, shelled rejects	20 lb bag	PR20	\$ 24.00		\$
		50 lb bag	PR50	\$ 66.00		\$
	Peanuts, in the shell	50 lb bag	PS50	\$ 66.00		\$
	Safflower Seed	20 lb bag	SA20	\$ 20.00		\$
		50 lb bag	SA50	\$ 40.00		\$
	Sunflower Hearts, coarse	20 lb bag	HC20	\$ 30.00		\$
		50 lb bag	HC50	\$ 60.00		\$
	Sunflower Hearts, fine	20 lb bag	HF20	\$ 25.00		\$
		50 lb bag	HF50	\$ 50.00		\$
	Sunflower Seed, black oil	25 lb bag	SB25	\$ 15.00		\$
50 lb bag		SB50	\$ 30.00		\$	
SUET CAKES	High Energy Treat, 11.75 oz. cake		EN-C	\$ 2.50		\$
	Peanut Delight, 11 oz. cake		PD-C	\$ 2.50		\$
<b>Total number of bags and cost</b> (All prices INCLUDE sales tax)						\$
<b>Tax Deductible Donation</b> to support Wachiska's education & conservation activities						\$
<b>Total Enclosed.</b> Make check payable to Wachiska Audubon Society.						\$

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to pick up my order on: ☐ Friday, Jan 31, 4:30-6:00 pm

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Saturday, Feb 1, 12:00-2:00 pm

If it is impossible for you to pick up your order at one of these times, call the Wachiska office to make alternative arrangements—402-486-  
ADAC

This form and your check must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Mail to: Wachiska Audubon Society Birdseed Sale - 4547 Calvert St, Suite 10, Lincoln NE 68506-5643

You can also order online any pay with Pay Pal at [www.WachiskaAudubon.org](http://www.WachiskaAudubon.org)





## From the Board ...

*by Elizabeth Nelson, President*

### Wachiska's Accomplishments and Future Dreams

Although I have been a member of Wachiska for over 25 years, I am repeatedly surprised, awed, and inspired by the diverse and remarkable actions and achievements of our organization. 2013 marked our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary—an extraordinary run.

Over the years, Wachiska, both as a group and through the actions of individual members, has been a driving force in protecting the Platte and Niobrara rivers and Nine-Mile Prairie; central to the establishment of the Raptor Recovery Center, Bluebirds Across Nebraska, and Spring Creek Prairie; and a respected and powerful voice for Lincoln's Wilderness Park and a great variety of legislative efforts.



**Elizabeth Nelson**

Today Wachiska is involved in the protection, preservation, and improvement of over 900 acres of native or restored prairie in about 30 locations. Approximately half of the land is owned by Wachiska through outright purchase or bequests, and the remainder is protected through conservation easements in Wachiska's name. Each year we conduct numerous field trips for adults and students and provide inspiring programs through our city libraries, schools, and community events. We partner with other Nebraska Audubon chapters and statewide conservation organizations to fund a professional lobbyist focused on conservation issues. Wachiska also supports many causes and projects we believe are important to our community; for instance, in 2013 our largest contribution was to the City of Lincoln's Haines Branch Prairie Corridor Project.

In 2013, through Give-To-Lincoln Day, our birdseed sales, auctions, generous gifts from our members and supporters, and most notably our annual Birdathon (which requires hundreds of volunteer hours) we raised over \$30,000 to support our many endeavors. To all those who gave their time and treasure, we extend a heartfelt thank you. Wachiska would not be the vibrant organization we are without the contributions, large and small, from so many of you.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we have set a number of specific goals. Our prairie preservation projects top the list. On the land we own, we plan to conduct controlled burns of 146 acres at three locations, seed 29 acres back into native prairie species, and of course, continue the seemingly endless jobs of cutting invasive cedars and thistles, repairing fences, and protecting easements. We'll be doing an inventory on one of our newest prairies, Berg Prairie, to document the unique plants on the property. Also, we are always on the lookout for other pristine prairie parcels which may be added to the growing string of pearls we so carefully watch over.

Our legislative efforts will resume as will our outreach—we will continue our numerous programs targeting adults and children, and we hope to add a few programs targeting the 25- to 45-year-old set . . . birds and brews anyone?

If you have ideas or time and would like to be more involved, there are opportunities for everyone, and we are always on the lookout for many different skills and talents we can put to use. We encourage you to get involved by attending a board meeting, volunteering for a committee, or calling the office to add your name to our volunteer list. Again, we thank you for all you have done in the past and look forward to your future contributions. Wachiska is nothing more than the sum of its members, and together we have, and will continue to, achieve great things.

### Reflections on the Life of Nelson Mandela

*by Ken Winston*

As I reflect on the tributes to Nelson Mandela, it occurs to me that the courage, perseverance, and grace that were innately part of his life are beyond my comprehension. I don't know that I would have lasted a week in the prison where he spent 27 years, and yet he emerged triumphant. What I can take away is that courage, perseverance, and grace can triumph against enormous odds, and that provides inspiration for the challenges and battles I face.

This is particularly true of some of the battles on behalf of the environment, the planet, its people, our children, and their future. We face opponents as powerful and seemingly invincible in the form of corporations bent on destroying our planet and the atmosphere in the name of short-term profit for a few very rich people, only they have slick advertising campaigns to try to convince the world their products and services are good and necessary and deny the damage they are causing.

So we need to fight back, but we need to fight with courage, perseverance, and grace, and we need to have love and compassion not only for ourselves and our friends but also for those who may consider us their enemies. This may be hard, and I cannot promise I will always practice it. But I will strive for it. And we need to remember the importance of fighting for higher causes. We must always remember to open our arms in welcome and to thank all of those engaged in fighting for the planet and its people alongside us.

We must remember to sing and to dance and to love, for those are also lessons that Mandela taught. For him to reconcile the blacks and whites when there were so many open wounds, not to mention scars and fear and hatred, many songs had to be sung along the way, much love had to be shared, and many tears had to be shed. While not perfect, it went far beyond the human expectations based on the history of our race.

So let us walk together, let us dance together, and let us sing together until our voices join together in a powerful force for truth and justice. And let us seek that truth and justice with courage, perseverance, and grace until our cause prevails.

## New Director for Spring Creek Prairie

by Marian Langan, Executive Director, Audubon Nebraska

Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center is pleased to welcome its new director, Roger Furrer. Roger was born in Lincoln and spent much of his time growing up either prowling a prairie pasture owned by his great aunt, Laura Francke, east of Lincoln or canoeing the Niobrara River in the northern part of the state.



**Roger Furrer**

Roger has extensive experience in managing non-for-profit organizations and worked in the Philippines, Hawai'i and Uganda before returning to Nebraska in 2004. In Hawai'i, he worked for *Hoa 'Aina o Makaha*, a community development project which seeks to link environmental education with sustainable community development. He was active in *Malama Makua*, working for the preservation of Makua Valley, home to 34 endangered and threatened species, that holds great significance in the cultural and spiritual life of the indigenous Hawaiians. Previously, Roger was executive director of Community Action of Nebraska, the network of nine such agencies in the state.

Roger lives with his wife, Malia Robinson, in southeastern Lancaster County. Both are Nebraska Master Naturalists, have been active as volunteers at Homestead National Monument, and are attempting a small-scale prairie restoration on about an acre of land next to their home.

*Editor's Note: While attending Wachiska's holiday potluck last month, we learned from Roger that he is the son of the late John Furrer, an early and well-known member of the Backyard Farmer crew on Nebraska Educational Television.*

## PPNC Sponsoring Crane Trip

by Nancy Furman

The Pioneers Park Nature Center is offering a crane-viewing trip on Thursday, March 20, from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$75/person which includes a reservation in a viewing blind.

Experience one of our planet's most spectacular wildlife migrations. Visit the Nebraska Nature and Visitor Center, travel rural roads to see the cranes foraging and dancing in the fields, then watch and listen to them return to the Platte River at sunset from Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary blind. The fee includes van transportation, dinner, and blind costs. Participants must be able to walk uneven trails in low light with a guide. Registration and payment is required by February 21. Limited to 30 participants. Space fills up fast. Call PPNC directly to make a reservation, 402-441-7895.

## Legislative Partnership

by Marian Langan, Executive Director, Audubon Nebraska

In 2012, Audubon Nebraska took a major step forward in a partnership for professional lobbying services. Wachiska Audubon Society and the Audubon Society of Omaha are contributing to make this possible. This partnership is helping us make sure that conservation interests are represented as decisions are made affecting our entire state.

Thank you to Wachiska and to everyone for your support of this effort! It wouldn't be possible if we weren't working together to make it happen. Thanks to the Wachiska legislation committee as well for its tireless efforts. If you have any questions or want to discuss this further, please call me at 402-797-2301.

## Wachiska Member Twyla Hansen Named Nebraska State Poet

by Arlys Reitan

Long-time chapter member and supporter, Twyla Hansen, was recently named Nebraska State Poet by Governor Heineman. She will be the first woman to hold this title.

The media announcement stated, "Twyla Hansen is an accomplished poet with an extensive publishing history both in books and periodicals. She has received numerous awards and honors for her poetry, including the High Plains Book Award, the WILLA Literary Award, and twice being awarded the Nebraska Book Award."

Wachiska members and readers will recognize Twyla's name and writings from her extensive community outreach, poetry workshops, and readings. She has earned degrees in horticulture and agroecology from UNL.

The position of state poet was created in 1921. Hansen is the third person to fill the position. John Neihardt was named Nebraska Poet Laureate "in perpetuity" in 1927. William Kloefkorn was appointed in 1982 by former Governor Thone. Kloefkorn recently passed away at age 79 and was a mentor to Hansen. This five-year appointment runs through 2018. Congratulations, Twyla!



**Twyla Hansen**

**NOTE:** The chapter continues to provide birdseed for the bird feeding project at local branch libraries. If you would like to donate to this activity please send your check to the Wachiska office and designate such on the memo line. We will purchase seed at our birdseed sale for volunteers to distribute. Thanks for your consideration. Call the office for more details.

## Public Officials

### **President Barack Obama**

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E-mail: [oped@journalstar.com](mailto:oped@journalstar.com)

## **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)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Individual/Friend

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Sustainer

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Families

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Patron

Make checks payable to **Wachiska Audubon Society**. All funds remain with our local chapter. Mail to:

Wachiska Audubon Society  
Attention: Membership Committee  
4547 Calvert St Ste 10  
Lincoln NE 68506-5643

As a conservation organization, our goal is to use our natural resources wisely. Materials and postage are considerable, and we do not want to waste them. When your address changes or if you are receiving *The Babbling Brook* and would rather not get it, please notify us at [office@wachiskaaudubon.org](mailto:office@wachiskaaudubon.org) or 402-486-4846.

### **OR**

### **National Membership in National Audubon Society**

Dues from new (introductory) memberships and for first-time gifts will be returned to Wachiska if this coupon is used:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose introductory membership fee of \$20.

Make checks payable to **National Audubon Society** and mail to:

Wachiska Audubon Society  
Attention: Membership Committee  
4547 Calvert St Ste 10  
Lincoln NE 68506-5643

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## Volunteers Needed Now

Ways to help your chapter:

1. Call the office and offer to make a few phone calls each month to line up cookie donors for general meetings. The list of donors is established—you just need to schedule the month needed.
2. Purchase an extra bag or two of birdseed this month from our sale and designate it to be used at libraries.
3. Volunteer to help at the third annual Bird enCOUNTER on February 8 (page 2).
4. Enjoy your backyard birds. Take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count on February 14-17.

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