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Awards Banquet, Potluck Supper, and Program — Thursday, March 8, 6:15 p.m., Unitarian Church, Lincoln

Discoveries, Rediscoveries, and Stories: John James Audubon in Nebraska

by Rick Wright, Author, Lecturer, Bird Tour Leader

This year marks the 175th anniversary of John James Audubon's last adventure, a journey up the Missouri River from St. Louis to Fort Union. The ostensible purpose of the expedition was to gather material for a new work on the mammals of the continent, a sequel to the great *Birds of America*; but as Audubon's co-author would later complain, that task was almost entirely neglected in favor of an unsystematic—even unscientific—program of birding, hunting, and curiosity collecting. For Audubon, already sensing the decline of his physical and mental prowess, this was meant to be a final sentimental journey into the wilderness and a chance to relive the adventures of his early manhood. He was too late. Most of the “discoveries” Audubon and his companions claimed were already old news, and it is impossible not to see in their activities the vain attempt to recapture a world that was already gone. But whatever its scientific failings, the expedition quickly became an essential



Rick Wright

part of the legend of the “American Woodsman,” and the stories Audubon brought home with him—some funny, some tragic, and all fascinating—are even today integral to the myth of an unspoiled West. Many will be told in this presentation.

Rick Wright leads birding and birds-and-art tours in Europe and the Americas for Victor Emanuel Nature Tours. A native of Southeast Nebraska, Rick studied French, German, philosophy, and life sciences at the University of Nebraska, where he worked in the bird collections of the State Museum and served as a teaching assistant to Paul Johnsgard. After a detour to Harvard Law School, he took the M.A. and Ph.D. in German at Princeton University. Among his scholarly publications are two books on the Latin and German animal literature of the late Middle Ages. He is also the author of the American Birding Association's field guides to birds of New Jersey and of Arizona, and of the forthcoming Peterson Reference Guide to North American sparrows. A prolific contributor to the birding literature and a sought-after lecturer, Rick lives with his wife, Alison Beringer, and their chocolate lab, Gellert, in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Wright's presentation will highlight Wachiska's annual awards banquet. The Earthkeeper Award will be presented to **Marilyn McNabb**, long-time Wachiska member who has contributed to conservation in numerous ways. The President's Award is given to someone who has volunteered to the chapter in various ways over time, and this announcement is kept secret until this event.

Join Wachiska Audubon when Dr. Johnsgard introduces Rick's presentation on **Thursday, March 8**, at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, in Lincoln. We will begin with a **6:15 p.m.** potluck supper. Bring family and friends along with a favorite dish or two to share and your own table service (that means plate, cup, and silverware). Beverages will be provided. This location offers easy access with no steps, is handicap accessible, and provides convenient free parking in the church lot with overflow parking across the street to the west in the Pius High School lot. For those preferring to attend only the program, that should begin about 7:45 p.m. No reservations are needed for the evening.

Calendar

March

- 8 Awards Banquet/Potluck Supper**, “John James Audubon in Nebraska 175 Years Ago,” by Rick Wright, Unitarian Church, 6:15 p.m.
- 8 Spring Birdseed Sale order deadline** (pages 3-4)
- 12 Conservation Committee**, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Newsletter deadline**, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 16-17 Birdseed pick up, 14th & Arapahoe**, (page 2)
- 20 Board Meeting**, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Legislation Committee**, DaVinci's, 11th & G sts., 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Sandhill crane field trip**, 2:00 p.m. (page 2)



Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

The Hottest Tourist Destination Around

When you hear about thousands of visitors coming from thousands of miles away to spend time by Nebraska's Platte River, what type of tourists come to mind? Every spring, the multitude of visitors includes both people and sandhill cranes, as



Sandhill Cranes

both travel great distances to a special habitable section of the river that flows through the center of our state. As Nebraskans, we're fortunate we don't have to travel long distances like the cranes or international travelers to observe this world-class wildlife spectacle; interested birders can join Wachiskans for a day trip to the Grand Island area at the peak of crane migration.

We'll first spend a few hours using our cars as blinds to observe crane behavior as we cruise roads next to fields that host large crane flocks during foraging and loafing hours. At dusk we'll watch the truly breathtaking sight of cranes peppering the sky in every direction when they fly to the nearby Platte River. We'll conclude our expedition at a public access area where we can view the cranes landing in the river that has provided their traditional roosting site for thousands of years.

Meet at **2:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, March 25**, on the south side of the Capitol in Lincoln at 15th and H streets across from the governor's mansion. Participants can caravan or carpool the 100-mile trip to our destination. Bring warm clothing for colder temps at sundown and binoculars and scope if you have them. We'll make a pit stop at the visitor center by the Alda exit. There is no fee and the public is welcome. Call John at 402-475-7275 if you have questions.

Harris's Hawk

by Richard Peterson

The birds I'm drawn to write about are those that are different (at least for me) from their close relatives. It is the way this raptor, the Harris's hawk, conducts its breeding activities and how it hunts that makes me want to share those traits. First, some background.

John James Audubon gave this hawk its English name after Edward Harris (b 1799 – d 1863). Harris was a farmer, horse breeder, and financial supporter. He accompanied Audubon on his trips to the Gulf of Mexico (1837) and the Missouri River

(1843). He introduced the Percheron horse to America in 1839. Harris's hawk has also been known as the bay-winged hawk or dusky hawk. Its size is between a peregrine falcon and a red-tailed hawk. The scientific name is *Parabuteo unicinctus* and was described by Dutch zoologist Coenraad Temminck in 1824.

You can see these raptors in semi-desert or sparse woodlands in the southwestern U.S. Three subspecies range from that area south to Chile, Argentina, and Brazil. It is a permanent resident where it's found and does not migrate.

In the U.S., Harris's hawks build their nests atop the tall saguaro cactus and in palo verde and mesquite trees. They practice simultaneous polyandry, i.e., they form groups, usually a trio of one female and two males. Females can breed all year long with some having several mates at a time. Family members of the past generation help build the nest with incubation, feeding, and defending the nest against great horned owls, coyotes, and common ravens. This cooperative group is frequently the core crew that combines in hunting prey.

Harris's hawks hunt as a pack. It takes work to find and secure the small mammals (various rabbits, ground squirrels, pocket gophers, etc.), birds, and lizards that inhabit the prickly world of the Sonoran Desert. There is no flying low and picking off a meal. One tactic is to flush, intercept, and corner, where two fly ahead and scout; when flushed, the prey is encircled and converged upon. If the prey hides



Harris's Hawk

under prickly cover, one or more of the birds will land and run, carefully bobbing, weaving, and continuing the stalk until the prey can be snatched. The food is then shared by the group. This social nature makes the hawk easy to train for falconry.

Trained hawks have been used to remove unwanted pigeons from London's Trafalgar Square and from the Wimbledon tennis courts. While farmers in the U.S. appreciate its role in rodent reduction, the electric companies have another opinion. Apart from perching where it normally does, it seems to like electrical transformers and, in doing so, damages the insulation. Electric companies have spent large sums to re-insulate the wires and/or build extension arms off the poles to suggest new perching sites. Finally, their popularity with falconers has encouraged poachers.

Help Needed

The Spring Birdseed Sale order form is found on pages 3-4. **Orders must be postmarked by Thursday, March 8.** Copies are also posted at www.wachiskaadubon.org. Volunteers are needed to help with distribution at 14th and Arapahoe streets on March 16, 3-6 p.m. and on March 17, 9-12 a.m. If you can help, note that on the order form or call Lana, 402-570-1273. Thanks.



Wachiska Audubon Spring 2018 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		\$
	NEW - 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) _____

This form and your check must be postmarked by Thursday, March 8, 2018.
 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 16

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 17

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

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

Are you interested in volunteering for the birdseed pick up Yes

Yes

(check box)

Wachiska Audubon Spring 2018 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 &
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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 help, please call Lana at 402-570-1273.

Farmland Needs to Be Preserved

by Chuck Francis, Population/Environment Committee

In the U.S., we convert some 1.5 million acres away from agricultural production and into other human uses—highways, shopping malls, and especially single-dwelling subdivisions for those seeking the “American Dream” of a house with a white picket fence and plenty of private family space. At the same time, our population grows about one percent each year. It is not rocket science to calculate that our current 1.8 acres of good farmland per person will shrink to less than one acre per person by 2050. On a worldwide scale, it is calculated we will need 70 percent more food over this same time frame, based on global population growth and increasing incomes that spur demand for better diets including more animal-based protein. We will have to do this on the same land but with a diminishing supply of fossil fuels, fresh water, and phosphorus fertilizer.

To avoid cutting down rainforests or plowing up grasslands, thus reducing habitat for other species and reducing essential ecosystem services, we have to intensify production on good lands and seek ways to better use what we currently produce. In Nebraska, we are far from self-sufficient in food, in spite of our tremendous capacity for production. Ninety percent of our cereal grains are used for livestock feed, ethanol production, high-fructose corn syrup, or export; in turn, we import 90 percent of the food we eat. There is capacity to seasonally grow much more of our own needs, and with hoop houses we can extend the growing season in spring and fall. If processing and sale of food were done here in our communities, it would add substantially to local economies and revive rural towns currently wasting away due to consolidation of farms, loss of local schools and services, and out-migration.

We presently lose 40-50 percent of the food produced due to poor harvest and storage conditions and lack of marketing infrastructure in the Global South—in the Global North due to overstocking in supermarkets, consumer insistence on “perfect produce,” and printed dating systems on processed foods that are important but much too conservative to avoid litigation in case of food-caused sickness. Around the world, we currently produce more than enough to provide an adequate diet for healthy development for everyone, but we lose too much food.

Today we also have more people who are obese—more than one billion—than we have undernourished. Consuming a healthy diet rather than overeating—driven by marketing, frequent trips to buffet restaurants and fast food shops, too many sweets and soft drinks—would help to solve this problem. Eating local food in season, moving toward a plant-based diet, and consuming a reasonable amount would all save food and reduce burgeoning health care costs. We have solutions within reach.

Changes in expectations away from large individual houses and personal properties, eating a healthier diet, and modifying our use of what is already produced can help us feed a growing population without taking even more land out of farming. This is

the type of long-term perspective we need to maintain a livable environment for ourselves and other species. Solutions are within reach if we want to encourage our future generations to look for creative answers rather than making today’s problems worse by depending on current economic incentives and status quo thinking. As UCLA professor and author Rene DuBos said, “Trend is not destiny.”

Tax Check-off Benefits Wildlife, Habitat Conservation



Tax season provides a unique opportunity for Nebraskans to contribute to wildlife and habitat conservation. The Nebraska state income tax form allows individuals to donate all or a part of their tax refund to the Wildlife Conservation Fund, which is used to maintain adequate habitat and healthy

populations of wildlife across the state, particularly those that are rare, endangered, or threatened.

Tax refund donations have helped many species over the years including river otters, monarch butterflies, swift fox, peregrine falcons, and bald eagles. Donations are used to maintain and improve habitat for these and many other animals, as well as to provide wildlife viewing and other educational opportunities for Nebraskans.

The tax check-off is an important funding source for implementation of Nebraska’s Natural Legacy Project, developed to conserve wildlife before they become rare and more costly to protect.

Taxpayers not entitled to a state tax refund can contribute via NebraskaWildlifeFund.org or by mail to The Wildlife Conservation Fund, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, PO Box 30370, Lincoln NE 68503-0370.

Website to Take on a New Look

by Gary Fehr, President

Do you have web experience or an interest to learn? Wachiska is updating its website to give it a fresh look, and we need help to maintain the website for a short time. You do not need any programming experience; however, you should have some familiarity and interest in online technology. You will be working with our office manager to post announcements and news items on the site. If you can donate 2-3 hours once a month for the next three months, please call Arlys at the office, 402-486-4846, or email her at office@wachiskaadubon.org.

Why the Prairie Management Fund Needs Your Support

by Elizabeth Nelson, Donor Development Chair

One of Wachiska Audubon Society’s major ongoing obligations is the care and maintenance of land owned by the chapter. While many people correctly assume we burn our prairies when needed, work to eradicate invasive vegetation, and assure easement requirements are respected, there are many other responsibilities Wachiska handles that may be surprising in nature and that require considerable time and expense to meet.



Elizabeth Nelson

While preparing to write this article, I was reviewing the minutes of Wachiska’s January 2018 conservation committee. Following are excerpts from that ONE meeting.

Recently completed on the Klapka property:

- Temporary water pipeline was replaced with permanent underground pipeline, encountered ~ 350 feet of rock.
- Dilapidated fallen barn has been buried.
- Hand-dug well holes and abandoned cellar were filled in.
- Brush piles on south end have been burned.
- Disturbed bare soil as a result of above work will require seeding with western wheatgrass, sideoats grama, etc.

Current Fertig Prairie issues:

- Legal boundary status - All necessary documentation required to determine the legally correct proportion of the adjoining county roads included in the deed has been assembled.

- Adjoining property owner north of Fertig Prairie illegally diverted water draining from his property onto the northeast corner of the Fertig Prairie property, resulting in increased flooding at the northern end of the Fertig Prairie property. Suggested solutions were reviewed and our attorney will draft a letter to all parties impacted to request a meeting to resolve the issue.

These are a selection of notes from just ONE of Wachiska’s conservation committee meetings and relate to only two of the properties Wachiska owns. Obviously, many of these points lead to additional actions which will need to be addressed in upcoming months. Wachiska currently owns nine prairie parcels and monitors 24 easements!

Meeting our long-term obligations:

By purchasing prairie and accepting conservation easements, Wachiska has taken on considerable long-term management obligations. We have recognized that, as an organization, we are quickly reaching the point where we need to hire staff to help lead our prairie management obligations, which is why we established the Prairie Management and Prairie Legal Defense Funds nearly three years ago. Contributions to these funds now total nearly \$250,000, but we have a goal of raising at least \$1 million. When fully funded, the Prairie Management Fund will be endowed to allow us to address important long-term needs:

- First, pay for a part-time land manager to coordinate maintenance and restoration activities supervised by Wachiska’s conservation committee.
- Second, generate funds for additional staff positions, such as a volunteer coordinator, a grant writer, or an executive director, with a focus on enhancing the preservation and educational aspects of managing our prairie lands.

Your gifts help Wachiska meet our long-term prairie management responsibilities. Please make a pledge today!

Gift Pledge Form-----tear here and return to the Wachiska Audubon Society-----

I am giving \$_____ to the Wachiska Prairie Management Fund. My check is enclosed.

Make your check payable to the **Wachiska Prairie Management Fund #710146**. Mail to Wachiska Audubon Society, 4547 Calvert St Ste 10, Lincoln NE 68506 or to the Lincoln Community Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall S Ste 100, Lincoln NE 68508.

I pledge to give \$_____ per month/quarter/year for the next three years.* (or gifts over any length of time)

I pledge a bequest from my estate.* This is easy to arrange, will not alter your current financial situation, and can be changed in the future, if desired.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

*If you make a Pledge, we will contact you about details—or contact your attorney or the Lincoln Community Foundation to make arrangements. Other giving options are also possible.

Your gift is tax deductible and you will receive a letter confirming your gift. Wachiska Audubon Society was chartered in 1973 as an independent chapter of the National Audubon Society. Wachiska is a qualified 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, TIN 51-0229888.

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Select the level of support that is right for you and make your check payable to **Wachiska Audubon Society**. All funds remain with our local chapter and are tax deductible. Mail to:

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American Goldfinch family

NOTE FOR THE FUTURE

In the event of inclement weather, Wachiska will follow the Lincoln Public Schools' policy—if LPS classes are canceled that day, Wachiska's events will be canceled that evening, too. Postings should appear on KOLN/KGIN TV, Channel 10. Of course, this will pertain ONLY to weather-related closures.

Aluminum Recycling Continues

Keep recycling aluminum cans at A-Can Recycling Center, 3255 South 10th Street, in Lincoln. Wachiska's 2017 check from members' contributions came to \$79.45. Let's get that up to \$100 in 2018. Thanks to all who are helping.



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Order Form Inside**

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Spring Birdseed Sale

PICK-UP TIMES

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Saturday, Mar. 17	9:00 - 12:00 noon

See pages 3 and 4 for order form and seed descriptions.

Orders must be postmarked by the Thursday, Mar. 8 DEADLINE. Thank you for your support of this major fundraiser.

Wachiska Audubon Society's financial records are available for examination in the office.

A Gift to the Future

A bequest to Wachiska Audubon Society is a gift to future generations enabling our natural heritage to continue. For wills, trusts, and gifts, our legal name is **Wachiska Audubon Society**. Our Federal Tax ID number is **51-0229888**.