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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

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Wachiska Program — Thursday, October 14, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom web conference (registration required)  
Link to register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84121064116?pwd=dVJDcWkzS2x5MktKMm5nM250cEJqZz09>

## Accessibility for Birding

by Cassandra Dean

This year is the 31st anniversary of Americans with Disability Act (ADA). America's public lands are for everyone, regardless of ability; however, despite ADA efforts for the past 31 years, trails, beaches, fishing piers, and campgrounds are not inclusive. This is where Birdability comes in. The movement was founded by Virginia Rose in Austin, Texas. She took the lead in accessible bird outings at Travis Audubon Center in Austin and grew the organization to become a nonprofit this year. Learn more at <https://www.birdability.org/>.



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to this information ahead of time, to help them decide if a location is one they would like to visit. Second, Birdability is about getting those sites that are not accessible to realize the potential benefits of becoming accessible. Birdability provides guidance documents to help determine what is accessible and what is not. Captains help strengthen the relationship between Birdability and organizations and nature centers and help them reach their goals to become more accessible. Finally, Birdability is about creating opportunities for people to keep doing what they love, to be around people where they will not be judged, as well as getting the word out for people to participate who may never have birded.

Birdability's mission is to share the joys of birding with people who have disabilities and to ensure that birding is accessible for everybody. Birdability developed a network of captains in all 50 states and internationally to spread the message that public lands need to be more inclusive.

First, Birdability is about recognizing birding sites that have become accessible by putting them on the Birdability map to allow people with disabilities and other health concerns access

In November 2020, Cassandra became Nebraska's Birdability captain, and she's working to get public lands more accessible. She is currently the administrator of the Gage County Historical Society and Museum, a position she accepted to make the museum more accessible and inclusive. She worked for Nebraska Game and Parks Commission where she focused on community outreach and education. Cassandra became a Nebraska Master Naturalist to educate the public about the viability of providing access to public lands. She enjoys teaching children about frogs, butterflies, and birds. She loves to bird watch, hike, camp, participate in archery and citizen science projects. However, because of her disabilities and lack of accessibility, she sometimes misses opportunities that she would enjoy.

Join Wachiska for this talk via Zoom on **Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m.** This program is available to those who register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84121064116?pwd=dVJDcWkzS2x5MktKMm5nM250cEJqZz09>. Copy and paste this link into your browser or go to Wachiska's website after October 1 and click on the link directly from the notice to register. You will then receive a confirmation with the meeting number and password. Keep that email and a few minutes before the program is to begin, click on that confirmation and you'll be invited into the meeting. Invite friends to join us, too!

### Calendar

#### October

- 4 Education Committee via Zoom, 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Fall Birdseed Sale orders due (postmarked this date)
- 9 Second Saturday Seeds, Dieken Prairie, 9:00 a.m. (page 6)
- 10 Gayfeather harvest, 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. (page 5)
- 11 Conservation Committee via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 General Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 p.m. "BIRDABILITY," by Cassandra Dean (**NOTE required registration**)
- 15 Newsletter submission deadline, 5:00 p.m.
- 15-16 Fall Birdseed Sale Distribution (pages 3-4)
- 19 Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Legislation Committee via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

## Brohman to be Wachiska's First Executive Director



Mark Brohman

The Wachiska Audubon Board is excited to announce that Mark Brohman will be the organization's first executive director in its almost 50-year history! A two-year agreement beginning November 15, 2021, was approved at the Board's September meeting.

This step helps solidify Wachiska's future as an important organization to bring people together to promote birding and nature education, preserve tallgrass prairies, and advocate for sustainability of the natural community by bringing on board a seasoned professional who knows Wachiska well. Mark's 15 years as executive director of the Nebraska Environmental Trust and prior career with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for 13 years, along with a master's degree in Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife and a JD degree from the UNL College of Law, make him a good fit to continue to build on the dedicated volunteer resources that formed the foundation for Wachiska in 1973.

Please join us in welcoming Mark to the fold!

## Nebraska's First Major White Pelican Nesting Colony Found in Garden County

by Mark Brohman

Retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the U.S. Forest Service employee, John Sidle, first spotted the white pelican colony while flying his private plane in Garden County on May 29. Sidle was familiar with observing pelican colonies from the air in North Dakota while working for the USFWS. He estimates this Garden County site with 1,250 nests to be the first major white pelican nesting colony in Nebraska. Also noted were 280 double-crested cormorants nesting in the area.



White Pelican Nesting Island in Wolf Lake, Garden County, NE

Normally the pelicans fly through Nebraska as they migrate from Texas and Mexico to the Dakotas and South-Central Canada; a few remain in Nebraska for the summer, but they don't breed and nest here.

The nesting colony is on the private property of a cattle ranch, and Sidle has been unable to do a ground visit. The cattle ranch is owned by AgReserves, Inc., a Utah corporation.

The closest colony to Nebraska had been at the Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in South Dakota, just north of Merriman, Nebraska. Although they have had about 1,000 nesting pairs in past years, they have none this summer.

A full story by Marjie Ducey can be found on page A3 of the Monday, September 13, edition of the *Omaha World-Herald*, or it can be read online.

## Tour the Wild Side a Learning Experience

by Theresa Pella, President

"So this is what an organized pollinator habitat can look like!" That comment and similar ones were what volunteers heard throughout the weekend during the August 20 - 21 Tour. Other highlights included one very large sumac shrub that started as a seedling in a bucket and was admired by many. The pumpkin patch next to natives and a peaceful "forest bathing" at one stop also received noticeable attention. Over 720 visits were made to the 11 locations with many people stopping at all or several of the locales to experience the numerous ways birding and pollinator habitats can thrive alongside humans. Donations collected amounted to \$660, with additional donations via other means and a \$100 match by Allo.

The landscape owners and volunteers making the Tour a success by helping with planning, promoting, and/or engaging with attendees totaled more than 40.

Many thanks go to Dakota Altman, Nick Manes, Sue Guild, Linda Brown, Cassandra Dean, Keith Dean, Delan Nowiski, Gary Bell, Joe Gubanyi, Linda & Bill Clemente, Karen Creswell, Kitty Shuster, Tim Knott, Dean Cole, Cindy Rutan, Linda Helzer, Jason St. Sauver, Joyce & Lyle Vannier, Bruce Stephens, Ingrid Kirst, Nathan Duffy, Patty Spitzer, Bill Smith, Colleen Babcock, Mary King, Sarah Browning, Kait Chapman, Carol & Tim Hinkle, Margaret Berry, Ben Vogt, Bruce Mellberg, April Stephenson, Cheryl Moncure, Bob Henrickson, Vilma Montenegro, Arlys & Ken Reitan, Melinda Varley, Amanda Hegg, Barb & Chuck Francis, Linda Plock, Carol Rustad, Nancy Hamer, and Theresa Pella.



Van Dorn Park



## Wachiska Audubon Fall 2021 Birdseed Sale Order Form

	Bag Size	Bag Code	Price Each	Quantity	Total Cost
<b>ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX</b>					
<b>FEED MIXES</b>	Standard Audubon Mix	40 lb bag	ST40	\$ 39.00	\$
	Classic Audubon Mix	20 lb bag	CL20	\$ 24.00	\$
		40 lb bag	CL40	\$ 38.00	\$
	Attraction Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	AT35	\$ 46.00	\$
	Woodpecker Gourmet	20 lb bag	WO20	\$ 40.00	\$
	Bushy Tail Treat	20 lb bag	BT20	\$ 36.00	\$
<b>SEEDS</b>	Millet, White (98%)	50 lb bag	MI50	\$ 30.00	\$
	Peanuts, shelled rejects	20 lb bag	PR20	\$ 36.00	\$
		20 lb bag	SA20	\$ 30.00	\$
	Safflower Seed	50 lb bag	SA50	\$ 55.00	\$
		20 lb bag		\$ 30.00	\$
	Safflower Seed, Nutra Saff	20 lb bag		\$ 30.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, coarse	20 lb bag	HC20	\$ 40.00	\$
		50 lb bag	HC50	\$ 75.00	\$
Sunflower Hearts, fine	20 lb bag	HF20	\$ 38.00	\$	
Sunflower Seed, black oil	25 lb bag	SB25	\$ 27.00	\$	
<b>SUET CAKES</b>	High Energy Treat, 11.75 oz. cake		EN-C	\$ 1.50	\$
	Berry Treat, 11 oz. cake		BT-C	\$ 1.50	\$
Total number of bags and cost (All prices INCLUDE sales tax)					\$
Tax Deductible Donation to support Wachiska's education & conservation activities					\$
<b>Total Enclosed. Make check payable to Wachiska Audubon Society</b>					<b>\$</b>

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

**This form and your check must be postmarked by Thursday, October 7, 2021**  
 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, October 15  
3:00 -6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 16  
9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Note: stay in car; we will bring the seed to you.

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 Fall 2021 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 your 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.

**Nutra Saff Seed** is without the hard, outer shell.

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

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N.W. Corner of 14<sup>th</sup> &  
Arapahoe Street  
(between Van Dorn &  
Hwy 2) in Lincoln.

Look for Signs

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9:00-11:00 a.m.

**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](mailto:office@wachiskaaudubon.org) to make alternate pick up arrangements.

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

## Keystone XL Pipeline Update

by Marge Kennedy, Legislation Committee Chair

Reports indicate that TransCanada is starting to pull out of South Dakota after it canceled its Keystone XL Pipeline project in June 2021 following President Biden's removal of the company's permit to cross the border into the U.S. from Canada.

The company has not actually installed any pipe in the state, but it owns seven pump stations there plus it leases ten pipe yards (one of which has hundreds of pipes on site), seven contractor yards, and at least two work camps. TransCanada is required to restore the land and roads they used to "as good or better" quality than they were before the company came to the state. The decommissioning will come at a cost of millions of dollars to the company. There is no deadline for TC Energy to leave South Dakota, but the Public Utilities Commission will monitor activities during the reclamation period.

Easements between the company and 314 private landowners in the state will be handled between the parties as the Public Utilities Commission has no jurisdiction over those.

## October Programs at Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center

by Kevin Poague

### The Big Sit

Sunday, October 10, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us at Lincoln Saline Wetlands Nature Center for the "tailgate party" of birding and help us count as many birds as we can in one day from one small spot. You can join us for an hour or for the whole time. Bring a chair and snacks to share. Free admission; no registration needed.

The Big Sit is an annual, non-competitive birding event held around the world to promote birds and the birding community.

### Third Tuesday Bird Walk

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

Join fellow birders for a guided bird walk along the prairie trails. Free; registration required.

### HOOT 'N' HOWL FEST

Sunday, October 24, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

This is our annual fall festival celebrating the season. Enjoy a costumed crepuscular creep, live music, arts and crafts, prairie activities, and a LIVE owl presentation by Raptor Conservation Alliance at 3:30 p.m. Fun for the whole family!

Masks are required to be worn inside and encouraged outside when social distancing cannot be achieved. More information about these and other programs are on our website, <https://springcreek.audubon.org/events>. Questions to 402-797-2301; [scp@audubon.org](mailto:scp@audubon.org).

## Wachiska Signs MOU with NPLT for Prairie Conservation

by Theresa Pella and Stu Luttich

The Northern Prairies Land Trust (NPLT) recently volunteered to manage the nine prairies and properties owned by Wachiska. NPLT is charged with assisting the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in meeting the goals and objectives in Nebraska's Natural Legacy Project. One of the goals is to manage identified landscapes to conserve the majority of Nebraska's biological diversity. These landscapes, called Biologically Unique Landscapes, were selected based on known occurrences of at-risk species and natural communities and include Wachiska's prairies, such as Lamb, Berg, and Wildcat Creek. For more information on the Natural Legacy Project go to <http://outdoornebraska.gov/naturallegacyproject/>. In a separate project, Dr. Kay Kottas of Prairie Legacy, Inc. has scored many of these native prairies with relatively excellent scores.

This partnership is captured in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) recently approved by Wachiska's Board and details responsibilities and obligations of the two nonprofit organizations. The partnership does not include management responsibilities for the 23 private properties for which Wachiska holds conservation easements. While implementation of the agreement is in progress, the complete transfer of managerial responsibilities is scheduled to begin January 1, 2022.

The MOU is in sync with Wachiska's Strategic Plan's focus to relieve aging chapter volunteers with professional prairie management for both Wachiska-owned prairie properties and those with conservation easement agreements. An established and funded professional institution whose mission and purpose is compatible with Wachiska's provides a significant contribution for enabling the chapter to fulfill its prairie conservation and management program.

The conservation committee will continue to coordinate with NPLT while it shifts efforts to ensure conservation easement goals are met and work to meet other priorities.

## Gayfeather Seed Harvest Once Again

by Ross Scott, Chair, Conservation Committee

Join us on Sunday afternoon, October 10, from 12:00 noon to about 4:00 p.m. for the annual gayfeather seed harvest just northwest of the Pleasant Dale Cemetery in Seward County off 168th and Highway 6. Hopefully, the seed we harvest will bring a good price based on the renewed interest in native pollinators! Join us for an enjoyable fall afternoon of companionship and fundraising for Wachiska Audubon. For more details and directions, contact me at [rocaoak@gmail.com](mailto:rocaoak@gmail.com) or 402-202-1523.

# Climate Change Update

by Marilyn McNabb

Wachiska's prairie hero, Ernie Rousek, set us a high standard for the time and effort required to protect Nine-Mile Prairie. This round we were lucky to have a city administration and City Council that respect environmental values and the backup of an excellent study, "Nine-Mile Prairie Environs Master Plan, April 2020," prepared by The Flatwater Group for the UNL Center for Grassland Studies. Flatwater also did the "Salt Valley Greenway and Prairie Corridor Master Plan" study, which served as the foundation for the implementation of the prairie corridor connecting Pioneers Park to Audubon's Spring Creek Prairie.

Thanks to the leadership of Council member Tammy Ward, the Council in July approved postponement of the agenda item affecting Nine-Mile Prairie by a 7-to-0 vote. Then on September 13, city administration withdrew the proposal. It will not be on the September 20 Council agenda.

THANKS to everyone who communicated with City Council members. They heard us!

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Meanwhile, the City Planning Department has published "PlanForward," a draft of a Comprehensive Plan for Lincoln/Lancaster County to the year 2050. Comments are welcome but must be submitted by October 6 to [planforward@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:planforward@lincoln.ne.gov). The introduction says "The core promise embedded in PlanForward is to maintain and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of our community during times of change . . . and to meet the needs of today without sacrificing the ability of future generations to meet their needs." That last phrase is the classic definition of sustainable development used around the world by units of government large and small.

Bird and prairie lovers might want to Google PlanForward 2050 and go to "Elements" for "Environmental Resources" under E4 and "Parks, Recreation and Open Space," E5. "Environmental resources" has this good statement about healthy soils: "Agriculture and development practices that work to protect soils and maintain healthy plant cover are important for reduction of carbon in the atmosphere." However, that section fails to mention the extraordinary capacity of tallgrass prairie remnants to sequester carbon. That would be a good addition.

There are a number of passages in E4 that appreciate the remnants of tallgrass prairie in the county, especially Nine-Mile, Pioneers Park, and Spring Creek Prairie. However, I did not see any restrictions on preventing construction too close to prairies, mainly a problem for Nine-Mile Prairie. The Nine-Mile Prairie Environs Master Plan has maps showing where development is permissible and where it would be damaging. In my opinion, these maps should be included in PlanForward.

In October 2020, the Verdis Group presented a 171-page report to the City of Lincoln. The "2020 Climate Action Plan Draft" included recommendations to 2050. In March, the City Council adopted a 29-page Climate Action Plan with recommendations only to 2027. PlanForward appears to have drawn only on the shorter version. Given what science and observable extreme weather are telling us, using the 2050 climate report would be the better choice for this 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

## Climate Change: Faith, Conversation, Science

by Lorrie Benson

Internationally known climate scientists Dr. Katharine Hayhoe and Dr. Don Wilhite will talk to Nebraskans about the values and faith issues of climate change, how to have effective and respectful conversations, and the latest science. Presentations will be via Zoom 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. and are open to all.

On Thursday, October 28, Dr. Hayhoe will present "Climate Change: Why We Must Care and What We Can Say." Dr. Hayhoe is well-known for her ability to connect action on climate change to values, whether those values are love of God's creation, love for children and grandchildren, or something else. As a highly regarded climate scientist, she's also learned the best ways to have respectful, persuasive conversations about climate change.

Dr. Hayhoe will highlight key points of her just-released book, *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*.

On Thursday, November 4, Dr. Wilhite will speak on "Climate Change Science: Code Red for Humanity." Record high temperatures and heat domes, record low temperatures and stalled Arctic jet streams, floods and droughts are all evidence in the last year of a changing climate. Dr. Wilhite will address what we know about our climate future based on the past year and will review the basics of climate change science.

These talks are sponsored by the Climate Action Team at First-Plymouth Congregational Church. Details and Zoom links are at [firstplymouth.org/cat](http://firstplymouth.org/cat). Questions, including how to purchase discounted bulk copies of Dr. Hayhoe's new book, should be addressed to [lorriebenson2@gmail.com](mailto:lorriebenson2@gmail.com).

## Final Second Saturday Seeds for this Season

by Beth Coufal

October will be the last outing for Second Saturday this year. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Dieken Prairie near Unadilla on Saturday, October 9.

Hopefully we will see gentian and ladies tresses blooming and collect *Liatris* seeds. Feel free to call me at 402-417-3928 with any questions or for directions.



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This local chapter membership provides you with voting privileges and access to all our events, programs, and committees, **plus 100 percent of your membership donation goes directly to the Wachiska chapter. In addition, Friend members receive our monthly newsletter, *The Babbling Brook*, in their choice of print or electronic form.**

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- \_\_\_ \$25 Individual/Friend
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- \_\_\_ \$50 Black-capped Chickadee Friend
- \_\_\_ \$100 Northern Cardinal Friend
- \_\_\_ \$250 Western Meadowlark Friend
- \_\_\_ \$500 Bald Eagle Friend
- \_\_\_ \$1000 Peregrine Falcon Friend

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

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



**American Goldfinches**

\_\_\_ **I prefer to receive my newsletter by email.**

Please note: If you are already a member of National Audubon Society (NAS) you automatically become a member of Wachiska, but not a Wachiska Friend member. Only Wachiska Friends receive the printed newsletter each month. If you wish to join NAS or receive *Audubon* magazine, please contact the National Audubon Society directly.

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