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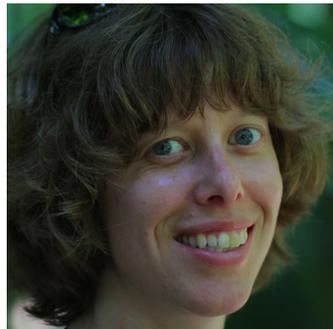
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General Meeting — Thursday, September 10, 7:00 p.m., Union College Dick Auditorium, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln

Food Forests: Next Steps in Growing for the Community

by Ingrid Kirst, Executive Director of Community Crops

Growing food brings a wide variety of benefits, but expanding your food growing to include perennials opens up more possibilities for building a strong food supply, connecting our community, and providing habitat for birds and pollinators.



Ingrid Kirst

The Southern Heights Presbyterian Church, Community Crops, and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation have combined efforts to design and build the Southern Heights Food Forest (SHFF). The goal of our project is to provide a public space that fosters community development, encourages a positive relationship with nature at an early age, and educates the citizens of Lincoln about sustainable agricultural practices.

Food forests, or forest gardens, are carefully designed gardens that mimic complex woodland ecosystems by including plant types such as trees, bushes, vines, and ground covers. All plants will serve multiple functions in this ecosystem and produce some kind of edible yield be it a fruit, leaf, seed, or tuber. As the biodiversity of the area increases and stabilizes, maintenance needs will diminish and harvests will become more productive.

The food grown in our food forest will be a public resource and available to anyone. Those interested in foraging in our forest may visit several times during harvest periods. Larger harvests, like fruit, will likely attract annual harvest parties. We expect many visits will be by Lincolniters looking for education on pollinator plant choices, urban agriculture, edible landscaping, and stormwater management.

The Food Forest also offers community garden plots. Currently 25 families, mostly of low-to-moderate income, are being served. Our gardeners come from four continents, and that diversity is reflected in the varieties of vegetables growing in these plots. In addition, the Food Forest will have a Nature Explore outdoor classroom open to the public, with resources available for area day cares and schools for education.

Since 2005, Ingrid Kirst has been the executive director of Community Crops, guiding the organization to be the primary resource for



food growing in Lincoln. With an extensive gardening and nonprofit background, Ingrid's position combines her many skills with her goal for everyone in Lincoln to grow some of their own food. She has turned her entire yard into a vegetable and perennial garden and regularly teaches local gardening classes.

Join Wachiska on **Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m.** for this free public presentation in the Union College Dick Auditorium, 3800 South 48th Street, in Lincoln. Free parking is available on both sides of 48th Street and in the College View SDA Church parking lots. Look for Audubon signs on the doors. There is a ramp at the east entrance and an elevator inside. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Calendar

September

- 1 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
 - 2 Education Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
 - 6 Field Trip to east Lincoln wetlands, 8:00 a.m. (page 2)
 - 10 General Meeting, "Food Forests: Next Steps in Growing for the Community," by Ingrid Kirst, Union College, 7:00 p.m.
 - 15 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
 - 21 **Fall Birdseed Sale orders due** (order form pages 3-4)
 - 21 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
 - 24 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's, 11th & G, 6:00 p.m.
- NO Population/Environment Committee meeting scheduled

See Birdseed Order Form Inside



Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

Marsh Music

Cattails and sedges provide great hiding places for the many birds that inhabit the Rainwater Basin wetlands. But that shouldn't stop us from hearing their comical calls and songs on our field trip to some prime wetlands east of Lincoln. Only about one-fifth of the Rainwater Basin wetlands still survive in the flat cropland region west of Lancaster County, and we'll visit the eastern edge of that area. Our journey will involve birding from our cars and the road and won't require much walking as we check out four different wetlands. We'll look for marsh specialties and listen for the songs of yellow-headed blackbirds, tinkling marsh wrens, squeaky wood ducks, and soras which might be doing their cartoonish whinnies.

Meet at **8:00 a.m.** on **Sunday, September 6**, on the south side of the State Capitol in Lincoln, 15th & H streets across from the governor's mansion. Participants can either caravan or carpool for the 35-mile drive to our destinations. Bring a water bottle, hat or shade visor, and binoculars and scope if you have them. There is no fee, and the public is welcome. If you have questions, call John at 402-475-7275.

New Members this Month

by Joyce Vannier, Membership Committee Chair

During August, we welcome in as new Friends of Wachiska members, Jack Higgins and Richard Peterson. Darlene Allen transferred to Wachiska from another chapter.

New National Audubon members assigned to our chapter this month are:

Verna Boden	Orin Hayes	Bill Shuart
Ron Burgess	Marcia Knuth	Jeff Sturgill
Jenny Carver	Barbara Leising	Ron Suden
Jon Farrar	Rhonda McClure	Nancy Van Horn
Karen Faubel	Emil Pierson	Jeanne Zwiebel

Welcome one and all. Please join us for an upcoming general meeting program the second Thursday of each month (see page 1) or possibly a field trip (see page 2).

Save the Date for Gayfeather Harvesting

The annual harvesting of gayfeather at Ernie Rousek's prairie near Pleasant Dale is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 18. Ernie reports the harvest will be massive this year due to the wet spring. We will need 40-50 volunteers to help pick the field clean. Ernie makes this a Wachiska fundraiser every year. More details will be announced next month. Mark your calendars now.



From the Board ...

by Ben Vogt, Director at Large

Refuges of Beauty and Purpose

In July I spoke during the Iowa Prairie Conference at the Tallgrass Prairie Center in Cedar Falls. The drive was astounding. Highways were lined with all sorts of native forbs in bloom, with birds and butterflies darting and dashing from the roadside cover. The contrast between Nebraska's road edges and Iowa's was night and day—even though mowers were beginning their march in Iowa. The troubling Queen Anne's lace was very abundant, too.

In August I was in Central Ohio. Oh, I wish you could have seen the thin spits of unmowed road edge where ironweed was blooming—a very deep royal purple that stood out in full glory. What a beacon of hope and defiance.

And yet our mowers hum and throb across the landscapes—on road edges, on business and college campuses, and in our suburban neighborhoods. Fuel is spilled, and unfiltered chemicals make their way into the person mowing, exacerbating hypertension, harming lungs, and reducing sperm counts in men (I know, it's that last one we're really worried about!).

I have a neighbor who waters twice a day; another mows three times a week and waters every other day—what would folks in California think about us? Is a mowed, lush lawn pretty? I think yes, it can be, and it is for many folks. It makes the scenery seem more tidy and cared for, but that's the exact sort of landscape that wildlife abhors. Suburban lawns have only been around since about the 1950s.

The news lately has been flush with stories of brave people having meadows instead of lawns, or in the southwest, desert gardens. It is important that as we rethink pretty and lawn management that we also remember these new landscapes must show purpose for those who don't agree with our wilder sensibilities.

Keep an island of lawn or have a lawn pathway through that front yard meadow. Have a mulch path, a bench, a sculpture, or a table and chairs to show it all has purpose and human use. Keep tall plants far away from sidewalks, so they don't flop or touch people. Have drifts and masses of the same plants instead of a wilder prairie look. Make sure there are flowers in bloom in every month. Put a sign out front that explains what you're doing and why. Most importantly, live by example—

butterflies, birds, bees, and so much more need you, and tied together, our new front yards will create refuges of astounding beauty and value for all of us as we work for a more resilient and healthy home.





Wachiska Audubon Fall 2015 Birdseed Sale Order Form

	Bag Size	Bag Code	Price Each	Quantity	Total Cost
ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX					
FEED MIXES	Regal Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	RE35	\$ 60.00	\$
	Standard Audubon Mix	40 lb bag	ST40	\$ 28.00	\$
	Classic Audubon Mix	20 lb bag	CL20	\$ 19.00	\$
		40 lb bag	CL40	\$ 33.00	\$
	Attraction Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	AT35	\$ 39.00	\$
	Woodpecker Gourmet	20 lb bag	WO20	\$ 33.00	\$
	Bushy Tail Treat	20 lb bag	BT20	\$ 28.00	\$
SEEDS	Millet, White (98%)	50 lb bag	MI50	\$ 18.00	\$
	Nyjer Thistle - NEW smaller bag	8 lb bag	NY8	\$ 12.00	\$
	Peanuts, shelled rejects	20 lb bag	PR20	\$ 33.00	\$
		50 lb bag	PR50	\$ 66.00	\$
	Peanuts, in the shell	50 lb bag	PS50	\$ 80.00	\$
	Safflower Seed	20 lb bag	SA20	\$ 21.00	\$
		50 lb bag	SA50	\$ 42.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, coarse	20 lb bag	HC20	\$ 32.00	\$
		50 lb bag	HC50	\$ 64.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, fine	20 lb bag	HF20	\$ 32.00	\$
		50 lb bag	HF50	\$ 64.00	\$
	Sunflower Seed, black oil	25 lb bag	SB25	\$ 15.00	\$
50 lb bag		SB50	\$ 32.00	\$	
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)					\$
Wachiska T-shirts (Circle the size you want. For more than one, note sizes on back of form. Price includes tax.) S M L XL XXL \$ 18.00					\$
Tax Deductible Donation to support Wachiska's education & conservation activities					\$
Total Enclosed. Make check payable to Wachiska Audubon Society.					\$

Name _____ Email address _____ Phone Number _____

This form and your check must be postmarked by Monday, September 21, 2015.
 Mail to: Wachiska Audubon Society Birdseed Sale - 4547 Calvert St, Suite 10, Lincoln NE 68506-5643
 You can also order online and pay at www.WachiskaAudubon.org.

Soaring Hawk Wachiska T-shirts

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

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Order NOW!



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

NEW! Berry Treat – a wonderful winter treat

Wachiska Audubon Fall 2015 Birdseed Sale & Fundraiser

Wachiska's Birdseed Sales are an important part of our fundraising and offer you a great deal on birdseed! ***Our prices are very competitive*** and your purchase will support our conservation and education efforts throughout the coming year. We count on your support.

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

Or place your order online at www.WachiskaAudubon.org

Orders due Monday, September 21, 2015.

SEEDS

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

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

Peanuts (shelled) – attractive for woodpeckers and blue jays

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

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

Sunflower Hearts – highly prized by birds and leave less mess—use coarse hearts for feeders with large openings that might allow fine hearts to drop out

Black Oil Sunflower Seed – favored by most seed-eating birds; high oil content for more energy

Additional copies of this flyer and the order form are available on our website or order online at www.WachiskaAudubon.org

ORDER PICK UP DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Pick up site is at the NW corner of 14th and Arapahoe Streets (between Van Dorn & Hwy 2) in Lincoln.

Saturday, October 17
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 18
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.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 to make alternate pick up arrangements.

Climate Change Update

(a report from National Audubon Society submitted
by Marilyn McNabb)

Clean Power Plan Takes Aim at Climate Change

The much-anticipated release of EPA's Clean Power Plan final rule to reduce dangerous carbon emissions from power plants arrived August 4. This is the boldest move by any administration to reduce the carbon pollution that causes global warming.

The case for urgent action has never been stronger. Last year was the hottest on record, according to an international report.¹ The first six months of this year were even hotter; 14 of the 15 hottest years ever recorded have occurred in this century. As temperatures go up, sea levels rise and extreme weather disasters multiply. Extreme heat kills more Americans than hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and lightning combined. Audubon's science dramatically shows that global warming puts 314 North American birds at risk from climate change. So for Audubon, it's a bird issue.

Electric utilities contribute almost 40 percent of the United States' carbon pollution fueling global warming, the largest source in the country. The Clean Power Plan will require utilities to reduce emissions by 32 percent by 2030 compared to 2005 levels. That will keep nearly 900 million tons of carbon pollution from being spewed into our atmosphere each year. It will provide the same benefits to the climate as taking 70 percent of our cars off the road. Other health and environmental benefits will be realized as well, as the Clean Power Plan creates cleaner, healthier skies.

Each state has the flexibility to find the best, lowest-cost approach to meeting their carbon reduction goals, using a mix of building blocks that include energy efficiency measures, switching to cleaner fuels, or creating regional approaches with neighboring states.

Audubon is working hard to ensure that birds survive a warming world. Our efforts just got some much-needed help with the first-ever federal effort to reduce carbon pollution through the Clean Power Plan.

¹International report of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), July 16, 2015, confirms: 2014 was Earth's warmest year on record.

Garden Locations Needed for Next Year's Tour

Wachiska's Backyard Garden Tour committee is looking for yards north of "O" Street for next year's tour. Contact Anne Senkbeil at asenkbe@lps.org or 402-423-6524 with suggestions.

Word that the Hummers Were on their Way

by Stan and Jean Shavlik

Here on the farm near Linwood, Nebraska, we are home to many birds, bunnies, toads, butterflies, and our lovable Chihuahua cross, all of which give us many hours of pleasure listening to nature's voices!



Ruby-throated hummingbird

On Sunday afternoon, August 2, word was out that the hummingbirds were seen in Western Nebraska, so we took down the empty hummer feeders, soaked them, and scrubbed them with special brushes. I cooked up two batches of hummingbird nectar (water with sugar) and put one cupful in each feeder. The next day toward evening, we were rewarded with two ruby-throated hummingbirds—a male and a female—which came to say "hello" and partake of the nectar. They are a joy to watch as they will sit on a shrub, then fly around in the evening sky.

Today, August 9, I had to cook up another batch of nectar as one feeder was empty. The hummers are gaining energy for their long trip to Central America. We will surely welcome them back in 2016.

Editor's Note: Our apologies to Stan and Jean Shavlik for inadvertently omitting their names from the Birdathon donors list last month. Their contributions of all kinds are welcome!

Wilderness Park Needs Your Help

by Adam Hintz, President, Friends of Wilderness Park

We had a great meeting in mid-August with Lincoln Parks and Rec, and we've found some important projects to do in the upcoming weeks and months!

As the first project, Parks and Rec has asked us to conduct a trail damage inventory of Wilderness Park. Volunteers will check the trails to find where trees have fallen and trails have been washed out. Maps will be provided to mark these areas. It will be important to take pictures, too. This will happen very soon, so please respond to this call to action if you're free on a Saturday or Sunday in the next few weeks. Other projects will follow in the future.

Share this message with those who are interested. Contact me at adam.hintz.lincoln@gmail.com. Thanks for your passion and support. Wilderness Park will be even greater with your help!

Dickcissel

by Richard Peterson

What a strange name for a bird. Was it because of its song as we hear it . . . and how did that song come about?

The dickcissel is a small, seed-eating bird related to the cardinal, rose-breasted grosbeak, and indigo bunting. It breeds in open meadows, grain fields and



prairies like those we have in Nebraska. David Sibley, in the recent *The Sibley Guide to Birds*, has described the bird's song as a sharp *dick dick* followed by a buzzed *cissel*, sometimes transcribed as *skee-dlees chis, chis, chis*, or *dick dick, ciss, ciss, ciss*. But could the name have another origin? The answer could have been right in front of us for 115 years.

From a 1900 issue of the magazine *Bird Lore* (Vol. II, No. 3) comes what may have been all along the true story behind the name. From the magazine section, "For Young Observers," we have the following:

The Origin of Dick Cissel

Sir Richard Cecil was a knight of a very high degree.
He came to preach some English fad in North Amerikey;
But a clever Indian medicine man transformed him into a bird.
With the funniest, drollest, dryest note that ever yet was heard:
And now he sings the livelong day, from mullein top or thistle.
The first of his intended speech, "Oh I am Dick, Dick Cissel."

Ernest Seton-Thompson

Ernest Evan Thompson (b 1860 – d 1946) was a British born author, wildlife artist, and founder of Woodcraft Indians (1902). He was influential in starting the Boy Scouts of America. He was a pioneer in animal-fiction writing. Thompson's most popular book was *Wild Animals I Have Known* (1898). Most of his childhood was spent in Toronto, Canada. He won a scholarship in art to the Royal Academy, London, England. He later moved to New York City then to near Greenwich, Connecticut. Thompson died in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Easily Preventable Bird Deaths

by David Yarnold, President & CEO
National Audubon Society

Every year, millions of birds die unnecessarily because of oil pits, power lines, communications towers, and other manmade hazards. In many cases, these deaths can be prevented cheaply and easily.

In response, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a plan to strengthen the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, one of America's most important bird conservation laws. The aim is to bring the Act up to date to meet the challenges of the 21st century and put a stop to preventable bird deaths.

Birds must negotiate a growing tangle of human-caused threats. These include uncovered oil pits and other toxic pools that waterfowl mistake for fresh water, an ever-expanding network of power lines and communication towers, and towering offshore oil rigs as tall as 25-story buildings.

Many companies are already working with conservationists to find solutions to keep birds safe. Solutions are often inexpensive and easily implemented, like ensuring waste pits are properly covered.

It's time to take those good ideas to scale and make sure everyone is playing by the same rules. The new rules proposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will help to proactively prevent these unnecessary bird deaths.



Songbirds like this **Prothonotary warbler** have died after drinking from uncovered oil pits.

Let the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service know you support this critical action. Email the horrendously long site below at:

https://secure.audubon.org/site/Advocacy.jsessionid=0CA9E6031910BFE369E6BA8A3E3ABA58.a pp304acmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1829&autologin=true&utm_source=action&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2015-08-18-mbta-alert or contact in Nebraska, Ecological Services Field Office, 9325 B South Alda Rd, Wood River NE 68883-9565, 308-382-6468. The website is <http://www.fws.gov/nebraskaes/>.

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Wachiska offers two choices of membership—many people choose both. 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 local membership dues remain 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 _____ County _____ State ____ Zip _____

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E-mail _____

_____ \$20 Individual/Friend _____ \$50 Sustainer
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Make checks payable to **Wachiska Audubon Society**. All funds remain with our local chapter. Mail to:

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AND / 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 _____

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Enclose introductory membership fee of \$20.

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

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You can help Wachiska save paper and reduce the cost of printing and mailing *The Babbling Brook*. Each month's newsletter will be posted online by the first day of each month. Our electronic subscribers will receive an email the first of each month with a direct link to the online newsletter.

If you would like to join the 136 other *Babbling Brook* readers and switch from paper to online delivery, please send an email to newsletter@wachiskaaudubon.org and put "Electronic Newsletter" in the subject line. We'll get you converted over. Thanks!



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NEBirds Website

Check out the email discussion at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NEBirds> to learn of the latest sightings and interesting tales of Nebraska's most avid birders and those interested in Nebraska birds and their ecology. Posts change daily—and even more often when excitement arises. Offerings of recent sightings, questions, and new photos are all welcome.

**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**.