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Audubon Society

Wachiska Audubon Society's vision:

To share the experience and love for nature—and help protect its diversity

The Babbling Brook

Our 53rd Year of Protecting Nature 1973 - 2026

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Wachiska Program and General Meeting — Thursday, March 12, 7:00 PM, Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, and also via YouTube link: <https://youtube.com/live/tEnRFsY5kk8?feature=share>

A GATHERING OF FRIENDS:

Celebrating 2025 and Looking Ahead with the Wachiska Audubon Board

Wachiska Audubon warmly invites you to spend an evening with the fourteen dedicated officers and directors of our Board as we reflect on the accomplishments of our historic year, 2025. It's a chance to celebrate how far we've come together, reconnect with fellow supporters, and enjoy a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere—complete with fun door prizes and plenty of good cheer!

The evening will open with a heartfelt welcome from Executive Director Mark Brohman, setting the tone for a meaningful look back at the year. We'll follow with a brief 2025 report that highlights Wachiska's progress across our three key focus areas: moving forward, strengthening our sustainable plan, and expanding our outreach. We'll end with stories, conversation, questions from you and did we say door prizes? Yes, we are looking forward to those!



Tom Lynch gives garden tour to eighteen Otoe-Missouria students.

Obtaining Prairie Pines Nature Preserve was a game changer for Wachiska! Together, we'll celebrate the impact of this work and look ahead with optimism to what's next for Wachiska Audubon and the community we serve.

WACHISKA AUDUBON'S STRATEGIC PLAN: 2025-2029

GOAL 1: Strengthen and streamline Wachiska Audubon. **2025 Priority:** Put a Fund Development Plan in place to support our work.

GOAL 2: Ensure long-term care of our prairies and protected lands.

2025 Priority: Build on relationships with 23 conservation easement

owners and address maintenance needs as they arise.

GOAL 3: Raise awareness and educate the community about tallgrass prairies. **2025 Priority:** Find ways for *Prairie Pines Nature Preserve* to teach individuals, students, and groups about tallgrass prairies and inspire them to help protect this wonderful, precious rare ecosystem.

The Board hopes this evening will be a dialogue with you dear friends! What questions and hopes do you have about this organization you support? Looking forward to sharing stories and door prizes!

JOIN US

Thursday, March 12, 7:00 PM, at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street or stream live:

<https://youtube.com/live/tEnRFsY5kk8?feature=share>

WACHISKA'S MARCH CALENDAR

- 2 Education Committee: 6PM/ZOOM
- 7 Bird EnCOUNTER: 10-1PM/Anderson Library
- 9 Conservation Committee: 6:30PM/ZOOM
- 12 General Meeting: LOOKING AHEAD. 7PM/UU Church
- 17 Board Meeting: 7PM
- 20 BIRDSEED PICKUP: 3-6PM/Prairie Pines
- 21 BIRDSEED PICKUP: 11-2PM/Prairie Pines
- 22 SUNDAY CEDAR CUT: 10AM/Prairie Pines
- 26 Nature Nights: 6:30PM/St.Peters School

PRAIRIE PINES PARTNERS EVENT

HELLO SPRING HIKE!

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 1-2:30 PM

Join staff on an early spring hike at Prairie Pines. We will be looking under the leaves and up into the trees to discover signs of a new season. Meet at the Visitor Center.

More information at prairiepines.org/events

Executive Director's Message

by Mark Brohman

I want to thank Dr. Larkin Powell for his presentation at our February meeting! His new book, *The Best of Intentions: A Story of Landscape Change in the Heart of the Great Plains*, gets a person thinking deeply about the Great Plains. We had 70+ attendees. Our Speaker Series is steadily growing!

Speaking of changes, we're looking forward to our next General Meeting on March 12th! Join us as we celebrate the game-changing milestones of 2025 and look ahead to the future with the Wachiska Audubon Board. We're putting together fun door prizes—come be part of the fun!

The record setting warm days this winter have brought visitors out to Prairie Pines. It's always fun to hear kids laughing and running around on the trails through the trees. We have had great numbers of birds all winter and you can just about count on seeing a half dozen or more species each day around the feeders. The heated bird bath is always a favorite.



Executive Director
Mark Brohman

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PLEASE GET YOUR ORDERS TO US BY **MARCH 13TH.**

(PICK UP at PRAIRIE PINES: 3/20 and 3/21)

***If you want to gift seed or suet for our feathered friends at Prairie Pines, we'd be ever-grateful! ***

We finally found a small tractor with a front-end loader for Prairie Pines. It has been a quest for several months, but a huge thank you to an anonymous donor that provided the funds to purchase it. Now we can move chips around the property and keep the trails from being too muddy and help erosion. Next time you come for a visit, you are welcome to see our latest acquisition.

We're hosting **SUNDAY CEDAR CUT: MARCH 22ND AT 10AM AT PRAIRIE PINES.** If you have a tree saw or loppers, bring them along with gloves and coffee! If the weather is bad, we'll reschedule the event. You can keep an eye on our Facebook page, or let me know and I'll put you on a volunteer list. We'll try to have more cedar cutting events in the future, including hitting the prairie by Arnold Elementary (NW 48th).

In my column for the legislative update, you'll find things are changing daily. We'll be sure to send and post action alerts as needed on Facebook. Thank you for contacting your State Senators; your comments truly make a difference. ***Enjoy the outdoors and the nice days ahead—at least we don't have to worry about ticks this time of year!***

2026 LEGISLATIVE WATCH

by Mark Brohman

The legislative session is more than half over. March 3rd is the 36th day of a 60-day session. Bills are getting piled up as Senators are trying to get their bills on the daily agenda to be heard on the floor. All the hearings are over, and the legislature is meeting for full days and will start meeting some evenings. Any bill that is not a priority of a Senator, the Speaker, or a committee is probably doomed unless there is no opposition and the bill gets placed on a Consent Calendar.

I'm going to list a few of the most critical bills in this article, but there are many additional bills we're monitoring. Feel free to contact me anytime you have questions about a bill.

The bills we are most concerned about at this time include one of the mainline budget bills, **LB1072**. Not only were there 25 testifiers in opposition at the hearing, but there were over 460 opposition letters submitted. This bill proposed to sweep funds from several places including the arts and humanities; health and human services; the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET); the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC); the Dept. of Water, Environment, and Energy; the Dept. of Ag; and many others.

I want to thank all of you that took time to submit comments on LB1072 and the NGPC/NET budget hearing. As it's a mainline budget bill, it must pass in some form this session. The Governor proposed taking \$40.7M from the NET and give \$32.7M to the NGPC to replace some of the \$50M it is taking from their budget. This \$32.7M would be used for improvements at Lewis and Clark Lake. Many of these improvements would be clearly for recreation and tourism, two items not under the NET's mission.

Some of the funds would do dredging and shoreline improvements, but most of the funds would be for boat slips and infrastructure. LB 1072 would also take a number of funds from NGPC, the most egregious being a take of \$1M from the Wildlife Conservation Fund. This fund is from individuals giving part of their tax refund (check-off dollars), donations, and funds from wildlife license plates, to NGPC for wildlife conservation. ***People will stop giving to this very worthwhile cause if they know their donation is going to be swept up and used for deficit reduction.***

We hope resolution **LR298CA** is passed to protect the Nebraska Environmental Trust. It will require all Lottery proceeds given to the NET be used for competitive grants. These funds could no longer be raided. **LB1261** received a lot of opposition from the conservation community, but is being supported by the administration and big business. It promotes big data center developments, provides profits for big businesses, but has no guardrails to protect the public. There are several other bills dealing with energy: **LB1026** that would make it very difficult to retire aging, dirty, and inefficient fossil fuel generation facilities. **LB1027** would create barriers to renewable energy development.

TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE SEE THE Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature site:

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		50 lb bag SA50	\$ 92.00		\$
	Safflower Seed, Nutra Saff	20 lb bag	\$ 42.00		\$
	Sunflower Hearts, coarse	20 lb bag HC20	\$ 57.00		\$
		50 lb bag HC50	\$ 110.00		\$
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Total number of bags and cost (All prices INCLUDE sales tax)					\$
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FRI. 3/20:

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11-2 PM

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SUET CAKES

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

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Additional copies of this flyer and the order form are available on our website:

www.WachiskaAudubon.org.

COLOR-YOUR-OWN BOB THE LITTLE COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD!

IF YOU READ OUR LAST NEWSLETTER, YOU LEARNED ABOUT BOB, A COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD WHO CAME TO LINCOLN! BOB ACCIDENTALLY LANDED IN NEBRASKA RIGHT BEFORE WINTER! (OH NO!)

BOB WAS RESCUED. (YAY!)

BOB NOW LIVES IN WARM AND SUNNY ARIZONA!(YAY!)

**COLOR BOB ANYWAY YOU LIKE!
TAKE A PICTURE WITH YOUR PHONE &
TAG WACHISKA AUDUBON ON FACEBOOK!
WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOUR CREATIVITY!**



Lincoln's 2025 Christmas Bird Count, part of Audubon's 126th Season!

Audubon across the country celebrated its 126th Christmas Bird Count (CBC) season and volunteers all around Lincoln helped count the Lincoln CBC circle on Saturday, Dec. 20. The day was mild and partly sunny and included counters in the field, at their own bird feeders and local parks, as well as an accessible & family birding station at Pioneers Park Nature Center.

The diversity of bird species was down this count compared to past years with 76 species of birds detected over the count day, and the overall numbers of individual birds was much lower, especially with waterfowl, game birds, and most markedly, wintering sparrow species. This trend seems to continue across the country with bird populations declining. As usual, Canada Goose was the most numerous species with European Starling and Pigeon coming in a close second and third. Some highlights this year were a near record number of Brown Creepers detected and a really great winter for Northern Flickers staying around Lincoln.

The full list of species is below. A huge **THANK YOU** to all the amazing volunteers of all ages and abilities that helped to make the CBC a success. A special thank you to Cassandra Dean, the UNL Bird Club, and staff at Pioneers Park Nature Center. We had 110 volunteer counters in the field and at feeders around Lincoln this year for our 87th Lincoln CBC. And, to celebrate and share stories, more than 20 of the counters joined in a Mac 'n' Cheese lunch hosted at Pioneers Park Nature Center.

2025 LINCOLN CBC - BIRD COUNT SUMMARY

Species	Tally	Species	Tally	Species	Tally
SnowGoose	14	American Coot	1	EasternBluebird	41
Greater White-fronted Goose	8	Killdeer	2	American Robin	532
Cackling Goose	145	Ring-billed Gull	41	European Starling	3039
Canada Goose	4945	Feral (Rock) Pigeon	1152	Cedar Waxwing	58
Wood Duck	2	Eurasian Collared-Dove	150	Lapland Longspur	19
Gadwall	13	Mourning Dove	179	Yellow-rumped Warbler	8
Mallard	930	Eastern Screech-Owl	1	Spotted Towhee	2
Northern Shoveler	8	Great Horned Owl	9	American Tree Sparrow	460
Green-winged Teal	77	Barred Owl	3	Song Sparrow	22
Ring-necked Duck	3	Belted Kingfisher	8	Fox Sparrow	1
Common Merganser	48	Red-bellied Woodpecker	107	Harris's Sparrow	51
Northern Bobwhite	25	Downy Woodpecker	145	White-throated Sparrow	41
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	Hairy Woodpecker	47	White-crowned Sparrow	11
Wild Turkey	120	Northern Flicker	146	Dark-eyed Junco	1151
American White Pelican	1	Northern Shrike	3	Northern Cardinal	221
Great Blue Heron	9	Blue Jay	407	Red-winged Blackbird	648
Bald Eagle	25	American Crow	123	Western Meadowlark	56
Northern Harrier	2	Horned Lark	75	Eastern Meadowlark	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	13	Black-capped Chickadee	146	Common Grackle	3
Cooper's Hawk	17	Red-breasted Nuthatch	44	Great-tailed Grackle	1
Red-tailed Hawk	50	White-breasted Nuthatch	175	Purple Finch	1
Rough-legged Hawk	1	Brown Creeper	57	House Finch	344
American Kestrel	23	Carolina Wren	5	Pine Siskin	6
Merlin	2	Winter Wren	2	American Goldfinch	309
Peregrine Falcon	1	Golden-crowned Kinglet	12	House Sparrow	800
		Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2		

Total # of Species 76

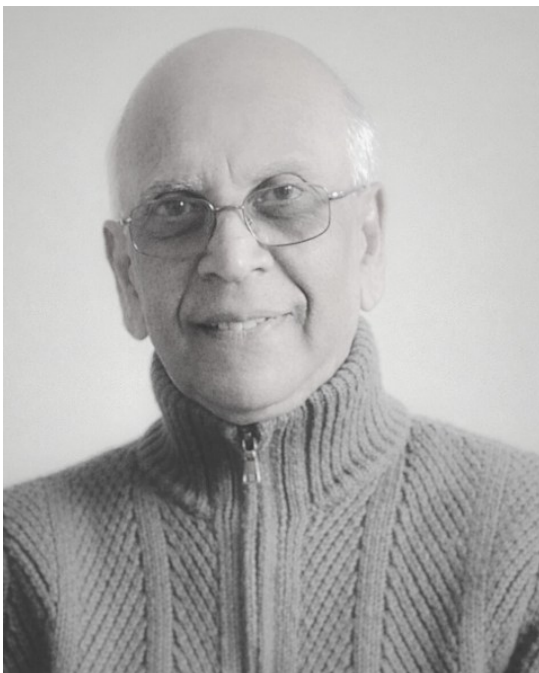


BEARING WITNESS TO A CHANGING WORLD: POETRY, ATTENTION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

By Sepala Weliwitiigoda

Sepala Weliwitiigoda is a poet whose work transforms close observations of the natural world into meditations on resilience, beauty, and the human spirit. A former MIT graduate and communications policy advisor to three major law firms in Washington, D.C., and Communications Satellite Corporation, he now channels his insight and curiosity into poetry and environmental advocacy.

We often speak about the environment in large, abstract terms—climate, biodiversity, sustainability. Yet for most of us, environmental change is first experienced quietly: fewer birds at dawn, forests thinning at their edges, animals retreating from places they once thrived. These changes may appear subtle, but together they shape the conditions on which all life, including our own, depends.

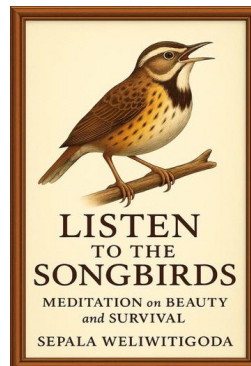
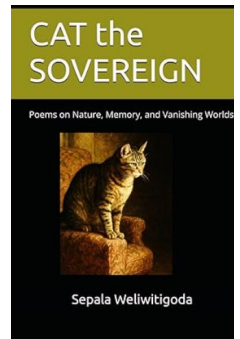


Guest Author Sepala Weliwitiigoda

The health of forests, wildlife, and bird populations is not separate from human survival. Forests regulate climate and water systems. Birds and insects pollinate crops and signal ecological balance. Animals shape ecosystems that support soil, vegetation, and resilience. When these systems weaken, the consequences ripple outward—eventually reaching our communities, food systems, and sense of stability. Each of us bears a responsibility to pay attention.

My own way of responding to this responsibility has been through writing. In my poetry collections, *Cat the Sovereign* and *Listen to the Songbirds*, I try to bear witness to the living world—not as an abstract idea, but as a presence shaped by memory, observation, and care.

Cat the Sovereign reflects on the intimate connections between humans, animals, and the landscapes we share. Through encounters with wildlife and moments of stillness, the poems explore how easily these relationships can be disrupted—and how much they matter to our sense of belonging in the world.



Listen to the Songbirds focuses more closely on birds and the environments that sustain them. Birds are among the most sensitive indicators of environmental change. Their songs, migrations, and absences tell stories about habitat loss, climate shifts, and ecological stress long before those changes become visible to us in other ways.

These books are not arguments or policy statements. They are invitations—to slow down, to notice, and to reflect on what is changing around us. Poetry, at its best, asks us to pay attention. And attention is often the first step toward responsibility. If we learn to see forests not merely as resources, birds not merely as background music, and animals not merely as symbols, we begin to understand how deeply our own survival is intertwined with theirs.

Caring for the environment is not only about protecting nature “out there”; it is about preserving the conditions that make human life possible.

I offer these books as my contribution to the ongoing dialogue about environmental stewardship—hoping they encourage readers to observe more closely, care more deeply, and recognize the fragile interdependence that binds all living things.

BOOKS AVAILABLE:

Listen to the Songbirds :

<https://a.co/d/jjiyQBt>

Cat the Sovereign:

<https://a.co/d/esJtLVb>



**Sedge Wren scanning it's surroundings at Knott Prairie.
Photo by Dakota Altman**

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Eastern Meadowlark

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REMEMBERING WACHISKA'S HISTORY

Wachiska means "stream" or "creek" in the languages of Indigenous people of eastern Nebraska, the Omaha and Ponca.

The environmental stewardship efforts of the Wachiska Audubon Society take place on the past, present, and future homelands of the Pawnee, Ponca, Otoe-Missouria, and Omaha Peoples, as well as those of the relocated Ho-Chunk, Sac and Fox, and Ioway. We humbly join our efforts with theirs in honoring and stewarding this land of prairies, rivers, and streams.

WACHISKA AUDUBON LEADERS - 2026

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Mission Statement of the Wachiska Audubon Society

The mission of the Wachiska Audubon Society is to bring people together to preserve and restore tallgrass prairies and other natural ecosystems, promote birding, support native wildlife, provide nature education, and advocate for the sustainability of our natural community.

Wachiska Audubon Society

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