



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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General Meeting—February 14, 7:00 p.m., Dick Administration Building, Union College Campus

## Our Children Will Determine the Fate of Wildlife: Practical Ideas in Education

by Chuck Francis, Population & Environment Committee

What we do to protect and preserve wildlife and their habitat will have little long-term impact if we do not pass this passion on to our children and grandchildren. A critical mission of Wachiska is to educate ourselves and find meaningful ways to stimulate kids to move out into the wild and learn for themselves. This month's program will feature local experts explaining how each of us can energize the next generation to meet this goal. This panel will include:

**Larkin Powell** studies ways that landscape management affects wildlife populations and takes his university students to the field in Nebraska, Puerto Rico, Namibia, and elsewhere to learn firsthand about the impacts of people and how we can improve land use to share this resource with other species. He is a UNL professor, conservation biologist, and animal ecologist.

**Mary Bomberger Brown** works with students of all ages to raise awareness about the importance of habitat for endangered species. As coordinator of the Tern and Plover Program, her enthusiasm is shared with children in workshops, classes, and field trips to motivate them to appreciate what they can do to save wildlife habitat.



Youth outreach is important to Ruth Staples Child Development Laboratory

**Deb Hauswald** conducts school programs, trains volunteers, and educates future leaders as the education coordinator of Audubon's Spring Creek Prairie. Deb is well known as an enthusiastic teacher on the prairie.

**Harry Heafer** promotes the importance of environmental education and literacy across the state and reports that 98 percent of survey respondents agree that environmental studies should be integral to classes in our schools. He is an environmental health specialist with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and an active leader in the Nebraska Alliance for Conservation and Environment Education (NACEE).

**Staff of the Ruth Staples Child Development Laboratory** manages an early childhood care center and research center for university students to learn skills and evaluate learning at UNL.

**Chuck Francis** will chair this panel of educators who will bring us highly practical ideas to use right here where we live with our own children and grandchildren.

Join Wachiska for this free public presentation on **Thursday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Dick Administration auditorium on Union College campus, 3800 South 48th Street, in Lincoln. Look for Audubon signs on the doors. Refreshments will be served. Due to construction on campus, alternative parking is needed. You can park on both sides of 48th Street and in the lots.

### Calendar

#### February

- 5 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Education Committee, Wachiska office. 5:00 p.m.
- 7 Population/Environment Committee, Walt Library, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Postmark deadline for Spring Birdseed Sale orders
- 13 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 14 General Meeting, Panel Discussion re Educating Children about Wildlife, Union College Dick Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 **Bird enCOUNTER** (page 6)
- 18 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 22-23 Spring Birdseed Sale pick up (pages 3-4)**
- 24 Field trip to Neale Woods (page 2)
- 28 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's at 11<sup>th</sup> & G streets, 6:00 p.m.



## From the Board ...

by Jessi Umberger, Vice President

The following is a summary of the article, "Pump water from Leavenworth to Denver? Highly unlikely, U.S. concludes," by Dave Helling at the *Kansas City Star*. Original article printed December 14, 2012.

"I do know we're pretty thirsty," said Timothy Casey, a political science professor at Colorado Mesa University. I know how you folks are pretty thirsty over there, too."

The drought of 2012 is one of the worst on record. It is on track to be the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history, impacting crops, livestock, and our livelihood. Because of its severity, this drought has caused us to search for solutions and examine what we can do to get more moisture into our soil and water tables, and how we can save our limited water resources.

The Colorado River basin is an area in extreme need of a solution; stretching from Wyoming to California, the drought affected over 40 million people. Federal officials asked citizens for suggestions to help manage this critical situation. They were flooded with suggestions from across the basin. Many of the ideas resulting from this process were untenable or unrealistic: towing icebergs from the Arctic, cloud seeding, covering western reservoirs with plastic balls to cut down on evaporation.

Of all the suggestions—one solution, building a pipeline from the Missouri River in Leavenworth, Kansas, to the Colorado River in Denver, Colorado—stood out from the rest. This "suck-and-pump solution" could provide 600,000 acre feet of water annually. The plan would not only provide water to the Colorado River basin, but also replenish the Ogallala Aquifer in Kansas and Nebraska. Although technically feasible, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar urged thirsty westerners to focus on "solutions that are out there that will help us." The pipeline would cover 700 miles up a 4,300-foot slope, costing \$8.6 billion to build, and up to \$1 billion annually just for electricity costs. Jody Farhat of the Army Corps of Engineers' Omaha district office said the agency would take a look at any plan to divert Missouri River water but predicted a skeptical reaction. Despite being cheaper on a per-gallon basis than other alternatives, the costs and political hurdles created by a pipeline would be insurmountable. Major blowback is expected from Missouri and Mississippi river states if this plan goes forward. "There is enough difficulty managing the Missouri River within the basin now," said Sen. Roy Blunt, a Missouri Republican. "Adding another dynamic outside the basin would certainly be a concern."

According to the Colorado River Compact signed in 1922, the upper and lower basin areas were each guaranteed 7.5 million acre feet of water annually. An ever-growing population in the Southwest, drought, over-use, and climate change have threatened those capacities. "The starting point should be to try to find ways to live within the means of each basin," said Caroline Pufalt, conservation director for the Missouri chapter of the Sierra Club. "A pipeline is just moving the problem around."

See original article at [www.kansascity.com/2012/12/13/3964235/pump-water-from-leavenworth-to.html](http://www.kansascity.com/2012/12/13/3964235/pump-water-from-leavenworth-to.html).

*I am excited to begin my new role as vice president on Wachiska's Board, anticipating many adventures on field trips and various activities with each of the chapter's committees. I'm looking forward to working with fellow members throughout the year to make Wachiska's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary memorable.*



## Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

### Winter Walk at Neale Woods

Neale Woods is a 550-acre nature center north of Omaha that is part of Fontenelle Forest. Its trails lead through wooded hills and the Missouri River floodplain. Join us for a winter hike off the beaten path as we explore some of those trails. We'll watch for interesting birds and other natural treasures along the way.

Meet at **12:00 p.m. Sunday, February 24**, on the south side of the State Capitol in Lincoln, 15th and H streets, across from the governor's mansion. We plan to arrive at Neale Woods around 1:15 p.m. for anyone preferring to join the group there. Bring a water bottle, binoculars if you have them, and dress warm enough for an afternoon outdoors. The visitor center is closed during the off season, but a self-pay station is available to maintain this privately owned gem. Non-member fees are \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors (62 and older). The public is welcome. If you have questions call John at 402-475-7275.

### 4th Annual Sandhill Crane Excursion

by Dave Titterington

Experience one of our planet's most spectacular wildlife migrations. On Thursday, March 21, a trip to see the cranes will be sponsored by Pioneers Park Nature Center, Lincoln Parks and Rec, and the Wild Bird Habitat Stores. We'll leave Lincoln at 12:00 noon to visit the Crane Trust and Nature Center at Alda and travel the back roads to see the cranes feeding and loafing in the fields. After dinner we'll watch the cranes return to the Platte River at sundown from one of Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary blinds. Plans are to return around 11:00 p.m. The fee of \$75/person includes transportation from Lincoln, dinner at Burchell's Whitehill Farmhouse Inn, and use of the crane-viewing blind. Space is limited.

To register or for more information, call PPNC at 402-441-7895. Registration and payment is required by February 21 in order to reserve space in the blinds. All participants must have the ability to walk uneven trails to the blinds and back in low light with our guide.





## Lyman Award to Ruth Staples Child Development Lab

by Mary King

*What is the extinction of a condor to a child who has never seen a wren?*

Robert Michael Pyle, Naturalist

With these insightful words as context, Wachiska's population and environment committee has chosen the Ruth Staples Child Development Laboratory (CDL) of UNL to receive the Edwin and Elvina Lyman Award for promoting love of nature and activities that sustain natural diversity.

Ruth Staples CDL celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year as a care center and facility for research on early childhood education. Children ages 18 months to five years immerse in child care and preschool experiences facilitated by university students and supervised by staff.

Nine years ago, CDL developed a facility and curriculum with the natural world as integral to programming for young children. The outdoor area was remodeled based on an "inside-outside" learning focus—whatever can be done inside can also be done outside. At Ruth Staples there are outdoor areas for physical exploration, but also for music with instruments of natural materials, art, cozy areas for reading, props promoting dramatic play, and a garden.

Vocabulary and materials of nature are evident everywhere: small groups are named for trees in fall and garden vegetables in spring. Art activities incorporate sticks, leaves, and rocks. International Mud Day was celebrated in 2012.

CDL is involved in nature-focused staff development plus redesign of the outdoor space. Outreach engages parents to partner with children in exploring and embracing nature.

In 2010, Ruth Staples CDL became certified as a Nature Explore facility, part of Arbor Day and Dimensions Educational Research Foundations. CDL joins 135 other early childhood programs, including five in Lincoln, with this designation.

Wachiska honors the Ruth Staples CDL for the time, energy, and creativity invested in nurturing our future stewards of nature. This award will be presented at Wachiska's February 14 general meeting.

Some of you may want to give memorial gifts to Wachiska Audubon to remember loved ones who have passed away. If you wish to contribute in this way, we will gratefully accept your gift and send a personal acknowledgement to the loved one's family. You may designate a particular area you would like your gift to go toward, or specify that it be included in the general fund. Contact Arlys or mail your gifts directly to the office.

## New Members to Kick Off Anniversary

Wachiska Audubon was chartered by the National Audubon Society in February 1973. As we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the following new members are recognized as having joined us most recently.

National Audubon members who are automatically assigned to their nearest chapter are:

Ruth Briney	Larry Heine	Philip Schmidt
Darlene Brydl	Ken Johnson	Elizabeth Shanahan
Jim Donahoe	Lucile Laughlin	Walter Stroup
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Gerry Gutz	Nancy Packard	Resa Wiltse
Dennis Hansen	Tom & Gretchen Pesek	Michael Wylie
Christine Hay	John Reed	Duane Zink

Transferring into Wachiska from another chapter is Frances Moyer.

New Friends of Wachiska (local memberships) are the following:

Charles Chase	M. Anne Pamperl
Robert Dobbs	Robert & Jessica Schultz
Allen Freye	Terence Spencer
Karen Moon	

We hope you will join chapter members in some of the special anniversary activities this year. Welcome to all!

## Check These Out

\* "The Great Plains: America's Lingerin' Wild," is the current exhibit of photographs by Michael Forsberg at the Great Plains Art Museum, 1155 Q Street, Hewitt Place, in downtown Lincoln through March 30. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday, and 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday. Free admission.



**Michael Forsberg**

\* There's some amazing footage at this YouTube site by my fellow *National Geographic* photographer, Tim Laman. This took him eight years to complete.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTR21os8gTA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTR21os8gTA)

Joel Sartore

# Results of Lincoln's CBC

by Linda R. Brown

I woke in the night before the Christmas Bird Count to listen to our first rain in months. Fortunately for us the rain stopped about 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, December 15. Warm temperatures (in the 40s) and open water added about 20 species to the list. Every species had been observed previously. The dickcissels spotted by Bruce Mellberg are the most unusual sighting. Joel Jorgenson found all three merganser species.



Female dickcissel

Three feeder watchers, 40 field observers, plus nine Boy Scouts (just learning), reported **79 species**. Mary Bomberger Brown organized the people who counted. They were Elaine Bachel, Anita Breckbill, Linda R. Brown, Pat Cole, Lynn Darling, Barbara DiBernard, Rick Eades, Larry Einemann, Billie Erxleben, Andrea Faas, Sue Guild, Pat Halderman, Mathew Hansen, Paula Hoppe, Paul Johnsgard, Michelle Johnson, Joel Jorgensen, Tim Knott, Thomas Labeledz, Daniel Leger, Dwain Leonhardt, Linda Maslowski, Pete Maslowski, Bruce Mellberg, Heather Modrow, Linda Plock, Kevin Poague, Bhalchandra Pujari, Susan Quinn, Ken Reitan, Dave Russ, Juan Russ, Jules Russ, Ruth Stearns, April Stevenson, Ned Stringham, Shane Tucker, Carol Wagener, Jake Walker, Dan Wheeler, and Michael Willison. Boy Scout Troop 36 participants were Todd Tinnean, Tyler Tinnean, Baylee Harris, Alex Meysenburg, Ed Crouse, Chris Yoder, Sylvia Yoder, Jim Bunch, Stephen Bunch, Brody Flynn, and organizer Cindi Card.

Bird species seen and recorded during the Lincoln Christmas Bird Count were as follows:

Greater White-fronted Goose 1	Falcon sp. 1	American Robin 1,433
Snow Geese 4	American Coot 90	Northern Mockingbird 1
Cackling Geese 101	Killdeer 14	European Starling 2,175
Canada Geese 2,885	Herring Gull 6	Cedar Waxwing 103
Mallard 874	Ring-billed Gull 674	Lapland Longspur 1
Gadwall 8	Rock Pigeon 1390	Yellow-rumped Warbler 6
Green-winged Teal 20	Eurasian Collared-Dove 2	American Tree Sparrow 318
American Wigeon 12	Mourning Dove 208	Fox Sparrow 12
Northern Pintail 6	Great Horned Owl 7	Song Sparrow 2
Northern Shoveler 33	Barred Owl 1	White-throated Sparrow 11
Canvasback 4	Belted Kingfisher 9	Harris Sparrow 73
Redhead 32	Red-bellied Woodpecker 67	White-crowned Sparrow 1
Ring-necked Duck 11	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1	Dark-eyed Junco 543
Lesser Scaup 37	Downy Woodpecker 100	Slated-colored Junco 319
Common Goldeneye 4	Hairy Woodpecker 15	Oregon Junco 4
Hooded Merganser 10	Northern Flicker 40	Northern Cardinal 228
Red-breasted Merganser 1	Yellow-shafted Flicker 24	Dickcissel 2
Ruddy Duck 1	Northern Shrike 7	Western Meadowlark 24
Ring-necked Pheasant 2	Blue Jay 246	Meadowlark sp. 27
Wild Turkey 23	American Crow 81	Red-winged Blackbird 207
Great Blue Heron 15	Horned Lark 20	Common Grackle 5
Bald Eagle 7	Black-capped Chickadee 180	Purple Finch 10
Northern Harrier 2	Red-breasted Nuthatch 17	House Finch 70
Cooper's Hawk 6	White-breasted Nuthatch 96	Red Crossbill 4
Sharp-shinned Hawk 5	Brown Creeper 20	Pine Siskin 136
Accipiter sp. 7	Carolina Wren 4	American Goldfinch 376
Red-tailed Hawk 39	Golden-crowned Kinglet 4	House Sparrow 573
Buteo sp. 3	Eastern Bluebird 88	
American Kestrel 18	Hermit Thrush 1	

## 2nd Annual Bird enCOUNTER is for the Birds . . .and the Kids

Last year's Great Backyard Bird Count was celebrated in the Lincoln area with success. This year the locations have changed.

Wachiska's population/environment committee is again working with the Lincoln City Libraries, the Wild Bird Habitat Stores, and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to provide a practical, fun, and free family event, Lincoln Bird EnCOUNTER, on **Saturday, February 16**, from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin Avenue in northeast Lincoln and Walt Branch Library, 6701 South 14th Street in southwest Lincoln.

Live raptors, kids' crafts, bird watching, fun games, bird photos, and more will be presented. If you can help, call the office.

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## **Membership**

Wachiska offers two choices of membership. Local membership, called Friends of Wachiska, includes receiving *The Babbling Brook*, our chapter's monthly newsletter. It also includes voting privileges and attendance at monthly meetings, programs, and field trips. All membership dues from a local membership stay with Wachiska to support chapter activities such as prairie preservation and education.

Membership in the National Audubon Society also includes membership in our local chapter, Wachiska. You will receive *Audubon* magazine from National Audubon along with *The Babbling Brook*.

### **Friends of Wachiska (local membership)**

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

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

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

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Enclose introductory membership fee of \$20.

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

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## Wachiska Spring 2013 Birdseed Sale Order Pick-up Dates

**Friday, February 22**      **Saturday, February 23**  
**4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**      **12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.**

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

**If you have questions during pick-up hours,** call Elizabeth at 402-770-3485.

**If you have ordered birdseed, PLEASE—Plan to pick up your order during these hours.**

Orders which 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, call the Wachiska office to make alternative arrangements for when someone is there: 402-486-4846. If you can help with distribution, call Elizabeth above. THANKS!

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*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**.