

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—March 14, 7:00 p.m., Dick Administration Building, Union College**

## The Record Breaking and Extreme Weather of 2012

*with Dr. Ken Dewey, Professor of Applied Climate Sciences  
School of Natural Resources*

It's official: 2012 was the warmest year on record in the lower 48 states as the U.S. experienced blistering spring and summer heat, tinderbox fire weather conditions amid a widespread drought, and one of the worst storms to ever strike the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast. In addition, 2012 marked the 36th consecutive year with a global temperature above the 20th Century average. This talk will examine the extreme weather of 2012 globally, in the U.S., on the Great Plains, and in Nebraska.

Our speaker will be a favorite of Wachiskans, **Dr. Ken Dewey**, a UNL professor who is so energetic and passionate about weather and climate that you won't want to miss this program.

Dr. Dewey's lifelong passion for weather began as a child in Chicago where he routinely collected weather data around his house and clipped weather news reports from local papers for his scrapbook. His passion for weather continues today with his storm chase group, the Nebraska Vortex Intercept Team, and their "photo safaris" that they take each spring across the plains.

Dewey received his undergraduate degree from Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois, his master's degree from Northern Illinois University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in Canada. Except for two years spent at the National Weather

Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C. on a post-doctoral fellowship, his entire career has been spent at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He is a professor in the UNL School of Natural Resource Sciences and a member of UNL's Applied Climate Sciences Group. He also creates the content and maintains the UNL Nebraska Weather and Climate websites, ([www.nebraskaweather.org/](http://www.nebraskaweather.org/) and [www.lincolnweather.org](http://www.lincolnweather.org/)), which contain a variety of information on the weather and climate of our region. In addition, Dewey maintains a popular UNL weather, climate, and natural resources photo resource website ([www.nebraskaweatherphotos.org/](http://www.nebraskaweatherphotos.org/)).



**Dr. Ken Dewey**

Professor Dewey has received seven teaching awards from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, eight research fellowships, and 11 funded research grants. His primary areas of research include severe storms climatology, snow and ice studies, short-term climatic variability, and severe weather preparedness. He organizes the annual Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium and Family Weatherfest held each spring on UNL's East Campus ([www.cpsws.unl.edu/](http://www.cpsws.unl.edu/)) and brings in over 3,500 people of all ages to learn more about severe weather in our region. His UNL appointment is primarily Outreach and Extension Education, and he enjoys the opportunities to share his love of Great Plains weather and climate with the public.

Join Wachiska on **Thursday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m.** for this free public presentation in the Dick Administration auditorium on Union College campus, 3800 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street, in Lincoln. Look for Audubon signs on the doors. Refreshments will be served following the talk. Due to construction on campus, alternative parking is needed. You can park on both sides of 48<sup>th</sup> Street and in the lots. An on-site ramp and elevator are available.

### Calendar

#### March

- 5 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Education Committee, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 7 Population/Environment Committee, 4435 Pioneers Blvd., 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Field trip to Rainwater Basin (page 2)
- 14 General Meeting, "The Record Breaking and Extreme Weather of 2012," by Dr. Ken Dewey, Union College Dick Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 18 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 28 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's at 11<sup>th</sup> & G streets, 6:00 p.m.



## Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

### The Great Gathering of Migrants

Every spring when throngs of birds visit Nebraska, people from all over the world do the same as they come to see an unparalleled gathering of sandhill cranes which are joined by multitudes of ducks and geese. Perhaps you're planning to attend Audubon's Rivers and Wildlife Celebration (page 6) or have a reservation to watch cranes from a viewing blind. We're fortunate to have such a spectacular assemblage of birds visit our neighborhood, so don't miss it. Our March field trip will take us to favorite stops in the eastern Rainwater Basin for viewing astonishing numbers of snow geese that rely on these remaining critical rest stops in areas that are now intensively farmed. We'll also spend time near the Platte River watching the sandhill cranes foraging, dancing, and bugling in the fields before they fill the sky on their way to their ancestral night roost in the river.

Meet at **11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10**, on the south side of the State Capitol in Lincoln, 15th and H Streets, across from the governor's mansion. (Remember Daylight Savings begins on this date.) Participants can carpool or caravan to our first destination about 80 miles southwest of Lincoln. Bring binoculars and scope if you have them, and any food or beverages you may want during the day unless you prefer to purchase them along the way. There is no charge, and the public is welcome. If you have questions or want to join the group west of Lincoln, call John at 402-475-7275.

### Education Committee Needs Volunteers

by Chris Thody, Chair

#### Volunteers needed to help with education committee

The education committee has been active in a variety of educational events in Southeast Nebraska, including Family Nature Nights, Prairie Discovery Days, annual sandhill crane viewing trips for children, and other events. We are looking for additional members to help bring in new ideas and fresh perspectives. We meet at 5:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Wachiska office. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 7. Please contact me at 402-499-0133 or [christhody@hotmail.com](mailto:christhody@hotmail.com) to bring your great ideas to the table!

#### Education committee plans crane trip with Crete students

Wachiska Audubon and Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center are teaming up with Crete Cardinal Zone, an afterschool program for middle school students, to provide a sandhill crane viewing trip for the students and family members. The trip will be Thursday, March 14, from 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. We will leave Crete Middle School, travel to Hastings for pizza, and then drive to the Alda crane viewing bridge where we'll stay until sundown. Volunteers are needed to show students how to use binoculars and help with bird identification. Please contact me at the above if you are interested in participating.

## Creating Your Legacy

by Don Pepperl

Last year a generous Wachiska supporter who wishes to remain anonymous gave the chapter a donation, making a legacy gift that was symbiotic in nature. This member entered into a gift annuity agreement contract with a purchase price of \$25,000. Under this contract, the donor will receive annual interest payments of 6.4 percent paid to him on a quarterly basis. These payments will be made for the life of the donor with the remainder of the gift being placed in Wachiska's endowment. In this particular case, the gift was unrestricted, but the donor has the ability to designate how the gift is to be used by Wachiska. A charitable gift annuity also gives a charitable deduction to the donor. This individual enhanced his legacy by entering into a second gift annuity agreement this year, with the gift being in the amount of \$50,000. The interest payments of the second contract remained at 6.4 percent; however, the interest rates of these agreements vary depending on the age of the charitable donor.

On behalf of all of our Wachiska members, I wish to extend to our generous donor a very sincere thank you and to all of our other members a request that they consider this method of supporting Wachiska.

Since an annuity contract is an irrevocable agreement, the principal is protected from the donor's creditors which makes it an excellent vehicle to provide a guaranteed income to the donor for life with the accompanying knowledge that the remainder of the gift is guaranteed to go to the benefit of Wachiska Audubon and its conservation and education programs.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact Don Pepperl, Wachiska's attorney, at 402-489-9321.

### Aid to Reduce Bird Mortality from Wind Development

(from American Bird Conservancy news release, May 8, 2012)

A new interactive web-based map created by American Bird Conservancy is now available and has the potential to dramatically reduce bird impacts from wind turbines.

Using Google Earth as a platform, the map highlights more than 2,000 locations in the U.S. where birds are likely to be especially vulnerable to impacts from wind energy development. Key sites are color coded to indicate their relative importance to birds.

Birds can be impacted by wind power both through direct collisions and by displacement from nesting, foraging, or transit areas. The map addresses these issues by identifying both concentrated migratory flight paths and key habitat locations. It also provides extensive background data for each location including details of ownership, habitats, land use, bird species, and conservation issues. Go to the American Bird Conservancy website: [www.abcbirds.org/newsandreports/releases/120503.html](http://www.abcbirds.org/newsandreports/releases/120503.html).



## From the Board ...

by Bob Boyce, Recording Secretary

### Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Endangered Species Act!!

The Endangered Species Act turns 40 this year (as does Wachiska)—time to think about what it is and what it has done.

Most of us know that the Act protects endangered species—that’s what it says!! But what led up to it, and how does it go about doing that?

The history of protecting various species—and natural places—could be said to go back to at least the creation of Yellowstone, our first national park, created in 1872. By 1900, the near extinction of the bison, the decline in the numbers of whooping cranes, and the actual extinction of the passenger pigeon alerted some to the need for protection of wild animals in America. Man was having a major impact on nature and extinction was forever!

The Lacey Act of 1900 was the first federal law regulating commercial animal markets. It prohibited interstate commerce of animals killed in violation of state game laws and covered all fish and wildlife, as well as plants!

The Migratory Bird Treaty of 1918 protected migratory birds. It was followed by a 1937 treaty protecting right and gray whales and the Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940.

The 1960s and 1970s saw a number of environmental acts which mainly were directed toward human health—the Clean Air Act in 1963, the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency, both in 1970, and the Clean Water Act in 1972.

But other species were also being considered. Of course Rachel Carson’s 1962 book, *Silent Spring*, created awareness of the need to act if we were not to lose our birds and other wildlife. *The Redbook on Rare and Endangered Fish and Wildlife of the United States*, published in 1964 by the Interior Department, served as the first official document to list species that the federal government considered to be in danger of extinction.

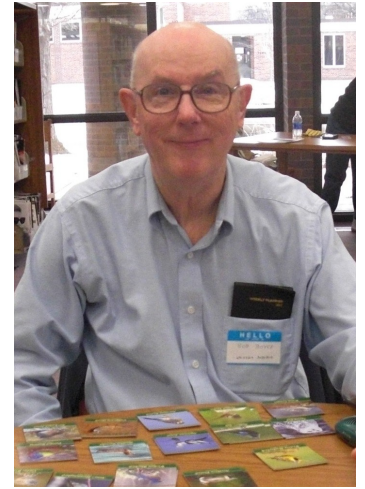
An Endangered Species Preservation Act was passed in 1966 and was amended by the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1969. This culminated in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, which not only declared that certain species were to be protected, but that their habitat would be preserved. This, of course, was critical. Parks like Yellowstone were not enough to provide habitat for every animal and plant.

The Act aims to prevent the extinction of, and to work to recover and maintain viable populations of those species which are in danger. Species may be listed as “threatened” or “endangered.” Critical habitat designation is mandatory and should be designated within one year, though it usually takes longer.

All federal agencies are prohibited from authorizing, funding, or carrying out actions which destroy or adversely modify critical habitat for threatened or endangered species. This means that federal permits for large-scale projects such as logging,

development, mining, etc. on private land, or on state or other non-federal land, are subject to this rule. More than half of the critical habitat which has been designated is not on federal property.

A recovery plan is required with the goal of removing the species from the list, but only 55 species have been taken off for one reason or another (not all have recovered) while there are currently 1,115 listed as endangered and 321 listed as threatened.



Bob Boyce

Success stories include the bald eagle which increased from 417 pairs in 1963 to 11,040 pairs in 2007, the whooping crane from about 21 birds in the wild in the 1940s to about 599 today, the grizzly bear which increased from 271 to over 580 in the Yellowstone area and was removed from the list, and the peregrine falcon from 324 pairs in 1975 to 1,700 pairs in the year 2000 when it was removed from the list.

The Act also authorizes the acquisition of land for the conservation of listed species, as well as cooperative agreements and grants-in-aid to states for their own conservation programs. The Act has been amended from time to time, but no major changes have been made in its essential provisions.

Eight animals are listed for Nebraska as endangered or threatened: the American burying beetle, the whooping crane, the piping plover, the Topeka shiner (a fish), the pallid sturgeon, the least interior tern, the gray wolf, and the Salt Creek tiger beetle.

*Bob is a retired reference librarian who aided many of us for years at Bennett Martin Library. He is a long-time bicycle commuter who loves classical music and works for peace and justice. Bob has served as Wachiska’s recording secretary since January 2010.*



**NOTICE:** If your national membership has expired and you wish to **rejoin** Audubon, please send the application form on page 7 to the Wachiska office rather than directly to National Audubon. In this way, we may receive a larger share of your membership dues for use by the local chapter, and you’ll still be a member of both National Audubon and Wachiska.

**Annual NAS renewals** should continue to be mailed to National Audubon Society, PO Box 422246, Palm Coast, FL 32142-6714.

## New Members Recognized

by Joyce Vannier, Membership Chair

The following have joined National Audubon recently. With a national membership comes an automatic membership in the local chapter.

Deborah Berger	Jennifer Lesoing-Lucs
Lori Bishop	Scott Lewandowski & Heather Strait
Alexa Boyce	Steve Martindale
Julia Brebner	Elton Mendenhall
J. Brown	James Newell
Michele Christensen	Lanny Nissen
Gretchen Demitroff	Kevan Nye
Candice Doyle	Teri & Dave Perkins
Dani Duffield	Gene & Patricia Petersen
Curtis Faust	Roger Riefler
Seth Felton	Lamont & Nan Schweiger
Nila & Robert Fessler	Sam Seever
Stephen Gage	Wesley Sime
Joyce Genoways	Lansi Sirimanodham
Katie Gerlock	Scott Stuckey
Georgia Glass	Cynthia Trainor
Eileen Hebets-Storz	Susan Traudt
Michael Hemmer	Fran Vavra
Kristofer Johnson	Karen Vogeley
Gail Kendall	Michele Wheeler
George Klems	Kris Wrenn
Keith Larsen	
Greta Leach	

These people recently joined at the local level as Friends of Wachiska:

Timothy Malone      Elizabeth Shanahan      Sue White

Transferring to Wachiska from another chapter are:

Kate Boone      Betty Rains

Some individuals and families choose to join both groups above. However one decides to support the cause, we thank them and welcome all to Wachiska Audubon!

## Nebraska Legislation

Because of the continued threats to conservation easements and the Nebraska Environmental Trust in our legislature, this year Wachiska Audubon has partnered with the Audubon Society of Omaha and Audubon Nebraska among others to contract professional representation on these important issues. This is part of what we plan to be a growing presence related to legislation in our state. If you have questions, please call Marian Langan, 402-797-2301. Thanks for all you do to support our efforts to ensure that a healthy environment is part of Nebraska's future!

## New Bird Species Discovered in Peru

(reprinted, in part, from a news report by  
Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Summer 2012)

A colorful, fruit-eating bird with a black mask, pale belly, and scarlet breast—never before described by science—was discovered and named by Cornell University graduates following an expedition to the remote Peruvian



**Sira barbet**

Andes. The Sira barbet (*Capito fitzpatricki*) is described in a paper published in the July 2012 issue of *The Auk*, the official publication of the American Ornithologists' Union.

The new species was discovered during a 2008 expedition. The team discovered the barbet on a ridge of cloud forest in the Cerros del Sira range in the eastern Andes. Steep ridges and deep river gorges in the Andes Mountains produce many isolated habitats and microclimates that give rise to uniquely evolved species.

Though clearly a sister species of the scarlet-banded barbet, the Sira barbet is readily distinguished by differences in color on the bird's flanks, lower back, and thighs and a wider, darker scarlet breast band. By comparing mitochondrial DNA sequences of the new barbet to DNA sequences of its close relatives in the genus *Capito*, the team secured genetic evidence that this is a new species in the barbet family (Capitonidae).

The team chose the scientific name of the new species, *Capito fitzpatricki*, in honor of Cornell Lab's executive director, Dr. John W. Fitzpatrick, who discovered and named seven new bird species in Peru during the 1970s and '80s.

## Aluminum Can Recycling

by Arlys Reitan

Wachiska has received our annual check for members' recycling cans at A-Can Recycling Center. In 2012, the total came to \$77.87, which represents 150.5 pounds of aluminum turned in. In 2011, we received \$79.65 which was just half of the total received the previous year. After three years reporting, our recycling profits have been diminishing every year. That probably means more aluminum is just being thrown away unless a significant number of members are now using a paid curbside recycling company. Prices for aluminum fluctuate, too.

We thank all those who continue to deliver their aluminum cans to A-Can Recycling Center located at 3255 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln and ask that the proceeds be credited to Wachiska..

# Children's Bird Event at Libraries Soars Once Again

by Barb and Chuck Francis  
Population/Environment Committee

The second annual BIRD enCOUNTER at two Lincoln city libraries proved a success in February, as more than 600 children and parents braved the cold on a Saturday morning to visit a major educational event to study birds and how to identify them. Over 45 volunteers helped make this an exciting and enriching experience for the many families in attendance.

In the craft rooms, kids globbed lard onto pine cones, rolled them in bird seed, and tied on yarn so they could install them for easy observation of visitors who come for a snack in their own yards. Toilet paper tubes were magically transformed into binoculars (see photo at right) to help with focusing and observational skills. Small burlap sacks were filled with cut up grass and yarn to provide birds with materials for building their nests. The computer program Project Beak was ably demonstrated by environmental science students who also delighted children with their simulated bird calls. Matching games and word puzzles about birds were another big draw. Master Naturalists instructed whole families in the use of real binoculars, including special child-sized ones furnished by Nebraska Game and Parks. Alene Wiles and Paul Johnsgard shared their incredible drawing talents with budding artists crowded around long tables. Real bird specimens and carved ducks were also used as models.

Children learned about the Great Backyard Bird Count which was happening as the library event took place. They searched for bird pictures in the library and then placed a tally mark beside the pictures of birds they knew, had seen in their yards or on trips with parents and grandparents, or during the library event.

Many heads turned throughout the library when the live owls gave their hoots from the reading nooks, and kids abandoned their other activities to flock toward the birds. Specialists from Raptor Recovery Nebraska and the Pioneers Park Nature Center related the histories of the individual birds, describing how raptors can turn their heads almost completely around. Seeing birds of prey up close was captivating to the young visitors. We hope this fascination will continue as they return home and look for birds in their own yards.



The Lincoln City Library staff was delighted to have 130 visitors at the Anderson Branch and over 500 at the Walt Branch. Many people checked out bird books that the library had on special displays. We want to thank all of the library staff who welcomed us to their buildings, contributed some excellent advertising, came up with logistical solutions for all our needs, and showed great enthusiasm with the children and adults who visited the special event. Vicki Wood, education coordinator, and Julee Hector, assistant city library coordinator, were highly supportive and helpful in setting up the encounters.

Many thanks to Dave and Linda Titterington of Wild Bird Habitat Stores for their ideas and financial support, plus installing outdoor bird feeders at the libraries, and helping with advertising on radio and local newspapers. All Needs Computer and Mailing Services contributed printing of posters and color flyers with bird photos.



The 2012 event was the brainchild of Marlene Cupp and Wachiska Audubon's population and environment committee, and the event soared to new heights in 2013. We hope this becomes an annual activity with continued support of the libraries, raptor centers, Lincoln businesses, and many volunteers.



# W.A.R.B.L.E.R

(Wachiska Audubon Readers' Bulletins, Letters, and Environmental Reports)

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans

As we work on plans for our 40th Anniversary celebration this year, we are talking about major projects such as returning the Klapka Farm to natural prairie and growing the Wachiska Audubon Society Endowment Fund. If you would be interested in helping us make plans, contact Arlys in the office.

– submitted by Bob Boyce

If you're online, we hope you'll come "like" our page on Facebook. We'll bring you timely posts on environmental news, prairie and birding stories, and info on local/regional events. As part of Wachiska's 40th anniversary, we'll also be sponsoring contests and giveaways exclusively on Facebook. And stay tuned for Friday Focus which will be your chance to share stunning outdoor images you've captured over the past week. Come join our active Facebook community as we share our passion for wild places in Nebraska! – submitted by Benjamin Vogt

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Backyard Tour in the Works

Wachiska's 24<sup>th</sup> annual Backyard Wildlife Habitat Tour will again be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's plans are to showcase six lovely gardens. Mark your calendars now and watch upcoming newsletters for further details. – submitted by Anne Senkbeil

## Run for the Bridges

Come join in the fun and Run for the Bridges on Saturday, March 16, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fitness Loop of Wilderness Park (1<sup>st</sup> and Calvert streets or 1<sup>st</sup> and Park streets). Friends of Wilderness Park (FWP), a nonprofit group that advocates protection of the park, is sponsoring a marathon, half marathon, and 10K through our beautiful Wilderness Park.

FWP is working with the Great Plains Trails Network and the City of Lincoln to rebuild the bridges in Wilderness Park. Last year Run for the Bridges raised over \$11,000 and hopes to raise even more this year. To register for the run, sign up at [getmeregistered.com](http://getmeregistered.com). To volunteer, call 402-423-1260.

– submitted by Rosina Paolini

## National Geographic Footage

Joel Sartore reports that a fellow National Geographic photographer, Tim Laman, took eight years to get this footage at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTR21os8gTA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTR21os8gTA). Be sure to check this out; the color and sound are fantastic.

## Rivers and Wildlife Celebration this Month

There's still time to register for the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Rivers and Wildlife Celebration to be held March 21-24 in Kearney, Nebraska, the sandhill crane capital of the world. Organized by Audubon Nebraska, the festival gathers together nature enthusiasts from across the country to witness the migration of over half a million sandhill cranes and millions of waterfowl and other birds through central Nebraska. Main speakers are author, wildlife biologist, and falconer Dan O'Brien; Noppadol Paothong, staff photographer at the Missouri Department of Conservation; and Marian Langan, executive director of Audubon Nebraska.

Registration materials can be found at [nebraskacrane festival.org](http://nebraskacrane festival.org). For more information, contact Audubon Nebraska at [nebraska@audubon.org](mailto:nebraska@audubon.org); 402-797-2301. Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary has information about viewing the sandhill crane migration, 308-468-5282; [rowe.audubon.org](http://rowe.audubon.org).

## A Favorite Quote . . . or Two

Here is an all-time favorite quote of the editor:

*"Despite his artistic pretensions, his sophistication and many accomplishments, man owes his existence to a six-inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains."* – Anonymous

If you have a nature-related quotation of particular meaning to you, send it to Arlys and we'll print some from time to time. Please limit quotes to about 50 words and include the author or source, if known, along with your name.

Arlys, I love this!! Realizing that humans have indeed "tamed" the Earth (sort of) . . .

*"And the fox said to the little prince: men have forgotten this truth, but you must not forget it. You become responsible, forever, for what you have tamed."* – Antoine de Saint-Exupery, author and aviator (1900-1945)

– submitted by Bob Boyce

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### **State Senator \_\_\_\_\_**

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### **Lincoln Journal Star**

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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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Sustainer

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Families

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Patron

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

Wachiska Audubon Society  
Attention: Membership Committee  
4547 Calvert St Ste 10  
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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.

### **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:

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