

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

Our 40th Year of Protecting Nature 1973 - 2013

**JULY 2013**

**Volume 22 - Issue 7**

**General Meeting—July 11, 7:00 p.m., Dick Administration Building, Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska**

## Conservation on the Farm

with William Powers, Executive Director, Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society

by Chuck Francis, Chair, Population/Environment Committee

Many farmers and ranchers in Nebraska are dedicated conservationists. There is no group more in tune with the importance of wildlife and maintaining natural space on farms than the Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society (NSAS). When we gather in July, William Powers will describe the goals and activities of this important group in promoting long-term, environmentally-sound agriculture in our state.

Mr. Powers is a dynamic and articulate director who has brought his well-honed leadership skills to an organization whose mission is “to promote agriculture and food systems that build healthy land, people, communities, and quality of life for present and future generations” ([www.nebsusag.org/](http://www.nebsusag.org/)). Members of NSAS emphasize the interdependence of healthy food production methods and viable local food systems. They promote both environmental responsibility and building rural communities. This nonprofit group includes farmers, ranchers, gardeners, educators, consumers, and others in the food system. For the outstanding work of their group, the Lyman Award for Stewardship will be presented to NSAS by the Wachiska population and environment committee at this meeting.

In addition to his work with NSAS, William Powers is president of the National Young Farmers Coalition and of Slow Food Nebraska, a board member of the Nebraska Cooperative Development Center, and farms with his wife, Crystal, at Darby Springs Farm near Ceresco.



**William Powers**

He is a member of the Nebraska Food Cooperative, Buy Fresh Buy Local Nebraska, Farm Beginnings Nebraska, and the Holistic Management Learning Group. William is a key figure in planning the annual Healthy Farms Conference in cooperation with the Extension Division of UNL. At the national level, Powers holds the American Farmer FFA award and is active in the National Forum on Agriculture and Rural Life, the Rural Youth Summit, and the National Sustainable Agriculture Standards Committee.

Join us for this important program and discussion about the future of an agriculture that can co-exist with wildlife in Nebraska. This free public presentation will be held on **Thursday, July 11, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Dick Auditorium at Union College, 3800 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street, in Lincoln. From 48<sup>th</sup> and Calvert streets, proceed south along campus. Due to construction on campus, parking can currently be found along 48<sup>th</sup> Street, near the church on Prescott Avenue, or at the campus gym. Look for Audubon signs on the doors of the Dick Building. An on-site ramp and elevator are available. Following the talk, an ice cream social with cookies will help us celebrate summer.

## Calendar

### July

- 2 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Population/Environment Committee, 4435 Pioneers Blvd., 7:00 p.m.
- 11 General Meeting, “Conservation on the Farm,” by William Powers, Union College Dick Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 15 Newsletter submission deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 21 Field trip to Squaw Creek NWR in Missouri, 4:15 a.m. (page 2)

**NOTE: NO Legislation Committee meeting in July  
NO Education Committee meeting in July**

## Upcoming Attractions

**August 8:** General Meeting – Program by Raptor Recovery Nebraska with live birds

**September 8:** 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Hillcrest Country Club – Guest speaker to be David Yarnold, President of the National Audubon Society (dinner and silent auction as well)



## Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

### Summer Tour of Squaw Creek NWR with Christine Kline

Usually a visit to Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge in northwest Missouri involves an early March day with astounding numbers of snow geese. Our July field trip will give us a different perspective on the Refuge as we search for a variety of marsh birds that are summer residents. We're excited that Christine Kline will be our guide to share her insight and expertise on birding the Refuge area. Besides being an avid birder, Christine serves on the board for Friends of Squaw Creek NWR and chairs the Wings Over Weston festival which introduces kids to birding. She is also a Burroughs Audubon member who generously offered to give us a tour when she learned a fellow Audubon chapter was planning a visit. As we scout the pools and marshes, we'll keep our eyes and ears peeled for bitterns, rails, egrets, marsh and sedge wrens, prothonotary warblers, and the local bald eagles. Very little walking will be required throughout this hike.

To get an early start and avoid the heat of the afternoon, we'll meet at **4:15 a.m.** on **Sunday, July 21**, in the Wachiska office parking lot at 4547 Calvert Street in Lincoln where participants can caravan or carpool the 110 miles to the Refuge. For anyone wanting to meet up with the group at the site, we plan to arrive around 6:15 a.m. at the main parking lot by the headquarters building and restroom which is located on Highway 159, west of I-29 exit 79. Bring a sack lunch, drinking water, insect repellent, 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 to Wachiska this Spring

by Joyce Vannier, Membership Chair

Joining Wachiska within the past month with a membership in the National Audubon Society are the following:

Dorothy Barnett	Tana Pageler
Charles Barton	Erik Pearson
Sara Bucy & Paul Steger	Phil Rezac
Heather Fox	Deborah Wright
Dennis & Carol Mathias	

Locally, new Friends of Wachiska this month are Dennis King, Peggy Link, and Nancy Oster.

Welcome to each of you! Please let us get to know you right away by participating in some of our activities listed on the Wachiska website and described and reported in monthly issues of *The Babbling Brook*—or call a Board member or the chapter office (numbers also listed in both places).

### 24<sup>th</sup> Backyard Habitat Tour Closed with Success

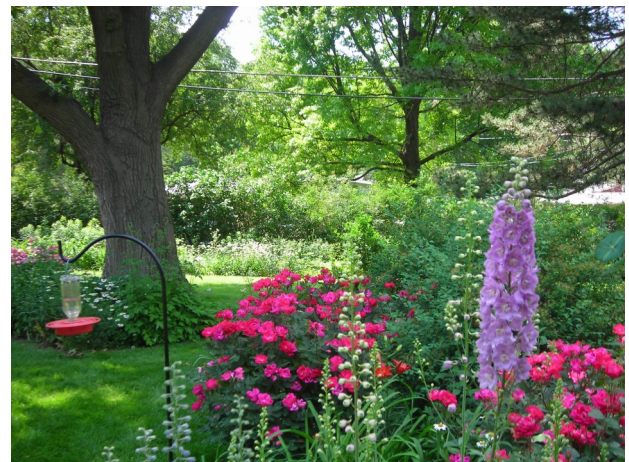
by Arlys Reitan

The books have been closed on another successful Backyard Wildlife Habitat Tour. The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Tour was attended by just over 550 adults and 24 children under age 12 on Father's Day. The weather was grand; the forecasted stormy afternoon never materialized! The six homeowners are all now Friends of Wachiska, if they were not already part of the chapter family. FireWorks Restaurant's rain garden rounded out the seventh site this year.

The yards were diverse, showing a variety of interests in trees, herb gardens, showy flowering bushes and plants, and shady species as well. Some yards were quite manicured or formal in nature while others had a relaxed feel complete with comfortable patios for weekend morning lounging. The central idea running throughout seemed to be that these gardens are always evolving, growing, and changing from year to year—even season to season.

This event introduced the new Wachiska 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirts in two colors, of which several were sold along with chapter tote bags. Literature was available with gardening tips and an offer to nominate a yard for a future Tour. Copies of *The Babbling Brook* and the chapter's brochure were available along with back issues of *Audubon* magazine for those interested in becoming more familiar with our organization.

For several years our general chairperson has been Anne Senkbeil along with her "assistant," (and husband), Lynn! Thank you to the Senkbeils for year-round leadership once again. The Tour committee takes off about two weeks before they begin planning for the next year, so this is no "temporary" venture. With that we must also thank the other committee members who plan, scout out yards, visit all interested locales and decide on the locations to be featured that year, collect details and written descriptions for publicity, and a myriad of other tasks on the day of the event, too. Coordinating five to eight sites at the same time requires lots of planning. There is always a need for more volunteers. If your curiosity is piqued now, give Anne a call at 402-423-6524 to get in on next year's planning beginning this month already. Thank you, again, to everyone who had a part in this event. What could be in store for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Tour next year?



Al and Margaret Brown's garden



## From the Board ...

by Elizabeth Nelson

### Event Celebrates Wachiska's 40 Years!

2013 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Wachiska Audubon Society. To celebrate this landmark, Wachiska members, friends, and the general public are invited to a very special event featuring **National Audubon Society President David Yarnold**.

The event will take place **Sunday, September 8, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at Lincoln's Hillcrest Country Club. The event kicks off with a reception, cash bar, and silent auction from 4:00 to 5:30. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to bid on items including a weekend at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City, signed books and artwork, gift and wine baskets, and much more. All proceeds will help fund Wachiska's prairie restoration and education activities. A plated meal and dessert will be served at 5:30, followed by a short recognition presentation and our featured speaker. At the conclusion of the evening, silent auction bid winners will be able to pick up their items.

As the highlight of the evening, we are extremely pleased to have David Yarnold, National Audubon Society President, as our special guest. Mr. Yarnold will address key efforts of Audubon and the important role that Nebraska and local chapters play in those efforts.

We invite all Wachiska members, friends—and anyone with an interest in our natural world—to join in this special celebration. Cost is \$30/person; advance reservations required by August 30. You can reserve your spot by completing and returning the form on this page or find reservation information online at [www.wachiskaaudubon.org](http://www.wachiskaaudubon.org).

### Delicious meal options from Hillcrest

Hillcrest Country Club chefs are offering four delicious plated dinner options for your dining enjoyment. Each entrée is accompanied by dessert and coffee or tea. Special dietary requests can be accommodated. Call the Wachiska office if you have questions.

**Grilled Atlantic Salmon (S)** Absolutely fresh Atlantic salmon finished with honey bourbon glaze and served with a wild rice blend and a fresh vegetable medley.

**Beef Medallions (B)** Roasted beef tenderloin sliced and served with Hillcrest mashed potatoes, topped with hunter-brown gravy, and served with a fresh vegetable medley.

**Parmesan Chicken (C)** Parmesan encrusted chicken breast lightly fried to a golden brown, served over a bed of fettuccini, topped with a mushroom cream sauce, and served with a fresh vegetable medley.

**Vegetable Fettuccini (V)** Fettuccini noodles tossed in olive oil with broccoli, mushrooms, garlic, pine nuts, artichoke hearts, and sundried tomatoes served with a mixed salad and garlic bread.

## This celebration is for you! Reserve your place today!

I'd like to reserve a seat at the  
Wachiska Audubon Society  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

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**Total enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

All reservations must be paid for in advance. Pick up tickets at the door. Confirmation will be sent by email or mail. Make checks payable to Wachiska Audubon Society and have them postmarked by August 30. Mail to 4547 Calvert St Ste 10, Lincoln NE 68506-5643. You may also bring your reservation to the office. Questions? Call the Wachiska office at 402-486-4846.

### Many thanks to our silent auction donors

Silent auction donations to our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraiser are still being accepted. If you would like to donate an item valued at \$50 or more, contact Sue Kohles at 402-525-7653.

### Initial items donated to our silent auction include:

- Lied Lodge in Nebraska City - bed & breakfast certificate
- Walter Bagley, Paul Johnsgard - signed books
- Telesis, Inc. - Lazlo's Empyrean - Ales gift bucket
- Signed/framed Neal Anderson prints by numerous donors
- Original artwork - several generous anonymous donors



# Bird Species Identified During Birdathon 2013

by Ken Reitan, *Species compiler*

The birding portion of this year's Birdathon took place on May 11 and 12. A total of **170 species** were reportedly seen. Field trips to Wilderness Park and Platte River State Park were included. Weather was favorable. The following bird species were reported by Bob Boyce, Al and Margaret Brown, Linda R. Brown, John Carlini, Larry Einemann, Laurence Falk, Sue Guild, Paul Johnsgard, Michelle Johnson, Tim Knott, Thomas Labeledz, Linda and Pete Maslowski, Ken Reitan, Shari Schwartz, Ruthie Stearns, Moni Usasz, Bruce Wendorff, and other field trip participants and home feeder watchers:

Greater White-fronted Goose	American Avocet	Eastern Phoebe	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Snow Goose	Greater Yellowlegs	Great Crested Flycatcher	Palm Warbler
Ross' Goose	Lesser Yellowlegs	Western Kingbird	Blackpoll Warbler
Canada Goose	Solitary Sandpiper	Eastern Kingbird	Black-and-white Warbler
Wood Duck	Spotted Sandpiper	Blue-headed Vireo	American Redstart
Green-winged Teal	Upland Sandpiper	Yellow-throated Vireo	Ovenbird
Mallard	Hudsonian Godwit	Warbling Vireo	Louisiana Waterthrush
Blue-winged Teal	Marbled Godwit	Red-eyed Vireo	Common Yellowthroat
Northern Shoveler	Sanderling	Blue Jay	Wilson's Warbler
Gadwall	Semipalmated Sandpiper	American Crow	Summer Tanager
American Wigeon	Least Sandpiper	Horned Lark	Scarlet Tanager
Canvasback	White-rumped Sandpiper	Purple Martin	Eastern Towhee
Redhead	Baird's Sandpiper	Tree Swallow	Spotted Towhee
Ring-necked Duck	Pectoral Sandpiper	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Chipping Sparrow
Lesser Scaup	Dunlin	Bank Swallow	Clay-colored Sparrow
Bufflehead	Stilt Sandpiper	Cliff Swallow	Field Sparrow
Hooded Merganser	Short-billed Dowitcher	Barn Swallow	Vesper Sparrow
Ruddy Duck	Long-billed Dowitcher	Black-capped Chickadee	Lark Sparrow
Ring-necked Pheasant	American Woodcock	Tufted Titmouse	Lark Bunting
Wild Turkey	Wilson's Phalarope	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Savannah Sparrow
Northern Bobwhite	Franklin's Gull	White-breasted Nuthatch	Song Sparrow
Common Loon	Bonaparte's Gull	Carolina Wren	Lincoln's Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	Ring-billed Gull	House Wren	White-throated Sparrow
Horned Grebe	Common Tern	Sedge Wren	White-crowned Sparrow
Eared Grebe	Forster's Tern	Marsh Wren	Harris's Sparrow
American White Pelican	Black Tern	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Northern Cardinal
Double-crested Cormorant	Rock Pigeon	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Great Blue Heron	Eurasian Collared-dove	Eastern Bluebird	Indigo Bunting
Great Egret	Mourning Dove	Gray-cheeked Thrush	Bobolink
Green Heron	Great Horned Owl	Swainson's Thrush	Red-winged Blackbird
Black-crowned Night Heron	Barred Owl	Hermit Thrush	Eastern Meadowlark
White-faced Ibis	Whip-poor-will	Wood Thrush	Western Meadowlark
Turkey Vulture	Chimney Swift	American Robin	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Osprey	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Gray Catbird	Great-tailed Grackle
Bald Eagle	Belted Kingfisher	Brown Thrasher	Common Grackle
Cooper's Hawk	Red-headed Woodpecker	Cedar Waxwing	Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Red-bellied Woodpecker	European Starling	Orchard Oriole
American Kestrel	Downy Woodpecker	Tennessee Warbler	Baltimore Oriole
Merlin	Hairy Woodpecker	Orange-crowned Warbler	House Finch
Peregrine Falcon	Northern Flicker	Nashville Warbler	Pine Siskin
American Coot	Eastern Wood-pewee	Yellow Warbler	American Goldfinch
Semipalmated Plover	Willow Flycatcher	Magnolia Warbler	House Sparrow
Killdeer	Least Flycatcher		

# Birdathon 2013 Marks its 24<sup>th</sup> Year

by Arlys Reitan

Many thanks to each of you who has contributed to Wachiska Audubon's 24<sup>th</sup> annual Birdathon this year. Your support of our many activities and programs is so much appreciated and critical to our continued existence. As has always been the case, our local chapter depends—thrives—on donations of time and monetary assistance from our members, friends, and supporters. There was a time when National Audubon was a lifeline for some chapters—those days are gone. While all chapters still receive a small rebate on national memberships, the percentage has been less significant in the last few years. Fundraising is a necessity and many of us are not trained in this area. But Wachiskans come through every year, and this is the reason our chapter has flourished for 40 years. Thank you all again and again. Please let us know if there are errors in the donor list below. If you are still meaning to take part in this endeavor, please send your checks to the Wachiska office and mark them “Birdathon” on the memo line.

All those people who contributed on Give to Lincoln Day May 16 will be recognized next month after we have received the final report from the Lincoln Community Foundation.

2013 Birdathon donors from the **beginning in April through June 26** are:

Nancy Aden	Larry Einemann	Lorraine Leiser &	Arnold & Marjorie Schmidt
Alicia & David Admiraal	John & Martha Eiseheid	David Taylor	Rick Schneider &
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(Wachiska Audubon Readers' Bulletins, Letters, and Environmental Reports)

## Stop the Pipeline with Renewable Energy

Are you concerned about the Keystone XL pipeline coming through Nebraska? Do you think dependence on fossil fuels has to end? Maybe the new Build Our Energy project is for you. During weekends in August, volunteers organized by Bold Nebraska, Sierra Club, 350.org, and Nebraska Farmers Union will build a wind turbine and solar-powered barn in the pipeline path. If President Obama approves the pipeline, he'll have to tear down clean energy to do it, making a bold statement about the future of our country. The Build Our Energy project needs \$65,000 in donations and people to help build this road block to tar sands oil. Go online to find out how you can help: [www.boldnebraska.org/summer-heat](http://www.boldnebraska.org/summer-heat).

## Trail Maintenance Needed in Wilderness Park

Due to city budget shortfalls over the past six years, the City of Lincoln mows Wilderness Park twice a year. The Friends of Wilderness Park need your help keeping the trails mowed so visitors can hike, bike, and watch birds in the park. Equipment can be loaned out to those able to help keep the trails passable. Please give back to the park we all enjoy by contacting Adam Hintz at 402-421-8464 to find out how you can help.

## Rare Visitor from Texas

Wachiska member Shari Schwartz reports that a stunning hooded oriole was discovered by Susie Daro in her backyard oriole haven at Garrison, Nebraska, on May 25. She and her husband, Bill, identified it and got a photo for confirmation. Immediately birders began arriving in Garrison to see the beautiful adult male with a particular fondness for nectar. His rich orange color indicated he belonged to the eastern subspecies from southern Texas. This is the first record of this species for our state. *The Birds of Nebraska* by Paul Johnsgard mentions an unrecorded sighting of that species in May of 1965 (coincidentally in nearby Columbus). The Daro's hooded rarity put on a great show for four days and then vanished as mysteriously as he appeared.



Hooded oriole

## Nebraska Natural Legacy Project Conference

Planning is currently underway for the Nebraska Natural Legacy Project Conference September 4–5 in Nebraska City. Summaries for conference presentations are due by July 15. If you contribute to conservation relevant to Nebraska, we want to hear about it! Share your findings and achievements by contacting [melissa.panella@nebraska.gov](mailto:melissa.panella@nebraska.gov) or 402-471-5708.

## Birds Feeding at Lincoln Branch Libraries

Sue Guild and Joyce Vannier are dutifully checking and filling the feeders at some Lincoln branch libraries as a result of the population/environment committee's annual bird enCOUNTER program. A huge thank you to Community CROPS for a large bag of shelled corn remaining from a recent project and donated for these feeders. We can always use seed because the birds know about our feeders and are using them daily.

Also thanks to Lana Novak for donating a large bag of safflower seed to the Gere Library project. As they read, patrons enjoy watching the birds out the north windows. We appreciate your support in supplying food for our feathered friends. Donations of cash or seed may be made to the population/environment committee. Contact the Wachiska office for details.

## A H-U-G-E THANK YOU, DEB

Since September 2009, Wachiska has been extremely fortunate to have had the volunteer expertise of Deb Sabata to lay out *The Babbling Brook* every month. Last fall she announced she would be stepping down after this July issue. It's difficult to express to Deb how much she will be missed; her work was impeccable. Friendly, dependable, responsible, intelligent, and just plain nice describe Deb to a "T." My saving grace is that chapter member Linda Sullivan has agreed to take over. The three of us have been working together for several months. Linda is also our IT guru and performs both roles masterfully. How fortunate we have been to have been able to trust our newsletter to such capable people. Thank you wholeheartedly, Deb and Linda. Arlys, Editor

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

Wachiska's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee wants to hear from you! We are collecting photos, stories, and accomplishments of Wachiska during the 40 years of our organization's existence. If you have any fond memories or events that stand out to you, please share them with us. You can send pictures and stories to:

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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:

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