

Wachiska Audubon Society's vision: To share the experience and love of nature—that life may flourish in all its natural diversity.

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General Meeting — Thursday, September 8, 7:00 p.m., Union College Dick Auditorium, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln

## Wet Feathers! A Nebraska River Roundup

by Duane Hovorka, Executive Director, Nebraska Wildlife Federation

Nebraska rivers provide habitat for many of our state's birds. The September general meeting program will highlight the challenges and possible solutions facing Nebraska's Platte, Missouri, and Niobrara rivers.



Duane Hovorka

The Platte River provides critical habitat for migrating whooping cranes and sandhill cranes. Cranes roost at night on the sandbars in the Platte's wide, braided sandy channel. Interior least terns and piping plovers build nests on those same sandbars in the summer. Flows in the Central Platte have dropped to about one-third of their historic volume, shrinking the habitat available.

The Platte River Recovery Program is a basin-wide, long-term effort to protect river flows and provide habitat for terns, plovers, and whooping cranes. The Program's governance

committee is considering whether to extend the program for another 10-13 years, and the decision will have an impact on cranes and other migrating birds for generations to come.

The Missouri River hosts ducks, geese, and other waterfowl on their migratory journey. Plovers and terns use the sandbars in the river for summer nesting. Bald eagles from Canada spend the winter along its open waters.

Before a century-long effort to straighten and strangle the river, the Missouri looked much like the Platte, with wide, braided sandy channels that shifted across the floodplain. Today, the river's flows are rigidly controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers, which manages huge dams upstream. The Corps is considering options to address the needs of the rare birds that depend on the Missouri, but none of the alternatives may be strong enough to protect our feathered friends.

Niobrara River sandbars also provide habitat for whooping cranes, terns, and plovers. The Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge is known for its bison and elk herds, but it was originally established as a preserve and breeding ground for native birds.

Summer flows in the Niobrara have dropped as a result of irrigation upstream. An innovative plan to buy a small dam with a big old water right presents an opportunity to protect flows for future generations of people and wildlife, but will it work?

Duane Hovorka was born and raised in Lincoln and earned a BA in political science from UNL. He joined the Nebraska Wildlife Federation in 1992 and served as president from 1994 to 1997. Duane spent 10 years helping to negotiate the Platte River Recovery Program. He has received numerous accolades in his career including Wachiska Audubon's 2012 Earthkeeper Award.

Join Wachiska on Thursday, September 8, 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 48th Street and in the 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 following the talk.

### Calendar

#### September

- 5 Labor Day field trip to Conestoga Lake (page 2)
  - 6 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
  - 8 **Deadline for ordering birdseed - orders and payment must be postmarked by today**
  - 8 General Meeting, "Wet Feathers! A Nebraska River Roundup," by Duane Hovorka, Union College
  - 15 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
  - 19 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
  - 22 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's, 11<sup>th</sup> & G, 6:00 p.m.
  - 23/24 **Combined Birdseed Sale/Garage Sale** (pages 2, 5-6)
- NO Education Committee meeting this month due to holiday

#### October

- 13 General Meeting talk by Cathy Zapotocny, NOAA/National Weather Service



## Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

### Labor Day Labor of Love

Identifying shorebirds during fall migration has its challenges but also its rewards. Immature and nondescript plumages can be difficult to sort out, and often their distant proximity doesn't help this tough work. A shorebird outing to Conestoga Lake State Recreation Area will give birders an opportunity to join forces while we scrutinize the peeps foraging along the mudflats. It's possible there may also be some larger shorebirds present like yellowlegs or godwits. The lake is currently being kept at a low water level for renovation which creates an attractive rest stop for migrants.

We'll meet at **10:30 a.m.** on **Monday, September 5** (Labor Day), in the Wachiska office parking lot in Lincoln at 4547 Calvert Street. Suggested items to bring include water bottle, insect repellent, and binoculars and scope if you have them. Conestoga Lake SRA is located about five miles west of Lincoln, and we should arrive on the north side of the lake by the boat ramp shortly before 11:00 a.m. for anyone preferring to meet up with the group there. A vehicle entry permit is required, and a day pass is available for \$5. The public is welcome. If you have questions, call John at 402-475-7275.

### Fall Birdseed Sale to Include Garage Sale

by Arlys Reitan, Office Administrator

Wachiska is trying something new this fall. We are combining the usual Fall Birdseed Sale with a garage sale at the same time and location. Thanks to Elizabeth and Daniel Nelson for providing their commercial building as our venue (see address below).

**Birdseed Sale** - See pages 5 and 6 of this issue for the birdseed order form which can also be found on our website. *Orders with payment* must be back in the Wachiska office by **Thursday, September 8**. Idea—bring your order to the general meeting and save a stamp! Distribution will take place on **Friday and Saturday, September 23-24, 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. at the same location as last year, the northwest corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and Arapahoe streets (between Van Dorn Street and Highway 2).**

**Garage Sale** - It's been over 12 years since the chapter had a garage sale. Members tell us their basements and garages are full! Well, anyway, I've set a personal goal of selling \$1,000 worth of "good junk" during this sale. Please don't let me down. Elizabeth is willing to accept contributed sale items September 18-22. Call 402-770-3485 to make arrangements to drop things off at her home. She can help you decide if larger items should be brought to the offsite garage.

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## Spring Fundraisers Advance Wachiska's Goals

by Tim Knott, Birdathon Chair  
and Arlys Reitan, Office Administrator

This was a banner year for Wachiska during the Give to Lincoln Day fundraiser the end of May. Due to several extra thoughtful donors, Wachiska's total came to \$25,290. Since this event falls during the time of our annual Birdathon fundraiser, it gives our members and donors an opportunity to choose how they want to support the chapter. Traditional Birdathon contributions arrive year-round, so that total is changing. The list below is inclusive of both activities as of August 23.

Thank you one and all for your help in keeping Wachiska alive and well and working into the next year to provide nature conservation programs, field trips, legislative support, as well as our newsletter and office operations.

Once again, the following list represents donors to both events:

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Vidaver, Anne  
Vlasak, Clarence  
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Voorhies, Michael & Jane  
Walter, Katherine  
Wendorff, Bruce  
White, Robert  
Whitney, Ron  
Wiemer, Denise  
Wiggle, Jerry & Mitzi  
Williamson, Dayle  
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Wilson, Mark & Kathryn  
Winquest, Mary  
Wolf, George  
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### Fall Birdseed Sale to Include Garage Sale

We'll need donations of saleable household items (no clothing, please) such as small furniture, dishes, linens, toys, children's and baby items, lamps, jewelry, silverware, camping and sports equipment, any of the usual "good stuff" you find at garage sales. In addition, homemade cake, pie, rolls, cupcakes, jellies, etc. are always the first to be sold. Please help by pricing all items before you bring them. We can alter prices, if needed, but won't have the manpower or time to price everything. If you have tables you could loan us, call Arlys ahead of time.

Along with items to sell, we need bodies to work both sales. Call or email Arlys to volunteer to work. When you pick up your birdseed, plan to help for an hour or two—but let us know, so we can have the needed numbers of people at all times. **Come support the chapter September 23-24, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

NOTE that items not sold will be donated to local charities unless you stop by during the last hour of the sale to pick them up. We have no space to store unsold items after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Thank you for your support of these two concurrent activities. They are a lot of work, but donations in several ways is what fuels our volunteer organization.

## Remember Wachiska's Prairie Management Fund As You Plan Your Year-End or Estate Charitable Giving

As of August 15, Wachiska Audubon Society's Prairie Management Fundraising Campaign passed the \$120,000 mark on our march toward our goal of raising \$1 million. Our goal is to create an investment fund which would initially pay for a part-time person to help with prairie preservation activities under the supervision of the conservation committee. With over 1,000 acres under Wachiska's protection or ownership, management of this land is a big job. When we reach \$1 million, we will create an endowment to generate funds to meet our many prairie protection responsibilities.

2016 is the first year of our three-year fundraising push. This year we are focused on getting gifts and pledges from our members. Next year we will begin applying for grants. It is important that we can demonstrate strong member support when we apply for grants.

### What is quite interesting is the diverse ways people are choosing to give:

- Paul Johnsgard, and Tom Dickerson and Patty Shanahan gave generous cash gifts this spring.
- Nancy Hinnah donated an appreciated IRA account (with transfer assistance from the Lincoln Community Foundation).
- Stephen Cooley and Lorraine Cooley, children of former Wachiska member Jimmie Cooley, each donated \$5,000 in memory of their mother who passed away in 2015.
- During the Give to Lincoln Day event, Peg and Larry Fletcher donated \$5,000 and Tim Knott donated \$2,000, both directed toward the Prairie Management Fund.
- Scott Johns and Elizabeth Nelson each signed up to make a regular monthly donation using credit cards through the Lincoln Community Foundation's online giving portal.
- Marilyn McNabb has made Wachiska the beneficiary of a mutual fund, so its value will come to Wachiska if not used in her lifetime.

Marilyn recently wrote an article for this newsletter saying, "I hope you will consider dedicating part of your personal financial legacy toward securing Wachiska's prairie preservation efforts. Nebraska's prairies are now, and in the future, valuable beyond price." We hope many more of you agree with Marilyn.

If you make a bequest to Wachiska, whether in your will or by naming Wachiska as beneficiary for an IRA, mutual fund, or other asset, we do have a Confidential Declaration of Intent document available. Completing this form makes Wachiska aware of your intentions, so we might thank you now and plan for how you would like your gift used.

This is the time of year when many people plan their year-end charitable giving or review their estate plans. We hope you will consider giving to the Wachiska Audubon Society Prairie Management Fund as you make your charitable giving decisions. Please use the Gift Pledge Form on page 7 and envelope included with this newsletter. If you have questions about various ways to give, contact your attorney, your financial planner, or the Lincoln Community Foundation. Or you can contact the Wachiska Donor Development Committee Chair, Elizabeth Nelson, at 402-770-3485, [enelson555@gmail.com](mailto:enelson555@gmail.com).

## Save the date: Lunch & Learn

Please join us to learn more about Wachiska's Prairie Preservation efforts and how your charitable gifts can help protect our endangered tallgrass prairies.

### Prairie Preservation Lunch & Learn

Thursday, October 20, 2016, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln NE

#### RSVP Required

Please contact Linda Brown at [lindar1brown@gmail.com](mailto:lindar1brown@gmail.com)  
Cell 402-318-1522 Home 402-489-2381

## Comments by Joel Sartore

*Internationally acclaimed photographer*

### "I can't believe that Wachiska Audubon is located in my home town of Lincoln, Nebraska."

Besides doing a great job with conservation education here on a year-round basis, Wachiska is not afraid to do the right thing whenever it comes to the environment. If an issue needs attention, their membership is immediately informed and is highly motivated to fix the problem.



Joel Sartore

Perhaps best of all, they literally maintain our natural heritage here on the Great Plains. They hold easements on or own and maintain many of the tallgrass prairie remnants we have left in Southeast Nebraska.

So ask yourself this question to all of the above: If not Wachiska, then who? I encourage you to support this outstanding organization.





## Wachiska Audubon Fall 2016 Birdseed Sale Order Form

	Bag Size	Bag Code	Price Each	Quantity	Total Cost
<b>ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX</b>					
FEED MIXES	Regal Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	RE35	\$ 59.00	\$
	Standard Audubon Mix	40 lb bag	ST40	\$ 27.00	\$
	Classic Audubon Mix	20 lb bag	CL20	\$ 18.00	\$
		40 lb bag	CL40	\$ 32.00	\$
	Attraction Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	AT35	\$ 42.00	\$
	Woodpecker Gourmet	20 lb bag	WO20	\$ 35.00	\$
	Bushy Tail Treat	20 lb bag	BT20	\$ 31.00	\$
SEEDS	Millet, White (98%)	50 lb bag	MI50	\$ 19.00	\$
	Nyjer Thistle - NEW smaller bag	8 lb bag	NY8	\$ 14.00	\$
	Peanuts, shelled rejects	20 lb bag	PR20	\$ 31.00	\$
		50 lb bag	PR50	\$ 73.00	\$
	Peanuts, in the shell	50 lb bag	PS50	\$ 87.00	\$
	Safflower Seed	20 lb bag	SA20	\$ 22.00	\$
		50 lb bag	SA50	\$ 52.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, coarse	20 lb bag	HC20	\$ 34.00	\$
		50 lb bag	HC50	\$ 75.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, fine	20 lb bag	HF20	\$ 34.00	\$
		50 lb bag	HF50	\$ 75.00	\$
	Sunflower Seed, black oil	25 lb bag	SB25	\$ 15.00	\$
50 lb bag		SB50	\$ 29.00	\$	
SUET CAKES	High Energy Treat, 11.75 oz. cake		EN-C	\$ 2.50	\$
	NEW - Berry Treat, 11 oz. cake		BT-C	\$ 2.50	\$
<b>Total number of bags and cost (All prices INCLUDE sales tax)</b>					\$
<b>Wachiska T-shirts</b> (Circle the size you want. For more than one, note sizes on back of form. Price includes tax.) <b>S M L XL XXL</b> \$ 18.00					\$
<b>Tax Deductible Donation</b> to support Wachiska's education & conservation activities					\$
<b>Total Enclosed.</b> Make check payable to Wachiska Audubon Society.					\$

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**This form and your check must be postmarked by Thursday, September 8, 2016.**  
 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](http://www.WachiskaAudubon.org).

# Wachiska Audubon Fall 2016 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.*** The great majority of Wachiska's budget for education and conservation programs comes from donations and fundraising, and our twice-a-year birdseed sales are two of our major fundraisers. If you feed birds regularly, or want to give it a try, please buy from Wachiska. Our new convenient pickup location in SW Lincoln makes it easier than ever to get you birdseed. We depend on your purchases, and so do our feathered friends! Thank you!

## 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

## 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, wood peckers – 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](http://www.WachiskaAudubon.org).

## ORDER PICK UP DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

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

Friday, September 23  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 24  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 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@wachiskaudubon.org](mailto:office@wachiskaudubon.org) to make alternate pick up arrangements.

## Don't Forget Now! Birdseed & Garage Sales

Once again, remember Wachiska's combined birdseed sale and garage sale **September 23-24**. Birdseed order form is on page 5. Orders must be returned to the Wachiska office no later than September 8. Contact the office to volunteer to help with these activities. Call Elizabeth Nelson at 402-770-3485 to arrange drop off of sale items. Consider donating baked goods. We need tables if you can loan us some. Please help in some way. Thanks.

## Friend Members Get *The Babbling Brook* Mailed Every Month!

Wachiska's monthly newsletter, *The Babbling Brook*, is available on our website the first day of each month. National Audubon members receive a mailed copy three times a year. If you are a Friend of Wachiska (a separate membership category) you will receive *The Babbling Brook* in your mailbox (either hard copy or electronic) **every month** and you are supporting Wachiska's education, outreach, and conservation programs. If you are not already a Friend of Wachiska, we encourage you to use the membership form to the right and become a Friend today! All funds from Friend category remain with the local chapter for conservation work in Southeast Nebraska.

## Gift Pledge Form

Return in the envelope included with this newsletter



I am giving \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Wachiska Prairie Management Fund. My check is enclosed.

Make your check payable to

**Wachiska Prairie Management Fund #710146.**

Mail to Wachiska Audubon Society, 4547 Calvert Street, Suite 10, Lincoln NE 68506

or to Lincoln Community Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 100, Lincoln NE 68508



I pledge to give \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month/quarter/year for the next three years.\*



I pledge a bequest from my estate.\* This is easy to arrange, will not alter your current financial situation, and can be changed at any time.

\*If you select one of the Pledge options, we will contact you to arrange the details.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your gift is tax deductible and you will receive a letter confirming your gift. Wachiska Audubon Society was chartered in 1973 as an independent chapter of the National Audubon Society. Wachiska is a qualified 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, TIN 51-0229888.

## Join now! Become a Friend of Wachiska Audubon Society!

This local chapter membership provides you with voting privileges and access to all our events, programs, and committees, **plus 100 percent of your membership donation goes directly to the Wachiska chapter. In addition, Friend members receive our monthly newsletter, *The Babbling Brook*, in their choice of print or electronic form.**

### Friends of Wachiska (local membership)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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- \_\_\_ \$25 Individual/Friend
- \_\_\_ \$35 Family Friend
- \_\_\_ \$50 Black-capped Chickadee Friend
- \_\_\_ \$100 Northern Cardinal Friend
- \_\_\_ \$250 Western Meadowlark Friend
- \_\_\_ \$500 Bald Eagle Friend
- \_\_\_ \$1000 Peregrine Falcon Friend

Select the level of support that is right for you and make your check payable to **Wachiska Audubon Society**. All funds remain with our local chapter and are tax deductible. Mail to:

Wachiska Audubon Society  
Attention: Membership Committee  
4547 Calvert St Ste 10  
Lincoln NE 68506-5643

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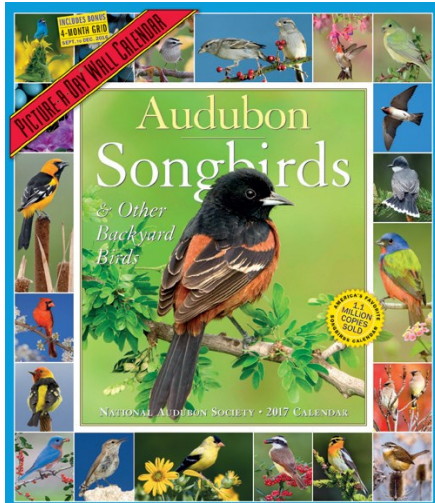
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