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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 and Program — Thursday, September 13, 7:00 p.m., Unitarian Church, 6300 A St, Lincoln

Saline Wetlands: Beyond the Beetle

by Ethan Freese

Historically, saline wetlands covered nearly 20,000 acres in Lancaster and Saunders counties. In the past 150 years, most of the wetlands have been destroyed or severely degraded, so that only around 1,500 acres of saline wetlands exist in Lancaster County today.

Conversations surrounding Lancaster County's saline wetlands often focus on whether or not we should be setting land aside to save the endangered Salt Creek tiger beetle. While the tiger beetles are an important indicator species for this unique ecosystem, there are hundreds of other species that call these wetlands home.

Ethan Freese has spent the past two years photographing and observing the unique species found in Nebraska's saline wetlands. His talk is focused on using photography to showcase the diverse assemblage of resident and migratory species relying on saline wetlands, beyond the Salt Creek tiger beetle.



Ethan Freese

A Lincoln native, Ethan graduated from Lincoln Southeast High School in 2014. He majored in fisheries and wildlife and grassland ecology and management at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he graduated in May 2018. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in applied science at UNL.

During his time as an undergraduate, Freese worked as an intern for the Platte Basin Timelapse project. Growing up, Ethan's summers were spent exploring the prairies and waterways of Southeastern Nebraska and hiking with his family in Rocky Mountain National Park. He has developed a deep appreciation for Nebraska prairies and hopes to use photos to show others the beauty and importance of these undervalued ecosystems.



Join Wachiska Audubon to learn more about Freese's work and research and enjoy his photography **Thursday, September 13**, at **7:00 p.m.** at Lincoln's Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street. Parking is free in the church's lot with overflow parking in the Pius High lot across the street to the west. There is easy access to the church with no steps and plenty of space for mingling while enjoying refreshments after the presentation. No charge; open to public.

Saline Wetlands Open House

On Wednesday, September 12, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., (the day before our program above) enjoy nature at the Marsh Wren Wetland Project near North 40th Street and Arbor Road to learn about wetland area improvements, saline wetland biology, and other efforts toward the conservation of Nebraska's natural resources. Stations will be set up on birdwatching, native plants, the Platte Basin Timelapse, monarch butterfly tagging, etc. Complete directions with a map are posted on Wachiska's website or contact Tom Malmstrom: 402-441-7063, 402-476-2729, or tmalmstrom@lpsnrd.org. This is a FREE event.

Calendar

September

- 9 Field Trip to Fontenelle Forest, 8:30 a.m. (page 2)
- 10 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 General Meeting, "Saline Wetlands: Beyond the Beetle," by Ethan Freese, Unitarian Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Newsletter submission deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.
- 18 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 **Postmark deadline to receive birdseed orders with payment, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m.** (pages 3-4)
- 27 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's, 11th & G sts., 6:00 p.m.

NO Education Committee this month



Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

Fontenelle Forest's Fall Colors

Autumn trees tend to be synonymous with fall colors but many birds also sport seasonal attire. Some forest dwellers become less conspicuous as scarlet tanagers do when they molt from scarlet to greenish yellow in fall, while other species like vireos are more vibrantly colored when in fresh fall plumage. September's outing will entail a hike of Fontenelle Forest's bluffs to search for woodland gems including a wish list of migrants such as black-throated green warblers and blue-headed vireos.

We'll meet on **Sunday, September 9**, at **8:30 a.m.** in the wetlands parking lot at the east end of Gifford Road in Bellevue. From I-80, take exit 439 and Highway 370 east to Bellevue. Turn north on Fort Crook Road and travel to Child's Road where you'll turn and drive east until it turns into Gifford Road. Bring a water bottle, insect repellent, and binoculars if you have them. A pay station is available and entry fee for those who aren't Fontenelle Forest members is \$11/adult and \$10/senior (62 and older). The public is welcome. For questions, call John at 402-475-7275.

Hidden Marsh Residents Detected on August Field Trip

by John Carlini and Shari Schwartz



American Redstart

Our late summer cruise of the Rainwater Basin marshlands west of Lincoln featured a cast of avian characters that were easy to hear but tricky to see in the tall vegetation. Enthusiastic vocalists tipped us off to the presence of sedge wrens, marsh wrens, and bobolinks but

remained invisible most of the time. A great horned owl and some juvenile wood ducks offered good distant views through the scope. At the conclusion of our search, persistent birders were rewarded with glimpses of a yellow-headed blackbird and an American bittern. The surprise bird of the day was an American redstart calling from a cottonwood in the middle of a mostly treeless marsh—not the habitat expected for that species.

Since we were already in the Utica neighborhood, we made an impromptu stop at the yard of the gracious Liz Garcia who received notoriety on August 6 when she posted a photo of a hummingbird sipping her Vermillionaire™ flowers that was then identified by Joel Jorgensen with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission as a calliope hummingbird. [Vermillionaire™ is the trade name of a hybrid firecracker plant (*Cuphea*) known to attract hummingbirds. Ed.] A rufous hummingbird was also present that same day in her "hummingbird haven" yard. That evening the town was devastated by baseball-sized hail, and the

rare hummers weren't seen after that. We did, however, enjoy seeing Liz's hummer oasis and resident family of red-headed woodpeckers that had survived the storm.

Wachiska's Latest New Friends

by Jami Nelson, Membership Chair

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following people who have joined our chapter as Friends of Wachiska over the past few months. Some people are new members, while others have rejoined after a long lapse or absence.

Leland & Paula Carmichael
Mark & Megan Grimes
Dennis Keim
Carol Loos
Jeff & Beth Meyer
Linda Plock
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James & Susan Quinn
Dennis & Gail Russell
Kristal & Kevin Stoner
Ned & Linda Stringham
Aime Vellani
Ron & Susan Whitney
Cindy & Frank Wimmer

If you have joined between April and August of this year and your name is not on this list, please notify the Wachiska office and we'll check our records. We're happy to have you join our ranks and appreciate the interest you've shown in supporting our chapter.

As a reminder, when you are a Friend of Wachiska, *The Babbling Brook* is sent to your mailbox either in hard copy or electronically every month, and you are supporting Wachiska's education, outreach, and conservation programs. National Audubon members in our chapter area who do not have a current Friends membership will receive the newsletter three times per year rather than monthly. It is also possible to access the newsletter on our website at www.WachiskaAudubon.org.

If you are not currently a Friend of Wachiska, you can become one by completing the form on page 7 of this newsletter and by mailing it with your check to the Wachiska office. Information about becoming a member is also available on our website. All funds from the Friends category remain with our local chapter for conservation work in Southeastern Nebraska.

Save the Date: October 15 Prairie Preservation Luncheon

Join us for a delicious lunch, complete with homemade pies, and learn more about Wachiska's prairie preservation efforts and how your charitable gifts can help protect our endangered tallgrass prairies. More details in the October newsletter.

Monday, October 15, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m., Lincoln's Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street. **\$25 donation is requested.**

Want to help host the luncheon or make an early reservation? Contact Linda Brown at 402-318-1522 (cell), 402-489-2381 (home), or by email to lindar1brown@gmail.com.



Wachiska Audubon Fall 2018 Birdseed Sale Order Form

	Bag Size	Bag Code	Price Each	Quantity	Total Cost
ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX					
FEED MIXES	Standard Audubon Mix	40 lb bag	ST40	\$ 30.00	\$
	Classic Audubon Mix	20 lb bag	CL20	\$ 20.00	\$
		40 lb bag	CL40	\$ 34.00	\$
	Attraction Audubon Mix	35 lb bag	AT35	\$ 45.00	\$
	Woodpecker Gourmet	20 lb bag	WO20	\$ 40.00	\$
	Bushy Tail Treat	20 lb bag	BT20	\$ 34.00	\$
SEEDS	Millet, White (98%)	50 lb bag	MI50	\$ 21.00	\$
	Peanuts, shelled rejects	20 lb bag	PR20	\$ 36.00	\$
	Safflower Seed	20 lb bag	SA20	\$ 23.00	\$
		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	\$
	Sunflower Seed, black oil	25 lb bag	SB25	\$ 19.00	\$
SUET CAKES	High Energy Treat, 11.75 oz. cake		EN-C	\$ 2.50	\$
	Berry Treat, 11 oz. cake		BT-C	\$ 2.50	\$
Total number of bags and cost (All prices INCLUDE sales tax)					\$
Tax Deductible Donation to support Wachiska's education & conservation activities					\$
Total Enclosed. Make check payable to Wachiska Audubon Society					\$

Name (Print) _____ Email address _____ Phone Number (required) _____

Mailing Address _____

This form and your check must be postmarked by Thursday, September 27, 2018.
 Mail to: Wachiska Audubon Society Birdseed Sale - 4547 Calvert St, Suite 10,
 Lincoln NE 68506-5643

ORDER PICK UP DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

PLEASE—Plan to pick up your order during one of these times

Friday, October 5

3:00 -6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 6

9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Pick up location: 14th & Arapahoe streets (between Van Dorn & Hwy 2)

Are you interested in volunteering for the birdseed pick up Yes (check box)

Wachiska Audubon Fall 2018 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 pick up location in SW Lincoln makes it easier than ever to get your birdseed. We depend on your purchases and so do our feathered friends! Thank you!

FEED MIXES

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

Berry Treat – a wonderful winter treat

SEEDS

White Millet (98%) – popular with cardinals, mourning doves, house finches, juncos, sparrows

Peanuts (shelled) – attractive for woodpeckers and blue jays

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:

www.WachiskaAudubon.org

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N.W. Corner of 14th &
Arapahoe streets
(between Van Dorn &
Hwy 2) in Lincoln.

Look for Signs

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Saturday, October 6
9:00 - 11:00 a.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@WachiskaAudubon.org to make alternate pick up arrangements. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!

If anyone is interested in volunteering to assist, please contact Lana Novak, 402-570-1273.



From the Board ...

by Gary Fehr, President

The Joys and Benefits of Prairies



Gary Fehr

The joys and benefits of prairies are occupying my thoughts these days. Earlier this summer, I had the privilege of helping host the open house at Fertig Prairie near Columbus. This prairie is Wachiska's most recent purchase to be added into our growing portfolio of prairies that we own and protect. Seeing such a rich blend of native species in a mature prairie is inspirational.

Likewise, it was rewarding to hear about the progress of the Haines Branch Prairie Corridor at our August general meeting. Wachiska has played a significant role in terms of leadership and financial backing for this visionary conservation effort. Our financial support helped purchase one of the first parcels of land for the Haines Branch project which was seeded earlier this year using a technique known as High Diversity Local Ecotype, or HDLE. High Diversity refers to the seed mix that contains 150 to 200 native species of grasses and forbs, while Local Ecotype refers to the locality of seed production, right here in Nebraska. Prairie Plains Resource Institute near Aurora acted as a principal consultant and supplied the seed for this parcel.

I have a personal interest in this as well, having seeded (with the help of family and Wachiska friends) about five acres of HDLE prairie on my own farm in May. Similar to Haines Branch, seed for my project was purchased from Prairie Plains Resource Institute. Those who came out to broadcast by hand 15 large buckets of seed over the five acres will be rewarded in about three years with the beauty of a prairie emerging out of the weeds of a former cornfield.



Culver's Root

In my case, the value of prairie goes beyond aesthetics. As I work toward organic certification for the farm, having a native array of prairie species will form a crucial functional component of vegetable and other crop production. Any successful vegetable farm relies on pollination. A diverse mix of native flowers will attract an equally diverse mix of native pollinators. There are 4,000 species of wild bees in the U.S., not to mention many other types of pollinating insects. I have witnessed first hand the

blizzard of insects swarming native plants such as culver's root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*).



Great Black Wasp

Besides pollinators, native flowers provide an important supplemental food source for beneficial predatory insects, those that prey upon pest insects. Unchecked, pests can quickly decimate entire crops. Because organic production prohibits the use of synthetic pesticides, attracting beneficial predatory insects to the farm is an important method of pest control. As an example, it is said that a great black wasp can capture 16 grasshoppers a day!

As a fellow Wachiska member, I want to thank you for your support of prairie conservation in Nebraska, not only for the benefits it brings now, but for future generations to come. Seek out a prairie near you and enjoy its unique beauty!

Gary is president of Wachiska. He owns Green School Farms and works part-time as a software engineer for Arbor Day Foundation. His passion is regenerative agricultural practices that contribute to a healthier environment.

Support Tallgrass Prairie Protection, One of Wachiska's Primary Missions

The Wachiska Audubon Society is a Nebraska leader in many types of conservation, education, and outreach. Our mission is three-fold: We connect adults and children with the natural world through birdwatching trips and many other programs, we advocate for the protection of our natural world, and we preserve native tallgrass prairies. Our pursuit of this third prong has been very successful, and we now protect nearly 1,000 acres of tallgrass prairie through direct ownership or easement monitoring.

However, the management requirements of caring for nine (owned) prairies and 23 conservation easements is enormous and currently handled completely by volunteers and funded through donations, grants, and grazing and haying income. While we are seeking to expand the prairies we protect, we also need to make sure we have the financial foundation to meet our many responsibilities.

Three years ago, Wachiska created the Prairie Management Fund to assure we can continue our prairie preservation efforts for years to come. We now have nearly \$250,000 in our Prairie Management and Prairie Defense Funds, well on our way towards our goal of having a \$1 million endowed fund from which the annual proceeds would help pay for the many prairie preservation activities we undertake each year.

Climate Change Update

by Marilyn McNabb

Ever since I retired in early 2012, I have spent a good deal of effort thinking about Lincoln's Congressman Jeff Fortenberry and climate change. Just a few things have become clear to me. One is that any solution that matches the size of the problem has to be initiated by Republicans and inspire bipartisan support.

Another is that my congressman and I have a large communications problem. At his Town Hall meeting in Lincoln July 27, the congressman was asked if he could keep an open mind about the usefulness of a carbon tax, even though he had voted in favor of the advisory Scalise Resolution which said a carbon tax would hurt the economy. He did not answer.

Another speaker asked him about joining the House Climate Solutions Caucus which is made up of the half-Ds and half-Rs, now at 84 members and growing. It meets to explore ways Congress can address climate change. That one got a "no."

Then I tried a question but didn't get much further than saying the word "climate." He responded that I damage my own cause by talking about climate because the subject is too partisan, too politically loaded.

So how do you address the climate emergency if you can't say "climate"? But to be fair, I want to give some appreciation to real leadership that Congressman Fortenberry has shown to defend the natural world. Last December he introduced RAWA, the Recovering Americas Wildlife Act, cosponsoring with Rep. Debbie Dingell, a Democrat. Hearings were held in February. Currently, there are 81 House members who have put their names on the bill—44 Democrats and 37 Republicans. In July it was introduced in the Senate and immediately gained bipartisan sponsorship of four members.

RAWA, H.R. 4647 and S. 3223, has some real chance of becoming law because of its bipartisan support. National Audubon enthusiastically supports RAWA, as does the National Wildlife Federation. For a summary of what RAWA would mean to Nebraska go to <http://outdoornebraska.gov/WildlifeAct/>.

RAWA would fund work here built on the Nebraska Natural Legacy Project and similar wildlife action plans in each state. It focuses on voluntary, proactive conservation methods restoring habitat; 83 Nebraska bird species have been identified as in need of urgent conservation action, according to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Nebraska's funding would be approximately \$18 million a year. Existing mineral and energy royalties from federal lands would fund RAWA.

RAWA was conceived by a Blue Ribbon Panel that produced an excellent report in 2016 titled "The Future of America's Fish and Wildlife." It discussed the rapid decline of nongame species, the

"growing disconnection between people and nature," and analyzed funding options. This is a very well thought out plan.

If you would like to do something positive for our birds, you might drop Rep. Fortenberry a note thanking him for his leadership on RAWA (contact information is on page 7).

I can see why promoting RAWA without referring to climate change is smart politically. But we still need to talk about climate. The Blue Ribbon panel identified these threats to wildlife: "habitat loss, invasive species, extreme weather, and disease." Sure sounds like climate change to me.

Ten Percent Bonus on 2018 Gifts!

Until the end of 2018, the Lincoln Community Foundation is offering a 10 percent match for donations of \$10,000 or more to an endowed account in Wachiska's name. Donations from multiple donors can be combined. So if you have been thinking about making a lasting gift that will support Wachiska forever, now is a great time to act. For more information, or to inquire about combining gifts with other donors, contact Wachiska Donor Development Committee Chair Elizabeth Nelson at 402-770-3485 or enelson555@gmail.com.

There are Many Ways to Give to Wachiska

Wachiska Audubon Society Prairie Management Designated Fund at Lincoln Community Foundation is fund #710146.

Make a cash donation – In one lump sum or choose automatic monthly contributions through the Lincoln Community Foundation's easy-giving options.

Memorials – Remember a loved one or commemorate a milestone event with a gift to the Wachiska Prairie Management Fund in that person's name.

IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can be given directly to Wachiska and the donor avoids taxes on that distribution.

Gifting stocks, bonds, or mutual funds helps protect prairie and may provide you with significant financial benefits by eliminating capital gains, estate, or income taxes.

Charitable IRA Rollover – Individuals 70.5 and older can transfer up to \$100,000 of IRA assets to Wachiska tax free.

Give in the future by naming Wachiska Audubon Society in your will or trust or as a beneficiary on life insurance policies, IRAs, or investment accounts.

If you have questions about giving options, please contact Wachiska Donor Development Committee Chair Elizabeth Nelson at 402-770-3485, enelson555@gmail.com or your attorney or financial planner. In addition, the Lincoln Community Foundation offers extensive information and assistance through their website or by conferring with one of their giving professionals at www.LCF.org or 402-474-2345.

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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:

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Attention: Membership Committee
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Please note: If you are already a member of National Audubon Society (NAS) you automatically become a member of Wachiska, but not a Wachiska Friend member. Only Wachiska Friends receive the printed newsletter each month. If you wish to join NAS or receive *Audubon* magazine, please contact the National Audubon Society directly.



American Goldfinch Family

Fall Birdseed Sale in Progress

See **pages 3-4** of this newsletter for order form and seed descriptions for the Fall Birdseed Sale. **Orders must be postmarked by September 27.**

Help is needed for distribution on October 5-6. Call Lana at 402-475-8693 if you can help for an hour or so when you pick up your order! Mark your calendars to pick up your seed during the hours designated on the order form. A small amount of the most popular seeds may be available onsite.

Prices are competitive for this first-class seed. This is a major fundraiser, so share the order form with friends and co-workers. Forms are also at www.WachiskaAudubon.org. THANKS!



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NEBirds Website

Check out the email discussion at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NEBirds> to learn of the latest sightings and interesting tales of Nebraska's most avid birders and those interested in Nebraska birds and their ecology. Posts change daily—and even more often when excitement arises. Offerings of recent sightings, questions, and new photos are all welcome.

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**.