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General Meeting and Program — Thursday, March 12, 7:00 p.m., Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln

Nebraska's Eastern Saline Wetlands: Accomplishments and Stewardship

by Tom Malmstrom, City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department

Nebraska's Eastern Saline Wetlands occur in swales and depressions within the floodplains of Salt Creek and its tributaries in Lancaster and southern Saunders counties. Characterized by saline soils and salt-tolerant vegetation, the source of salinity for these wetlands is the discharge of saline groundwater into the stream channels and at the surface of the adjacent floodplain. These saline wetlands are considered an endangered wetland complex (LaGrange, 2005) and a Biologically Unique Landscape in the Legacy Plan.



Tom Malmstrom

The saline wetlands provide habitat for a variety of native plant and animal species that depend on a saline environment and include several saline plants and an insect found nowhere else in Nebraska. In addition, Nebraska's Eastern Saline Wetlands are important habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl during migration. The exposed saline mudflats provide an abundance of invertebrates as a food source. During the last century, more than 250 species of birds were reported at the salt basins of Lancaster County (Jorgensen, 2017). The wetlands and the

adjacent native prairie also provide much needed greenspace and flood protection for Lincoln.

In 2002, several local and state agencies joined conservation groups to establish the Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership, which established an Implementation Plan for the Conservation of Nebraska's Eastern Saline Wetlands (2003). "Nebraska's Eastern Saline Wetlands Conservation Plan 2018" updated the initial plan to reflect new approaches developed to address saline wetland conservation and partnership success in acquiring and restoring additional properties containing saline wetlands and adjacent natural areas.

Tom Malmstrom is a natural resources coordinator/park planner II for the City of Lincoln's Parks and Recreation Department. He has been the coordinator for the Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership since 2003 and assists with other greenway resources throughout the city and county.

Tom will talk about the history and unique qualities of the saline wetlands and the successful conservation work that has been accomplished and is still being planned.

Join Tom and Wachiska on **Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.** at Lincoln's Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street. Free parking is readily available in the church lot with overflow parking in the Pius X High School lot across the street to the west. There is easy access to the church with no steps and plenty of space for visiting with the speaker and mingling with friends while enjoying refreshments following this free public program.

Calendar

March

- 9 Conservation Committee, Wachiska office, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 General Meeting, "Nebraska's Eastern Saline Wetlands," by Tom Malmstrom, Unitarian Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Newsletter deadline, Wachiska office, 5:00 p.m. (Sunday)
- 16 **Deadline for Spring Birdseed Sale orders** (pages 3-4)
- 17 Board Meeting, Wachiska office, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Sandhill cranes/waterfowl field trip, 2:00 p.m. (page 2)
- 26 Legislation Committee, DaVinci's, 11th & G sts., 6:00 p.m.
- 27-28 **Spring Birdseed Sale pick up, 14th & Arapahoe** (pgs. 3-4)

Birdseed Distribution

Friday, March 27, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 28, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Northwest corner of 14th & Arapahoe streets
Please don't forget!



Field Trip

by John Carlini, Field Trip Chair

Half a Million Birds of Happiness

Cranes are symbols of good fortune, longevity, and in Japan are called birds of happiness. About 500,000 sandhill cranes will be visiting Nebraska



when their numbers peak this spring, so if you need some cheer, join our annual journey to the Alda area to see them. We'll first view the crane flocks from our vehicles as they feed, lounge, and "dance" in the fields. Then at day's end, we'll observe the thrilling sight of them thronging overhead as they gather to amass on the Platte River to spend the night. Last year was highly unusual because of flooded river conditions that forced the cranes to sleep in the fields which, hopefully, won't be the case this year.

We'll meet on **Saturday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m.** in Lincoln on the south side of the Capitol on H Street across from the governor's mansion. Participants can caravan or carpool for the 100-mile trip to our destination. Bring binoculars and scope if you have them and warm clothing if you plan to stand by the river after sunset. No fee or entry permit is required, and the public is welcome. If you have questions, call John at 402-475-7275.

March programs at Spring Creek Prairie

Flying Free - Sunday, March 8, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Steve and Judy Martindale will be presenting their new book, *Flying Free*, a mixture of beautiful crane paintings, poetry, and crane biology. Steve will read excerpts from the book and give updates on cranes and Rowe Sanctuary. Copies of the book will be on sale for \$20, with a portion of the proceeds going to Spring Creek Prairie. Free admission.

Salon Series: Nebraska Invasive Species - Mondays, March 23 & 30, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Invasive animal, insect, and plant species can do harm to native flora and fauna. On March 23, Allison Zach of the Nebraska Invasive Species Program will present on local invasive species, what you can do to prevent their damage, and how to remove them. On March 30, Sarah Browning from Nebraska Extension will discuss the emerald ash borer and what can be done to stop the spread of this damaging insect. Snacks and beverages provided. \$10/presentation or \$15/both. Online registration recommended.

Full details of these and other programs can be found at springcreek.audubon.org, 402-797-2301, or scp@audubon.org.

Bird EnCOUNTER a Fabulous Event

by Mary King, Population and Environment Committee

It was a sunny, mild day for the seventh annual Bird EnCOUNTER which took place at Walt Library this year. This event is a partnership between the Lincoln Libraries and Wachiska Audubon with a focus on engaging families and children in activities that foster a knowledge and love of birds.



Elaine Bachel and Carri Honz with owls

Participants were greeted by colorful banners from Wachiska and Wild Bird Habitat Stores, a long-time supporter. A vibrant floor path of bird images led attendees past a large paper bird nest packed with bird-related books ready for check out. Farther along the winding path, one could find a variety of activities: child-size binoculars for peering outside in hopes of bird sightings with guidance from Bruce Mellberg and Kitty Shuster; marvelous raptors from Fontenelle Forest/Raptor Recovery; bird sketching lessons with Nebraska treasure, Paul Johnsgard; a nook full of musical shakers of all sorts to entice young musicians into "participatory pandemonium" around bird-themed songs with guitarist, Jim King; another cozy corner with bird-matching puzzles; and, in a nearby quiet area, Tim Knott and Joyce Vannier guided a listen and match bird songfest.

The Walt Library meeting rooms held even more fun. The Library Reading Hour featured bird books and an accompanying craft. Next door, Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center provided a table full of bird-themed interactive visuals, while Wild Bird Habitat engaged folks in creating their own birds via a computer app with a variety of beaks, wings, and feet to mix and match. Sue and Tom Guild presided over the always popular pine cone bird feeder making.



Jim King Music Corner

There were 320 participants recorded during the 90 minutes scheduled, and 87 of them were young enough (in years or heart) to carry home a seed-laden pine cone to hang outside. Three members of the Walt Library Youth Advisory Council provided assistance across activities, and the following Wachiskans not yet mentioned were instrumental in the fun and success of this year's Bird EnCOUNTER: Melinda Varley, Rosina Paolini, Theresa Pella, Linda Brown, Barb & Chuck Francis, Mary Lutz, Lynette Boyce, Kendy Angle, Julie & Jon Thomas, Colleen Geisel, and Mary King as well as several others whose names we didn't get. Thanks to all volunteers, library personnel, and supporters for the best Bird EnCOUNTER ever!!



Wachiska Audubon Spring 2020 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	\$ 32.00	\$
	Classic Audubon Mix	20 lb bag	CL20	\$ 20.00	\$
		40 lb bag	CL40	\$ 35.00	\$
	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	\$ 23.00	\$
	Peanuts, shelled rejects	20 lb bag	PR20	\$ 36.00	\$
	Safflower Seed	20 lb bag	SA20	\$ 23.00	\$
		50 lb bag	SA50	\$ 52.00	\$
	Safflower Seed, Nutra Saff	20 lb bag		\$ 25.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, coarse	20 lb bag	HC20	\$ 34.00	\$
		50 lb bag	HC50	\$ 75.00	\$
	Sunflower Hearts, fine	20 lb bag	HF20	\$ 35.00	\$
Sunflower Seed, black oil	25 lb bag	SB25	\$ 20.00	\$	
SUET CAKES	High Energy Treat, 11.75 oz. cake		EN-C	\$ 1.50	\$
	Berry Treat, 11 oz. cake		BT-C	\$ 1.50	\$
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 Monday, March 16, 2020
 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, March 27
3:00 -6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 28
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 Spring 2020 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 you 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

NEW! 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.



Nutra Saff Seed is without the hard, outer shell.

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 Street
(between Van Dorn &
Hwy 2) in Lincoln.

Look for Signs

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3:00 -6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 28
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@wachiskaudubon.org to make alternate pick up arrangements.

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

Prairie Manager Donations Exceed Goal!

by Elizabeth Nelson, Donor Development

Wrapping up a year of research, planning, and analysis, Wachiska's Conservation Committee and Prairie Habitat Review Committee concluded in late 2019 that Wachiska must move ahead with the plan of hiring a prairie habitat manager.

The December *Babbling Brook* featured a detailed description of Wachiska's Prairie Management Program including a call for donations to raise \$30,000, the amount we determined is needed for matching funds for the grants we will be applying for in 2020 which will enable Wachiska to make this hire. While we are still waiting on a final accounting, Linda Brown of the Donor Development Committee reports she has already sent thank-you letters to **over 75 households for donations totaling more than \$43,000!**

Thank you, thank you to the many families and individuals who have given so generously. Wachiska will now be moving ahead with developing grant applications to take us through the next three years. Of course, preserving our prairies for posterity is a very long-term goal. Continued support will be needed as we forge ahead. Contributions can be made at any time by check to Wachiska, on credit card through PayPal (visit our website), or directly to the Lincoln Community Foundation Prairie Management Fund # 710146.

2020 will be a significant year for Wachiska's Prairie Management Program thanks to your support.

Many additional donors contributed amounts under \$100. Thank you all so much for your support of Wachiska's Prairie Management Program and helping us reach our matching funds goal as we apply for grants to hire a prairie habitat manager.

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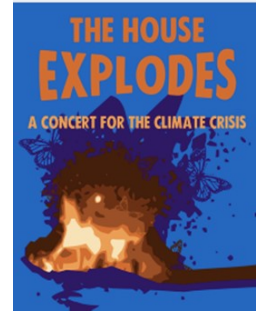
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Community Climate Concert

Inspired by climate activist Greta Thunberg, Denver pianist Heidi Brende Leathwood will present a community climate concert, "The House Explodes," at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 5, at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A St.



Heidi states, "In thinking about the role of the arts historically in social movements, I am compelled to lend my voice, as an artist to this cause." New works were commissioned for this project. Solo piano pieces and songs will be performed by Heidi Brende Leathwood, pianist, and Stephanie Ambrose, mezzo-soprano. At the concert, learn more about and connect with local groups and leaders in climate action. Wachiska Audubon is co-sponsoring this event.

Johnsgard's Newest Book: Rowe Sanctuary

Just in time for spring migration, Paul Johnsgard has produced a book on Rowe Sanctuary entitled *Audubon's Lillian Annette Rowe Sanctuary: A Refuge, a River, and a Migration*. It describes Nebraska's crane and goose migration, as well as the other wildlife and vegetation associated with the refuge and the central Platte River. The National Audubon Society sponsored its publication, and it was produced in Lincoln by Infusion Media.

In addition to a text of about 40,000 words, annotated species lists include the area's approximately 250 bird species, 50 mammals, 22 reptiles, and nine amphibians, as well as 70 butterflies, 44 flowering forbs, and 21 grasses. Narrative species accounts describe the ecology and biology of 13 local mammals, 12 birds, and seven reptiles and amphibians. Descriptions of 20 public-access bird-viewing areas in Kearney and southern Buffalo counties are included. The 205-page book also contains 25 pages of line drawings by the author, two maps, and 118 literature citations.

All proceeds from the sale of the book will be directed to Rowe Sanctuary. It will be for sale at Rowe and is a companion volume to a 183-page book Dr. Johnsgard published in 2018, titled *The Ecology of a Tallgrass Treasure: Audubon's Spring Creek Prairie*. That book was published by Zea E-Books and the University of Nebraska Digital Commons and can be purchased at Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center or downloaded free at <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook>.

2019 Aluminum Cans Recycling Report

Due to current tariffs, the price for aluminum has tanked. Wachiska's 2019 check for recycling cans was only \$55. The positive aspect is that those cans have been kept out of the landfill. Thanks to all who helped. We will continue our account at A-Can Recycling, 3255 South 10th Street, in Lincoln.

Climate Change Update

by Marilyn McNabb

The phone number for the Lincoln office of Congressman Jeff Fortenberry is 402-438-1598. It won't take more than a few minutes to call and leave a message thanking him for becoming a sponsor for the "BEST" bill, Better Energy Storage Technology. National Audubon has strongly supported this bill which has bipartisan backing and 21 cosponsors in the U.S. Senate and 55 in the House of Representatives. It would direct the Department of Energy to establish a research and development program for grid scale energy storage systems—batteries.

Senator Deb Fischer has also signed on as a sponsor of the Senate BEST bill. You might thank her, too. Her Lincoln office number is 402-441-4600.

In his January 24 "Fort Report," Congressman Fortenberry wrote "Whether we call the problem 'climate change,' 'global warming,' or my preference of 'climate volatility,' the bottom line is that Congress has finally stopped talking about how to define the problem and more about how to solve it." He also referred to "excessive atmospheric carbon." These statements represent a significant advance in Congressman Fortenberry's public acceptance of basic climate science.

The "Fort Report" also announced "Through reduced emissions and tree-planting, we are going to solve the problem of excessive atmospheric carbon. . ." Fortenberry praised the Trillion Trees Initiative which makes big promises and referred to an article published in *Science* that provided the basis for the rationale for the Trillion Trees legislation. Links to the article "The Global Tree Restoration Potential" and five comments, signed by 24 scholars and two responses by the original eight authors, can be found at <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/365/6448/76>. Here is some of that exchange:

"We believe this conclusion is wrong because of the authors' misunderstanding of both carbon storage potential and the global carbon cycle response to anthropogenic emissions." Comment 1, Friedingstein et al.

"Unfortunately, key assumptions and data underlying (the article's) analyses are incorrect, resulting in a factor of 5 overestimate of the potential for new trees to capture carbon and mitigate climate change." Comment 2, Veldman et al.

"(Article authors) do not evaluate the operational feasibility of expanding tree cover in time to tackle global warming promptly. . ." Comment 3, Grainger et al.

Comment 4 found the three basic assertions of the paper "incorrect" and the results "fundamentally flawed." Lewis et al. "We estimate that the global land area required to sequester human-emitted CO₂ is at least a factor of 3 higher than

estimated by (the authors of the original article)." Comment 5, Skidmore et al.

In their second response to comments in November, the authors explained: ". . .we never considered any time limit for the restoration process . . . Indeed, our study estimates the total carbon stock that can be associated to the optimal state of each ecosystem. . .the accumulation of carbon in forests would take a very long time to reach maximum potential carbon storage. . ." It seems fair to conclude the many commenting scientists are telling us not to bet the farm on a Trillion Trees. It scores well on alliteration, but not climate science.

Next Steps for Strategic Planning

by Theresa Pella

A Wachiska ad hoc committee consisting of Terry Stentz, Ingrid Krist, Linda Brown, and Theresa Pella completed interviews with four companies and reference checks prior to recommending to the Wachiska Board that T. A. Dickel LLC be hired to conduct the chapter's strategic planning efforts this spring. The Board approved the recommendation at the January meeting and a contract has been signed. The planning committee working with the consultant includes Arlys Reitan, Linda Brown, Elizabeth Nelson, Tim Knott, Stu Luttich, and Theresa Pella.

This committee recently held its first meeting with Tad Dickel and discussed process, background, shared hesitations, and hopes about the exercise. Moving forward, some of you will be asked to participate in short meetings (2 hours maximum) to share your insight and advice about Wachiska's future. We're thinking of one session for Wachiska Friends and one session for external folks such as peer organizations, land and conservation easement owners, and others who may be able to provide insight into how Wachiska can successfully move forward. If you receive an invitation, please give attendance serious thought.

There will also be a survey to a much larger group to provide additional guidance to the Board as it prepares for a one-day retreat later in the spring. The subject of the email will be "Wachiska's strategic planning survey" and will come from Tad Dickel around the middle of March. If you are not sure that your e-address is on record, please send an email to office@wachiskaaudubon.org with "strategic planning" in the subject line. Questions, suggestions, or comments may be sent anytime to a planning committee member.

City Nature Challenge on Earth Day Weekend

by Tim Knott, Education Committee Chair

To learn of Lincoln's plans for its first City Nature Challenge in April, check out the free app, iNaturalist, or email Alie at NGPC, alie.mayes@nebraska.gov. More information will be included in *The Babbling Brook* next month.

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Wachiska Audubon Society
Attention: Membership Committee
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Lincoln NE 68506-5643



American Goldfinches

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