



Please join us on **Wednesday, September 4th** at 6:00 pm at **Seven Islands State Birding Park** for our fall potluck dinner. We have been invited out to the park for this special event and will be allowed to drive out to the far barn starting at 5:30. So if you want to go early and walk around you can.

The club will bring the drinks. If possible, please email **Laura Tappan** at [la.tappan@gmail.com](mailto:la.tappan@gmail.com) and let her know how many in your party and what you plan to bring.

This event came about by a joint effort between the park and the Friends of Seven Islands. They will be setting up some tents, tables, and chairs for us. Even though it could be hot we should have plenty of shade. Please please please turn out for this dinner. You will have a great time and it will be a great way to kick off our fall KTOS season.



## KTOS at Hummingbird Festival

KTOS unveiled its new educational booth at the annual Hummingbird Festival at Ijams Nature Center on Saturday, August 24th. Packed with an array of bird related informational handouts, optical equipment and a bird stand loaded with birdhouses and feeders, several KTOS volunteers greeted visitors and went about answering their questions on bird and birdwatching topics.

We are excited to be in a position to offer a real service when we go out and attend festivals and other events said Tony Headrick. We had several new rack cards providing tips about everything from how to feed hummingbirds to how to prevent bird window strikes. We also had bird books, bird checklists and information about where to bird across the state. If they had a question, we had an answer Tony said.

Attendance at the Hummingbird Festival was excellent. Mark Armstrong was again banding hummingbirds accompanied by his regular group of volunteers. Over the course of the 6 hour festival Mark was able to band 32 hummers which is close to a record for the festival..

Next up for KTOS is to participate at Scoutfest in Blaine in October. Around 2000 scouts are scheduled to attend this event. KTOS will have a variety of items that will enable us to expose scouts to what birdwatching is all about.





Please go to: [www.knoxvillebirding.org](http://www.knoxvillebirding.org) for all KTOS information.

- Calendar (Fieldtrip Info)
- Newsletters
- Membership Information
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Being part of a like minded community is important. Please remember to check the status of your membership. Morton Massey will be happy to answer any questions. You can email him at [knoxtbirds@gmail.com](mailto:knoxtbirds@gmail.com). Please remember to put "Membership" in the subject line.



Field trips and social gatherings are a great way of getting to know one another. Fields trips can be lead by any of our members regardless of skill level. We all can learn from one another. If you have an idea or would like to lead a trip, please contact Melinda Fawver at [knoxtbirds@gmail.com](mailto:knoxtbirds@gmail.com). Please remember to put "Field Trip" in the subject line.

Always check the Calendar at [www.knoxvillebirding.org](http://www.knoxvillebirding.org) to view upcoming Field Trips, Festivals, Bird Counts and Social Gatherings.

Shade grown coffee is a great product and environmental friendly for our beloved feathered friends.

To order shade-grown coffee, email David Johnson and Jean Alexander at [jjadmj@yahoo.com](mailto:jjadmj@yahoo.com). Your order must be turn in Thursday night before for meeting each month. David and Jean bring orders to the monthly meetings.

Thank you, David and Jean!

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**2020 Membership Renewals:**

Annual dues can be turned in at KTOS meetings or mailed to KTOS, 1553 Dutch Valley Rd, Clinton TN 37716. Dues levels: \$26/individual, \$30/family, \$38/sustaining, \$13 student (high school or younger), or TOS life membership for \$450 with \$8 annual fee to Chapter.



2019 - 2020

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## Letter from the New Officers

Over the summer the new officers of KTOS met several times to get our team organized and to set some objectives for the upcoming year. It was agreed that our biggest challenge was to do more to grow our membership to combat the gradual decline we have been experiencing over the last 5 years. So moving forward we are going to be offering more bird walks and other types of educational programs aimed at new birders with the hope when can attract new members.

We have also been paying close attention to making sure we are balancing our efforts on all three areas of KTOS's mission. We exist to 1) promote birdwatching, 2) educate the public about birds and 3) engage in conservation efforts that involve birds.

Our first initiative was to create a new format for our KTOS booth at the Hummingbird Festival focused on education. In September we plan to host the first quarterly bird walk aimed strictly at new birders. We have also begun discussions with Seven Islands to put in a kiosk out at the park with information to assist visiting birdwatchers.

One of our big issues is that we need more manpower. Don't be surprised if we lean on some of you to step up and help. It's going to be a great year but we definitely need more help to get the job done.

Sincerely,

Morton, Bill, Mindy and Laura

## Upcoming Events

August

28th Seven Islands Birding with Friends

September

4th Potluck Dinner at Seven Islands

21st New birder walk at Ijams

21st Blount County Fall Count

22nd Seven Islands

25th Seven Islands Birding with Friends

27-29 TOS Fall Meeting in Johnson City

All bird walks are subject to change. Please consult the KTOS calendar for walk details. We are not posting many KTOS walks on our Facebook page to prevent more birders showing up than the walk leaders can support.

For more information :

knexnbirds@gmail.com

Please remember to put your inquiry in the subject line.

Example: Membership, Discover Birds, etc...



October's program will be given by Chuck Estes who will be talking about his trip with wife Lola to Madagascar in the fall of 2018. Chuck will be sharing pictures of some interesting animals along with many of the birds they saw.