



THE BLUEBIRD

Evansville Audubon Society Newsletter



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Christmas Bird Counts

We can use any help we can get on any of the counts!!

Warrick County
December 29, 2010

Posey County
January 1, 2011

Vanderburgh County
December 18, 2010

Western Gibson County
December 19, 2010

Oakland City
January 2, 2011

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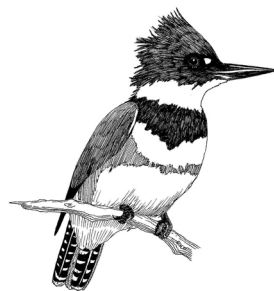
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A Day for Birding

Submitted by Susan Haislip

A number of Evansville Audubon Society members were among the birders who joined Wesselman Nature Society's Canoe Evansville program for a day of birding in the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge on September 25th. On what was perhaps the most beautiful day of the year, a group of twenty three began the day with a brief introductory hike at the Dillon Bottoms Moist Soil wetland area in eastern Pike County. Though it was not much of a wetland this day due to the current drought, the property is known to attract a wide variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors and other species throughout the year. Participants were encouraged to return again on their own for more extensive birding.



Next the group traveled to nearby Pikeville where they began a seven mile paddle down the Patoka River. Thirty three species of birds were positively identified when participants were not distracted by paddling the River! Many other species were heard, including quite a few warblers, but were not positively identified. Notable finds were a Belted Kingfisher, Wood Ducks, Red Shouldered Hawks, Barred Owl, Tennessee Warbler and Red- and White eyed Vireos. The group gathered once riverside for a rest break and quick snack before completing the journey downriver to Survant, Indiana This last section was perhaps the most challenging due to the low water levels and exposed woody debris, but everyone paddled it quite capably! All in all, everyone seemed to have a terrific day discovering these local birding areas.

Hello fellow Audubon Society Members,

We have the following position open this year. Please let me know if you would be interested in being on the committee. Thanks!Brian Taylor

Program Chair

The task of the program chair is to solicit and coordinate the monthly program speakers (usually from ideas received from the membership at the annual summer planning meeting). The chair communicates with the speakers as to time and place and whether equipment is needed and introduces the speaker at the monthly program.

Look for Field Trip announcements on our website www.evvaudubon.org The list was not available when the newsletter went to the printer.



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