

# The Chattanooga Chat

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## The field trip to Hinch Mountain

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### July Meeting

There is no meeting scheduled, but your board will meet to discuss finding a permanent meeting spot and plans for future meetings. See the article on volunteer opportunities for information on an opening for a vice president for programs.

### Field Trip:

Cheryl Finley and Barbara Johnson will co-lead a trip on Saturday, July 31. We can start from the base of the river side of bald mound at Renaissance Park at 8:30. There is a charge for parking. [35°03'43.3\"N 85°18'37.4\"W - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/35°03'43.3\)

### Volunteer Opportunities

As an all-volunteer organization, the Chattanooga Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society is always grateful for any help we receive with new and ongoing projects. Share your knowledge, skills, and joy in birdwatching, and they will surely increase.

Gary Brunvoll, Vice President for Field Trips, has issued a call for **field trip leaders**. I

We had some great field trips in April, May, and June, and want to continue the momentum as fall migration approaches. Contact Gary if you are willing to help: [gbrunvoll@epbf.com](mailto:gbrunvoll@epbf.com).



We are always seeking material for our web page and newsletter. If you have **photographs** you will share, please send them to Jeffrey Scharschmidt, [schaarschmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:schaarschmidt@yahoo.com) for the web page, or Ray Zimmerman, [znaturalist@yahoo.com](mailto:znaturalist@yahoo.com) for the newsletter. **Reports or stories** about birds sighted are also a welcome addition to the newsletter.

Mike Seeber has resigned as **Vice President for Programs**. If you like organizing events, this might be an opportunity for you. We are blessed to have members and affiliates with excellent photography skills and travel across the globe. Past program chair David Stone, with many contacts and many years of experience, has offered his support to the next volunteer

If you are interested in taking a lead role in reshaping our monthly meetings, please contact a chapter officer and express your interest.

This office also includes responsibility for communicating announcements to the newsletter editor and any special reports to the Treasurer for distribution on the mailing list.

The **Office of Secretary** is open immediately, but I will continue to fill that role until September if needed. The primary responsibility is taking notes and writing the minutes of each board meeting.

After more than ten years as **Newsletter Editor**, I have decided to move on. The role is open following the production of the October edition. I have enjoyed this role and can only remember one predecessor. Bill Haley made the newsletter a much more professional document than it had previously been. I added photographs, book reviews, and some articles of interest. It is time for the next version of *The Chat*.

If you are interested in taking on the newsletter, please contact a member of the executive committee. I will not continue beyond the October issue, Volume 47, Number 12. A new editor will produce Volume 48, Number 1, possibly taking over sooner if interested.

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