



# The Chattanooga Chat

## June 2023

The Chattanooga Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society

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### June Program

Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 PM  
Eliot Berz of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
729 S. Germantown Road, East Ridge, Tennessee 37412



Photo from the Field Trip to the Tennessee River Gardens.

### June Field Trips

#### Birding the Honors Course

David Stone will lead birding at The Honors Course on Monday, June 5 & Monday, June 12. Both will start at 5:00 PM. Space is limited. Email David at [rockyturf@epbf.com](mailto:rockyturf@epbf.com) to reserve a spot.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD | 8:30AM – 11:30AM**

Explore the South Chickamauga Creek Greenway by bike as we search for birds and other wildlife! Cost is \$10 and includes all gear, guides, and instruction.

For more information, please contact

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Crabtree Farms Field Trip Report  
Hamilton County, April 29, 2023,  
8:30 AM- 10:30 AM  
41 participants

- Canada Goose (2)
- Mourning Dove (2)
- Chimney Swift (15)
- Ruby-throated hummingbird (1)
- Solitary Sandpiper (2)
- Double-crested Cormorant (31)
- Great Blue Heron (1)
- Turkey Vulture (2)
- Red-shouldered Hawk (1)
- Red-tailed Hawk (1)

Red-bellied Woodpecker (2)  
 Downy Woodpecker (2)  
 Eastern Phoebe (2)  
 Great-crested Flycatcher (2)  
 Red-eyed Vireo  
 Blue Jay (4)  
 American Crow (1)  
 Carolina Chickadee (1)  
 Tufted Titmouse (3)  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow (3)  
 Tree Swallow (2)  
 Barn Swallow (2)  
 White-breasted Nuthatch (1)  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (1)  
 Carolina Wren (1)  
 European Starling (2)  
 Gray Catbird (1)  
 Brown Thrasher (2)  
 Northern Mockingbird (1)  
 Eastern Bluebird (2)  
 Wood Thrush (1)  
 American Robin (2)  
 House Sparrow (1)  
 Cedar Waxwing (8)  
 American Goldfinch (3)  
 Field Sparrow (2)  
 Song Sparrow (1)  
 Eastern Towhee (2)  
 Common Yellowthroat (1)  
 Chestnut-sided Warbler (1)  
 Palm Warbler (1)  
 Scarlet Tanager (2)  
 Northern Cardinal (5)  
 Blue Grosbeak (2)  
 Indigo Bunting (2)

### Lights Out for Bird Migration

Light pollution is a largely unrecognized but dangerous phenomenon for migratory birds. This two-minute podcast from Bird Note is a brief presentation of the problem.

<https://www.birdnote.org/listen/shows/lights-out-bird-migration>. This article is good too.  
<https://birdcast.info/science-to-action/lights-out/>



Photo by Barbara Johnson from the Field Trip to the Tennessee River Gardens.

### J. Drew Lanham Draws Insight from Thoreau and his Writings about Walden Pond.

J. Drew Lanham is one of the most respected ornithologists in America. He presents some unique insights in this article on the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's website.

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/a-poet-ornithologist-walks-walden-pond-from-boise-to-concord>

You might also want to review his article about the Carolina Parakeet, presented on the Orion Magazine website.

<https://orionmagazine.org/article/forever-gone/>.

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You can also send a check to Fran Hiestand CTOS Treasurer 8935 N. Hickory Valley Road Chattanooga, TN 37416

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Student memberships are \$15