



photo by Tom Whipple

The Pileated Post

A National Audubon Society Chapter
Grove, OK

Grand Lake Audubon Society

Sept. – Nov., 2018

Frankly Speaking...

It is time to start another year of “Adventures Audubon Style.” We will have our first meeting September 10, at Trinity Baptist Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Board meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Tom Whipple has put together another year of interesting programs and presenters.

Next up will be our participation in the annual “Pelican Festival” to be held at Wolf Creek Park, again this year. Willie Hale will be the coordinator, and if you have ideas or are looking to volunteering for a round in the booth, please contact her. Helping set up and dismantling is always an adventure, so help if able.

At our house, we had two hatchings of bluebirds and seven fledglings. The adults came to the mealworm feeder, picked up some of the victuals and flew about 15 feet to the nest. It was most interesting. Orioles were busy at the feeders, as were the hummingbirds.

All in all it has been a very busy summer. I am looking forward to seeing you at the meetings.

~~*Frank*

Name Change

The Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center has a new name.

The building is now called the Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center after approval in early July by the Missouri Conservation Commission.

The renaming comes just two weeks after the MDC took control of the building, which had been vacated by the National Audubon Society.

The building was slated to be closed July 1 for several weeks for renovations and remodeling

~~*Joplin Globe, 7-17-2018*

Calendar of Events

Sept. 10 – 7 p.m., Meeting at Trinity Baptist Church, 4th & Main, Grove; Program: “Paddlefish”, Brandon Brown, Ok. Wildlife.

Oct. 8 – 7 p.m., Meeting at Trinity Baptist Church, 4th & Main, Grove; Program: “Reintroduction of Wolves in Yellowstone”, Larry Shanks, Joplin Audubon Center.

Oct. 12-13 – Pelican Festival, Wolf Creek Park; Willie Hale, chairman, see page 2.

Nov. 12 – 7 p.m., Meeting at Trinity Baptist Church, 4th & Main, Grove; Program: “Birding the Red Slough”, Tom Whipple.

Dec. 6 – Christmas Dinner, 6 p.m., Trinity Baptist Church, 4th & Main, Grove. (See Pg2)



Hospitality Responsibilities

September 10 – Sandy Sullins, Ann Spragins

October 8 – Ellie Womack, Diana Smith

November 12 – Evelyn Houck, volunteer needed

As you can see, there is an opening to be filled for November 12, and other dates throughout the year, so if you would like to volunteer, Diana Smith would love to hear from you. See her at the meeting, or call her at: 918-257-1593.



Our sympathies are extended to John Beyer and Family at the recent death of their wife and mother, Judy.

True or False

- A. Raising Baby Birds is illegal, unless you are a registered wildlife rehabilitator?
- B. Some Bird Parents continue to raise their young even after the fledglings have left the nest.
- C. Juvenile and Fledgling are the same stage of life for birds. (Answers on Page 3)

Milkweed Matters

This plant is critical to the survival of Monarch butterflies.

Milkweed is the one plant monarch butterflies rely on to successfully complete their life cycles. Adult females lay eggs only on milkweed leaves.

While tropical milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) is nonnative, it's beneficial to monarchs. But it doesn't die back in the southern U.S. and California, leaving monarchs susceptible to a parasite. Cut back tropical milkweed for the cool months or replace it with one of the more than 65 native varieties out there.

If it's possible, start your milkweed seeds indoors under artificial lights. The seedlings will be ready to transplant in the garden once they are 3 to 6 inches tall and when the threat of frost has passed. Plan for about four to eight weeks of indoor growing time.

A milkweed native to your specific area is the best option, but these three can be planted almost anywhere: common, swamp and butterfly weed.

After the dainty milkweed flowers stop blooming, their 2- to 4-inch seed pods burst open to reveal silky seeds that fly away with the wind.

The population of monarch butterflies has declined by as much as 90 percent in the last 20 years. Loss of habitat, milkweed and other native nectar plants is a major reason.

Birds & Bloom, Aug.-Sept. 2018



Pelican Festival

Audubon's new canopy will make its debut October 12th & 13th at the 35th Annual Pelican Festival to be held at Wolf Creek Park. Audubon will purchase a 10x20 foot space at a rate of \$100.00 for both days. I have submitted a request to Walmart for a gift card donation to be raffled along with other donations October 13th at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at our September & October meetings & during the festival -- \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00.

The Pelican Festival schedule and volunteer sheet will be at our September meeting. Your help in the past has been exceptional. Remember this event is one of our few fund raisers and exposes us to an expected 3000 visitors (Grand Lake Association projection). Any donations you may have to sell, please bring to one of the meetings or call me to make other arrangements. Thank you!

Willie Hale, 1-918-791-0926



Holiday Dinner – Dec. 10 – 6 p.m.

GLAS annual Holiday Dinner will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, Monday, December 10, 2018, at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share with serving utensil if one is needed and a guest(s) for an evening of good food and fellowship!

**Guests are always welcome at any
GLAS meeting, outing, or event!**



Black-capped Vireo, photo from Pinterest

Oklahoma Songbird Removed From Endangered List

The black-capped vireo, a small migratory songbird that breeds and nests in Oklahoma, Texas and northern Mexico, was removed from the Endangered Species List in April by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service.

Only 350 birds remained across the bird's range when it was listed as an endangered species in 1987; less than 50 were thought to live in Oklahoma.

After 31 years, Oklahoma's population has grown to more than 4,000 birds. The bulk of these birds can be found at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge near Lawton and the nearby Fort Sill Military Installation.

Nesting pairs also have been found just outside of the refuge and military post, and at Quartz Mountain Nature Park near Lone Wolf. Another small population was recently rediscovered on private property in Blaine County.

While in our state, these songbirds feed on insects, especially butterfly and moth caterpillars. Suspended nests are built 2- to 6-feet above the ground, and egg-laying reaches its peak in June. After a four-month nesting season in Oklahoma, these birds migrate and overwinter in Mexico's western coastal states.

~~by Jena Donnell,

Outdoor Oklahoma, July/August 2018

Oak Lore

In a vote hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation, the oak was crowned the national tree of the U.S. It got 101,000 votes; the redwood came in second with 81,000. Congress made it official in 2004.

Acorns feed more than 100 wildlife species, such as deer, squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, blue jays and wood ducks.

Top native oaks for butterflies: Black, Bur, Chinkapin, Gambel, Live, Pin, Plateau live, Southern red, White, Willow.

A single oak tree may produce thousands of acorns each year, but only one in 10,000 acorns actually develops into a tree.

~~*Birds & Blooms extra!*, May 2018

GLAS 2018-19 Officers Installed



Left to Right: Sandy Sullins, Secretary; Carole Chalupnik, Board member; Ken Spragins, Vice President; Frank Houck, President; Tom Whipple, Board Member.

Photo by Evelyn Houck

These officers were installed at the Annual Picnic held June 11, 2018, at Trinity Baptist Church. Additional officers will be installed at the September 10 meeting of GLAS.

Answers from Page 2

- A. True
- B. True
- C. False

'Birds & Blooms extra!, July 2018

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Happy Fall, Everyone!!

Cherry Coke Salad

~~Evelyn Houck

Ingredients:

1 can (20 ounces) crushed pineapple
1/2 cup water
2 packages (3 ounces each) cherry gelatin*
1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling*
3/4 cup cola*

*I use sugar free with these ingredients

Directions:

>Drain pineapple, reserving juice; set fruit aside. In a saucepan or microwave, bring pineapple juice and water to a boil. Add gelatin; stir until dissolves. Stir in the pie filling and cola.

>Pour into a serving bowl. Refrigerate until slightly thickened. Fold in reserved pineapple. Refrigerate until firm. Yield: 10-12 servings.

**** Chapter Only Dues ****

It is now time to renew Chapter Only membership dues. You may bring your check for \$15, payable to Grand Lake Audubon Society, to the meeting on September 10, or mail your check to address above.

Thank you, JoAnn Walkup, Membership Chair

