



Southern Illinois Audubon Society

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NEWSLETTER

Established in 1970

SIAS Annual Picnic, May 22nd

SIAS's Annual Picnic will be Sunday, May 22nd, from **12 noon-4 p.m. at Lake Murphysboro State Park**, at the East Shelter (same pavilion as past years.) Dining starts at 1 p.m. SIAS will provide the main course cooked on the grill. Members are asked to bring a dish to share and their own beverages and utensils.

Directions to Murphysboro State Park: Take IL Rt. 149 west out of Murphysboro (from the train underpass) for approx. 1/2 mile. Turn north on Murphysboro Lake Road, follow this road north then west where it meets Main Park Road, turn north on Main Park Road. Watch for the SIAS banner. We hope to see you there!

Future SIAS Programs:

June & July – No meetings/programs over the summer

August 26 – Trevor Hinckley, *Wildlife of Chilean Patagonia*

Extreme Home Makeover, Bluebird Edition

This spring and summer the Bluebird Trail at Crab Orchard NWR will get a bit of a make-over thanks to Laraine Wright, Bluebird Trail monitors, and combined donations from SIAS and Friends of Crab Orchard. The donations funded the purchase of 35 red-cedar boxes from Orland Cline of Anna, a vendor at Carbondale Farmers Market. Laraine stated that the new boxes would last a long time, allowing for both expansion of the trails and replacement of worn-out PVC and wooden Peterson boxes, some of which were about 20 years old. Laraine added that there were already about 180 boxes on the refuge, but some of these new boxes will be used to increase that number.

USFWS Funds Grants for Migratory Bird Conservation

On May 6th the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced more than \$4.3 million in grants, funded under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, for 34 projects that will support neotropical migratory bird conservation throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Matched by more than \$15.1 million in additional funds from partners, the projects will support habitat restoration, environmental education, population monitoring, and other priority activities within the ranges of neotropical migratory birds in the U.S, Canada, Mexico and 13 Latin American and Caribbean countries. The grants will be used to promote the long-term conservation of neotropical migratory birds and their habitats.

The more than 340 species of neotropical migratory birds include plovers, terns, hawks, cranes, warblers, and sparrows. The populations of many of these birds are presently in decline, and several species are currently protected as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

More information about all projects awarded grants is on the Web at:
<http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NMBCA/2011.shtm>

Upcoming Outings & Events

May 20, 21 & 22 > IAS Southern Illinois Field Trip

Join Vern Kleen and members of the Illinois Audubon Society (IAS) on an excursion to see birds around southern IL. The trip will include visits to all the best birding spots, as flooding allows. There is a fee for this trip that supports the IAS habitat fund. Contact Vern at vkleen@comcast.net or 217.787.3515, to register.

May 21 > 1st Festival of Birding The Bottomlands - *Rescheduled to Fall!*

May 21 > Hummingbirds At Giant City State Park

Cathie Hutcheson will present a program on hummingbirds starting at 10 a.m. Reservations required, phone 618.457.4836.

June 4 > Cache River Nature Fest , finally Yes!!

A day of nature fun from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Cache River Wetlands Center.

For details, phone the folks at the Cache at 618.657.2064 or 618.634.2231

June 11 > Summer Mushroom Hike at Giant City State Park

Joe McFarland and Walter Sundberg will lead a hunt for chantarelles, black trumpets and other summer fungi. Joe is the author of *Edible Wild Mushrooms of Illinois*. Walter is Professor Emeritus from the SIUC.

June > 23rd Trinidad & Tobago Tropical Adventure

Learn about Tropical Ecology in this beautiful two-island nation in the Caribbean. Contact Nelda Hinckley at 618.549.5588 or 618.457.7676 for details.

-- Join SIAS OR Renew Your Membership --

To join or renew your membership, fill in the following form and return it along with your dues to:

Your name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I/we would be interested in being on the Board. (circle one): YES/NO

I/we would like to receive my newsletter via email. (circle one): YES/NO

Southern Illinois Audubon Society Individual member \$15
Attn.: Membership Additional member in a family \$10
P.O. Box 222 Student voting member \$ 5
Carbondale, IL 62903-0222 Amt. Enclosed:\$ _____

Annual membership renewal month is January and coincides with board elections held at the annual meeting in January. Member address labels reflect current dues status.

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SIAS Website: <http://www.siaudubon.org> Email: siaudubonsociety@gmail.com

SIAS Apparel Order Form (with logo as it appears at the top left corner of the newsletter's first page)

SIAS is taking pre-orders for SIAS apparel. **Please complete and submitted this order form by May 22, 2011. (Orders can be submitted at the picnic).** SIAS needs to get a minimum of 12 pre-orders in each of three categories listed on the form to make an order in that category. Contact Greg Kupiec at 618.684.5168 if you have questions regarding colors. Shirts sizes: S, M, L, or XL. For sizes of XXL add \$2 each, for shirt sizes of XXXL add \$3 each.

Category 1 – shirts, embroidered version

	size	quantity	subtotal
50/50 Blend Crewneck Sweatshirt (7.75 oz. weight)	_____	_____	_____
50/50 Blend Crewneck Sweatshirt (9.3 oz. weight)	_____	_____	_____
100% Cotton Short-Sleeve Polo Shirt	_____	_____	_____

Category 2 – shirts, silkscreen version

	size	quantity	subtotal
50/50 Blend Crewneck Sweatshirt (7.75 oz. weight)	_____	_____	_____
50/50 Blend Crewneck Sweatshirt (9.3 oz. weight)	_____	_____	_____
50/50 Blend Short-Sleeve T-Shirt (5.6 oz. weight)	_____	_____	_____

Category 3 – cotton twill cap, one size fits all - \$12.00 each _____

Your name: _____

total enclosed: _____

Address: _____

Make check payable to: *Southern Illinois Audubon Society*

Mail order to: *SIAS, P.O. Box 222, Carbondale, IL 62903* or hand it in to Greg Kupiec or Rhonda Rothrock at the SIAS picnic.

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*Affiliate of the Illinois Audubon Society,
the Illinois Environmental Council,
& the North American Bluebird Society*

Don't forget to Save Your Stamps for the IAS Land Acquisition Fund. ✂

Bring ten to any SIAS meeting!

For more info visit: www.illinoisaudubon.org

