



# THE BECKHAM OBSERVER

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## JULY PROGRAM

### "COSTA RICA"



Chris Curl is a retired IT Professional who, in retirement, has added several hobbies to her active schedule. A member of the Lakeside Masters Swim Team for 38 years, she golfs in 2 leagues, crews on a sailboat in the Wednesday evening sailboat races in front of Captain's Quarters from mid-May to mid-October, teaches adult swim lessons through a non-profit organization, volunteers providing dinner to The West End School (11 years running), has illustrated 4 children's books, joined the Louisville Photographic Society in January and is in her second full year of birding.

In April she traveled to Costa Rica with The Road Scholar Program to bird the southern part of the country. Her presentation entitled 'Motmots to Quetzals' introduces you to her experience traveling with the Road Scholar Program and the many birds and animals encountered on the journey.

She is the mother of two young men, Kelly and Sean, and known as 'Nana' to her sweet little granddaughter Amelia.

**Our meeting is on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2822 Frankfort Ave, Louisville, KY 40206, 38.254256, -85.689458. St. Mark's is at the corner of Frankfort Avenue and Kennedy Ave. Please enter by way of the back door near the parking lot.**

## Birdathon

This is the last month you can donate to the 2023 Birdathon. The BBC Board will be distributing the funds to the different organizations that asked for grants. If you have not made a donation, please consider giving. Any amount is welcome. Please see the BBC web site for ways to donate. Thanks to all who have already given.



## *”Breakfast with the Birds”*

What a great way to start the morning with breakfast with fellow birders and a bird walk to find returning migrants. Hope you can join us at Hays Kennedy Park on Saturday, September 9 at 8:00 a.m. Please R.S.V.P. to [beckhambirdclub@gmail.com](mailto:beckhambirdclub@gmail.com) by Tuesday, September 5.

The club is providing a continental breakfast of juice, fruit and assorted pastries. **If you drink coffee or milk, please bring your own.** Hope to see you there.

### UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

<p>Sunday, September 3 8:00 a.m. – noon easy</p>	<p><b>INDIAN CREEK TRAIL/HAYSWOOD NATURE RESERVE, CORYDON IN</b> For early fall migrants. Paved trail, easy walking, 2 miles. Take I-64W to Exit #105 Corydon, IN. Turn right take SR135 South 2.5 miles. Entrance on left, drive down to Indian Creek Trailhead. <b>GPS: 38.20222, -86.14448</b></p>	<p>Anne Cabaniss 812-725-5690</p>
<p>Saturday, Sept. 9 8:00 a. m.– noon easy</p>	<p><b>BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS – HAYS-KENNEDY PARK/GARVIN BROWN NATURE PRESERVE – breakfast followed by field trip – please see details in newsletter. Reservation required.</b></p>	<p>Pat &amp; Jane Bell 502-419-5262 Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967</p>
<p>Sunday, Sept. 10 8 a.m. CDT - ???? easy</p>	<p><b>MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK –</b> For fall migrants. Meet at Little Hope Cemetery inside the park. PLEASE DO NOT BIRD THE CEMETERY BEFORE THE TRIP BEGINS. Bring lunch. <b>GPS: 37.154126, -86.053762</b></p>	<p>Pat &amp; Jane Bell 502-419-5262</p>
<p>Friday – Sunday Sept. 15-17</p>	<p><b>KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING –</b> John James Audubon State Park, Henderson</p>	<p>Details at birdky.org</p>
<p>Sunday, Sept. 24 8:00 a.m. – noon easy</p>	<p><b>POPE LICK PARK –</b> For migrants and residents. From Gene Snyder get off at Taylorsville Rd toward Fisherville, go about a mile, &amp; take a right on South Pope Lick Rd. Follow signs to Pope Lick Park, part of the Parklands. Meet in the parking lot. (formerly called Floyds Fork Park) <b>GPS: 38.184655, -85.488095</b></p>	<p>Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967</p>
<p>Saturday, Sept. 30 8:00 am – noon easy</p>	<p><b>HAYS-KENNEDY PARK/GARVIN BROWN PRESERVE –</b> Waterbirds, mid-fall and early winter migrants. Meet in the parking lot of Hays Kennedy Park off Upper River Road. <b>GPS: 38.352711, -85.630354</b></p>	<p>Michael Autin 502-298-2456</p>

## PAST FIELD TRIPS



**Locust Grove – August 20** - A group of 12 adventurous birders (9 members and 3 guests) spent a sunny but humid morning on August 20 walking the grounds of Locust Grove. Birds were not very active but 35 species were observed. Best species was probably a Cooper's Hawk.

An interesting closeup observation of another flying species was 2 very large and very beautiful Polyphemus moths seen on the grass along one of the trails. All had a good time.

**Cherokee Park – August 27** - Five members and one guest enjoyed a pleasant morning in Cherokee Park. It was surprisingly quiet despite the cool front but we managed to find some nice migrants including six warbler species. I've led this trip for three years now and I looked back to see how this year compared to past years. Overall the 2021, 2022 & 2023 lists were very similar with 29, 31 and 33 species seen respectively. All three years we found only six warbler species but each year's list had a slightly different makeup. This year's highlights were an Eastern Kingbird, three Baltimore Orioles (neither often seen in the park), a beautiful Canada Warbler and several lovely Summer Tanagers. <https://ebird.org/checklist/S148305287>

## CHANGES IN THE AOS CHECKLIST

### Re-lump of Western Flycatcher

Oh, oh, you might have one less bird on your North American checklist if you have Pacific-slope Flycatcher and Cordilleran Flycatcher checked off. The American Ornithological Society in their annual supplement to the world checklist has re-lumped the two flycatchers into one species the Western Flycatcher. More changes were added to the world checklist but this one will affect the NA checklist and maybe your checklist. More info on the changes can be found at the ABA at the following link – <https://www.aba.org/aos-checklist-supplement-redux-v-2023/>

BBC Conservation Report Websites August 2023

[When Birds Get Lost, Space Storms May Be to Blame | Audubon](#)

[The Whooping Crane Aerial Survey | Birding Wire](#)

[Blue-eyed Ground Dove – American Bird Conservancy \(abcbirds.org\)](#)

[Two new species of poisonous bird discovered \(msn.com\)](#)

[Unseen Danger: One Day of Deadly Window Strikes for New York's Birds | Audubon](#)

[Yes, Birding Does Change Your Brain | Audubon](#)

<https://bernheim.org/new-research-collaboration-gathers-new-images-and-information-about-golden-eagle-nesting-in-wapusk-national-park/>

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/gut-check-evolution-shapes-the-microbiomes-of-warblers/>

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/what-is-the-essence-of-iridescence-ask-a-hummingbird/>



Mark your calendars for [October Big Day](#)—**14 Oct 2023!** Like Global Big Day, October Big Day is an opportunity to unite around our shared love of birds. [Last October](#), nearly 35,000 people from 185 countries submitted 80,000 checklists with eBird, demonstrating the power of birds to bring people together.

Wherever you are on 14 October, take a few minutes to join in this global celebration. Participate from anywhere—even from home! By taking part in October Big Day you're also celebrating [Global Bird Weekend](#) and [World Migratory Bird Day](#). Be a part of the global team and help set a new record for October birding.

## **AUGUST BIRDING**

August was a good month to see many unusual birds in Jefferson County as well as the returning migrants. The Falls of the Ohio has several rarities – Roseate Spoonbill, White Ibis, Franklin's Gull, Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egrets and many shorebirds. Warblers, thrushes, Nighthawks are returning along with flycatchers and vireos. If you have not joined a field trip to see some of these returning migrants now is the time to do so. Also, go out on your own and look around for you will probably see lots of birds. Cornell University's [birdcast.info](http://birdcast.info) is predicting the nights with the most potential for migrating birds. Hope to see you on the birding trail.