



WILDCAT GLADES
CONSERVATION & Audubon
CENTER

CONNECTIONS

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Eagle's Nest Nature Landing: A Huge Success!

On April 21, 2016, Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center dedicated and opened the Eagle's Nest Nature Landing. Hundreds of hours, a few sore muscles, a ton of sweat, generous donations from a few foundations, and a collective dream brought the Eagle's Nest Nature Landing into reality. The concept behind the Eagle's Nest has been a long time goal of volunteers, funders, and staff. The aim was to find a way to connect (or reconnect) kids to nature by utilizing natural elements with play. An unexpected consequence of the Eagle's Nest has been the number of stories shared by guests about their own outdoor experiences of play as children. It has brought out the child in many and encouraged parents, grandparents and guardians to share their experiences with the kids.

The Eagle's Nest features a stage that resembles a rustic fort, a life size snag, a large sand pit with a collection table, balancing logs, large log cookies to hop between, a crawling tunnel, a climbing hill, a tee-pee, and a wing span. Parents can find benches in the center of the area conveniently placed where they can enjoy their child's own play performed from the rustic stage. Kid's imaginations can soar as they help build the Eagle's nest. They can become the leader of an orchestra while they create a melody with the chime house. The younger kids have found that they



have a natural fort made of small shrubs just their size. Volunteers at the front desk of the Center have rakes, shovels, sand sifters, and other neat toys to loan for play as well. Inside the gift store, there are Eagle's Nest Nature Landing t-shirts for sale too. The proceeds from the shirts help to keep the Landing maintained.

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Center Director Retires



It is a with a mixed bag of emotions that we will come together on July 28th to celebrate Donna Whitehead's retirement from Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center.

Donna has decided to retire after serving eleven years with National Audubon Society at Wildcat Glades. Donna was with Wildcat Glades before the ground was broken for the building which now sits at 201 W. Riviera Drive.

Donna has witnessed two floods, three leadership changes, multiple volunteer trainings, several Christmas dinners, the addition of an American kestrel, two rabbits becoming a part of Joplin's history, a great time to be a not-for-profit, and a not so great time to be a not-for-profit, birthdays, death announcements, and volumes of great people sharing their talents and passions with Wildcat Glades.

Donna will be joining her husband, Clinton in retirement the last part of July. They plan on volunteering locally and spending time with family and at their lake house in Oklahoma. While we will all be a little sad to see her move to the next chapter of her life, we know she will be back as a volunteer for Wildcat Glades in no time at all and we wish her nothing but the best.

Take time to come by and wish her well on Friday, July 28th, noon, at the Center. We will have a potluck lunch, cake, and lots of laughter to share.

Shoal Creek Water Festival

Saturday

August 12th

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wildcat Park – Joplin

Admission FREE

Open To The Public

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS,
TOWELS, & SWIMSUITS

**LIFE JACKETS REQUIRED FOR
MANY OF THE WATER ACTIVITIES**

Enter the Duck Race for only \$5!!!

Winners are responsible for picking up their prize & prizes not claimed by Aug. 30th will be forfeited.



FOR KIDS:

Fishing Derby at Walter Woods

sponsored by Missouri Department of Conservation
Derby begins at 8 a.m. & pre-registration is required
by 5 p.m. Aug 10th. For more info: 417-629-3423

**Make Your Own Shoebox Boat
& Race for Great Prizes**

pre-register by 5 p.m. Aug 10 at Wildcat Glades

FOR ADULTS & BIG KIDS:

**Create, Build, & Race Your
Own Cardboard Boat**

pre-register by 5 p.m. Aug 10 at Wildcat Glades

**Enter the Self-Propelled
Inner-Tube Race**

must register by 10:30 a.m. at the event

Cool off in the **Entertainment Tent** and watch *The Clean Water Rainger* & other featured acts.

sponsors: **Missouri Department of Conservation • Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center**
Missouri American Water • EaglePicher Technologies, LLC • Joplin Convention & Visitor's Bureau • Joplin Parks & Recreation • Extreme Sports

ACTIVITY	8 AM	9	10	11	NOON	1	2	3 PM
FISHING DERBY			AWARDS					
INNER-TUBE SLIDE								
DUNK TANK								
BOOTHS								
KAYAK DEMO		9:30						
CREEK WALK								
FOOD TRUCKS								
ENTERTAINMENT								
SHOEBOX BOAT RACE					AWARDS			
INNER-TUBE RACE						AWARDS		
CARDBOARD BOAT RACE							2:30	AWARDS
DUCK RACE							2:45	AWARDS

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, FOR AN UPDATED LIST CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Programs & Events

All programs are held at Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center and most require preregistration. Pre-registration may be done in person, at www.wildcatglades.audubon.org, or by calling (417)782-6287.

Children under the age of 3 are free.

Cancellations on most programs (except camps) are accepted until noon the day before the program.



Preschool Nature Connections

Wed., July 5th

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

or

Sat., July 8th

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Time with Turtle

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by an anonymous donor

Due to popularity, pre-registration is highly suggested. We can only accommodate 15 children per class in effort to make the class beneficial for each participant. Those pre-registered will be given top priority.

Leonardo, Michelangelo, Rafael and Donatello aren't here, but come and learn about some real turtles and spend time with our reptile friends with shells! We'll meet several live turtles, have a turtle race, go on a turtle hike in the park, plus have time for a story and a craft.

Sat., July 29th

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Shoal Creek Clean-up

Cost: FREE! Registration required

Sponsored by Missouri American Water and Aveda, in partnership with Missouri Department of Conservation and Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism

Bring your canoe or kayak or borrow a canoe from MDC and join us for a fun morning

Age: 3 - 6 years
accompanied
by adult

Age: 13+
accompanied
by adult

floating and picking up trash in Shoal Creek from Grand Falls in Joplin to Schermerhorn Park in Galena, KS, a distance of 7.4 miles. We'll end with lunch and prizes at the SEK Nature Center. Limited shuttle service will be available. Note: The Kansas portion of Shoal Creek is not open to recreational floaters without landowner permission. If borrowing a canoe from MDC, you MUST have canoeing experience. You must provide your own life jacket if using your own canoe or kayak.

Preschool Nature Connections

Wed., August 2nd

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

or

Sat., August 5th

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Wiggle Worms

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by an anonymous donor

Due to popularity, pre-registration is highly suggested. We can only accommodate 15 children per class in effort to make the class beneficial for each participant. Those pre-registered will be given top priority.

Earthworms aren't gross! They're really pretty cool animals, and are very important to plants and other animals, like birds. Come learn about the life of an earthworm and how they help us grow food. We'll go on a worm hunt and see what we can dig up in the garden!

Age: 3 - 6 years
accompanied
by adult

Sat., August 12th

Shoal Creek Water Festival

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All ages welcome

Cost: Free!

See full description on page 2

Sat., August 19th

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. All ages welcome

Introduction to Bee-keeping

Cost: \$4 per person members

\$8 per person non-members

Bees are critical pollinators of cultivated crops and many plants in natural ecosystems, but they've been declining for various reasons. Join local bee-keeper Dale Foley on National Honey Bee Day to learn the basics of bee-keeping so you can start your own hive. Handouts will be available.

Preschool Nature Connections

Wed., September 6th

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

or

Sat., September 9th

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The Salamander Room

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by an anonymous donor

Due to popularity, pre-registration is highly suggested. We can only accommodate 15 children per class in effort to make the class beneficial for each participant. Those pre-registered will be given top priority.

Brian is like many preschoolers, curious about nature, and wants to try and keep some wild things at home. We'll read this award-winning book and learn that it may not be so easy to keep even a simple salamander in your room! Afterwards, we'll learn all about these slippery creatures and see some live tiger salamanders up-close, followed by a hike outdoors and a craft.

Polymer Clay and Nature Classes

Clay, materials, and tutorials are provided.

Sat., September 23rd

Bird Face Masks

Sat., November 18th

Make, Swap, and Build Animal Totem

9:00 - noon

Age: 6+

Cost: \$25 for the first person

\$12 for additional family members

!! Children 6-12 must be accompanied by an adult – adults helping children attend free.

Registration required by noon of the Thursday before the class.

Tues., September 26th

Miniature Flower Vases

Tues., October 24th

Memory Pendants

Tues., November 21st

Magnetic Swap Bracelet

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Age: 15+

Cost: \$25 per person

Registration required by noon of the Friday before the class.



More Programs & Events



Call or text 417-553-1585 or email cyndi@pawpawpatchproductions.com.

a portion of the proceeds benefits the Audubon Center

Programs & Events continued

Fri., September 8th Wildcat Glades 10 Year Anniversary

Celebrate the anniversary of Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center with us! We will have a photo exhibit displaying photos from Wildcat Glades the entire month of September and we need you to vote for your favorite. We will also have a movie in the park complete with cake, ice cream and party hats on September 8th. We will begin festivities at 7:30 p.m. Please call and let us know you plan on attending. A few other activities are still being planned to help us party like it is 1999 so check our Facebook page as the date draws closer.

Sat., September 23rd

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Native Plant Sale

Cost: Free!

No registration required

Want to help the birds and other wildlife in your yard? Purchase beautiful and beneficial native plants for all areas of your landscape from the Missouri Wildflowers Nursery and other vendors. To get any specific plants just place your order with MO Wildflowers at least a week before and they will deliver it here on the 23rd, or just select from what they bring. Go to mowildflowers.net to view their catalog and place any pre-orders. Not sure what native plants grow in your area? Visit the new Plants for Birds website at www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds.

Sat., September 23rd

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Native Plants in Your Landscape

Cost: Free! Donations accepted!

No registration required

Learn about using native plants, best adapted to our local climate, for all your landscaping needs! They also are more beneficial than exotic or non-native plants to birds and other wildlife, so you're helping to create a wildlife refuge in your own yard!

Sat., Sept. 30th

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Community Work Day, Natl. Public Lands Day

Looking to invest a little sweat equity in Wildcat Glades? Community work days are not only a great way to give back to your community but an excellent work out. Weather permitting, we will work on trail

upkeep and maintenance. Please wear sturdy shoes, sunscreen, and appropriate clothing for working. Additional detailed information will be available on our Facebook page and website closer to the event. Pre-registration helps staff and lead volunteers establish a good work plan so no drop of sweat is wasted.

Preschool Nature Connections

Spooky Creatures

Wed., October 11th

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

or

Sat., October 14th

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by an anonymous donor

Due to popularity, pre-registration is highly suggested. We can only accommodate 15 children per class in effort to make the class beneficial for each participant. Those pre-registered will be given top priority.

Do spiders and bats really scare you? Join us as we learn about these interesting creatures that many people fear. Maybe you'll see that they're not that spooky after all, and have important jobs in nature! We'll read a story about a little bat named Stellaluna, from the award-winning book by the same title, go look for spiders and their webs along the trails, and make a craft in the end.

Age: 3 - 6 years
accompanied
by adult



Enchanted Forest & Ghostly Glades Fri., October 27th

Check out our Facebook page for more details in early October.

Community Work Day

Sat., October 28th

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

This is another great opportunity to help keep Wildcat Glades trails in great shape. Join us as we work clearing the remaining flood damage and perform general trail maintenance. All plans are subject to the weather. Please wear sturdy shoes, sunscreen, and appropriate clothing for working. Additional detailed information will be available on our Facebook page and website closer to the event. Pre-registration helps staff and lead volunteers establish a good work plan so no drop of sweat is wasted.

Sat., November 4th

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Open House

See what's new in the Heron's Nest nature gift shop and start your holiday shopping for the nature lover on your list! Free refreshments served as well. Catch the free program on winter birds and bird feeding and get your feeders, seed, field guides, and other items while you're here!

Sat., November 4th

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. All ages welcome

Discover Winter Birds and Bird Feeding

Suggested Age: 7+

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by the Ozark Gateway Audubon Chapter

Many winter guests are beginning to arrive at our feeders. Do you know who they are? We'll begin indoors learning basic bird ID techniques, some of our common winter birds, and ways to attract winter guests to your yard. We'll also learn about critical issues affecting birds and what can be done to help them, including participation in citizen science bird counts and other projects. Following a discussion of how to use binoculars, we'll head outdoors for a chance to see and hear birds on a short, easy hike through the park. Be sure

Find Us Around Town!



See our booth at the following venues:

Sat., September 9th

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Prairie Day

**George Washington Carver
Natl. Monument, Diamond, MO**

Sat., September 16th,

**Joplin ArtFest,
Downtown Joplin, MO**

**Join our gardening and
landscaping volunteers**

3rd Saturday of the month

March - October, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Help us weed, mulch, water and plant!



and help support the birds AND our local Ozark Gateway Audubon Chapter by purchasing bird seed from their sale! (See info. from Chapter, page 7)

■■■■■■■■■■ **Preschool Nature Connections**

Talkin' Turkey

Wed., November 8th

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

or

Sat., November 11th

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Age: 3 - 6 years

accompanied by adult

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by an anonymous donor

Due to popularity, pre-registration is highly suggested. We can only accommodate 15 children per class in effort to make the class beneficial for each participant. Those pre-registered will be given top priority.

Did you know that a turkey is more than Thanksgiving dinner? Join a naturalist to learn more about these grand gobblers through stories, games, and a craft. Take home your very own turkey feather!

Recycled Crafts

Sat., November 11th

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Age: 6+

Cost: Free!

Funding Made Available by Region M

Join us for this creatively crafty program as we celebrate America Recycles Day (November 15th). Discover how to turn trash into fun works of art or practical items to use around the house as you visit different craft stations at your leisure. Come and go as you please.

Fri., November 17th

& Sat., November 18th

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fall Rummage Sale

RUMMAGE SALE

A project of the Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center Volunteers; all proceeds benefit education programs at the Center. Donations will be taken between November 7th and November 15th.

Whooo's in the Mood for Love?

Sat., December 2nd

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Age: 6+

Cost: \$6 per person members

\$12 per person non-members

It may be fall, but owls are already busy courting. We'll begin indoors by learning about these nocturnal birds and their secretive habits, and even tear into some of their pellets (regurgitated prey remains) to discover what they eat. Afterwards, we'll go on a hike to hopefully hear their "love songs", and possibly catch a glimpse of these Romeos and Juliets! Warm up afterwards with some hot cocoa or apple cider, and some "owl pellet" cookies!

■■■■■■■■■■ **Preschool Nature Connections**

Wed., December 6th

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

or

Sat., December 9th

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Age: 3 - 6 years

accompanied by adult

The After-Christmas Tree

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by an anonymous donor

Due to popularity, pre-registration is highly suggested. We can only accommodate 15 children per class in effort to make the class beneficial for each participant. Those pre-registered will be given top priority.

Are you and your children sad to see the Christmas tree come down after the holidays? Our storybook this month teaches everyone that your tree can keep the giving-spirit alive even after the holidays by decorating it outdoors with seed ornaments, nuts and fruit to feed the birds and other wildlife. It can also

be used as a shelter from the snow, or habitat for some fish in a pond! Children will learn about the animals that may visit their after-Christmas tree, make ornament treats to take home, and help decorate the Center's own outdoor tree for the birds.

National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count (See info. below)

Sat., December 16th

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sat., January 6th

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Age: 7+

accompanied by adult

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by the Ozark Gateway Audubon Chapter

Led by experienced birders who enjoy sharing their hobby with kids, we begin the day with a birding and binoculars boot camp to learn the basics before going to the field. We'll have some binoculars and bird field guides available for those who can't bring their own. Then we'll split into teams of 6 kids or less with a leader and go out and count as many species of birds in the park and surrounding area as we can in 2 hours. Parents are encouraged to go along, but to let the kids do the work. We'll return to the Center for some fun bird games and a hot lunch, part of the compilation celebration – tallying all the species found, and awarding some door prizes. Each child will receive a prize for participating.



The annual Joplin area **Christmas Bird Count** will take place on **Saturday, December 16th**. Those who wish to take part should meet at the Audubon Center at **8:00 a.m.** for area assignments. Individuals who are new to birding are welcome to carpool with experienced birders. We will return at noon for a potluck lunch provided by the chapter and begin compiling the species and number of birds seen on the count. Those who wish to continue counting after lunch may do so.

Center 10th Anniversary



As the Center approaches the 10th Anniversary, Founding Center Director Tony Robyn reflects:

In August of 2001, when I was at the Kansas City Zoo, I was approached by the Audubon Missouri State Director, Roger Still, asking me to consider meeting in Joplin to discuss an “interesting development” being considered there. There was a lot of discussion, but I agreed, and I’ll never forget sitting at the picnic table under the Sycamore by Wildcat Spring taking one of the biggest steps in my career and life. I remember thinking that the park was cool, and the chert glades were fascinating, but Shoal Creek and the watershed were the huge opportunity. As the founding center director, one by one we hired the right staff to do the diligence in putting a business plan and program together. This wasn’t just a neat nature center, but an opportunity to showcase Joplin and some of southwest Missouri’s most prized natural jewels. Over the course of 5 years, with Audubon leading

the way, city, state, county, and federal entities, along with business leaders and private foundations, community members and groups, all came together to support the nearly \$6 million facility and program that you see today. I often reflect on those early days, and in many ways it seemed like the Wild West; we were forging new territory and building something important for the future. There were those who thought it couldn’t be done, but I still regularly say “we didn’t know we couldn’t do it, so we just did.” As the 10th anniversary approaches, I am proud to have played a part in such an important endeavor and with an incredible staff. Given the center does not receive public funding to operate, I encourage you to be an integral part in the next decade in continuing to protect these unique resources and make the center a sustainable showcase for future generations.



EVOLVE WGC&AC Introduces Electric Vehicle Charging

The Audubon Center has charging for electric vehicle (EV) drivers to plug in and power up. As part of our commitment to supporting sustainable programs, we’re excited to partner with Empire District to install our first electric vehicle charging

How to charge:

- Parking: Charging station parking is reserved for electric vehicles only.
- Charging Costs: Free

Start Charging Today

- If you are already a ChargePoint member, you can start charging your car today.
- Sign up for a Free ChargePoint card at ChargePoint.com (which works like a TollTag) and set up an account.
- Hold your ChargePoint card over the station’s reader symbol.
- After the station authorizes you, remove the charging station’s connector by pressing down on the button at the top of the handle while pulling the connector from the holster.
- Plug the connector into your electric vehicle. The station will display a message indicating the vehicle is charging.
- Questions? Visit the ChargePoint EV Driver FAQ page at www.chargepoint.com/support/driverfaq/



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- Find and reserve charging stations
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- Track your gasoline savings and green footprint
- Review your charging sessions



Eagle’s Nest Nature Landing

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What volunteers and staff have observed in the Eagle’s Nest Nature Landing is pure fun. The area receives many visitors daily. It is a nice place for a play date and a great way to help kids realize that playing outside is much better than being stuck inside with an electronic gizmo.

Research reiterates what many have known intuitively stating that time spent in nature is good for kids. It helps raise test scores and creates lasting bonds within the family and nature. Outdoor time is critical



for proper child development. Joplin has a wonderful venue to help kids discover nature through play. Plan your visit today.

Volunteer Spotlight

Congratulations to Audubon Center volunteer Russ Kinerson! Russ won the Show Me the Ozarks Magazine nature photo contest with this shot: “Dickcissel in Morning Light”.





Keeping It Together

By Calvin Cassidy

As the president of the Ozark Gateway Audubon Chapter, I hold a position on the Audubon Center board. With the loss of funding from the City of Joplin, fundraising with local businesses down in part due to an uncertain economy, staff vacancies and the search for a new Center Director, plus new damage from recent flooding, one would expect gloomy, depressing news.

At the last Center Board Meeting, the reports were read and acknowledged and received in somber acceptance. After a pause, "Where do we go from here?" All of these problems need immediate attention, but how does one handle these game changer situations with only four full time staff?

Take another deep breath. Remember your volunteers. Remember the team.

The attitude of the group immediately changed to positive and hopeful. While the situations were problematic, funding issues and storm damage were not unknowns. For now we have to learn to live without city funding, but we must continue to evaluate our target audiences and strive to provide change and diversity that will provide growth and stability. The diversity in our programming will also make us more attractive for future city funding opportunities and the center will be more viable for business funding that we desperately seek. Having the best product available makes "the ask" easy and "the give" more likely.

The report on the flooding repairs was bleak. We have been there in the past. One learns from experience. Paperwork is done, forms complete, now we wait. Volunteers are ready for clean-up. The numbers, the interest and the enthusiasm shows a pride and ownership in this "jewel of nature."

Staffing issues is a wait and see. Our staff is about maxed out, but our volunteer staff steps up when they can and makes even rough circumstances possible. A reorganization of staff may accompany the positioning of a new center director who will replace Donna Whitehead. She is retiring at the end of July.

Look forward to new events, new programming and new fundraising ideas in the future year.

Throughout the United States there are numerous Audubon Centers. Joplin, Missouri is the home of the Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center, and is the smallest city to house an Audubon Nature Venue. Our local chapter is proud to be one of the only Chapters, nationwide, to be associated with an Audubon Center. As I told the board, our local chapter is honored to work in tandem with the Center. As a partner we provide monthly programming for the community and help with the sponsorship of Center events. Many of our members are a part of the Center volunteer team. Our relationship with the Center allows us a broad platform to grow our programs as well as a challenge to create new opportunities.

As a local chapter we look for opportunities to grow membership, and

through networking, introduce new contacts and connections from the community and the Joplin metro area.

In closing, in September, the Center will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary. Watch for announcements concerning the celebration in September and perhaps throughout the entire year. The chapter would also like to recognize the years of service and dedication that Donna Whitehead has given to the Center and wish her the best in her retirement.



Ozark Gateway Audubon Society Seed Sale

The Ozark Gateway Audubon Chapter is holding their annual Bird Seed Sale on November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center. This is their only fundraiser. Orders need to be placed by November 1st. You can place an order by calling 417-438-6220 or stop by the Center and pick up an order form.

Ozark Gateway Audubon Society Monthly Programs

All members of the Audubon Center are also members of the Ozark Gateway Audubon Society. Meetings are held at the Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center on the second Thursday of each month. Programs are free and visitors are welcome! Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., presentation is preceded by a 15-minute business meeting with refreshments following the program. Follow us on Facebook!

Sept. 14th - **6:00 p.m.**
Annual Pot Luck Supper
Bring your favorite dish to share. Members may bring a five-minute presentation about birds they've spotted or other nature-related material. Drinks will be provided.

Oct. 12th
Mike Doyen
"Great Missouri Birding Trails."

Nov. 9th
Christine Brodsky
"Birds in the Big City: The Benefits of Vacant Land for Bird Communities."

The Chapter does not meet in July, August, or December.

Connect to Nature Thank you to the following companies and organizations who support nature and the wonder and discovery it gives for all to enjoy.

To join the corporations making a difference call us at 417-782-6287 or visit www.wildcatglades.audubon.org.



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 Thanksgiving Day through the day after,
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Live What We Teach.
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and Thrive Outdoors.

