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## **BBC Field Trip / November 3rd Tues. Meeting Coming Up**

**BBC 13th** Our first *13th of the month* field trip of the season will of month meet Sunday, Nov. 13, at 8 a.m. at the ETSU-Bristol field trip Center. Larry McDaniel will be the leader.

These montly outings were very popular with our membership in 2002. So, starting in November, once again , BBC members will enjoy a birding trip for anyone who wants to come along. Every outing will meet at the ETSU Bristol Center on the Volunteer Parkway in Bristol Tennessee. The meeting times this winter will always be 8 a.m. and we are going rain or shine but snow-covered roads will be another issue. We will make announcements if snow will cancel one of these trips.

We will have someone responsible to meet birders every 13th at ETSU-Bristol and we will announce the leader in advance and send a reminder of the trip to members. Each outing will be to wherever the group agrees to go birding.

Mostly the groups will go to new or different places so birders can get into less familiar habitat and routes as well as learn new places to bird.

You always know the date. You always know the time. You always know the meeting place.

This is a very convient way to have a regular monthly outing for the Bristol Bird Club.

## **Tom McNeil speaker for BBC Tues. 15th Meeting**

Birding the South Carolina low country will be the subject when BBC member Tom McNeil presents the club's program Tuesday at the ETSU-Bristol Center just off the Volunteer Parkway in Bristol Tennessee at 7:30 p.m.

Tom, who teaches biology at Northeast State Community College, is an active member of the club and represents BBC on the Tennessee Ornithological Society's state Board of Directors.

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DINNER AT THE MAD GREEK - 6 PM.

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The majority of members attending will gather at the Mad Greek Restaurant at 6 p.m. for a fellowship dinner. Meals are on your own. The Mad Greek is across from Avoca Elementary School on the Volunteer Parkway just north of the speedway. Our pre-meeting dinners are an excellent way to learn other birder's by name, get to know more about them and get caught up on what we've been doing.

President Bill Grigsby will call the BBC monthly meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at ETSU and the program will be presented following a brief few minutes of announcements.

The Bristol Bird Club continues to grow and be very active. We have lots of new and exciting plans for the winter and 2006.

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## A NOTE OF INTEREST

### **BBC Winter Meeting Cancellation Policy**

**(1) If Bristol City schools are closed due to weather on the day of our meeting, BBC will not meet.**

**(2) If ETSU closes all classes due to weather on the day or closes the ETSU-Bristol Center, BBC will not meet.**

**(3) If the weather service or police call for hazardous road conditions in Bristol anytime after noon or before midnight on the evening of a BBC meeting, BBC will not meet.**

**Of course, if we have enough warning, we will post a cancellation on the Bristol Birds Net.**

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## THE EAGLE TO BE ARCHIVED ONLINE

As proposed by BBC member Rob Biller, back copies of THE EAGLE will be archived online at the BBC website at: [www://bristolbirdclub.org](http://www://bristolbirdclub.org)

According to BBC webmaster, Dave Worley, archived pages should be available for viewing on the website by Monday, November 14th.

### **BBC Members Attending October Meeting**

Larry McDaniel \*, Kevin Elam, Rick Knight \*, Scotty Childress, Don Holt \*, Dianne Draper \*, Mary Erwin \*, Judy Roach \*, Wilma Boy \*, Fred Martin, Janice Martin, Lynda Newman \*, Dexter Newman \*, Ed Burke, John Moyle \*, John Hay \*, Wallace Coffey \* (Lois Cox \* attended dinner but not meeting).

Those marked by \* attended dinner at the Mad Greek Restaurant starting at 6 p.m.

### **BBC Members Attending November 5th Waterfowl Field Trip**

Wallace Coffey, Diane Draper, Mary Jane Erwin, Bill Grigsby, Don Holt, Jeff Larsen, Chris O'Bryan, Charlie Parker, Ellen Parker, Judy Roach, Dave Worley.

## **JEFF LARSEN'S MOTHER SERIOUSLY ILL IN MINNESOTA**

Jeff, who has begun an effort to be active with the Bristol Bird Club once again, telephoned Thursday, Nov. 10, from Minnesota to say his family had called him to the bedside of his critically ill 90-year-old mother. He had flown up that morning. He thought there was some hope she might improve. He has been a member of BBC for nearly 15 years and wanted everyone to know where he was during the next few days of our field trip and BBC meeting.

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### **" A Tufted Titmouse on your tail ! "**

This fun cartoon at the right is a contribution to *THE EAGLE* from BBC member Ron Harrington. He clipped it from a recent edition of the Bristol Herald Courier. This is the President's plan to attack Bird Flu.



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### ***BBC gets sunflower donation for Steele Creek Park Nature Center.***

Steele Creek Park Nature Center is among several parks and nature centers in the area to benefit from sunflower seed donated by the Walmart Distribution Center at Greenville. The distribution center got a shipment of seed which it could not sell and gave a trailer load of hundreds of 25-pound bags loaded on skids to the 4-H Center at Greenville where Don Holt is an educational naturalist on the staff. Don was able to set aside a few skids for area bird clubs to distribute. Thanks to BBC member Don Holt for making sure we were able to provide the seed for this winter's bird feeding.

Bill Grigsby is coordinating the deliver for the Bristol Bird Club with initial plans calling for seeds to be delivered to Bays Mountain Park Nature Center, Warrior Path, Musick's Campground, Steele Creek and others.

This is the second time BBC has been able to acquire sunflower seed from the Walmart Distribution Center. On Feb. 4, 2003, Bert Hale and Wallace Coffey went to Greeneville and delivered 20 bags of sunflower seed to the Steele Creek Nature Center. Each bag weighed 25 pounds.

The donation of sunflower seed to Steele Creek Nature Center is carried on thruout the year by BBC to show appreciation and support for our being able to use the Steele Creek Park Lodge meeting rooms two or three times each year.



### **ELLEN PARKER TO MAINTAIN STEELE CREEK KIOSKS**

BBC member Ellen Parker has been designated by the Bristol Tennessee Department of Leisure Services as a park volunteer to create and manage displays for a new series of Steele Creek park bulletin boards.

Two new large kiosks will be under construction any day now along Lakeside Trail. One will be at Rooster Front Park -- East Entrance to Steele Creek Park. The second will be near the Mill Creek Trailhead parking lot where the greeway enters the park along Broad Street. The East Entrance is located along Vance Dr.

The kiosks are fund by a grant of several thousands of dollars applied for by the Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park. Each kiosks will be similar to the one that stands at the weir dam along the river near the South Fork Holston River parking area. Each panel will be 3 feet square with a locked case.

Since each kiosks will have eight facing panels, Ellen will be working with a total of 16 cases on panels on the kiosks displays alone.

Park naturalist Kevin Elam will work on getting information together, such as pictures, text and Ellen will be putting it together in a way that attractive and that looks nice in the displays. As Ellen gains more experience and the department and public become more accustom to the kiosks, she will have extended responsibility for content and design.

The displays will offer opportunity for natural history and park interpretive information. People will be able to see rules and regulations, lists of park activities and will be attractive as well.

Throughout the year she will gradually extend her coverage to other bulletin boards throughout the park. Friends of the park are hopeful that will include areas at the picnic shelters, nature centers as well as the park entrance.

Congratulations to another fine effort being made by a Bristol Bird Club member.

### **RICK KNIGHT TO BEGIN REVISION OF REGIONAL BIRD BOOK**

Rick Knight said recently that he has intentions to begin serious work this winter on the revision of his 1994 book: *The Birds of Northeast Tennessee -- An Annotated Checklist*. This is a time-consuming project and requires many long hours and detailed dedication. Rick has a great track record for such details and accomplishments. He had wanted to get started this fall but a late return from his summer job and banding at Roan Mountain kept him busy. If you have any records or updates for the book that you feel Rick may not have access to, please e-mail them to him.

### **BBC MEMBER NAMED TO BOARD OF FRIENDS OF STEELE CREEK**

Chris O'Bryan, our 16-year-old BBC member, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park.

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### **TOS NEARLY FINISHED WITH DIGITAL COPY OF JOURNAL ONLINE**

Wallace Coffey of BBC has recently help contribute to a complete set of THE MIGRANT that will be used for scanning the type and artwork of each issue so the entire journal can be searched and read online over the internet.

This is a project proposed to the Tennessee Ornithological Society, May 3, 2003, by Wallace at the annual spring meeting of TOS held at Knoxville. If implemented in a reasonable amount of time, TOS would have possibly been the first state organization in the country to be online with its journal. Adequate funding was provided by TOS but the project ground to a halt after months of delays and such. New TOS President Danny Gaddy fired the project up with help and funding from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

When TWRA State Ornithologist Michael Roedel took over the project, it became a reality. TOS signed a contract, Oct. 11, 2005, with Terra Manasco of Nashville and she is well underway with many issues scanned.

Wallace provided the project with a very rare and difficult first issue of THE MIGRANT, Vol. 1, 1930, and also provided consultation on the the project as well as reviewing and making suggestions for the contract.

TOS officials now hope that the project will be finished soon and TOS will have 50 copies of the entire set on CD, complete with a html-hyperlinked index to all issues.  
Maybe we will get the first rollout at the Manchester Winter Meeting of TOS.

The entire digital package will soon be online over the internet.

## **BRISTOL BIRD CLUB CALENDAR**

Nov. 13th-13th of Month Field Trip meet ETSU-Bristol 8 a.m.

Nov. 15th-Regular meeting 7:30pm. Supper at Mad Greek at 6pm

Nov. 19th-Rural Retreat Lake



Dec. 10th-Christmas Party

Dec. 17th-Elizabethton CBC

Dec. 18th-Glade Spring CBC

Dec. 18th-Roan Mountain CBC

Dec. 20th-CBC Planning meeting

Dec. 31st-Shady Valley CBC

Jan. 1st-Bristol CBC

Jan. 14th-BBC Waterfowl trip

Feb. 18th-Burkes Garden trip

May 5-7th-VSO Spring meeting. Breaks Interstate Park. Sponsored by Buchanan County Bird Club

## **Bristol Bird Club Officers 2005-2006**

President-**Bill Grigsby**-Kingsport, Tennessee

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