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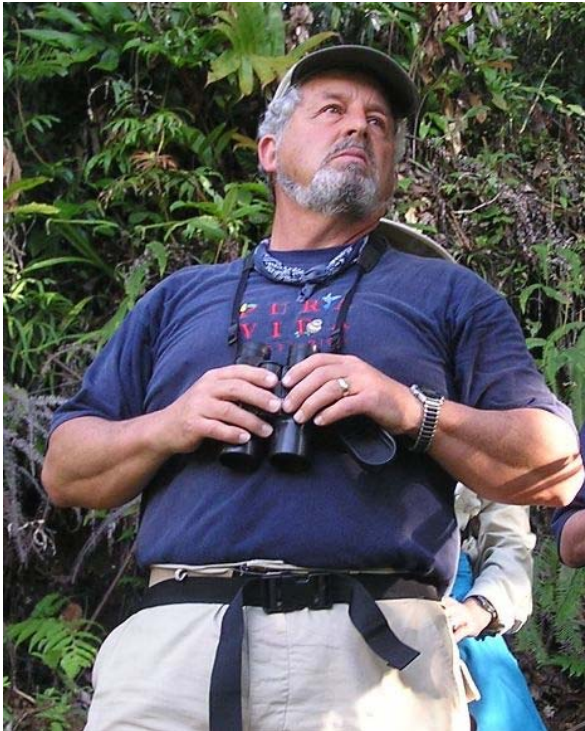


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Dr. Fred Alsop speaker for **BBC Banquet Set at Steele Creek Park Lodge**

The Bristol Bird Club banquet will be held in conjunction with Steele Creek Park's Wildlife Weekend. The event will be Friday, Sept 22 in the park lodge and will be followed by a presentation by Dr. Fred Alsop. Wildlife Weekend is sponsored by the Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park. The event involves two days of activities.



The title of Dr. Alsop's program will be "Appalachian Bird Adventures". The program will be open free to the public. He and his wife, Jo Ann, will join our members as our guest for a private dinner in an adjacent room to the park lodge's main auditorium where his talk will be given.

Dr. Alsop is an accomplished ornithologist and a professor of biological sciences at East Tennessee State University. He received his doctorate in zoology from the University of Tennessee, and specializes in the ecology, distribution, and life history of birds. An avid field biologist, birder, and photographer, Dr. Alsop has identified more than 3,200 species worldwide. He is the reknowned author of the Smithsonian book: *Birds of North America* which gives life histories of over 900 species of birds. He has also written books on the *Birds of The Great Smoky Mountains*, *Birds of Canada*, *Birds of Alabama*, *Georgia*, and many other states. Dr. Alsop travels all over the world leading bird watching trips, like his most recent trip to Costa Rica.

(banquet from e-mail from Gribbsby – below)

The plans are firm for the annual BBC banquet. It will be Friday evening, Sept. 22nd at Steele Creek Park lodge. We are looking forward to an outstanding dinner of Beef Burgundy and Chicken Supreme with three vegetables, salad, dessert, rolls and beverage. The cost of the dinner will be \$16 per person. You should make your reservation now by calling Janice Martin at 276-466-8678 or Bill Grigsby at wgrigs@earthlink.net.

The dinner will be followed by a program presented by Dr. Fred Alsop of ETSU. This is part of the weekend event for Steele Creek Park which is sponsored by the Bristol Bird Club.

We will be opening the dinner to non-members so it is important to get your reservations in ASAP.

Bill Grigsby
President, Bristol Bird Club

Area Sightings from Bristol Birds A Bonus for the .PDF edition

Musick's Campground:

30 Aug 2006 - Rick Knight, Johnson City, TN

Eared Grebe - 1, still largely in breeding plumage
This is the 13th consecutive year of occurrence, with
Aug arrivals happening 5 times in that period.

Sanderling - 1 (third day present)
Stilt Sandpiper - 1
Lesser Yellowlegs - 3
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 2
Least Sandpiper - 4
Great Egret - 2

Steele Creek Park, Sullivan County, TN:

25 August 2006 - Larry McDaniel(Park Naturalist) - Washington Co., TN

Black-crowned Night-Herons - 3
Common Raven
Cedar Waxwings (*Jeremy Stout*)
Green Heron

31 August 2006 - Larry McDaniel(Park Naturalist) - Washington Co., TN

Black-crowned Night-Heron
Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper
Coopers Hawk
Common Ravens - 2

1 September 2006 - Larry McDaniel(Park Naturalist) - Washington Co., TN

Black-crowned Night-Heron
Green Heron
Double-crested Cormorant
Wood Duck
Eastern Screech-Owl
Warbling Vireo (no previous park records found)
American Redstart

2 September 2006 - Larry McDaniel(Park Naturalist) - Washington Co., TN

Baltimore Oriole (Rudy Morales and Zak Poultan)
Green Heron
Belted Kingfisher
Pileated Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker,
Yellow-throated Warbler
Summer Tanager (with Rudy Morales and Zak Poultan)
American Redstart (with Zak Poultan)
Yellow-throated Vireo.

Erwin Fishery Park, Erwin, Unicoi Co., TN

1 Sept 2006 - Bryan Stevens - Hampton, TN

Spotted Sandpipers - 2

Wal-Mart Distribution Center (Greene County)

5 Aug 2006 - Don Holt, Dianne Draper, Larry McDaniel, Rob Biller, Washington/Carter County

Least Bittern - 1

31 August 2006 - Don Miller, Greene County, TN

Black Tern

1 September 2006 - Don Miller, Greene County, TN

Blue-winged Teal - 5
Great Egret - 2
Sora - 6

Lesser Yellowlegs - 1
Least Sandpiper - 1
Wilson's Snipe - 2
Black Tern - 1

Rankin Bottoms – Douglas Lake, Cocke County, TN

30 August 2006 - Michael Sledjeski, Leslie Gibbens, Cocke county TN

Wood stork (imm.)

White ibis (imm.)

Semi-palmated plover (12)

Killdeer (480+), a new maximum count for Rankin

Greater yellowlegs

Lesser yellowlegs (6)

Willet

Spotted sandpiper

Sanderling (14)

Semipalm. sandpiper (20+)

Least sandpiper (20+)

Pectoral sandpiper (60+)

Stilt sandpiper (9)

Short-billed dowitcher (34)

Wilson's snipe

Forster's tern

Black tern (3)

1 Sep 2006 – Rick Knight, Johnson City TN

over 700 shorebirds of 17 species
(not counting Killdeer)

Semipalmated Plover - 22

AM. AVOCET - 1

Greater Yellowlegs - 2

Lesser Yellowlegs - 80

Spotted Sandpiper - 4

Sanderling - 18

Semipalmated Sandpiper - 100

Western Sandpiper - 10+

Least Sandpiper - 160

peep sp. - 80+

White-rumped Sandpiper - 7

Pectoral Sandpiper - 195

Stilt Sandpiper - 10

Buff-breasted Sandpiper - 7

Short-billed Dowitcher - 32

Wilson's Snipe - 1

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE - 1

WILSON'S PHALAROPE - 1

Great Egret - 252

Little Blue Heron - 1

Black-cr. Night-Heron - 15+

White Ibis - 1 im.

Wood Stork - 1 im

Rankin Bottoms – Douglas Lake, Cocke County, TN (Continued)

Blue-wg. Teal - 30
N. Shoveler - 5
Green-wg. Teal - 3
Caspian Tern - 2
Forster's Tern - 4
Black Tern - 2

2 September 2006 – Don Miller, Greene County, TN

Canada Goose (385)
Wood Duck (4)
Mallard (28)
Blue-winged Teal (3)
Double-crested Cormorant (10+)
Great Blue Heron (13)
Great Egret (266)
Cattle Egret
Green Heron (2)
Black-crowned Night-Heron (2)
Wood Stork (immature)
Osprey
Broad-winged Hawk
Semipalmated Plover (5)
Killdeer (40+)
American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs (2)
Lesser Yellowlegs (10+)
Spotted Sandpiper
Sanderling (5)
Semipalmated Sandpiper (30+)
Western Sandpiper (11)
Least Sandpiper (41)
White-rumped Sandpiper (2)
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper (55)
Stilt Sandpiper (5)
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher (5)
Wilson's Snipe
Red-necked Phalarope
Laughing Gull (2)
Forster's Tern
Black Tern (2)
Common Nighthawk (391)
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Northern Rough-winged Swallow (18)
Gray Catbird

September 2006 – Michael Sledjeski, Leslie Gibbens, Cocke county TN

RUDDY TURNSTONE –(canoeing from RB along the riverbank shoal to Leadvale, then up the French Broad)

BBC Calendar

Sep 8-9-10 Roan Mountain Fall Naturalist Rally, Roan Mountain State Park. Friday buffet dinner 6:30 p.m. followed by "Blue Ridge Mountains - Ancient and Majestic" by photographer Jerry Greer at 7:30 p.m. Field trips Saturday morning and early afternoon. Dinner 6:30 p.m. with 7:30 p.m. seaper David Duhl on photographing small creatures and plants. Field trips Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sep 9-30 BBC Sponsored Mendota Hawk Watch season long count. Coordinator Ron Harrington

Sep 13 (Wednesday) BBC 13th of the Month Field Trip. Meet at ETSU Bristol Center 8:00 AM

Sep 15-17 Bristol Bird Club / Natural Tunnell Fall Birding Weekend. Three days of bird watching for songbird and hawk migrations. BBC does not have an overnight outing scheduled this fall.

Sep 15-17 Clinch Mountain Trails Fall Migratory Birding Festival, Hungry Mother State Park. Three days of bird watching for songbird and hawk migrations. A juried bird-themed arts and crafts festival, guest speakers and birding by canoe.

Sep 22 BBC Annual Banquet – Steele Creek Park (Program – Dr. Fred Alsop). This is an event held in conjunction with Steele Creek Park's Wildlife Weekend but the banquet is not open to the general public. Members, family and birding friends are welcome. Reservations are required for the banquet. Dr. Alsop's talk will be open free to the general public.

Sep 22-23 Steele Creek Wildlife Weekend, sponsored by Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and BBC

Sep 24 BBC Hawk Migration Field Trip – Mendota Firetower & Brumley Mtn (parties at both sites for day)

TBA Mendota Hawk Migration Festival (Co-sponsored by BBC)

Sep 30 Northeast Tennessee Fall Bird Count (sponsored by Herndon TOS Chapter).

Oct. 7 Bird Walks at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area with Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter 8 a.m. Oct 13 BBC 13th of the Month Field Trip, ETSU-Bristol Center 8 a.m.

Oct 14 BBC Bog Watch (Shady Valley Cranberry Festival) – BBC will bird and take bag lunches to the beautiful Nature Conservancy's Dickey Preserve nestled in the Cherokee National Forest along TN Rt. 133.

Oct 14 Bird Walks at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area with Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter 8 a.m.

Oct 21 Bird Walks at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area with Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter
8 a.m.

Oct 27-29 Tennessee Ornithological Society Annual Fall Meeting, Clarksville, TN

Oct. 28 Bird Walks at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area with Lee & Lois Herndon TOS
Chapter 8 a.m.

Nov 13 (Wednesday)- BBC 13th of the Month Field Trip - meet at ETSU Bristol Center at 8:00
AM.

Nov 21 BBC Meeting at ETSU/Bristol at 7:30 PM. Dinner at Mad Greek Rest. at 6:00 PM.

Nov 25 BBC Field Trip – Waterbirds @ S. Holston Lake (dep. from Shelley's @ 8 AM) Come early for
breakfast.

Dec 9 BBC Annual Christmas Party, location to be announced.

Dec 13 (Wednesday)- BBC 13th of the Month Field Trip - meet at ETSU Bristol Center at 8:00 AM

Dec 16 CBC – Elizabethton (Herndon Chapter) – Compiler Rick Knight

Dec 17 CBC – Roan Mountain (Herndon Chapter) – Compiler Rick Knight

Dec 19 BBC Meeting to plan Bristol Bird Club CBC's (location to be announced)

Dec 30 CBC – Glade Spring (Bristol Bird Club) – Compiler Ron Harrington

Dec 31 CBC – Bristol (Bristol Bird Club) – Compiler Richard Lewis

Jan 1 CBC – Shady Valley (Bristol Bird Club) – Compiler Rob Biller

Jan 3 Bristol Christmas Bird Count Compilation – Mad Greek Rest. (Time TBA)

Jan 13 (Wednesday)- BBC 13th of the Month Field Trip - meet at ETSU Bristol Center at 8:00 AM

Jan 16 BBC Meeting, Dinner at the Mad Greek 6 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. ETSU Bristol

Feb 13 (Wednesday)- BBC 13th of the Month Field Trip - meet at ETSU Bristol Center at 8:00 AM

Feb 17 (Saturday) BBC Golden Eagle Field Trip – Burkes Garden

Feb 20 BBC Meeting. Dinner at Mad Greek 6 p.m., Meeting at ETSU Bristol 7:30 p.m.

Mar 10 BBC Woodcock Watch Field Trip – Shady Valley

Mar 13 (Wednesday)- BBC 13th of the Month Field Trip - meet at ETSU Bristol Center at 8:00 AM

Mar 20 BBC Meeting. Dinner at Mad Greek 6 p.m., Meeting at ETSU Bristol 7:30 p.m.

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