For most people, moths are at best something to overlook and at worst something to dread. However, they serve important roles in our ecosystems as selective herbivores, detritus feeders, and pollinators. Moths are also important sources of food for predators such as songbirds, who can consume over half of the caterpillars in a forest during nestling and fledgling seasons. While many moths can be drab or subtly patterned, some are exceptionally colorful, arguably surpassing butterflies for their beauty. It is estimated that 3,000–4,000 species of moths occur in Alabama, but very little is known about these species and their habitat associations. During this presentation, Dr. Van Zandt will introduce you to some interesting and important groups of moths in Alabama. He’ll also share the results of an ongoing study that compares moth communities found at an urban woodlot to species at the Bibb County Glade and Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge.

Dr. Van Zandt received two degrees from Michigan State University (BA and BS) with majors in Philosophy and Fisheries and Wildlife. After receiving an MS in Wildlife Ecology from Utah State University he went on to earn a PhD at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and then did post-doctoral studies at the University of Toronto and Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He is now a community ecologist and Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology at Birmingham-Southern College (BSC). His research focuses on plant chemical and physical defenses against insect herbivory. He studies how insects alter plant defenses and how changes in plant defenses impact the herbivore community. Over the past two years, he has been conducting a biodiversity inventory of moths in Bibb and Jefferson Counties. This work was supported in part by a Walter F. Coxe Research Grant administered by the Birmingham Audubon Society.

March is a month filled with anticipation for signs of spring. Flowers begin blooming, the sun warms your face and breeding season gets underway for some of our resident birds. Among our favorites are Eastern Bluebirds.

Eastern Bluebirds are lovely and beautiful. Their soft, rolling song is a sure sign of spring, and they wear the color of the sky on their back. It is no wonder we find them so endearing! Patsy Scott coordinates the bluebird trail established so long ago by our beloved John Findlay, and she’ll teach you everything you’ll want to know about bluebirds. She’ll even help you get started on your own trail!

Come early and enjoy the birds at the feeders. Refreshments will be served in the Observation Room beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Next month’s seminar:

Hooray for Honeybees ~ A Gardener’s Best Friend!
Sunday, April 15th, 2:00 p.m. ~ Sallie Lee, Guest Speaker
8 January through 25 January, 2012

In the past a small flock of **Sandhill Cranes** that wintered near Gulf Shores was usually the only opportunity to see this species in Alabama. However, larger numbers have wintered at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge and Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge for several years. Four 2007-8 CBC counts recorded 1800 cranes, and over 5000 were seen on the 2011-12 Wheeler CBC. However, according to Dwight Cooley, Refuge Manager, this was less than the over 6000 on the 2010-2011 Wheeler CBC. These numbers are probably a result of excessive wintering cranes at Hiwassee National Wildlife Refuge in Tennessee migrating farther south and some climate changes (also from Dwight).

On 25 January the Sargents report they are feeding over **500 American Goldfinches a day!** **Purple Finches**, low this year, and sparrow numbers are at their lowest in years.

Other sightings were:

- **1/8**  **Bald Eagle**; Logan Martin Lake (RC).
- **1/9**  **Wilson’s Warbler (male)**; Roebuck Springs (SD and his class).
- **1/14**  **Common Nighthawk**; Oak Mountain State Park (GH,SA).
- **1/18**  **Greater White-fronted Goose, (55)**; Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge (HW, AC).
- **1/25**  **Double-crested Cormorant, (16)**; **Great Blue Heron, (12, some are nesting)**; Logan Martin Dam (HW, AC).

Contributors:  Sandra Allinson  
Alice Christenson  
Ross Cohen  
Dwight Cooley  
Scot Duncan  
Greg Harber  
Bob and Martha Gail Sargent  
Harriett Wright

Please submit sightings for April *FF* at least five days before the March 1st deadline to:  
Ann Miller, 520 Yorkshire Drive, Birmingham, Al. 35209
March Field Trips

Irondale Furnace and Audubon Sessions Sanctuary Workday  
March 3, 2012 - 7:30 a.m. - Half-day field trip

The March half-day trip offers a slight departure from our usual field trip format. We will spend the first part of the morning birding at the Irondale Furnace, a historic site nestled on the banks of Shades Creek in Mountain Brook. The nature trail there features wide, level paths and a wonderful birding opportunity at a conveniently located, local site.

Following our hour of birding at the Irondale Furnace, at 9:00 a.m. we will drive to the Audubon-Sessions Nature Sanctuary, which is located directly across Shades Creek from the Furnace. The sanctuary is best accessed from the end of Forest Glen Drive, which intersects Old Leeds Road north of the Mountain Brook Country Club.

At this point our morning birding outing will transform into an Audubon-Sessions Sanctuary Workday and we'll shift gears from bird-watching to restoring bird habitat. Our primary tasks will focus on clearing paths in the sanctuary, removing blow down and limbs, and last but not least, attacking the stands of privet found growing on the bottomland slopes near the creek. Bring gloves, loppers and other yard tools if you have them.

Additionally, there will be a youth cleanup crew at Shades Creek and the Sanctuary that morning. Friends of Shades Creek and student volunteers with UAB's "Into the Streets" service program will be participating in the Birmingham Audubon Society's Sessions Sanctuary workday. The students will help clean up the creek around the sanctuary as well as assisting with the work on the Sessions Preserve. Please bring an extra tool, if you have it, to share with the students.

Directions: Gather at 7:30 a.m. at the Eastwood Mall McDonald's, located at 1569 Montclair Road. We will carpool from there (in as few cars as possible) to the Irondale Furnace for our birding. Those wishing to join us for the workday only should plan to meet us at 4000 Forest Glen Drive at 9:00 a.m. Following the workday we'll return to the McDonald's to retrieve our cars and then head to the Golden Rule BBQ located on Crestwood Blvd (Hwy 78) in Irondale for a Dutch Treat Lunch. Take Montevallo Road to where it meets Crestwood Blvd. Golden Rule is a few blocks east of this intersection, on the left.

Trip Leaders: Ellen McLaughlin (205) 595-0806 and Greg Harber (205) 251-2133.

Heiberger, Marion Fish Hatchery and Perry Lakes Park  
March 17, 2012 - 7:00 a.m.

Come join BAS on our annual spring visit to Perry County on March 17. Migrating songbirds and shorebirds, lingering winter visitors, resident breeding birds will be filling the woods around the birding tower at Perry Lakes Park and the ponds of Marion Fish Hatchery and Donovan Lakes. Bald Eagles with young are also possible. For the botanists among us, the blooms of spring wildflowers and trees will be a special treat.

Meeting Place: We will leave promptly at 7:00 a.m. at the ever-popular Hoover McDonald's on US-31 (across from the Galleria). Please arrive early for breakfast and carpooling. Park in the shopping center parking lot. We will proceed on I-459, then I-59W to Exit 97 West Blocton/Centreville /US-11/AL-5, thence to AL-5, continuing south on AL-5 to the intersection with US-82 and AL-5. This is a drive of about an hour, approximately 50 miles. We will regroup at the Wendy's and take a short rest break. For those of you living in West Alabama and points south, if you are planning on joining us, we will arrive at the Wendy's at or around 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch, water & drinks, your binoculars, spotting scope and camera. Have a full tank of gas. Weather can be changeable this time of year; rain gear may be welcomed.

Destinations: Heiberger (Bald Eagles), the birding tower at Perry Lakes Park and Marion Fish Hatchery. More than likely Donovan Lakes for our picnic (with a quick visit to Jim's Little Store). A late afternoon visit to the Golden Club swamp on Dobine Creek.

For more details or further information please call the trip leader, Maureen Shaffer, at 205-822-8728 (H) 205-222-2662 (M).

See you on the 17th, wearing green!

BAS Field Trip Cancellation Policy
If there is a possibility of dangerous road conditions due to inclement weather please contact the trip leader at the phone number provided.
Count day was cold. The temperature dropped from a high of 49 to 44 in the afternoon. It was cloudy with an incessant 5-13 mph north wind. We fielded 8 parties with 24 participants plus 3 feeder watchers. Thanks again to Maureen for serving as compilation host and providing a great evening treat. Our species total at 74 was lower than normal. Special effort by Greg Harber recorded American Woodcock for the 1st time in several years. Thanks to the Sargents and their hummingbird watchers who gave us a gift of 5 Rufous and 2 Calliope hummers. Participants: **John Imhof, B. J. Allen, Donna Shook, Greg Harber, Hans Paul, Ken Marion, Helena Uber-Wamble, Pelham Rowan, Harriett Wright, Frank Farrell, Shirley Farrell, Lisa Bailey, Andrew Haffenden, Ken Wills, Ty Keith, Rick Kittinger, Jamie Nobles, Mandy Nobles, Alan Yester, Cindy Pinger, Sharon Hudgins, David George, Maureen Shaffer, Miriam Ruge.** Compiler: David George

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Camping, spring, birds, water, canoeing—all these elements and more will combine on the weekend of March 30-April 1 (Friday-Sunday) to mark the reemergence of the BAS campout. In partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, we will hold a Spring Campout at Forkland Park Campground, north of Demopolis. The camping area is set on the banks of Lake Demopolis, an impoundment of the Tombigbee River. Woods in which to bird and hike, still waters in which to canoe, miles of back roads to explore, all waiting for us. The campground and recreation area has been proposed as a stop on the West Alabama Birding Trail.

As of press time, we are still ironing out some logistical details (plus a schedule of activities) and will keep you up-to-date via our website, Facebook page and BASBirding (yahoo group). Per the Recreation.gov website, a block of four (4) campsites may be reserved by one individual. Campsites 16, 17, 22, and 23 have been reserved under my name (Maureen Shaffer). Each site can accommodate two or three tents, depending on size (2 four man tents or a one man tent plus a three man tent, for example). A site is limited to a maximum of 8 individuals. If you wish to make your own reservation, please see the website info below. A discount may be granted to a camper if they hold any of the following passes: Interagency Access Pass, Interagency Senior Pass, Golden Age Pass or Golden Access Pass.

We would like to have an approximate tally of potential campers as soon as possible. Please contact Maureen Shaffer as soon as possible 205-822-8728 (h) or 205-222-2662 (m). We can then assign campsites according to your needs. Should any of us wish not to camp, there are numerous motels in and around Demopolis (Days Inn, Holiday Inn Express, etc.). See the website listed below for details.

We in are in communication with Jim Felder, Executive Director of the Alabama Scenic River Trail, a group dedicated to canoeing and kayaking, to arrange a canoeing adventure to the backwaters around Forkland Campground. As of now, there are no specifics. Should you not have a canoe or kayak, they will be furnished either by Alabama Scenic River Trail or the U.S. Coast Guard station at Demopolis.

Forkland Park campground is situated on a high point of land forested with a Pine/Hardwood mix with plenty of shade. This campground has 42 campsites with electrical service (campsites 1-32 are 50 AMP and overflow campsites 33-42 are 30 AMP,) and water hookups, impact pad, picnic table, lantern holder, and fire ring with grill. Campsites are spacious, private and located near or close to the water. A shower/restroom facility is conveniently located in the park along with the following amenities: dump station, coin-operated laundry, playgrounds, park attendant, picnic shelters, courtesy dock, and boat ramp with security lighting.

Important Information:

The Entrance gate opens at 6:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m. daily. Single-family sites, with hook-ups, accommodate one RV and/or any number of tents that can fit on the impact pad. We require that all pets remain leashed or penned at all times for your safety and theirs. Alcohol is prohibited within the park.

Telephone number: (334) 289-5530

Directions: FROM DEMOPOLIS, AL: go 12 miles north on US 43, follow signs and turn left on paved county road, go approximately 1 mile.

Three ways to reserve:

Call 1-877-444-6777

To reserve online go to:

http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Forkland_Al/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=71172

Reserve at campground gatehouse.

Websites for Demopolis area (lodging, dining, attractions): www.demopolischamber.com

Forkland campground page on the Army Corp of Engineers web site is: http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/bwt/dem/demopoliscamping.htm#forkland
Our next workday at the Watercress Darter National Wildlife Refuge (a satellite of the Mountain Longleaf NWR in Anniston) is planned for Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. - noon. We'll pick up trash along the road, in the parking lot and along the trails that lead back to the pond and rake leaves off the boardwalk. Time permitting we may also do a bit of kudzu and privet removal.

I think I have a sufficient number of plastic garbage bags for trash but please bring work gloves, leaf rakes and loppers with which to cut vines and bushes. If anyone can bring a weed wrench or two I think we'll be able to make use of them also.

Directions: The sanctuary is located in Bessemer. If coming from the south side of Birmingham get on I-459 and travel west to the Eastern Valley Road Exit (Exit 1). Turn right and stay on Eastern Valley Road north for approximately 6 miles. Parking is available on the left (west) side of the road immediately after the West Jefferson County Historical Society's MacAdory House and before the stoplight. Call if you need any additional information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wouldn't Flying Have Been Easier?
By: Carolyn Roberson

On January 25, as I was driving down Lakeshore Parkway heading toward Greensprings Highway, I slowed down for a traffic light up ahead. I was in the right lane and it's a good thing I started slowing early. A little red car in the left lane stopped about 20 yards or so from the light and in a flash I saw why and I stopped beside her. Standing in the median of that four-lane road, close to the red car's bumper, were three Canada Geese. They did not look frightened or confused - they knew what they were doing. The lady in the red car tooted her horn at the as if to say, "O.K. We've stopped. Go on across the road." The geese just stood there and looked. (My first impulse was to get out of the car and shoo them off the road.) The geese looked at us, looked across the road, and back at the traffic which they had effectively stopped. They must have thought that we were kind-hearted people who did not want "blood and feathers" on our hands (or our car tires), so they slowly walked across the road. They cleared the left lane and began to strut across the right lane, in front of my Jeep, just as the light turned green. Of course, I had to wait for them to finish their leisurely stroll. I'm surprised that the cars behind me did not beep their horns at me; after all, the left lane was moving and I wasn't. Maybe no one tooted because I was lightly tooting at the geese to try to hurry them along. Note: Geese will not be hurried by a car horn. They ignored me and finally strolled off the road.

Now, I've seen dogs wait on the side of a road and look both ways and watch traffic and they cross when it is safe. I've even seen horses in a small town in Arizona do the same thing. But waterfowl? Actually, the geese weren't waiting for a lull in the traffic in order to safely dart across the road. They were waiting for traffic to stop for them. Obviously these geese were not "bird brains." Urban living and perhaps trial and error have taught them that with careful attention to cars whizzing by (and perhaps also with a little bit of luck) and with that boldness that only a goose can muster, they can stop traffic and safely cross the road. I slowly shook my head as I drove off, marveling at how well-trained we drivers are.
Welcome Back Parula!
By Shirley Farrell

One of the first birds back to Alabama in the spring is the Northern Parula, *Parula americana*. The males are grey-blue with yellow chests fading to white bellies. The yellow area has reddish marks. The back is greenish-yellow and looks like a saddle. The two white wing bars are easy to see when the bird is sitting or flying. The female is yellowish-green and grey. Both males and females have white crescent-shaped marks above and below the eyes.

This small wood warbler hangs out high in the trees looking for insects. They hop around quickly checking out the foliage grabbing caterpillars, moths, beetles, wasps, flies or spiders. In winter this bird lives in southern Florida, northern Central America and a few islands in the Caribbean Sea. When insects are hard to find these birds have been known to eat fruits, berries, and nectar.

These common warblers like to nest in hardwood trees in swamps and bottomlands. In the southern half of Alabama, the female uses Spanish Moss to make her nest, but in the northern parts of Alabama, she uses lichens, like Old Man’s Beard. The nest is located about 100 feet in the tree hanging near the ends of branches. This cup shaped nest is 3 inches across and about 2 inches deep. The female can lay 2-7 small white eggs with brown, grey, purple or red spots.

They can have two broods, or families, during our long summers. If you go on the field trip to Perry Lakes Park, you will probably hear their trilling song, increasing in pitch as they sing “zeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee-zip”!

Help the bird find it’s next meal!

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We are looking for artists and writers: Send us your pictures, journal pages, stories and poems about birds, nature, wildlife, etc. If selected, your original work will be published in the *Flicker Flashes*.

Do you have any suggestions as to what you would like to read about in Kid’s Corner? Send your ideas to:

Birmingham Audubon Society
c/o McWane Science Center
Attn: Kids Corner
200 19th Street North
Birmingham, AL 35203-3117
March is here, the time for spring, the time to renew and have fresh beginnings. The Education Department is definitely doing that—renewing its partnership with the Birmingham Botanical Gardens with Bird Walks for students who attend the Discovery Field Trips that the garden offers. Every Monday and Friday, groups will have the option to take their kids around the garden paths to learn about the local birds with our dedicated volunteer leaders.

School programs are going well and we have had an increase in the number of programs that we are giving. Our partnership with the McWane Science Center continues to be strong as we offer reserved programs there and we will also be offering a spring break camp with a bird theme.

Our third Family Bird Walk will be at Oak Mountain State Park to learn about raptors at the Wildlife Center. Parents and children will meet an American Kestrel, Mississippi Kite, Red-tailed Hawk and a Bared Owl before going on a bird walk around the Wildlife Center. This program is March 25, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Participants are encouraged to register by calling the BAS Education Office at 205-714-8228.

With the Great Backyard Bird Count behind us, we look forward to our Celebrate Urban Birds festival that will be held at Ruffner Mountain on April 14, 2012 in conjunction with the Native Plant Sale. “Grow Native for Birds” is our joint theme. There will be many activities for participants of all ages from building a backyard water feature to learning about plants that will attract birds to your backyard. Because all these plants are native to our area, they have very low maintenance requirements and they thrive even in harsh conditions. That is the beauty of planting native!

We certainly are busy teaching kids about the wonderful birds around us. With all the programs being booked, we are in need of volunteers who are willing to help with these awesome programs. Volunteer activities include any of the various possibilities: Bird Walk leader, Bird Walk Assistant—both of these positions come to the bird walks at the gardens and help kids learn how to use binoculars and find birds in a field guide. A Reserved Program Assistant helps at the McWane Science Center to set up for the programming and help students as they go through several stations during the programs. The Special Event Helper is a volunteer who may run a craft table at an event, or share facts and feathers with folks as they come to our tables. An Event Planner helps with all the behind the scenes planning, from gathering craft materials to helping with details. There are also general functions requiring helpers too. Whatever you are able to do to share the joy of birthing with others is worth your time. Seeing a child’s face light up the first time they recognize a bird through the binoculars is priceless and that is just one small wonder while we are out on the walks. To inspire stewards of the earth, to give them a passion and desire to care about the animals that share our planet is our goal. Planting these seeds by sharing our joy is how we accomplish this. Become a part of the team that inspires young minds to learn and grow.

Happy Birding!
Helena

Volunteering - A Worthy Use of Time

Birmingham Audubon needs you! Perhaps you need us too. Read the following story.

The little boy was only six years old, but he took great joy in telling us all the facts about the birds he knew. He listened intently when the subject was a bird that was new to him. It’s called enthusiasm, and he certainly spread it through the volunteers on our recent Family Bird Trip to Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. This little fellow had already been to our bird walk in the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. We could see in him, a young Tom Imhof, a small Bob Reid, or a youthful Greg Harber, and he may well be leading BAS twenty years from now. Through our BAS educational program we have influenced over a thousand youngsters and parents in the last year. Volunteers are needed to meet the educational program requests of the year to come. It is most rewarding. A new member orientation will be held Tuesday, March 12th at 9:30 a.m. To reserve a place, please call or email Volunteer Chairman, Louise Ayer Tommie, (205) 428-9652, louiseayer@charter.net or Education Director, Helena Uber Wamble, educationdirector4audubon@gmail.com, (205) 714-8228.
~ Membership Application ~

Birmingham Audubon Society/National Audubon Society*

☐ Birmingham Audubon Society
New Members and Renewals $20.00
Seniors (62 or better) $15.00
Full-time Students $15.00

Make check payable to: Birmingham Audubon Society
Send application and check to:
Birmingham Audubon Society
c/o McWane Science Center
200 19th Street North
Birmingham, AL 35203-3117

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* NAS will contact you directly for membership renewal

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BAS Membership/Flicker Flashes/E-Mail Questionnaire

1. Would you like to opt-out of receiving printed copies of Flicker Flashes? ______ Yes ______ No (If yes, please consider allowing us to put you on our email list. Your email address will NOT be shared with anyone!)

2. Would you like to be included on our email list? ______ Yes ______ No (If yes, please provide your email address on the form above)

Responses can be submitted as follows:

Via mail (preferred) – enter your personal information above (on the membership application), check your preferences to the two questions above and mail this entire page to the BAS office at the address listed above.

Via email – email the information requested above to: Audubon@mcwane.org

Via phone – call the BAS office (714-8227) and provide the information requested above.

Your input is valued and we want to encourage you to return this survey so that we can better serve you as a BAS member!
March 2012

1  *Flicker Flashes* articles due, April issue
3  BAS 1/2 day Field Trip, Sessions Sanctuary & Irondale Furnace
10 Watercress Darter NWR Workday
15 Board Meeting, Birmingham Zoo Auditorium (BZA), 5:45 p.m.
   General Meeting, BZA, 7:00 p.m.
   Dr. Peter Van Zandt, “Moth Research”
17 BAS Field Trip, Lakeland Farms
18 Audubon Teaches Nature, The Wildlife Center, 2:00 p.m.
   Patsy Scott, “Bluebirds Among Us ~ The John Finldy Bluebird Trail”

April 2012

1  *Flicker Flashes* articles due, May/June issue
7  BAS Field Trip, Tuscaloosa
14 BAS Field Trip, Bankhead Forest
15 Audubon Teaches Nature, The Wildlife Center, 2:00 p.m.
   Sallie Lee, “Hooray for Honey bees ~ Worker’s in your Garden!”
20-22 Alabama Ornithological Society meeting, Dauphin Island, AL
21  Earth Day partner TBD
26 Board Meeting, Birmingham Zoo Auditorium (BZA), 5:45 p.m.
   General Meeting, BZA, 7:00 p.m.
   Members’ Slide Show
28  47th Annual Spring Bird Count

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