Thursday, April 12th, 2012, 6:30pm
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Susan Hazelwood
Boone’s Lick Master Naturalist
Beyond Feathers and Song: Impressionistic Birding

How can a birder ID a bird while driving at 70 mph down the interstate? A summary of how birders acquire their skills will be analyzed. The process of how to increase your observational mind-set will be discussed.

This program has been approved for one hour of advanced training.

Refreshments: Dessert – Susan Lutton, Non-dessert – Pat McDonald, Beverages – Alice Havard

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS
Becky Bohlmeyer

The weather in March has been unusually nice, and having a flower bed I let go last year, I decided to take a few days off to get it in shape. Attending a Grow Native landscape design workshop the weekend before I took off, helped me get motivated to tackle it 😊 I’m sure everyone knows about using a layer of newspaper under the mulch to help keep down the weeds. My master naturalist brother taught me a trick a couple of years back that you may already also know about. If you wet the newspaper before you put it down, it helps keep it in place until you are ready to cover it with mulch. That is especially helpful when it is as windy as this year has been!

I’ve included a link in the Noteworthy section to a video discussing plastic pollution of our oceans. I recently ate at Golden Corral, and was surprised (and a bit dismayed I might add) to find them selling bottled water! I understand that there are places and times where bottled water will most likely be our only option, but I don’t think a restaurant should be one of those places. Checking their website for contact info, I found they had a predefined Subject of “Green initiative ideas” on the contact form,
told them if they were really interested in being green, they should not allow their stores to sell bottled water.

Unfortunately, it seems most bottling is being done with plastics these days, and quite a few of them are not plastics the recycling facility in Columbia accepts. Not wanting to throw away the plastic bottles my medicine comes in, I checked with a pharmacist about how to recycle those. There is a place in mid-Missouri that recycles not just 1 and 2 plastics, but also 4 and 5. Ryan Enterprise Inc. is located on State Road J, about 30 minutes east of Columbia. For directions and a list of plastic recycling do’s and don’ts, check their website: http://www.ryanenterprise.biz/index.html. They make fence posts and landscape timbers from what they recycle.

**NOTEWORTHY**

Rainbow Owl
http://regenbogeneule.typepad.com/blog/2010/04/regenbogen-eule.html

Baby Eagles at Feeding Time

Eagle Cam at Alcoa's Davenport Facility

Texas Drought Disrupts Bird Migrations
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/01/texas-drought-bird-migrations_n_1312393.html

Swimming Eagle
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87xNpOYOIQ4&feature=feedu

Orphan Baby Owls Find New Home

Atlantic Sturgeon

Saving Our Seas – Plastic Pollution & Marine Life
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3036789/ns/msnbc_tv-morning_joe/#46867373

Director James Cameron Dives 35,000 Feet
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxfxCJN8LcI

Entangled Gray Whale Freed
http://www.grindtv.com/outdoor/blog/33158/entangled+gray+whale+freed+after+dramatic+marathon+rescue+effort/

National Geographic: Your Shot
Mid-America Waterfowler – March-April Issue
In this publication is an article (starts on page 14) on the Junior Duck Stamp contest. A few of our chapter members are mentioned. (You may need to install a flash player to view the publication.)
http://www.instantflipbook.com/1/322846738/
(If you have trouble with this link, try accessing the publication from the website: http://waterfowlermag.org/.)

Tenner’s Lists
The idea of the Tenner’s lists is to create a list of the top ten birds, trees, flowers, etc. that you might need to be able to recognize when volunteering. To get us started, we have come up with ten categories. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the March meeting. If you would like to help, please contact Becky Bohlmeyer at mmnblpresident@gmail.com with your name, email, phone number, and the category you want to help with. To keep the groups manageable, we are only allowing 4-5 members per group. If you need the contact information for anyone in your group also contact Becky for that info.

These are the categories, and those currently signed-up:

1. Invasive Plant Species
   Emily Wilson
   Nancy Bowles

2. Invasive Animal Species
   Dan Gomez-Palacio

3. Birds (this category is full)
   Susan Hazelwood
   Laura Hillman
   Suzanne Wright
   Sally Swanson
   Kay Conklin

4. Fish
   Dan Reeves

5. Butterflies
   Becky Bohlmeyer
   Jane Fore
   Anthony Zukoff

6. Bees
   Bryony MacGregor

7. Reptiles & Amphibians
   Phil Knocke

8. Trees
   Stacy Barr

9. Flowers (no one currently signed-up)
10. Insects (no one currently signed-up)
UPCOMING EVENTS

Big Muddy Speaker Series
For a list of future presentations and directions to the meeting place, check the website: http://www.riverrelief.org/updates/entry/big-muddy-speaker-series-rocheport/

April 10, 2012 - "Missouri River Turtles" - Stephanie Zimmer, University of Missouri

May 8, 2012 - "Five Generation Farm in the Burr Oak Bottom" - John Sam Williamson, Boone County farmer

Saturday Morning Science
April 7 – When the kids are better than the parents: Hybrid vigor in plants
Kathleen Newton, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Missouri

April 14 – How the human hand shapes the brain
Scott Frey, Miller Family Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience, Director, Brain Imaging Center

April 21 – Composting and the food cycle
Tim Reinbott, Superintendent, Bradford Research Farm

April 28 – Linking citizen science and civic ecology
Marianne Krasny, Professor & Chair, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University

For a complete schedule, check here: http://satscience.missouri.edu/schedule.php.

Columbia Area Earth Day Festival 2012
Sponsored by the Columbia Earth Day Coalition
Sunday, April 22nd (Rain date Sunday, April 29th)

Boone’s Lick Chapter will have a booth on Eco Avenue, located between 7th and 8th streets on Elm Street. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Meredith Donaldson - mjdonlsn@gmail.com.

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

For updated information on advanced training opportunities, please see the online Chapter calendar at http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia. To submit an opportunity for advanced training consideration, use the form on the chapter website and email it to MMNATrain@gmail.com.
The Missouri Master Naturalist state website periodically posts advanced training and volunteer opportunities offered throughout the state and open to all MMNs. To view these postings, go to the state website at http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist and click on the link “For Volunteers.” State Advanced Training is also posted on our chapter calendar.

For updated information on volunteer opportunities, please see the online calendar on the chapter website at: http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia/. Please contact the person indicated for more detailed information on any of the projects. To submit a project for consideration, for service hours, fill out a Service Project Form (available at http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia/Projectapproval.htm and email it to MMNVolOpps@gmail.com for consideration. You will be notified via e-mail if there are any questions about the project or notified of its approval. Once approval is granted for any person, it is approved for everyone, so it is only necessary to submit one form per project.

**Missouri River Relief**
Upcoming Clean-Up Events
Go to http://www.riverrelief.org/upcoming/ for the current schedule of clean-up events.

Spring is here!
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**NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, May 10th, 2012, 6:30pm**

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Topic to be announced.

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**To promote awareness and citizen stewardship of natural resources through science-based education and community service.**