



# Nature News & Notes

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September/October 2018

## Volunteers Needed

Sept. 15th  
Indiana Bat Fest

Nov. 17th  
Jr. Birder Patch  
Program

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## Save the Dates!

**WVAS Annual Fall Picnic**  
**Wednesday, September 19th, 2018**  
**6pm Hawthorn Park**

Come out to Hawthorn Park for a relaxing evening and picnic. Bring a dish to share and a drink and table service. You may also want to bring your fishing pole (with fishing license) or yard games. You could also take a hike on one of the many trails and bird the JI Case Wetland.

Red-winged Blackbird by Marty Jones



**Snake Road Field Trip**  
**Sunday, October 14th, 2018**  
**10:30am Carbondale, Illinois**

Shawnee National Forest hosts a great snake migration twice a year. Join us as we venture into the wild to see many species of snakes, lizards, frogs, and a bird or two. Some snakes are venomous, so be prepared. See page 2 for more details.

Western Cottonmouth by Carissa Lovett

**WVAS Member Meeting**  
**(Topic to be announced)**  
**Wednesday, October 17th, 2018 6:30pm**  
**Dobbs Park Nature Center**

## Upcoming Events

**PURDUE**  
EXTENSION

### Clay County Nature Day

**Saturday, September 8th, 2018**

See page 12 for more details.

### 12th Annual Indiana Bat Festival

**Saturday, September 15th, 2018 10am-9pm**

**Volunteers are needed** to help man the table at this event.

Come work for a couple hours to give others a chance to have a break. Call or email Carissa Lovett (812-201-0400) if you are interested.

**Big Brown Bat by Carissa Lovett**



### Snake Road Field Trip

**Sunday, October 14th, 2018 All day**



**Ellen Lunsford points at a small cottonmouth along Snake Road.**  
Photo by Carissa Lovett

Shawnee National Forest hosts a great snake migration twice a year. Join us as we venture into the wild to see many species of snakes, lizards, frogs, and a bird or two. Some snakes are venomous, so be prepared.

We will meet at Denny's in Carbondale, IL at 10:30am (Central Time, 1 hour behind Indiana) for brunch. Then caravan to the Shawnee National Forest and Snake Road for a slithery adventure.

Some are planning to stay overnight on Saturday, October 13th. If you plan to join us on Sunday or have questions, please contact Ellen Lunsford at 812-236-7515 or Carissa Lovett at 812-201-0400 so we know to look for you.

Snake Road is just under 3 miles, one-way. Please wear sturdy, comfortable shoes and long pants are recommended. You will need to bring water and snacks, however; there are no restroom facilities on the property.

Denny's  
1915 W. Sycamore St.  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
618-457-7196

There are several choices for lodging. Carissa has stayed at the Super 8 in Carbondale. 618-457-8822.



## Recently Completed Events

### WVAS Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, April 18th, 2018**  
**6pm at M. Mogger's Restaurant & Pub**  
See details on page 4.



### Earth Day at White Violet Center for Eco-Justice

**Saturday, April 28th, 2018 10:30am-3pm**  
**at St. Mary-of-the-Woods**  
**White Violet Center for Eco-Justice**

### Snake Road Field Trip

**Sunday, May 6th, 2018 All day**  
**Shawnee National Forest**  
Several members enjoyed a beautiful day looking  
for snakes and other wildlife.

Western Cottonmouth by Carissa Lovett



### Big May Day Bird Count

**Saturday, May 12, 2018 All Day**  
**Vigo County**  
See details on page 6.

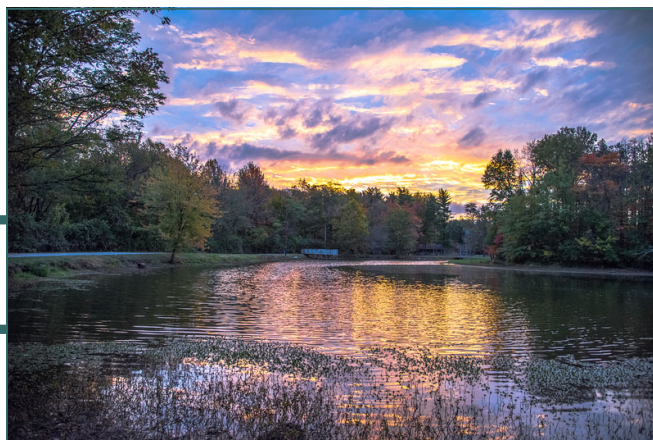
Eastern Wood Pewee by Marty Jones



### Annual Spring Picnic

**Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 6pm**  
**Dobbs Park**

Dobbs Park at Sunrise by Brendan Kearns







## Wabash Valley Audubon Society's Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 6pm

Many new and long-time members joined together for the Annual Meeting at Mogger's Restaurant & Pub. Fred Nation gave us the low down on what's happening with RiverScapes. Great presentation, great food, and great company. There were many nice items in our silent auction. The James Mason Award was given to Dr. Joy O'Keefe, director, of the Center for Bat Research, Outreach, & Conservation at Indiana State University.

Thanks to Amber Slaughterbeck for taking the pictures below. We "borrowed" these from her Facebook page.





# 12th Annual Indiana Bat Festival

*A Year in the Lives of Bats*

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**



**All events are FREE!**

## **Daytime Activities at Indiana State**

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Address:** Science Building, Sixth and  
Chestnut Streets, Terre Haute, IN

## **Evening Activities at Dobbs Park**

**Time:** 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Address:** 5170 E Poplar Drive,  
Terre Haute, IN

## **Featuring:**

- Live bat programs at Indiana State
- Talks on bat biology
- Live raptor programs
- Conservation exhibits
- Inflatable cave for exploration
- Children's activities
- Face painting
- Silent auction
- Batty bake sale
- Listening for bats at the park



**Indiana State  
University**



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Outreach, and Conservation**  
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## The 2018 Vigo County Big May Bird Count

A summary by: **Peter Scott**, [peter.scott@indstate.edu](mailto:peter.scott@indstate.edu)

The **50<sup>th</sup>** Big May Day Bird Count conducted in Vigo County, on May 12, produced **149 species**, below our average of 159 for the last 10 years and our record high of 173 in 2013. We counted **9,170 Individual birds**, about 12% below our average total of 10,376. We were a bit short-handed due in part to conflict with ISU Commencement -- but congrats to Ben Cvangros, Dylan Nesty, Rob Arndt, Dave Shearer, et al! We had **21** observers in 10 field parties, versus our average of 27 observers. We sorely missed our late friend **Denise Prothero** and dedicate this count to her.

A photo from the 2014 Christmas Bird Count evening gathering at Mogger's. Pictured clockwise from lower left are: Dan Weber, Ellen Lunsford, Michelle Sullivan, (Jim Sullivan - hidden), Andrew Hoffman, Sierra Shepard Hoffman, Adam Betuel, Melissa Betuel, Carissa Lovett, and Denise Prothero.



All 12 townships were visited at least briefly. The weather was warm: 69 F at dawn, rising to 83 degrees at 4 pm; partly cloudy skies; a noticeable south wind of about 10 mph through morning, declining to 5 mph in evening. The warm night with south winds was apparently good for migration; Steve Lima heard numbers of birds flying over. There was no weather system to stall them for us.

Among the highlights was a new species for the all-time list: **Fish Crow**, # 240. After Joe Dickson and Carissa Lovett reported it from Dobbs Park at noon, Ellen Lunsford and Peter Scott studied this pair (maybe 3) in the evening and recorded two typical calls on cell-phone video. There have been previous observations of crows giving the two-note, "uh-uh" call) at Dobbs, Hulman Lakes, and Hawthorn Park. These sites are within two miles of each other and share the "woods and water" that Fish Crows like. It is a species that needs to be documented carefully. The current Indiana summer stronghold for Fish Crow comprises a few southwestern counties around Evansville, plus a population in western Indianapolis.

Other rarities, seen less than 10 times previously, included **Redhead**, **Black-necked Stilt**, **Sedge Wren**, and **Marsh Wren**. We missed 10 uncommon species seen on at least 20 previous counts: Hooded Merganser, Ring-necked Pheasant, N. Harrier, Greater Yellowlegs, Great Horned Owl, Black-billed Cuckoo, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cape May Warbler, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow. High counts were established for **Great Egret** (71 vs. the previous maximum of 31), **Acadian Flycatcher** (38 > 27), **Red-eyed Vireo** (78 > 72), **Wood Thrush**

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(49 > 45), **American Redstart** (79 > 71), and **Blackpoll Warbler** (70 > 58). We tied the previous high for **Orchard Oriole** (35).

With 50 counts in the bag, an impressive sample size, it's interesting to look at the frequency with which each species has been recorded. The **table below** shows the number of species which have been counted in various year categories: all 50 years, 46 to 49 years, etc., down to 1 year only. In any given year we never come close to our 50-year total of 240 species, because many are rare in Vigo County on the second Saturday of May (e.g., 49 species found on  $\leq 10\%$  of counts). On the other hand, almost every year we get a few rare species. You can explore these patterns with the multi-year spreadsheet sent to participants (or request from Peter).

Years	50	46-49	41-45	31-40	21-30	11-20	6-9	2-5	1	Total
Species	51	30	20	21	17	32	20	29	20	240
Cumulative species	51	81	101	122	139	171	191	220	240	.

"Rarity" on count day is due to several factors, including true rarity in Vigo County (a stray from east, west, north or south), timing of a species' migration and the previous month's weather, detectability (due to lack of vocalizing, habitat type, etc.), number of observers, and the day's weather.

Field parties were deployed as follows, from north to south. **George, Laura, and David Bakken** birded Otter Creek and Nevins townships and Hawthorn Park-Jl Case wetlands. **Marty Jones** birded the Rothrock property on the Wabash (Otter Creek Township), Forest Park, and his woods. **Steve Lima** birded the southern half of Sugar Creek Township and a few other sites (shorebird areas in SW Vigo, Universal Mine's Vigo portion). **Peter Scott, WVAS President Morgan Chaney, and Ellen Lunsford** visited Wabashiki FWA (Wabash levee trail and interior ponds) and Chinook South. Interior Wabashiki was good for shorebirds and ducks. **Joe Dickson** and **Carissa Lovett** birded Dobbs Park. **Bill Mitchell** and **Denise Sobieski** birded eastern Lost Creek Township, including Chinook mine north of Interstate 70 and the Plumbers and Steamfitters property in Seelyville. **Mike** and **Joy Sacopulos** and **Chris Shellenberg** birded Deming Park, Highland Lawn Cemetery, and nearby areas. **Nick Brown** birded Linton Township, notably Fowler Park and the Farmersburg Mine area. **Mary Beth Eberwein** birded Pierson Township with **Ann** and **Bruce Black**. **Dan Weber** and **Dick Bonness** birded Prairieton Township.

The state compiler for the May count is **Matt Kalwasinski**. We enter our data into his spreadsheet of county counts. Check the **Indiana Audubon Society** web page (menu: Birds, Bird Counts, Big May Day Count) to see how Vigo numbers compare with other counties. Of 42 counties reporting, Vigo ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in number of species. Counties ahead of us were Greene (171), Porter (169), Elkhart (154), St. Joseph (153), and Tippecanoe (153).

Thanks to all participants for their efforts, and to Steve Lima for the Bobolink photographs. Finally, I thank co-compiler **Dan Weber** for his help in our 20<sup>th</sup> year chronicling this event. The full list of species is given below.

-- **Peter Scott, co-compiler** (June 17, 2018)

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## The 2018 Vigo County Big May Bird Count (Continued)

Species, and individuals counted (rarities in bold)		
Canada Goose, 527	Belted Kingfisher, 3	Veery, 6
Wood Duck, 67	Red-headed Woodpecker, 23	Gray-cheeked Thrush, 10
Mallard, 82	Red-bellied Woodpecker, 56	Swainson's Thrush, 99
Blue-winged Teal, 10	Downy Woodpecker, 29	Wood Thrush, 49
N. Shoveler, 2	Hairy Woodpecker, 12	American Robin, 355
<b>Redhead, 2</b>	Northern Flicker, 16	Gray Catbird, 57
Lesser Scaup, 1	Pileated Woodpecker, 22	Brown Thrasher, 43
N. Bobwhite, 34	American Kestrel, 6	N. Mockingbird, 25
Wild Turkey, 12	Peregrine Falcon, 1	European Starling, 495
Pied-billed Grebe, 3		Cedar Waxwing, 68
Double-cr. Cormorant, 49	Eastern Wood-Pewee, 82	Ovenbird, 4
Great Blue Heron, 50	Acadian Flycatcher, 38	Louisiana Waterthrush, 3
Great Egret, <b>71</b>	Willow Flycatcher, 12	Northern Waterthrush, 1
Green Heron, 7	Least Flycatcher, 9	Black-and-white Warbler, 7
Turkey Vulture, 226	Eastern Phoebe, 36	Prothonotary Warbler, 11
Bald Eagle, 9	Great Crested Flycatcher, 74	Tennessee Warbler, 94
Cooper's Hawk, 4	Eastern Kingbird, 86	Nashville Warbler, 5
Red-shouldered Hawk, 17	White-eyed Vireo, 54	Kentucky Warbler, 17
Red-tailed Hawk, 9	Bell's Vireo, 25	Common Yellowthroat, 113
Sora, 7	Yellow-throated Vireo, 12	American Redstart, 79
American Coot, 63	Blue-headed Vireo, 2	Cerulean Warbler, 1
<b>Black-necked Stilt, 2</b>	Warbling Vireo, 73	Northern Parula, 65
Semipalmated Plover, 45	Philadelphia Vireo, 1	Magnolia Warbler, 13
Killdeer, 139	Red-eyed Vireo, 78	Bay-breasted Warbler, 5
Spotted Sandpiper, 16	Blue Jay, 73	Blackburnian Warbler, 4
Solitary Sandpiper, 9	American Crow, 129	Yellow Warbler, 43
Lesser Yellowlegs, 17	<b>FISH CROW, 2</b>	Chestnut-sided Warbler, 4
Dunlin, 6	Horned Lark, 26	Blackpoll Warbler, 70
Least Sandpiper, 92	Purple Martin, 19	Palm Warbler, 4
Semipalmated Sandpiper, 10	Tree Swallow, 99	Yellow-rumped Warbler, 3
Pectoral Sandpiper, 54	N. Rough-winged Swallow, 40	Yellow-throated Warbler, 25
Wilson's Snipe, 1	Bank Swallow, 10	Prairie Warbler, 21
American Woodcock, 2	Cliff Swallow, 157	Black-thr. Green Warbler, 2
Rock Pigeon, 30	Barn Swallow, 137	Canada Warbler, 2
Eurasian Collared-Dove, 6	Carolina Chickadee, 69	Wilson's Warbler, 14
Mourning Dove, 146	Tufted Titmouse, 127	Yellow-breasted Chat, 33
Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 14	White-breasted Nuthatch, 43	Eastern Towhee, 67
Eastern Screech-Owl, 1	House Wren, 51	Chipping Sparrow, 167
Barred Owl, 11	<b>Sedge Wren, 1</b>	Field Sparrow, 68
Common Nighthawk, 5	<b>Marsh Wren, 1</b>	Savannah Sparrow, 19
E. Whip-poor-will, 5	Carolina Wren, 56	Grasshopper Sparrow, 42
Chimney Swift, 53	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 121	Henslow's Sparrow, 5
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird, 23	Eastern Bluebird, 77	Song Sparrow, 88



## The 2018 Vigo County Big May Bird Count (Continued)

Lincoln's Sparrow, 1	Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 10	Common Grackle, 263
Swamp Sparrow, 1	Blue Grosbeak, 15	Brown-headed Cowbird, 136
White-throated Sparrow, 33	Indigo Bunting, 251	Orchard Oriole, 35
White-crowned Sparrow, 2	Dickcissel, 222	Baltimore Oriole, 109
Summer Tanager, 36	Bobolink, 3	House Finch, 45
Scarlet Tanager, 35	Red-winged Blackbird, 1044	American Goldfinch, 152
Northern Cardinal, 289	Eastern Meadowlark, 114	House Sparrow, 168
<b>Total species: 149</b>	<b>Total individuals, 9,170</b>	<b>Observers: 21</b>



**Male and female Bobolink at Universal Mine (S. Lima)**

# 10th Annual Clay County Nature Day



*Saturday, September 8th*  
*9 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

Clay County  
Fairgrounds  
6656 N. State Rd.  
Brazil, IN 47834



Some of the fun things you will enjoy while you are here...

- Nature Crafts
- Learn about birds like owls, hawks, and more!
- FREE Face painting!
- See how our local watershed works with our environment in many ways
- Learn about bugs and spiders!
- Build bird houses!
- Activities, displays, speakers, and workshops covering the following topics: exercise & nutrition, scouting & camping, butterfly gardening, beekeeping, and the list goes on...

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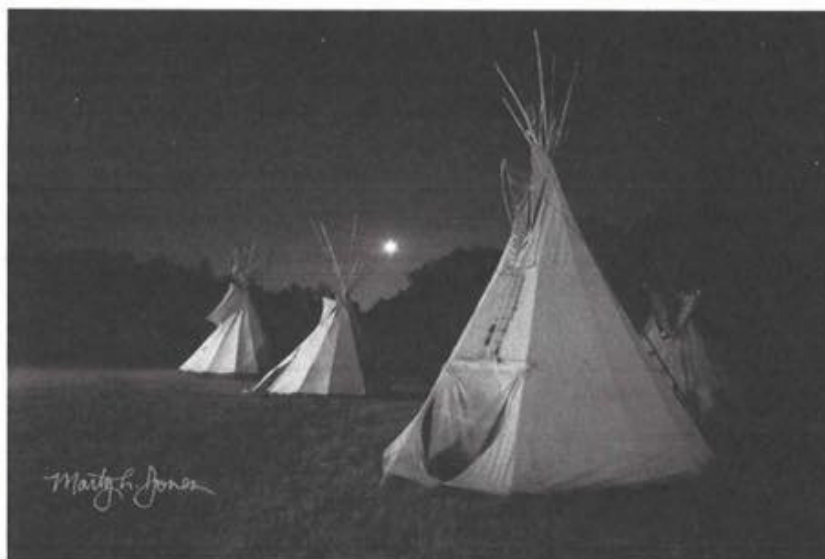
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### **Steve Witt Memorial 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gathering of the People Powwow-September 22-23, 2018**

Vigo County Conservation Club, 10382 Grotto Road, Terre Haute, In 47805

Free Parking! Open to the Public! Everyone Welcome! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the day!

Admission: \$5.00; Children 15 and under Free; All Dancers in Regalia at no charge!

Gates and Traders open both days at 10:00am

#### **Saturday:**

Grand Entry 1:00 p.m.

Intertribal Dancing 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Grand Entry and Intertribal Dancing 7 p.m. - ???

Emcee: Aaron Stevens

Arena Director: Julia Littlewolf

Head Veteran Dancer: Daniel Blue Tail

Head Man Dancer: Nathan Steininger

Head Lady Dancers: Hannah and Holly Buchanan

#### **Sunday:**

Grand Entry 1:00 p.m.

Intertribal Dancing 1:30 – 4:30pm

Closing Ceremonies 4:30 p.m.

Host Drum: Twigh Twee Singers (Miami)

Co-Host Drum: Thunder with the Hands (Cherokee)

Flint knapping: Ron Kennedy

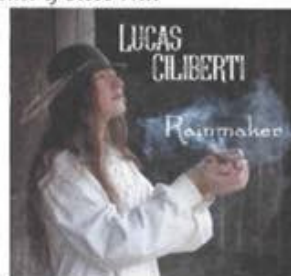
Tomahawk Throwing by Russ Muskrat

*In honor of Steve Witt*

### **Special Guest Performing Both Days:**

### **Native American Nashville Recording Artist**

**Lucas Ciliberti** [www.youtube.com/user/lucsciliberti](http://www.youtube.com/user/lucsciliberti)



[www.vigocountyconservationclub.org](http://www.vigocountyconservationclub.org) For information contact Bob DisPennett (812) 236-1692

**FRIDAY IS EDUCATION DAY! CONTACT BOB FOR INFORMATION**

**NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR FIREARMS ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES**

From Terre Haute, drive east on US 40 to the Seelyville intersection, turn north on Main Street and follow the signs. From Brazil, travel west to the junction of US 340 and US 40, turn north on Miami Gardens Road. Drive north 1.4 miles to the first crossroad, which is Grotto Road, turn west and drive 1.2 miles to the Club grounds.



## *In Memoriam*

### **Denise Anduskey Prothero**

November 13, 1953 - April 30, 2018

Denise Anduskey Prothero, 64, passed away after a long battle with pancreatic cancer at her home in Terre Haute, on

Monday surrounded by her family. Denise was born in Gary, Ind., and grew up near Valparaiso, attending Morgan Township School.

After graduating, she moved to Terre Haute to earn her B.A. in English at Indiana State University. She worked for Volt Information Sciences, Inc. until moving to Grand Junction, Colo., in 1984, with her husband, Marshall Prothero III. She earned a master's degree in business at Colorado State University. Denise was a devoted wife and mother, home schooling her children and using her MBA to run her household with the efficiency of a successful business. An avid birder and reader, Denise explored the world both through literature and her own travels in search of exotic birds. Despite her terminal illness, she took a last adventure down the Amazon river through Peru this past November.

Although you may never have met Denise, you have likely seen her: rooting around empty lots digging up native wildflowers to save them from land slated for development; scouring alleyways for feral cats to catch and fix so their unwanted progeny didn't overwhelm the town; or parked on the side of a backcountry road with binoculars to her eyes, identifying birds as part of the Audubon Society's annual nationwide census of the country's bird population. Denise rescued countless dogs, cats, and native plants in her lifetime. And her family likes to think of her legacy as living on in the yards where her wildflowers are still blooming and in the houses where the orphaned kittens and puppies she bottle-fed continue to bring joy to their owners.

At Denise's request, there will be no service, but anyone interested in honoring her memory is encouraged to donate to one of her favorite charities: The Spay Neuter League of Terre Haute, the Audubon Society, Planned Parenthood, and Catholic Charities.

Denise was preceded in death by her father, Andrew Anduskey.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Marshall; son, Marshall Andrew Prothero; daughter, Arianna Potter and her husband Henry; grandson, Roan Potter; mother, Donna Anduskey; sister, Susan Anduskey; several cousins; in-laws; nieces and nephews; and last but not least, one dog and five cats.

Published in the Tribune Star on May 2, 2018.



# You can plant now for plants next summer! Attract Monarchs to Your Yard!



Swamp Milkweed  
*Asclepias incarnata*

The monarch is in desperate need of all of our help  
and milkweed is the only source of sustenance  
for the monarch caterpillar.

**In short...no milkweed, no monarchs.**

For a donation of at least \$1.00, receive a packet of swamp milkweed seeds.

These can be obtained at any WVAS meeting or at Dobbs Park Nature Center.



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**All About Birds**

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Have you wanted to watch birds at nests or feeders, but didn't have the resources to do so at home? Cornell Lab of Ornithology makes it easy to watch several species of birds on their nests and at feeding stations around the world. Just go to <http://cams.allaboutbirds.org/all-cams/> to check out all they have to offer. You could spend hours watching these birds forage and raise their young.

## Events at a Glance

Sept. 5th	6:30pm	<b>WVAS Board Meeting at Dobbs Park Nature Center (DPNC)</b>
Sept. 8th	9am-1pm	<b>Clay County Nature Day at Clay County Fair Grounds</b>
Sept. 15th	10am-9pm	<b>12th Annual Indiana Bat Festival</b> 10am-4pm @ ISU Science Building 6pm-9pm Dobbs Park for Bat Science Night
Sept. 19th	6:30pm	<b>Annual Fall Picnic at Hawthorn Park Tupelo Shelter</b>
Oct. 3rd	6:30pm	<b>WVAS Board Meeting at DPNC</b>
Oct. 13th	10:30am	<b>Halloween Creatures: Not So Scary at DPNC</b> \$1.50 Craft Fee Please Pre-register 812-877-1095
Oct. 14th	10:30am	<b>Field Trip! Snake Road in Shawnee National Forest</b> See page 2 for more details
Oct. 17th	6:30pm	<b>WVAS Member Meeting at DPNC</b> Topic to be announced.
Nov. 7th	6:30pm	<b>WVAS Board Meeting at DPNC</b>
Nov. 10th	10:30am	<b>Constellations: Stories in the Sky! At DPNC</b> \$1.00 Craft Fee Please Pre-register 812-877-1095
Nov. 14th	6:30pm	<b>WVAS Member Meeting at DPNC</b> Topic to be announced.
Nov. 17th	10am	<b>Jr. Birder Patch Program</b> \$2.00 Fee Please Pre-register 812-877-1095
Dec. 1st	10am-12pm	<b>Birding with WVAS - Bird Netting Demonstration at DPNC</b>
Dec. 5th	6:30pm	<b>WVAS Board Meeting at DPNC</b>
Dec. ?	All Day	<b>Christmas Bird Count - Stay tuned for details</b>
Dec. 8th	10:30am	<b>Indiana Wildlife Trivia B-I-N-G-O! at DPNC</b> \$1.00 Fee Please Pre-register
Dec. 19th	6:30pm	<b>Member Photo Night at Vigo County Public Library</b>



**Mallards at Dobbs Park**  
by Carissa Lovett

 *"A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is NOT GIVEN by his fathers, BUT BORROWED from his children."*

-John James Audubon

**Wabash Valley Audubon Society**

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[www.wabashvalleyaudubon.org](http://www.wabashvalleyaudubon.org)



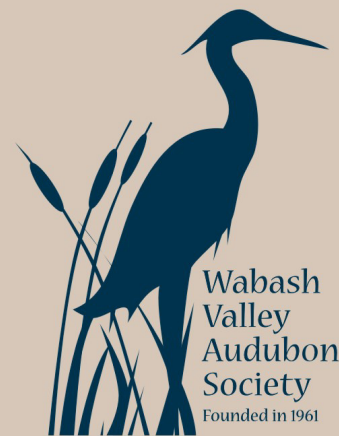
## WVAS T-Shirt Sales

We now have t-shirts available for only \$10 each!

You can purchase a shirt at any one of our upcoming member or board meetings, or Dobbs Park Nature Center.

Cash or check only, please.

The color choices and design are pictured below.



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Founded in 1961

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## Get Involved!

### Wabash Valley Audubon Society Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is fun and not just for the members of the board! There are many easy ways you can help the organization. Here are a few:

#### Hospitality

Sign up to bring a snack to one of the monthly meetings. This does not have to be homemade, you can just pick something up from the store.

**Dates for 2018:**

**October 17th**

**November 14th**

**December 19th**

### Birding with Wabash Valley Audubon at Dobbs Park Nature Center

WVAS is providing public educational programs. Volunteer to help out at one of these programs as many have a craft component. Or volunteer to lead one of the hikes or presentations. For a list of the future program topics go to our Facebook page or email us.

**Dates volunteers needed for 2018:**

**November 17th, 10am, Jr. Birder Patch Program at Dobbs Park Nature Center**

#### Outreach

WVAS attends many educational events. We man a table and pass out information about WVAS and wildlife. Look for opportunities to help throughout this and upcoming newsletters.

**Dates volunteers are needed for 2018:**

**September 15th, 10am-4pm, 12th Annual Indiana Bat Festival at ISU Science Bldg.**

#### Board Meetings

You are welcome to sit in on board meetings, which is a great way to find out more about the organization and ways to help out.

**Dates for 2018: September 5th**

**October 3rd**

**November 7th**

**December 5th**

To help out with any of the above or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Morgan Chaney at 812-219-1139 or [mchaney@sycamores.indstate.edu](mailto:mchaney@sycamores.indstate.edu).

**We hope to hear from you soon.**

## Membership Reminder

**September will start the new fiscal year for WVAS,  
so please remember to renew your membership.**

We would like to see photos from our members. Here are some ideas, but you are not limited to this list.

- ♦ Take pictures while birding, hiking, or at our meetings
- ♦ Do you have an interesting bird visiting your feeders?
- ♦ Have you seen an animal you cannot identify?
- ♦ Do you have a nice picture of a weather event?
- ♦ Have you seen a cool reptile or amphibian?
- ♦ Take pictures of butterflies, trees, flowers, the sky is not the limit.
- ♦ We would like to include photos of our members enjoying the outdoors.



**Bird's nest by Ellen Lunsford**

## WVAS Mission

WVAS is involved in appropriate projects to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, interact with other local organizations and groups with similar concerns, and provide educational opportunities to the local community to increase their awareness, appreciation, and involvement in the natural world that surrounds them.



# Audubon

The Wabash Valley Audubon Society  
is a Chapter of National Audubon Society, Inc.

The Wabash Valley Audubon Society (WVAS) serves Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties. The public is welcome to attend our activities, including monthly meetings, field trips and conservation projects.

*If you have a topic or photo you would like to share, please contact Carissa or Ellen.  
All Wabash Valley Audubon Society events are open to the public.*

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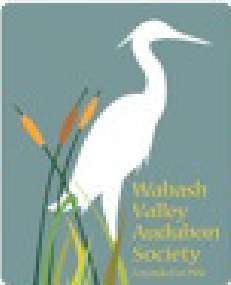
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