

LEBANON LARK BIRD CLUB (LBC) NEWSLETTER

September October ~ November 2026

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Lebanonbirding.org- HAS

EVERYTHING!! **Bookmark this!**

INCLEMENT WEATHER: **Definitely check FB and Tn Bird List**

Serve. If Carole is available, Instagram, and if called in time and her availability, Lebanonbirding.org. **too**

Please note- weather is ever changing; i.e. Sometimes events are a go at 10:30 pm and by 6 am it's an "uh-oh" event and storm shifted.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS FOR LBC:

- **2 September 2026 Wednesday – Sellars Farm State Archaeological Area** Time: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Leader: Jeff Steele. Address of the site is 445 Poplar Hill Road Lebanon, TN.
- **9 September 2026 Wednesday – "Swiftie Adventure" in Tullahoma. Chimney Swift Tower Watch at Tullahoma High School.** Location: 927 North Jackson Street Tullahoma, TN. Time: 6:30 PM. Leader: MT. Meet in the front at high school parking lot. Coordinates: 35.369268, - 86.221416.
- ALWAYS check lebanonbirding.org for any additions and updates that may NOT have made the newsletter!

SEPTEMBER LBC Continued:

- **16 September 2026 Wednesday – Cedar Creek Greenway (North).** Time: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Meet at Charlie Daniels Parking lot – farthest back at multi-use field. 36.223687, - 86.507093. Leader: Jeff Steele. This walk is an out-and-back approximately 2 miles. Note this section is different than that of the Cedar Creek Greenway (South) walks that we did earlier this year. ADA friendly with restrooms at the park.
- **17 September 2026 Thursday – Vesta Glade State Natural Area Evening Walk.** Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Moccasin Road. Leader: MT. **NOTE:** Location change; it was Bledsoe Creek ST PK earlier! Coordinates for Vesta SNA 36.076724, -86.395805. May need insect repellent? NO RR available; level path but not ADA friendly unless special wheelchair; canes should be fine
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Cedars of Lebanon State Park. Meet in front of the Nature Center. **Autumn Migration.** Leader: MT and others
- **27 September 2026 Sunday – Cedar Creek Greenway (South).** Time: 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM. This walk is an out-and-back we will be walking approximately 4.4 miles. It is an easy walk, ADA paved trail. No restrooms here but there is a nearby Fuel Mart which also can provide additional parking if the lot is full. **Leader: Jeff Steele.** Link to map: https://www.google.com/maps/@36.2127103,-86.4969274,18z?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI2MDIxMS4wIXMDS0AsAFQAw%3D%3D. Note NEW time, DATE!
- **29 September 2026 Tuesday – “Andes to Amazon: Trip to Ecuador” with Dr. Jeff Walc** talking about his recent trip to Ecuador. Time: 6:00 PM. Address: Smyrna Public Library. 400 Enon Springs Road W.
BORO BIRDERS-PLEASE PLEASE JOIN US!!

FUN FACT: DID YOU KNOW our lebanonbirding.org has Boro Birders listed AND NTOS Events?? You can bird until your heart's content!

HEAR YE HEAR YE!!:

VICE-PRESIDENT SUSAN LANIER could use YOUR help sitting at our LBC TOS Table at the **Nature Day at Barfield Park!** It's a great way to meet folks, answer questions (even if you don't know the answer, it's ok!), and promote birds. Parking in the field and they come around with a shuttle. It really is a great day!! Nice folks come who are just interested!

OCTOBER LBC EVENTS:

- **6 October 2026 Tuesday – 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM.** **Murfreesboro Springs** (Discovery Center) 502 SE Broad Street, Murfreesboro TN. Last seasonal evening birding walks until spring. **Leader: MT**
- **15 October 2026 Thursday – 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM** **Sellers Farm State Archaeological Area.** **Leader: Susan Lanier.** Location: 445 Poplar Hill Road, Lebanon TN
- **17 October 2026 Saturday 7:00 am – 9 am** **Cedars of Lebanon State Park.** Meet in Nature Center Parking Lot. **Leader: MT.**
- **31 October 2026 Edgar Evins Pontoon Float – “Waterfowl and other birds” Cruise.** Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Cruise is limited to Lebanon TOS, others allowed and welcomed if space is available. Cost \$20. Ranger Mark Taylor will be our guide. Several have already said yes: if you didn't speak to me yet, please do so as soon as possible if you are interested! Space is limited to 12. Update on last pg.
- **5 November 2026 Thursday – Cedars of Lebanon State Park Nature Center.** Feathered Friends TOS **Evening Meeting. Presentation by C of L Naturalist Shauna Bridgers – Birds of Prey Program.** Time: 5:30 pm and if TA, a short program afterwards on Birds- TBA.
- **7 November 2026 Saturday – Duck River Unit of Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge** Details TBA. **Leader: Susan Lanier.**
- **More will soon be posted after dates are personal calendars are solidified and see what leaders want to do.** Recall- THIS is also A HOLIDAY MONTH!!

MORE EXCITEMENT in 2027!! WE are hoping to go to Woods Reservoir Area in January and if enough interest, Crane Trip! We also are excited to schedule with Kim McCullum a program about one of her recent birding trips when we collaborate our calendars! Perhaps, if library is available in Smyrna, it's a good meeting point for both Boro Birders and LBC to join for the event! If not, we will work with the Nature Center! Last but not least- we have others willing to present programs (Susan Lanier and Melissa Turrentine) along with **EXCELLENT BIRDERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, and OBSERVERS!**

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2026 is Saturday, Dec 19th!! HOPE YOU ALL CAN JOIN US!!!!!!

The Lebanon Lark Newsletter will hopefully be on a 'schedule' next year. My Goal is 4 per year; Winter (Dec Jan Feb), Spring (March April May), Summer (June July August) and Autumn (September, October, November). -MT

"If I had to choose, I'd rather have birds than airplanes."

-Charles Lindbergh

"The promise of a single bird can change everything for one who appreciates them."

Julie Zickefoose

DID YOU KNOW:

WE HAVE A BIRDING TRAIL IN TENNESSEE? Perhaps legislation in 1974 helped to create this reality and became what we now know as TWRA- Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency! Check it out! It's full of helps! Put this in your "bird goody" cache, along with Cornell and Audubon sites! [Birding Trails - Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency](#) | [Home](#)

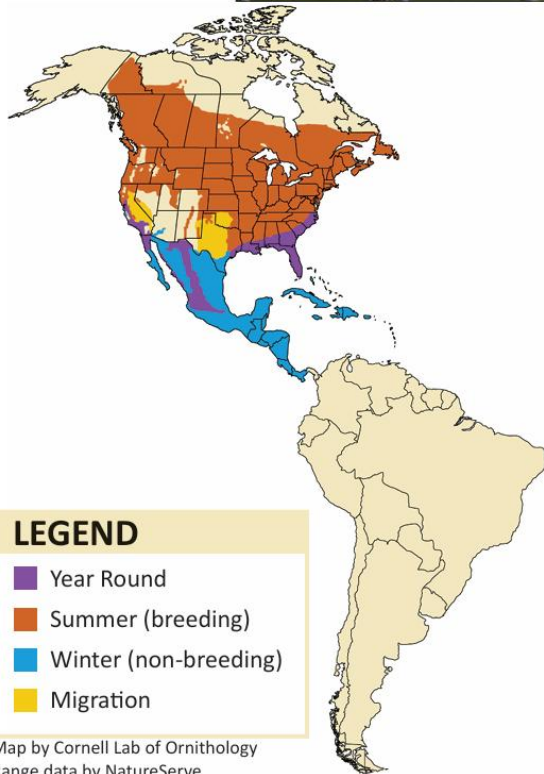
Tips for Finding Warblers Near You

- Find a greater diversity of warblers in layered forest habitats
- Start on forest edges and scan for motion
- Listen for individuals calling and watch for movement
- Focus on one bird at a time...get to know it
- Distinguish warblers by their small size and quick movements
- Discover different migrants during early and late spring
- **Download Warbler 'Cheat Sheets' to Help You ID Warblers!** Allaboutbirds.org Cornell Lab of Ornithology These are free if you agree to neat bird info in your email "inbox!"
- [the warbler guide visual finders.pdf](#) has free download helps as well
- [North American Warbler ID Page - Worm-eating Warbler - Giff Beaton](#) Sibley has comments on this as well
- [BWM-Fall-Warbler-Guide.pdf](#)
- [Migration Research Foundation - McGill Bird Observatory - Photo Library - Common Yellowthroat](#)
- [Common Yellowthroat Fact Sheet](#)

REMEMBER: Size, Shape, Sound, Season, and Setting!! Include BEHAVIOR in this list!

I just google Warbler ID Helps...these are some of the free ones available. I am NOT paid or do I receive any benefit- jut these may be of interest.

Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)



Name in Spanish:

Enmascarado nortño
Antifacito nortño
Mascarita común

What do they eat?

Insects and spiders

Where do they breed?

Across much of the US (except the southwest) and Canada

Breeding Habitat

Edges of swamps, marshes, wet thickets, and streams

Where do they winter?

Southeastern US, Mexico, Caribbean Islands (including Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas), Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama

Winter Habitat

Marshes, brushy pastures and fields

Problems

Loss of habitat from draining of marshes; collisions with lighted towers and other tall structures during migration

Did you know?

Like other migratory songbirds, they migrate at night and males arrive on the breeding grounds about a week before females do.

An advantage for bird enthusiasts is that many of our migratory species are much easier to spot during migration while resting during the day! So... it is this with Common Yellowthroats!! *With a bit of patience, you might also catch a flock of COMMON YELLOWTHROATS in migration at night, visible against a full moon!*

Common Yellowthroats have a distinctive song that's easy to recognize. **Listen for "witchety-witchety-witchety" repeated up to 300 times an hour!**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26th at 11:49 pm is CDT 's Full MOON! OCTOBER 25th 11:12 pm is CDT's Full Moon!

LBC Challenge- try to find any birds using Moonlight to migrate or just fly to wherever between now and this time next year! Maybe we can have a story to share!!

The next few pages are photos from some of our members! If I didn't get one of your quality photos, don't worry- there are lots more Newsletters!

Robin Nation's photos of Common Yellowthroat:





CAROLE SWANN'S PHOTOS:





And Susan Lanier's (I stole these from FB)







“Witchety witchety” gathering will you attend to bird? Hopefully, we will see **you** at our next gathering! We have fun! Come Join Us! (Photo- Carol Swann)



Just don't make your birding with us as long as a journey or time between like these do:

[30 Types Of Warbler Birds: ID Guide | Birdserenity](#)

Record	Bird	Approximate distance
Longest annual migration	Arctic Tern	Up to about 96,000 km
Longest nonstop flight	Bar-tailed Godwit	About 13,500 km
Fast long nonstop flight	Great Snipe	About 6,800 km in 84 hours
Long songbird ocean flight	Blackpoll Warbler	Up to about 3,000 km
Noteworthy tiny-bird crossing	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Up to about 800 km

[15 Birds With The Longest Migrations You Should Know | Birdserenity](#) ↑ I included these of the 15

[Birdist Rule #59: Learn to Identify Warblers From Below | Audubon](#) ↓ By the way, I love the lists of "Birdist Rules" from Audubon!

- American Redstart: tail with orange base and black tip (male) or yellow base and dark gray tip (female)
- Black-and-white Warbler: black-and-white "arrow" spotting on the undertail coverts
- Canada Warbler: combination of yellow belly, white vent and undertail coverts, dark gray undertail
- Magnolia Warbler: combination of white vent and undertail coverts, white base of tail, black tail tip
- Palm Warbler: yellow undertail coverts, black tail base, white tail tip (Palms also frequently bop or wag their tails)
- Worm-eating Warbler: beige underneath with dusky smudging on the undertail coverts
- Yellow Warbler: everything is yellow below.

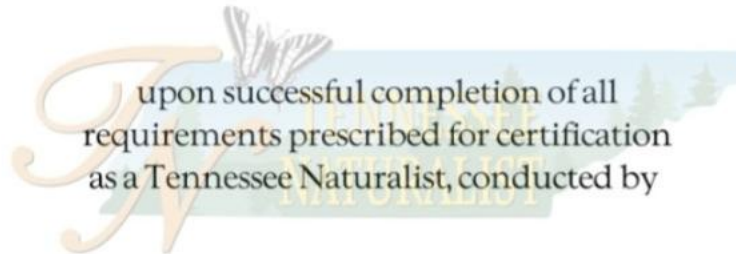
CELEBRATION TIME Jeff Steele

Jeff Steele, one of our LBC members and one of our Field Trip Leaders, is NOW Master Naturalist of Long Hunter's State Park Naturalist Program!! Way to go Jeff!

TENNESSEE NATURALIST PROGRAM

recognizes

Jeff Steele



Long Hunter State Park


Margie Hunter
Board Chair

7/21/2026


Claire Wisener
Operations Manager

LAST- FALL PONTOON BOAT TRIP IS FULL! WOW!!! It took less than 5 days to fill this! We have 1 on the waitlist...

If all goes well, perhaps this can be an annual trip so those of that ***missed this time***, let's strive to get you on this pontoon event next year! I do also encourage you to consider either Edgar Evins Fall Colors Tour as an option or go to Tim's Ford for their Pontoon Floats as a substitute *this year*. Go to the events section of Tennessee State Parks Webpage or call the park itself...not the 1-800 number for reservations!! These are general but birds are always a possibility, I'm sure.

Brief

BRIEF CHAT- TOS- Membership isn't required for *our* outings/events & never will be. We support our TOS that supports Birds, conservation issues, Tennessee Warbler newsletter, and Migrant publication, education, etc. – ALL is well worth the dues! You may even want to consider an "At Large" membership with adding our Chapter as a possibility if member of another by paying \$4 extra! WE want you to always feel welcome, *PLEASE consider joining us as member if you feel led and are able!* We start dues taking up for 2027 in October and will continue until 1st week of Feb. After that, we will take your dues, it just takes longer and more paperwork. WE JUST WANT YOU TO ENJOY and help BIRDS and membership is always appreciated!!

Last but not least: - WE have many opportunities to Bird in LBC. We also share other opportunities (Boro Birders, NTOS, etc.) to bird. There is never any pressure to try to attend ALL but just want to offer as we can to share our love of birds! Join us!