

The eagles have returned. They're carrying sticks—and building nests. Area students will descend upon the refuge on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be an eagle show over the weekend. Come greet volunteers from Illinois River NWR, Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Minnesota Valley NWR, Windom WMD, DeSoto NWR, Rice Lake

NWR, Great River Chamber of Commerce, Clarence Cannon NWR, the Prairie Learning Center—as well as MDC, Midland Empire Audubon Society, Mound City Kiwanis and the Mound City Audubon—and Burroughs Audubon! The Friends have an array of activities planned—button-making, tattoos, a wood carver, and wildlife photos.

Bus tours, shuttle service, and—did we mention?—eagles! Friends of Squaw Creek will staff a food booth from 8-4:30 p.m. Layered clothing is recommended for comfort, as temperatures fluctuate. Contact Jeanine Hargin if you can donate food or money or would like to volunteer at (660) 442-5754.

--Editor

# EAGLE DAYS DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Support your local National Wildlife Refuge—Visit Squaw Creek NWR!

## ASM Fall Meeting

The Audubon Society of Missouri held its annual fall meeting September 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> at Camp Clover Point at Lake of the Ozarks State Park. Over 60 people attended, and the species list for the weekend was 101, with the highlight being one of the best hawk watches we've witnessed in a long time from our traditional hawk watch site by the Fine airport.

Friday evening Aaron Given, a graduate student at Southeast Mo State University, made a presentation on his Yellow Rail research.

Saturday evening, Lisa Berger, Chair of the Steering Committee of the state's Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program, made a presentation about the IBA program in Missouri to date.

Field trips on both Saturday and Sunday were led by members of the Missouri Bird Records Committee. It was reported to be one of the best hawk watches in a long time, with 179 Turkey Vultures, 2 Merlins, 80 Broad-winged Hawks, 2 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 3 Red-tailed Hawks, 4 Cooper's Hawks, 2 Osprey, and an immature Bald Eagle.

The ASM Fall Meeting is traditionally held the last full weekend in September at Camp Clover. For a nominal fee, participants stay in group cabins and enjoyed great food and fellowship.

--Nancy Leo

## SEED SALE KUDOS!

Thanks to all of you who participated in this year's seed sale at Burroughs Library and Nature Center at Lake Jacomo. Proceeds from the sale provide funding for Audubon Adventures in the classroom, our newsletter, and library maintenance and expenses.

--Editors

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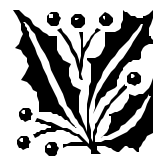


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