

# Kentucky Audubon's Caws

Summer 2002

## Louisville Audubon Hosts Summer Meeting at The Nature Center July 27th

Five of Kentucky's 6 active chapters were represented at the summer Audubon Council meeting recently. Kentucky has one chapter in Henderson that is considered by the National Office to be inactive. In attendance were **Delegates From:**

2	Buckley Hills
2	Daviess County
2	Frankfort
1	Little River
4	Louisville

President G. Wm. "Bill" Little, Jr. is a member of the Daviess County Chapter but is not listed as a delegate; his role is to conduct the business meeting. Our guest speaker brought attendance to 13.

## Chapter Reports

**Buckley Hills** has new Membership co-Chairs who also edit and print their newsletter. Small groups and individual consultation about Backyard Wildlife Habitat is on-going and they plan to sponsor 60 Audubon Adventure's classrooms this school year.

**Daviess County** reported successful educational outreach for International Migratory Bird Day through Girls Inc and with Hispanic students. The Chapter has a membership goal of 20% growth.

A discussion of Daviess County Audubon Society's desire to increase its service area to four adjoining counties garnered the unanimous endorsement of the Council delegates. Beginning September 1, 2002, the area included with DCAS's membership coverage will include Henderson, McClean, Ohio and Hancock Counties where the chapter currently sponsors field trips, programs and events.

**Frankfort** has a new President, Ms. Ceci Bunch. Buckley Sanctuary is installing new highway markers to direct visitors to the grounds. Family Fun Day at the Sanctuary this year had a temperature to match attendance.....

Both were about 100!

**Little River** distributed 1000 gifts of tree seedlings this Earth Day to the public for planting in the community.

National Audubon Society's dues share cutback to **Louisville Audubon Society** plus its small pool of active members is forcing the chapter to scale back somewhat. They plan to participate with a chapter in southern Indiana for upcoming events.

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## Calendar of Events

**September 13-15** N.A.S. Board in Maine

**October 1-December 31** Comment period

Re: draft forest plan for Daniel Boone

**October 19<sup>th</sup> 11 AM(CDT) to 2 PM**

Fall K.A.C. meeting at Pennyroyal Girl Scout Camp on Girl Scout Road 1.5 miles west of Highway 231 south of Owensboro.

## Stock Market Drop Has Not Hit Us

Treasurer, Bertha Timmel reports that she watches for CD rates in the days and weeks before one of our investments matures. Then she is poised to visit the bank touting the best rate when one of the Council's Certificates of Deposit matures. At present our treasury balance is \$24,000. Our major expenditures are for quarterly meetings and an annual gift of support to Buckley Sanctuary. The bulk of our funds are designated for funding a state office and the related costs of fundraising materials.

## Kentucky Heartwood Urges K.A.C. Input on Forest Plan for the Daniel Boone

Chris Schimmoeller spoke for the Kentucky Heartwood Council at the summer meeting and used a graphic to illustrate the handful of forest use proposals that will be presented for public comment beginning October 1. Only one of the proposed plans does not include commercial logging. The K.A.C. delegates asked Dianne Shott of Louisville Audubon to prepare a letter to the Forest Service stating the Council's wishes regarding the forest use plan. The delegates were not unanimous but there was a majority consensus that commercial logging has not worked in national forests in the past and is not in the best interest of Kentucky or America for the Daniel Boone. Schimmoeller wishes to remind Audubon members all across Kentucky of what a jewel we have in the Daniel Boone with its bird and wildlife habitat, its environmental benefit to our region, and its need for wise and careful management for future generations. Individuals may comment by writing to: The Forest Service at 1700 Bypass Rd in Winchester, KY 40391.

### North American Bluebird Society's June Meeting in British Columbia, Canada

The state of Kentucky was represented at the annual meeting of NABS this summer by K.A.C. President, G. Wm. "Bill" Little, Jr. and his wife, Brenda. The Little's attended the session for 'Affiliates' of the Society. Future meetings are set for Nebraska in March 2003 and Ithaca, NY in July 2004. For more information <http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org>

## The View from the President's Perch

### Core Group of 'Actives' Pull Til They Drop.

Have you ever heard somebody who is struggling in life say, "If I just had somebody to talk to..." That is the role I see for the Kentucky Audubon Council. In good times and in bad, chapters from all over Kentucky gather to share. They share the way the Quakers do in their worship services *their joys and sorrows*. I visited every chapter in Kentucky last year and I learned that we all have to deal with similar challenges, a core group of active members who pull the weight of club business until they tire, drop out, or die.

At our summer meeting, chapters shared their concerns and ideas with expressions of 'Been there, tried that' to "Wow, that one idea was worth the drive today." One of the delegates shared the business philosophy that if giant Coca Cola quit advertising today, their business would show deterioration in only 90 days. Name recognition is vital all around the world in every business, even in our business of nurturing public concern, understanding and enjoyment of the natural world. If we snooze, we lose. We have to be continuously recruiting new leadership as well as membership.

The Council is always ready to assist any chapter or community that is interested in establishing a new Audubon chapter or reestablishing a defunct organization. Supporting, uniting, and aiding Audubon communication from one end of Kentucky to the other is the Council's mission. I hope to see you in October. Bill

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### Important Bird Areas, IBA's

Each chapter is asked by September 1 to appoint one or more representatives to a planning committee that will meet at varied sites around the state approximately 4 times during the next year. These representatives will have the responsibility of proposing IBA's based on breeding bird populations, rare, endangered or threatened species, unique habitats and such. Representatives should have a good knowledge of birds and their habitats plus the wherewithal to travel and attend all the planning meetings.

Representatives' names and contact information should be sent to Barry Adkins who is Kentucky's IBA Chair by e-mail [batkins1@prodigy.net](mailto:batkins1@prodigy.net), phone (859) 271-3022, or by snail to 248 Southpoint Drive in Lexington, KY 40515.





