

# The Kestrel

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## Spring Meeting to feature Bernheim Forest & Louisville "Hot Spots"

The 2005 spring meeting of the Kentucky Ornithological Society will be held at the Best Western Motel and the Davis Memorial Methodist Church near Shepherdsville from 29 April through 01 May 2005. This location is just south of Louisville at exit 117 on Interstate 65. For campers, a KOA campground is located just minutes away at the same exit. Reservations for the Best Western Motel may be made by calling 502.543.7097. Phyllis Duncan is the motel contact; the motel is offering a 10% discount if you mention the KOS meeting.

Just 1.5 miles east is the KOA Louisville South Campground (502.543.2041). Campground Information, including reservation information, is available on line at <http://www.koa.com/where/ky/17131/index.htm>.

All meetings will be held at the nearby Davis Memorial Methodist Church starting with the Friday evening program at 7:30 PM EDT. Registration will be at the motel beginning at 5:00 PM EDT. An *early bird* field trip will leave the Best Western for Bernheim Forest at 3:00 PM EDT on Friday afternoon. The trip will conclude around 5:00 PM EDT so that participants may eat dinner prior to the evening program.

### ***Seabird Expert, Brian L. Patteson is Featured Speaker***

Brian L. Patteson, a leading expert on Atlantic seabirds and operator of *Seabirding Pelagic Trips*, will be the featured speaker at the Saturday evening program. Mr. Patteson is an experienced and knowledgeable trip leader and an east coast seabird expert. He has been leading pelagic trips from North Carolina and Virginia for a number of years. He was also a contributing author to the December Issue of *Birding*, the journal of the American Birding Association, which focused on seabirds. His vast knowledge of east coast seabirds and their identification is indisputable. His presentation is a part of the continuing effort of KOS to upgrade the quality of spring and fall meeting programs.

### ***Beckham Bird Club is Serving as Host Affiliate***

Beckham Bird Club of Louisville is acting as the host affiliate for this spring's KOS meeting. As such, BBC is taking care of planning field trips and is assisting with other organizational tasks including the meeting location and refreshments. KOS thanks BBC, Dona Coates, and all BBC members for their support and assistance in making this meeting a success.

## Future Meeting Locations

Meeting	Location	Date	Room Release
Fall 2005	Lake Cumberland State Resort Park	23-25 September 2005	24 August 2005
Spring 2006	Pennyriple State Resort Park	28-30 April 2006	28 February 2006
Fall 2006	Greenbo Lake State Resort Park	29 September-01 October 2006	14 September 2006
Spring 2007	TBA: Possibly Peabody WMA area or Ballard WMA area	TBA: Target is last weekend in April 2007	TBA

## ***AOU Species Checklist Changes/Cackling Goose Information***

AOU has changed the North American checklist order of species. The change involves moving the Orders Anseriformes (geese, swans, ducks and relatives) and Galliformes (pheasants, grouse, turkey and relatives). These Orders have been moved to the first and second position respectively, before Gaviiformes (loons). All other orders have simply been moved back in the same sequence as they were prior to this move.

Following up the last edition of *The Kestrel*, excellent information on separation of Canada Goose from Cackling Goose is now available at <http://www.sibleyguides.com/>.

### ***KOS/BBC Field Trip Schedule***

**Bernheim Forest for Eagles:** 30 January; Brainard Palmer-Ball, Leader (502.426.8549), meet at Shell gas station on I-65 exit 112 at 10:00 AM EST.

**Ohio County Peabody WMA for Waterfowl, Hawks, and Owls:** 12 February; Pat and Jane Bell, Leaders (502.326.9610), meet at Arby's in the service center on the WK Parkway at 8:00 AM CST, bring lunch.

**Kentucky/Barkley Dams and Lower Lakes for Gulls, Terns, and Waterfowl:** 05 March 2005; Hap Chambers, Leader ([hapc1@aol.com](mailto:hapc1@aol.com)), meet in the East side Parking Lot below Barkley Dam at 8:00 AM CST.

**Anglin Falls, Rockcastle County for Wildflowers and Early Migrants:** 14 April 2005; Celia Lawrence, Leader (502.935.3977 or [CNPLAW@aol.com](mailto:CNPLAW@aol.com)), meet at Sam's off I-64 exit 17 at Blankenbaker Parkway near the gas pumps at 7:30 AM EDT or for those not in Louisville call Celia to make arrangements, bring lunch.

**Sloughs WMA, Henderson County for Marsh birds:** 16 April 2005; David Roemer, Leader ([dlroemer@yahoo.com](mailto:dlroemer@yahoo.com) or 270.781.6190), meet at 2<sup>nd</sup> observation tower of WMA at 8:00 AM CDT, (DeLorme Atlas page 44, quadrant A2&3).

**Mammoth Cave NP for Migrant Passerines:** 22 May 2005; Jackie Elmore, Leader, (270.782.6472). Meet at service center parking lot in the park just past the campground entrance at 8:00 AM CDT, bring lunch.

**Red River Gorge for Swainson's Warbler and other Residents:** 04 June 2005; Pat and Jane Bell, Leaders, (502.326.9610), meet at rest area at the Slade Exit of the Mountain PKY at 9:00 AM EDT, bring lunch.

### ***2002-2003 CBC Tidbits***

As you read this, the 2004-2005 CBC window is nearing a close or has closed recently. This issue, the editor thought it might be both interesting and fun to look at some CBC data from 2003-2004.

<b><i>Top 5: # of Species</i></b>	<b><i>Top 5: # of Observers</i></b>	<b><i>Top 5: Party Hours</i></b>
1 Land Between the Lakes 94	1 Louisville 29	1 Lexington 112.5
2 Paradise 90	2 Danville 26	2 Louisville 66.3
3 Louisville 89	3 Lexington 24	3 Land Between the Lakes 55.0
4 Calloway County 88	4 Land Between the Lakes 19	4 Somerset 52.0
5 Ballard County & Somerset 82	5 Somerset 16	5 Danville 45.5
<b><i>Top 20 Species Statewide</i></b>		
1 <i>European Starling *I</i> 255,367	11 Northern Cardinal 3,480	
2 Common Grackle 72,860	12 White-throated Sparrow 3,408	
3 Red-winged Blackbird 33,010	13 American Coot 3,052	
4 American Robin 11,722	14 Blue Jay 2,918	
5 Mallard 10,557	15 <i>Rock Pigeon *I</i> 2,795	
6 Canada Goose 7,077	16 Bonaparte's Gull 2,567	
7 Mourning Dove 5,049	17 Song Sparrow 2,448	
8 Ring-billed Gull 4,264	18 <i>House Sparrow *I</i> 2,437	
9 Dark-eyed Junco 3,652	19 Yellow-rumped Warbler 2,049	
10 American Crow 3,488	20 American Goldfinch 2,033	

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