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March 2013 Bird Update & News!

You are Invited to the next **Birds-I-View FREE Seminars:**

“Advanced Bluebirding” & “Purple Martins!”

Steve Garr is the Bluebird Columnist for the *Nature Society News*, President of the Missouri Bluebird Society, a past President of the North American Bluebird Society, and has been a Purple Martin Landlord for over 30 years!



Predator Control, competitors, dealing with Weather extremes....Come learn how to best provide for YOUR Bluebirds & Martins!

Sat, March 16th 9 am
Repeated
Sun, March 17th 2 pm
Mon, March 18th 6 pm

Same presentations repeated at all three program times.

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What have Birds-I-View Friends seen lately?

It's still very early in the month, however most birders are still seeing lots of **Pine Siskins** (especially at Sunflower Hearts). **Red-winged Blackbird** flocks are seen frequently and there remain plenty of great sparrow species in and under feeders

(**Fox sparrows, American Tree Sparrows, Song sparrows, Juncos, White-throated sparrows**– all of which are being seen *daily in the BIV Bird Garden*). One exciting note about the White-throated sparrows: On March 3rd we resighted a banded White-throat in the Garden that was banded in January of 2012. So this sparrow actually left us to go North to nest last summer and returned to the **same location** this winter! How exciting. **Thank you Missouri River Bird Observatory** for allowing us to be a part of this special research project!



March 3, 2013! One of our nest boxes on our trail along the Greenway in Jefferson City.

Other birds spotted: Steve photographed a **Horned Lark** in Montgomery City, and here in Jefferson City both the **Red Crossbill** and the **White-winged Crossbill** are coming to feeders. Visitors to the BIV Bird Garden heard an **Eastern Towhee** and witnessed a fly-over of about 100 **American White Pelicans!** Folks are hearing and seeking **American Woodcock** . Just this morning Steve and I saw a male **Common Redpoll** at our feeder

Horned Lark



Photo by Steve Garr

Right: White-winged Crossbill in Jefferson City. Photo by Jim Rathert



See the new “Feeding Bluebirds” brochure on the Educational Page of our website



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Above: The MALE of this species is easy to recognize....this is the female of what species? (Hint: It IS mentioned in this report!)

and good birders in Holt's Summit reported one on March 1st! **Will the snow be gone before the Bluebirds start to nest??** Hopefully. We look forward to seeing you at the Seminars!



Above: Photo by Steve Garr One of the BIV Bluebirds gets a leg band!

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