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Bird Update and News!

**What have BIV friends seen lately?**

All photos by Steve Garr

Spring is here! And we are enjoying every minute of it. The BIV Bird Garden is super busy right now. In addition to the birds pictured on this page we have also spotted the following birds this month in the garden: **Tennessee warbler, House Wren** (heard), **Philadelphia Vireo, Northern Mockingbirds**, and we are still seeing plenty of **White-throated Sparrows** (although they will be headed North to nest soon.) One very special White-throated sparrow spotted this month is the one wearing the green band pictured on this page....originally banded at BIV in January of 2012 by the [Missouri River Bird Observatory](#), it has returned to our little garden on Ellis Blvd every season since! Steve spotted our first **Hummingbirds** in the BIV Garden on April 18th, but we are still waiting for our Orioles -- last year they arrived April 23rd. However **Baltimore Orioles** have been heard and spotted around town (especially by folks who live near Binder lake). We last noted **Juncos** in the garden and west of town about the 17th of this month. The **Gray Catbird** (pictured below) showed up on our deck recently to chow down on Hot Pepper Suet crumbles and Sunflower hearts (jelly dishes were filled....guess he just had a taste for suet that morning!) A **Brown Creeper** was spotted on the 14th at Duensing Field in JC. *See page 2 for MORE sightings...*

Chipping Sparrow



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White-throated Sparrow
(read more about this particular White-throated sparrow on our Facebook page!)



Gray Catbird

Spotted in the BIV Bird Garden this month

Yellow-rumped Warbler



Above: Brown Thrasher



*Above: male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (we actually saw both the male and female in the garden)
Below: Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher*



See Page 2 for "Nesting at BIV" and more sightings!

What have BIV friends seen lately? (continued from page one)....



Steve snapped this shot of **Red-tailed Hawks** (left) on Industrial Blvd in Jefferson City on April 19th. **Northern Parula** have been seen and heard by a few birders this month, A good birder on Wardsville Rd saw **TWO Eastern Towhees** in her yard earlier in the month. Here's a fascinating observation: at our April Woodpecker Seminars, we asked the attendees to raise their hand if they had **Pileated Woodpeckers** coming to feeders in their yard....**over 95% of the attendees raised their hands!** Are you getting



Above: Pileated Woodpecker (male)

in on the fun?? Start with our [Woodpecker Brochure](#) on our website and then come visit BIV.

A River Bluffs Audubon Field Trip to Rock Bridge State Park on April 16th produced **Louisiana Water-thrush, Red-headed Woodpeckers, and Ruby-crowned Kinglets** among others. Our first report of **Hummingbirds** this month came from Mary's Home area on 4/6/16, but reports have streamed in since!



Upcoming Events:

MAY 12, 2016 Program on **Monarch Butterflies** hosted by River Bluffs Audubon Society. 6:30 pm; Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City. **FREE!**

MAY 18– 22, 2016 BIV will be presenting programs and leading hikes at **Wilderness Wildlife Week** in the Great Smoky Mountains. Find out about this internationally acclaimed **FREE** event [HERE!](#)

JUNE 10-12, 2016 **The Missouri Bluebird Conference** featuring programs on Bluebirds, Red-headed Woodpeckers and Hummingbirds! JC, MO Get all the details [HERE!](#) Or missouribluebird.org



Nesting at BIV (and on our Trails) now!

In the BIV Bird Garden **Bluebirds** have five eggs in one of the nest boxes and **Carolina Chickadees** have nested in the Great Crested Flycatcher Box! (Guess she wanted the biggest house in the neighborhood!). Our Ellis Blvd. **Purple Martin colony** is busy building nests here at the store, plus the **BIV WalMartins** are going strong in the two houses over off Missouri Blvd and Stadium. On our Community Trails around town : **Bluebirds** have eggs and **Chickadees** have babies already! **Tree Swallows** are fussing with nest material and in some cases still choosing nest boxes. **Please Re-**



member: a community nest box trail is very different than nest boxes in your own backyard... please, please refrain from opening or disturbing our nest boxes on our public trails or at our store. The birds will appreciate it and so do we!

Northern Cardinals, Brown Thrashers, and Northern Mockingbirds are certainly busy courting in the garden as well...come listen! AND....ask us about the [House Wren guards](#) on a few of our boxes.



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