



2015 Missouri Bluebird Conference

July 10th– 12th, 2015

www.missouribluebird.org

The Watershed Center

2400 E Valley Watermill Rd, Springfield, MO 65806

*Join us in the
Missouri Ozarks!*

Tentative Schedule

Friday, July 10th

6:00 pm....Social time + pick up Packets and Name Badges

6:30 pm—8:30 pm “Bluebird Banquet” (Dinner and brief program honoring Missouri’s rich **Bluebird Heritage**, PLUS “Bluebirds & Friends” Slide show)

Saturday, July 11th

7:15 am.....Bird Walk at the Watershed Center

8:30 am.....Pick up Name Badges & Packets

9:00 am.....Welcome and elections

9:45 am.....Presentation by Jessica Blomenkamp, MSU Biology major and GLADE program graduate.

10:55 am....Snack Break/Silent Auction bidding!

11:10 am.... “Resurgence of the Eastern Bluebird” by MOBS VP, Larry Dobson

12:30 pm.....Lunch! Also, *Silent Auction Bidding and MOBS booth Open*

2:00 pm... “Birds of the Ozarks” by members of the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society

3:00 pm....Snack Break/Final Silent Auction Bidding

3:40 pm..... Auction /Raffle Closes! Pick up and pay for your treasures!

6:00—8:00 pm.....Saturday evening Social (Weenie Roast at the Wilson-Rutledge Farm Park **Note: Please bring a lawn chair if possible**)



Painted Bunting

*Photos
by
Jim Rathert*



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Birds of the Ozarks!



Greater Roadrunner



Eastern Bluebird



Above: Wilson Rutledge Farm Park (Saturday Evening Social)



Left: Lake Springfield (Sunday Morning Field Trip/ Trail Tour)

Sunday, July 12th Field Trip and Nest Box Trail Tour at Lake Springfield!

8:00– 10:30 am ...Field Trip and Trail Tour led by MOBS member and Greater Ozarks Audubon Field Trip chair, Greg Samuel.

Visiting other Nest Box Trails is ALWAYS fun and EducationalTHIS tour comes with a BONUS because our leader is also a skilled, local birder who knows the area!

Hosted by the Missouri Bluebird Society

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The Missouri Bluebird Society invites you attend the 10th Annual

Missouri Bluebird Conference

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For Directions: <http://watershedcommittee.org/the-watershed-center/> or 417-833-8525

For Conference Information: Call Steve & Regina Garr at 573-638-2473

Registration for the 2015 Missouri Bluebird Society Conference

Please make Checks payable to: The Missouri Bluebird Society

And mail to: Missouri Bluebird Society/ P.O. BOX 105830 /Jefferson City, MO 65110

Name(s) _____

Street Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email : _____

Included in your Conference Registration Fee: Lunch on Saturday, July 11th, a “Bluebird Information Packet”, all Saturday Presentations, a “Missouri Bluebird Society” 24 oz fitness Water Bottle, as well as the Saturday evening weenie roast AND the Sunday morning Field trip to the Lake Springfield Bluebird Trail! (Lunch will include drink, dessert, chips, and a sandwich, including vegetarian options.

No advance reservations are required for Lunch aside from your paid Conference Registration)

• Conference Registration Fees:

Number of Missouri Bluebird Society Members attending _____ X \$20.00/person = \$ _____

Number of Non-members attending: X \$27.00/person = \$ _____

Number of Children under 12 years of age attending with a paid adult X \$13.00/per child = \$ _____

• An OPTIONAL Friday Evening Dinner & Social is scheduled for July 10, 2015

Number of Members attending the Friday Dinner and Social: _____ X \$20.00 if also attending Saturday = \$ _____

OR: _____ X \$28.00 if ONLY attending Friday Dinner = \$ _____

Number of Non-members attending the Friday Dinner and Social: _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

(There will be a special Program during dinner “Missouri’s Bluebird Heritage” plus the annual “Bluebirds & Friends” slide show presentation.)

• **Saturday Evening Social:** No Additional Charge (with your paid conference registration) however it is VERY important to register to attend.Number attending: _____

TOTAL amount enclosed for Conference Fees/optional Friday Dinner:.. \$ _____

Please Note that the conference registration fee does NOT include membership dues

Not yet a Missouri Bluebird Society Member??? Join now and save on your Bluebird Conference Registration Fee! (Please enclose check for dues with this membership application)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Total \$ amount enclosed for Membership Dues: \$ _____

Membership Levels:
 (Mail check to: PO Box 105830/Jefferson City, MO 65110)

- _____ Individual one year membership \$9.00
- _____ Individual two year membership \$16.00
- _____ Family one year membership \$15.00
- _____ Family two year membership \$28.00
- _____ DONOR (Annual) \$50.00
- _____ SUPPORTER (Annual) \$100.00
- _____ NEW Life Membership (family) \$175.00

County _____

2015 Missouri Bluebird Conference Host Hotel

Remember to ask for **Special Rates for the Missouri Bluebird Society/ MOBS**. A **limited number** of rooms will be held for us **until June 19th** at a rate of \$71.99 for a room with a King bed or for a room with 2 double beds, **While rooms are available** so make your reservations soon! Special rates for Friday, July 10th and Saturday July 11th only.



GreenStay Hotel & Suites

222 North Ingram Mill Rd
Springfield, MO 65802

417-863-1440

The Host Hotel is located only 5 miles from the Conference Site!

Hot Breakfast included!

Alternate Lodging Options:

Quality Inn & Suites

North....2745 N. Glenstone Ave.....417-869-0001

Hampton Inn & Suites.....2750 N. Glenstone Ave.....417-869-5548

Area camping Options include:

Springfield Route 66 KOA.....5775 West Farm Road 140.....417-831-3645

Room features:

- Microwave and Refrigerator
- Coffee maker
- TV with cable multiple channels
- Wi-Fi throughout the hotel
- Iron and ironing board
- Cloud 9 mattresses
- Work desk

www.greenstayusa.com

MOBS Members: How can you help make a Successful & Fun conference?

Contact our **Raffle/Silent Auction Chair Larry Dobson**, about bringing items for the **Raffle/ Auction**. This is our organization's largest source of income for the year, so contributions are appreciated! This helps to fund the next Bluebird Conference. Contact Larry at : **816-331-2888** or lldobson@aol.com. If you need to send Raffle/Auction items ahead of time for the conference please make arrangements with Larry. Please take time to fill out this form and send it Larry, or email him the information about your Contributions to the Silent Auction. **Larry Dobson/P.O. Box 347/ Raymore, MO 64083**

NAME _____ Phone: _____

Complete address : _____

Raffle/Auction item descriptions AND approx. value of each item: _____

MOBS Members always bring GREAT desserts to the Conference and it is SO appreciated!!

Please contact **Regina Garr** about bringing **REFRESHMENTS** and **DESSERTS** for our Saturday Lunch, Friday Banquet, and for the Breaks on Saturday during the conference. We need finger food (cookies, muffins, brownies, crackers, fruit, etc). We also need a few folks to help set up and oversee the refreshment table. **(This really helps to keep our conference registration fees down low, so it is much appreciated)**

Contact Regina at: **573-638-2473** or regina@birds-i-view.biz to sign up to bring a snack *Thank You!*

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Speakers and Field Trip leaders!



Jessica Blomenkamp *Jessica is a third year Missouri State Biology major who established and monitors nest box trails at four different Elementary Schools in the Logan/Rogersville school district. She is a graduate of the GLADE* program and a grant from GLADE provided the means for her to initiate her nest box trail project at the schools. Jessica also organized an “Education Day” at each of the schools to teach the students about the nest boxes and cavity nesters. She is sure to be an inspiration to all of us!*

**Learn more about the Greater Ozark Audubon’s outstanding GLADE program at the Bluebird Conference!*



Larry Dobson Larry is a lifelong resident of Cass County and a retired educator, having worked as a teacher, administrator and counselor nearly 42 years. He discovered the charm of bluebirds by watching them in the Ozarks and immediately began researching how he could attract them to his home area. Larry and his wife, Mary, live on 40+ acres near Raymore, MO. He monitors about 30 nest boxes and is a charter member of MOBS. Larry and Mary make many bluebird presentations to all kinds of organizations in western Missouri and love to travel looking for bluebirds in other locations of the US.



Steve & Regina Garr presenting: **“Missouri’s Bluebird Heritage”** (presented during the Friday evening “Bluebird Banquet”) **Did You Know?....** On May 9, 1945 the “National Bluebird Trail” was formally dedicated in Springfield, Missouri. The effort began as a Junior Audubon Club project in Cape Girardeau in 1938 and grew to involve Garden Clubs in 23 states, coast to coast. By 1946 a total of 6,728 nest boxes had been erected! Find out more about how conservation-minded organizations worked together for the sake of our native cavity-nesters.

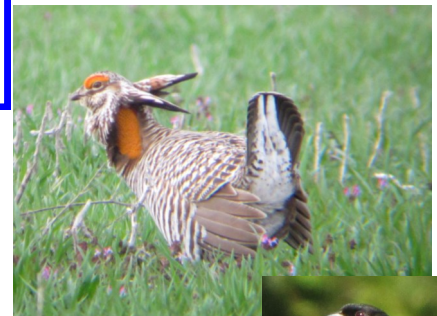
MOBS **gratefully** acknowledges the assistance of the greater Ozarks Audubon Society in putting together the 2015 Missouri Bluebird Conference. Check out their website at: www.greaterozarksaudubon.org

Greg Samuel has graciously volunteered to be a program presenter (**Birds of the Ozarks**) AND field trip leader!

Here’s how he describes himself:

- “45 Years old / Luckily married to a wonderful wife
- Greater Ozarks Audubon Society Board Member
- Greater Ozarks Audubon Society Field Trip Chair
- Greater Ozarks Audubon Society Bird Recorder
- Over the past (3) years I have expanded my Bird House trail to (45) boxes.”

AND...We’d add that Greg is also a MOBS member!



Photos by Greg Samuel

