

The 2018 Missouri Bluebird Conference!

July 13th—15th Jefferson City, MO



The Friday Banquet and Saturday Programs and Workshops will be held at the spacious **Lincoln University Carver Farm** (3804 Bald Hill Road, Jefferson City, MO)
The Saturday evening Social and Sunday Field Trip will be held at the beautiful “Mockingbird Hill” in Jefferson City



NEW! Saturday Morning Nest Box and Baffle Building Workshop!

Prior to the Saturday morning presentations, MOBS will sponsor a Building Workshop for attendees...learn to build proper nest boxes and predator baffles (**HANDS ON workshop** to restock our MOBS Grant Program materials) **PLUS....** Workshop participants have the opportunity to build a box and baffle to take home for a nominal fee, once they have constructed at least one nest box/baffle for MOBS inventory during the workshop! **Please note:** this work shop is open to **everyone** to volunteer to help build, but to purchase a nest box and baffle from this workshop you must **register with Steve Garr** at 573-638-2473 or steve@birds-i-view.biz. (pay for your reserved nest box/baffle at conference)

Speakers on Saturday:

Steve Smith “Bluebird Basics”

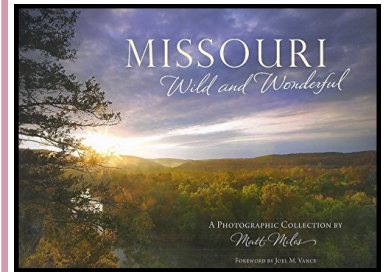
Here’s a program topic that came directly from conference attendees: a presentation focusing on the Basics of Bluebirding. Long time bluebirder Steve Smith will share his knowledge and advice with us at the 2018 Bluebird Conference!

Mike Doyen “The Great Missouri Birding Trail!”

The Great Missouri Birding Trail is designed to introduce new and seasoned birders across the state, nation, and the world to the diverse habitats that over 320 species of birds visit annually in Missouri to create a diverse and colorful array of species. Mike Doyen is the Trail’s founder and has birded every county in Missouri.

Bob Siemer and Ann Earley “Wild about Monarchs!”

Bob and Ann travel all around Missouri on behalf of this beautiful butterfly spreading information, instruction, and hope! Come learn how you can help **and** enjoy Monarchs



The Friday “Bluebird Banquet” and “Missouri Wild and Wonderful!” program by author/photographer **Matt Miles.**



Since last we met at Mockingbird Hill...

both the Saturday evening Social and the Sunday morning field trip will be at the wonderful property owned by MOBS’ members Norm and Beth Stucky. The Stuckys have a message for us! “*Since you were here in 2016, we have fledged over 140 purple martins and 80 Bluebirds. And we will give the individual who finds the first hummingbird nest a \$50 gift certificate to a local bird shop.*”



NEW!! Hummingbird Banding Demo at the Sunday Morning Field Trip ...details on Page 4.

NEW! Entertainment at the Saturday Evening Social!

Not only do we think you will enjoy the “Americana” style music of [Andy May](#), we just know you will enjoy meeting Andy and Lauren May personally, because they are birders, they LOVE Bluebirds, and they know how to successfully engage young people in a cause. Decades ago, the Mays started the “[Acoustic Kids](#)” program to provide youth a vehicle for sharing and showcasing their musical talent in a supportive environment. Referring to the young people they work with, their website reads “the Music is in good hands...”. Don’t we all want to know that *Bluebird Conservation* is in good hands?!

The Missouri Bluebird Society invites you attend the
2018 Missouri Bluebird Conference

July 13th– 15th Jefferson City, Missouri

Lincoln University's George Washington Carver Farm, 3804 Bald Hill Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Directions: go to: <http://www.lincolnu.edu/web/cooperative-research/carver-farm-directions>

Contact Steve & Regina Garr at 573-638-2473 or steve@birds-i-view.biz for conference information

Registration for the 2018 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 14th, a "Bluebird Information Packet", all Saturday Presentations, as well as the Saturday evening Social and the Sunday morning Field trip to "Mockingbird Hill" in Jefferson City, MO.

(Saturday's Lunch will include drink, dessert, a variety of main courses, including vegetarian options. **PLEASE check HERE** ___ if you would prefer a vegetarian meal for lunch. No other advance reservations are required for Lunch aside from your paid Conference Registration)

Conference Registration Fees:

Number of Missouri Bluebird Society Members attending _____ X \$18.00/person = \$ _____

Number of Non-members attending: X \$25.00/person = \$ _____

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

An OPTIONAL Friday Evening Dinner & Social is scheduled for July 13, 2018

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 = \$ _____

Friday's Dinner will feature a special presentation titled "Missouri Wild and Wonderful" by author / photographer Matt Miles

Saturday Evening Social and Entertainment: 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

_____ Life Membership (family) **\$175.00**

_____ Senior (65+) Life Membership (family) **\$100.00**

County _____

2018 Missouri Bluebird Conference

July 13– 15th *Tentative Schedule*



Friday, July 13th, 2018 Bluebird Banquet! Lincoln University, Carver Farm bldg
6:00 pm...arrive for Social Time (may also pick up conference packets/Name Tags)

6:30 pm...“Bluebird Banquet” Dinner with “Missouri Wild and Wonderful” program by Matt Miles

Saturday, July 14, 2018 LU Carver Farm, 3804 Bald Hill Road, Jefferson City, MO

8:00 am....Pick up conference Packets & Name Tags (drop off any dishes, desserts or snacks you may have made for the conference)

8:30– 9:00 am.....Welcome by MOBS President, Steve Garr and Missouri Bluebird Society Annual Meeting and Elections

9:15– 11:00 am.....Nest Box and Baffle building workshop!

11:15 am– Noon...The Great Missouri Birding Trail by Mike Doyen

12:00– 1:15 pm...LUNCH! (and Auction/Raffle/ Fellowship)

1:30-2:30Bluebird Basics by Steve Smith

2:45-3:45.... Wild about Monarchs by Bob Siemer and Ann Earley

3:45–4:15 pm....Break (place final bids on Auction)

4:30-5:15 pm.....Pick up and Pay for Auction/Raffle items

5:30pm.....break down and exit conference site

7:00 pm....Saturday evening Social: Wiener Roast at the beautiful farm of Norm and Beth Stucky and the entertaining Americana style music of Andy May! (included with your conference registration fee!)

Above schedule is tentative and subject to change



*Please Note:
Hotel Options are listed
on page 4!*

Sunday, July 15th Mockingbird Hill, Jefferson City, MO

NEW! Hummingbird Banding Demo 7:30 am

8:30– 11:00 am ...Tour this spectacular Wildlife habitat on the property of Norm and Beth Stucky. It is a special example of what can be accomplished by conservation-minded property owners.

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

Contact our **Raffle/Silent Auction Chair Greg Samuel**, 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 Greg at 417-767-2241 or pls@arczip.com. If you need to send Raffle/Auction items ahead of time for the conference please make arrangements with Greg. Please take time to fill out this form and send it Greg, or email him the information about your Contributions to the Silent Auction. Greg Samuel / 4749 State HWY Z/ Fordland, MO 65652

NAME _____ Phone: _____

Complete address : _____

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

2018 Missouri Bluebird Conference Host Hotel:



Best Western Plus Capital Inn 573-635-4175

1937 Christy Drive Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 A limited number of rooms are available at a special rate of \$104.39 plus tax when you mention that you are with the **Missouri Bluebird Society**. **You must call by June 12th to receive the special rate.**

Other Lodging Options:

Hampton Inn

4800 country Club Drive Jefferson City, Missouri 65109 573-634-7440

Oak Tree Inn (now the Travelodge...but road signs still read Oak Tree Inn)

1710 Jefferson Street Jefferson City, Missouri 65109 573-636-5456

RV Parks near Jefferson City:

Binder Park 573-634-6482

Osage Campground 573-395-4066



Saturday Evening Social!

Map and Directions distributed at Conference
July 14th Mockingbird Hill, Jefferson City
Weiner Roast with all the sides ...PLUS:
Live Music by
Americana artist **Andy May!**
(All included in your conference registration fee)



Check out Andy May's sound:

www.andymay.com

Sunday Morning Field Trip

July 15th

Join us back at the beautiful Mockingbird Hill on Sunday Morning for a FREE Field Trip.

The Field Trip will kick off with

Hummingbird Banding

at 7:30 a.m. followed by a wonderful tour of Norm and Beth Stucky's beautiful Wildlife habitat .



Mockingbird Hill Jefferson City, MO
Site of our Saturday evening social AND the Sunday morning Field Trip and Hummingbird Banding Demo.



Veronica Mecko became interested in banding hummingbirds after she worked for 4 months in 2012 as a field assistant in Costa Rica studying hummingbirds and their nectar sources. In 2013 she trained with Bob and Martha Sargent at Cook's Lake in Arkansas to learn how to band hummingbirds, then she 'apprenticed' with Lanny Chambers (hummingbird bander from Saint Louis area) occasionally for several years during his public banding events at Montauk State Park. She worked seasonally with Missouri River Bird Observatory (MRBO) from 2013 through 2017,

operating the grassland banding stations, conducting grassland bird surveys, and doing education events throughout the state of Missouri. She continues as a volunteer with MRBO. Veronica recently moved to Jefferson City after living in southwest Iowa for many years.