

Nest of Long-tailed Woodcreeper Found in ABA-supported Site

by Gordon Chastain



Long-tailed Woodcreeper

The most recent issue of *Cotinga*, the journal of the Neotropical Bird Club, reports that a nest of the rare Long-tailed Woodcreeper has been found in El Chorogo Reserve in Panama. The article ("A nest of Long-tailed Woodcreeper *Deconychura longicauda* in western Panama," by William J. Adsett and Jan Axel Cubilla) notes that Amos Butler Audubon Birdathon grants supported the

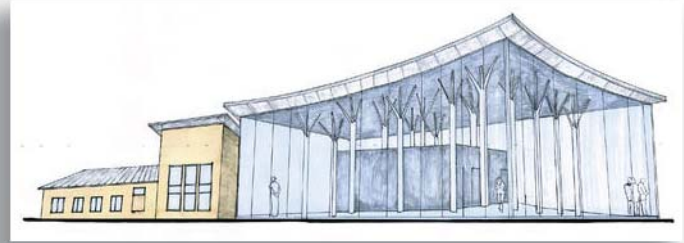
acquisition of land in El Chorogo in partnership with Panama Audubon and the American Bird Conservancy. Our Birdathon support amounted to almost \$43,000 from 2000 through 2004 and was the primary funding source for the protection of El Chorogo. The El Chorogo project was the first partnership between Amos Butler Audubon and the American Bird Conservancy for the protection of wintering habitat for the migratory birds of Central Indiana.

This is only the second nest of the Long-tailed Woodcreeper ever discovered; the first was discovered 116 years ago, in 1898. The Long-tailed Woodcreeper has an extensive range, from Honduras to southern Amazonia, but it is uncommon to rare throughout its range. A medium-sized member of the woodcreeper group, it is seen uncommonly in mixed flocks in the El Chorogo forest mid-story. The nest, containing two white eggs, was found in a natural cavity of a decaying stump in March 2014, when an adult bird was noticed repeatedly approaching the entrance hole.

In addition to the woodcreeper, several other rare and endangered species no longer found in other parts of Panama occur in El Chorogo. This reserve contains approximately 400 acres of remnant lowland forest in remote and rugged country of Chiriqui Province in westernmost Panama, on the border with Costa Rica.

New Visitors' Center for Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area

by Don Gorney



Rendering of Goose Pond Visitors' Center

Imagine a natural area that attracts thousands of cranes, geese, ducks, shorebirds, and songbirds throughout the year, making it a must-visit location for birders and nature lovers. Then imagine the risk of collision posed to those birds by a planned visitors' center containing extensive areas of glass. Ordinarily, the combination of glass windows in a natural area with thousands of birds present would lead to numerous bird-collision deaths. Such was the conundrum facing the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) when they began the task of designing a visitors' center for Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area in Greene County, Indiana.

Goose Pond, designated as a Global Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society, teems with birds at just about any time of year. Carol French, Chief of Architecture with the IDNR, understood that glass poses a hazard because birds do not recognize it as an obstacle. A little research led her to ORNILUX Mikado, a special glass manufactured by a German company (see www.ornilux.com). Use of ORNILUX Mikado glass has been shown to significantly reduce bird collisions. The glass has a patterned, ultraviolet-reflecting coating that makes it visible to birds while remaining virtually transparent to the human eye. The pattern is reminiscent of the children's game Pick-up Sticks; "Mikado" is a Japanese term referring to that game.

After receiving a sample of the glass for review, French decided to use ORNILUX Mikado not only for the floor-to-ceiling glass observation area but also throughout the remainder of the building, including office windows. French learned that the cost of the Mikado glass was competitive with other kinds of glass and had the added benefit of preventing bird deaths. French said that ground will be broken as early as this month for the visitors' center and that the contractor has until the end of 2015 to finish the building, which will also house the Goose Pond headquarters.

The use of the ORNILUX Mikado glass at Goose Pond is significant. It will be the first use of the glass in Indiana and one of only a small number of such installations in the United States. Amos Butler Audubon commends the IDNR for considering the risk to birds that the visitors' center poses and for making the decision to install ORNILUX Mikado glass.

Last Audubon Program Until September

All Programs are held at the Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Springmill Road, Indianapolis, at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. They are free and open to the public. Information: Email Maggie Jaicomo at Margaret.jaicomo@gmail.com or call (260) 403-3172.



May 12: Indiana Parks Alliance

Speaker: Justin Coleman

Justin Coleman is a career financial advisor with Edward Jones. He serves on the board of the Indiana Parks Alliance (IPA). The IPA is a charitable organization that supports Indiana State Parks and state-owned nature preserves, the resources they steward, and the people they serve through advocacy, research, education, and action; it does not raise funds to acquire land. Its current mission is to raise awareness of the budget crisis that threatens Indiana state parks and nature preserve systems. To find out more about the IPA, find it on Facebook under "Indiana Parks Alliance" or on the web at www.indianaparksalliance.org.

Call for Program Ideas

Is there a program you would like to present or a topic you would like to hear about at an Amos Butler Audubon meeting? If so, please email your ideas to Maggie Jaicomo at Margaret.jaicomo@gmail.com

ABA Field Trips

Spring Migrant Field Trip — TNC Kankakee Sands Saturday, May 16, 7 a.m.

Dicks's Sporting Goods 6030 West 86th Street

Join Scott Enochs as he leads you to Kankakee Sands in search of migrating and nesting sparrows and warblers. Specific targets will include Grasshopper, Henslow's, Vesper, and Lark Sparrows, Blue Grosbeak, and Dickcissel. The event will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2015. We will meet at the Traders' Point Dick's Sporting Goods at 7 a.m. Participants can expect to return by approximately 3:30 p.m. The event is free and registration is not required. Please contact Scott at 317-850-4801 or msenochs@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Least Tern Field Trip — Cane Ridge FWA Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. Eastern/8 a.m. Central Walmart 2700 West Broadway Street, Princeton, IN

Join Scott Enochs as he leads you to southwestern Indiana in search of nesting Least Terns. Cane Ridge is the most reliable location in Indiana to view Least Terns. While in the area, we will seek out other specialties like Mississippi Kite and Fish Crow. The event takes place on Saturday, June 13, 2015. We will meet at the Walmart located at 2700 West Broadway Street, Princeton, IN 47670 (the intersection of US 41 and Hwy 64) at 9 a.m. Eastern time or 8 a.m. Central time to carpool to Cane Ridge and surrounding areas. Participants can expect to return to Indianapolis by 5 p.m. or sooner. The event is free and registration is not required. There is a Fairfield and Hampton Inn located in Princeton near the meeting location, and less expensive accommodations are possible in the Evansville area. Please contact Scott at (317) 850-4801 or msenochs@comcast.net if you have any questions, or are interested in carpooling, or leading a caravan, from Indianapolis on the day of the trip.

2015 Annual Indiana Audubon Society Fall Festival — October 2-4

Please join us for a wonderful Fall Fest in the heart of Indiana at Allison Mansion on the Marian University campus in Indianapolis. This year Amos Butler Audubon and the Indiana Audubon Society are partnering to bring you an array of field trips to birding hot spots in Central Indiana, stellar speakers, a tour of the Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab at Marian University, a great dinner, and fascinating speakers.

Our speakers this year will include Jim McCormac, author of *Birds of Ohio*, who will speak Friday evening about

Birds and Biodiversity. Our Saturday evening keynote speaker will be world traveler Dan Marsh, Director of Education at the Cincinnati Zoo. Dan will speak about the history of conservation and some of the amazing victories of the Conservation Movement around the world—a great message for those of us who feel that we are fighting on a daily basis to help our planet and its inspiring flora and fauna thrive.

Additional speakers will include some of our very own Hoosier birders, who will cover such topics as 10 Years of

Goose Pond—A Reflective Look at a Wetland Mecca; surveys of Cerulean Warblers and other birds conducted at the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment (HEE); highlights and history of Amos Butler Audubon's annual Birdathon; and a presentation featuring live bats from our Michigan friends at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Early registration will be available at a reduced rate exclusively for Amos Butler members. Stay tuned at www.indiana.audubon.org!



Amos Butler Audubon BIRDATHON 2015

Saving Birds Is Our Mission

We need your donations more than ever in 2015 as we seek to support a record number of grant requests totaling more than \$38,000. Although the proposals vary greatly in their scope, they all have one thing in common — they benefit the birds of central Indiana. We will continue our efforts to protect the Cerulean Warbler, from winter habitat in South America to closer to home, where research on this state-endangered species will go forward in the Yellowwood State Forest. Yet another research project will study the habitat requirements of fledglings after they have left the nest. Local bird-friendly habitat restoration remains high on our list of priorities. Opportunities to educate kids and adults about the importance of our birds will also get a boost from the Birdathon. The substantial efforts of two wild bird rehabilitation operations will receive some much-needed assistance to upgrade their facilities.

Our goal is to fund these proposals to ensure the future of our Indiana birds:

- The American Bird Conservancy's Cerulean Warbler Project
- Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center Interpretive Trail
- For the Birds of Indiana Wild Bird Rehabilitation Safety
- Purdue University Post-fledging Bird Research
- Ball State University Cerulean Warbler Research
- Indiana Raptor Center Flight Cage Additions
- Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's Millersville at Fall Creek Preserve
- Marian University Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab Bird-friendly Habitat
- Central Indiana Land Trust's BioBlitz
- Jameson Camp Environmental Education

Birdathon Teams Will Be Out Counting

Birdathon teams will be scouring the state during May to count the maximum number of species possible in a 24-hour period and asking donors to sponsor their efforts. If you don't know a team member, you could choose to make a donation directly to the Birdathon. Either way, your dollars will go far to ensure the future of our Indiana birds.

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Thank you for sponsoring the Amos Butler Audubon Birdathon 2015. Every urgently needed dollar you give will go toward:

- Protection of Cerulean Warbler habitat in Colombia and Ecuador
- Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center Interpretive Trail
- Habitat restoration at the Marian University EcoLab and Millersville at Fall Creek Preserve
- Two Central Indiana bird rehabilitation centers
- Purdue and Ball State Universities research projects
- Central Indiana Land Trust's Hills of Gold BioBlitz
- The Jameson Camp

Return by May 31 to: Donna McCarty, Birdathon Chair, 7492 Runningbrook Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46254-9770

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