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NEWSLETTER

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Member Image Night, 04/24th!!

The third annual member slide/image night will be the program for the Friday, 04/24, SIAS meeting. Members are encouraged to bring 6-12 of their favorite nature-related images or maybe images of plants or birds in need of identification. Bring the images in electronic form, on a CD, DVD, or portable "thumb" drive. SIAS will provide a laptop and digital projector. The program will be at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 214 W. Main St., Carbondale, at 7 p.m. but if you plan to bring images, please come by 6:45 p.m. Take the elevator or stairway down to the lower level Fellowship Hall. *Ivory-billed Woodpecker decoy in tree.*



2015 Meetings Calendar

May 17th: Annual SIAS Picnic @ Glen O' Jones State Park, Saline County

June & July: No meetings / Summer break

SIAS wishes to thank Nelda & Conrad Hinckley for arranging access to the Fellowship Hall for meetings every month and Karen Kaufmann for her hard, often underappreciated efforts as Hospitality Chair. We are grateful! March program highlights will be in an upcoming newsletter.



It's not too late to form a team and compete in the Birding Blitz! Registration deadline is April 28th! We're hoping many birders will join in on the fun. To download registration forms, visit the Birding Blitz website www.birdingblitz.org. Bring your registration form to the April 24th. *Late with your registration, you can still compete; contact Rhonda Rothrock directly at 618.684.6605 or woodthrusheola@hotmail.com.*

Non-participants are encouraged to attend the Awards Brunch on Sunday morning, 05/03, at the Crab Orchard Visitors Center, 8588 Route 148, Marion.

If you would like to help the cause but prefer not to participate, please consider pledging to a competing team. Pledges can be made per species seen or in a lump donation. Or you can donate in support of all teams. Send pledges to: Birding Blitz c/o SIAS, P.O. Box 222, Carbondale, IL 62903.

Make check payable to: Friends of the Cache River Wetlands.

Spring Bird Count – May 9th!

Your Help needed! The Spring Bird Count takes place on Saturday, May 9th. Local counts and contacts are:

Williamson Co. - Vicki Lang-Mendenhall 618.697.9868; (<")
Jackson Co. - Rhonda Rothrock 618.684.6605; ("> (\\
Union Co. - Vern Kleen at 217.787.3515. /) ^^\\\
Pulaski Co. will be held on Sunday, //^^
May10th, contact Rhonda Rothrock 618.684.6605.

Welcome New SIAS Members!

Mary Nell Chew of Carbondale, Renee DeGroof of West Frankfort, Joanne Gray of West Frankfort, Jo Dodd of Marion, and Linda & Gail White of Murphysboro



A Full Day of Fun! And it's all FREE!

- Guided Hikes and Canoe Tours
- Live Wildlife Exhibits
- Nature Games and Crafts
- Cache River Natural History Displays

www.cacherivernaturefest.com

Presentation	Starting Times	Location
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Watch this 12-minute film about the history of the Cache River Watershed.

The Enduring Cache	10am and 3:30pm	Wetlands Center Auditorium
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View Junior Duck Stamp competition artwork by regional K-12 students.

Artwork Exhibit	10:30-11am, 11:30am-12pm	Wetlands Center Auditorium
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Event	Time	Location
Heron Pond Bird Hike	8-10am	Check in at Heron Pond Trail Head

Experience Buttonbird Swamp and see the state champion bald cypress tree

SIAS Annual Picnic Sunday, May 17th

SIAS's Annual Picnic will be Sunday, May 17th, at Glen O' Jones Lake, Saline County Fish & Wildlife Area. Come at 8 a.m. for a morning birding walk or arrive at noon for dining. SIAS will provide the main course grilled. Members are asked to bring a dish to share and their own beverages and utensils.

Follow IL-13 East to IL-142 South in Equality, continue on IL-142 South, then take Shawnee Forest Rd to 625 N. Glen Jones Rd, follow it to the entrance and watch for the SIAS banner. We'll be using an area on the north side of the lake. We hope to see you there! **If someone could bring a grill, it would be helpful.** Contact Vicki Lang-Mendenhall in advance, 618.687.9868.

Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation

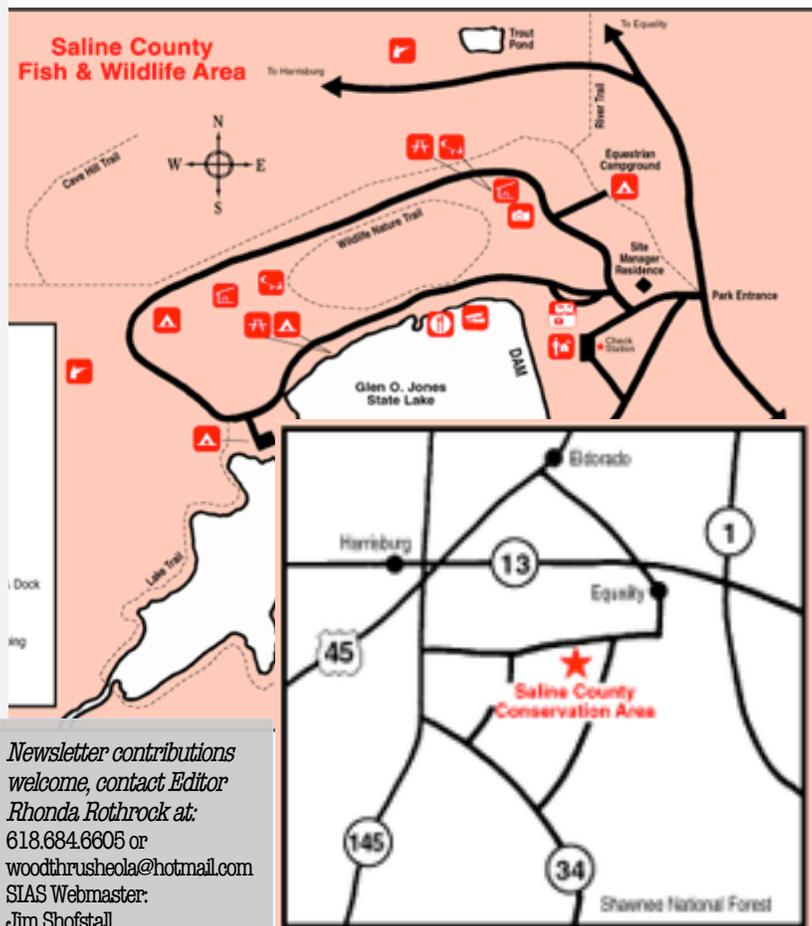
Spring is here and with spring comes the birth of baby birds and mammals. Many of these babies will be found as abandoned, orphaned, or injured and taken to Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation.

Please support Free Again by donating items such as cleaning supplies, including bleach, dish soap, sponges and paper towels, or animal supplies including dog/cat food, pedialyte, aquariums, large pet carriers, or cedar litter. Cash donations are graciously accepted.

For more information or to donate, contact Free Again, Inc., 4031 Big Muddy Rd., Carterville, IL 62918. If you have time and energy to volunteer on site at Free Again, your help would be greatly appreciated, phone 618.988.1067 for details.

On Cold Spring Mornings, Spend Some Time in the Sun

Many birds depend on finding insects first thing in the morning to refuel after energetically demanding nights spent migrating hundreds of miles. Insects depend on the sun's warmth to get them out of their lethargic state. Where there are bugs, there are birds. That's where you want to be. Look for birds in the first sunny spots early in the morning, often at habitat edges, where woods meet fields, ponds, or open space.



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Annual membership renewal month is January and coincides with board elections held at the annual meeting each January.
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