



# Two Creeks Garden Club Ripples

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## Next Meeting

March 16, 2023

2:30 pm

Home of  
Carolynn Burton  
8712 Hollow  
Stone Ct., Alvaton

Hostess:  
Carolynn Burton

Program:  
Winter  
Plant Damage



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## Backyard Birds in Kentucky *from Bird Advisors website*

It seems that we are having an early spring with recent record-breaking days causing our trees, shrubs, and flowers to signal spring has arrived. However, we all know that weather in Kentucky can change rapidly, so you may want to hold off on pruning and planting for a little longer. I am seeing much activity at my bird feeders and found this very informative article which might be of interest to our members. The complete article lists the **Top 33 Backyard Birds in Kentucky** with ID charts, photos, descriptions, and you can even listen to their songs. Check it out <https://www.birdadvisors.com/backyard-birds-kentucky/> or click the link in the title above to read about all of them.

- **Backyard birds in Kentucky all year:** Northern Cardinal, Mourning Dove, American Robin, Blue Jay, American Goldfinch, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Downy Woodpecker, American Crow, Carolina Wren, European Starling, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Song Sparrow, House Finch, Northern Mockingbird, Eastern Towhee, Eastern Bluebird, White-breasted Nuthatch, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, House Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark
- **Backyard birds in Kentucky in summer:** Indigo Bunting, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Barn Swallow, Brown-headed Cowbird, Eastern Kingbird, Common Yellowthroat, Chipping Sparrow, Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- **Backyard birds in Kentucky in winter:** White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco

These are the most common backyard birds in Kentucky that may visit your lawn or feeders. They are the birds that appear most frequently on state checklists submitted by bird watchers on [ebird](#). Our top 6 Kentucky birds are:

1. **Northern Cardinal:** Northern Cardinals are the most frequently spotted birds in Kentucky that are residents of the state all year. They are recorded in 70% of summer checklists and 62% of winter checklists submitted by bird watchers for the state. The bright red male Northern Cardinal with black around their faces is an incredible sight, especially against a white winter background. They also have red crests and beaks. Females are also a little showy with their brown coloring, sharp brown crest, red highlights, and red beaks. Northern Cardinals live in the Eastern half of the US and some states in the south as far west as Arizona. You can find Northern Cardinals in dense vegetation foraging for seeds, fruit, and insects. Northern Cardinals will sometimes attack their own reflection during the breeding season as they obsessively defend their territories. Attract Northern Cardinals to your backyard with feeders full of sunflower seeds, peanut hearts, millet, and milo. They will feed from large tube feeders, hoppers, platform feeders, or food scattered on the ground.



2. **Mourning Dove:** Mourning Doves are very common and can be spotted all year in Kentucky. They appear in 56% of summer checklists and 43% of winter checklists for the state. Mourning Doves are graceful small-headed birds with plump *(continued on p. 3)*



## President's Corner—Mary Ann Hext

Our daffodils have been blooming for several weeks; and after several days of record-breaking high temperatures, our trees and shrubs are leafing out and we are seeing all kinds of signs that spring will be here soon. Debbie Deaton, garden therapy chair, arranged for members to make and deliver bouquets to Colonial and Greenwood for "Golden Days". The daffodil gardens at Greenwood and Colonial facilities are in bloom and being enjoyed by the residents.

We have several members attending the GCKY Convention next week when Susan will be installed as GCKY president! We will get home Wednesday and have our monthly meeting on Thursday hosted byCarolynn Burton at her home at 2:30 p.m.

On March 28, our club hosts the Cardinal Council spring meeting at BK Library. We will have boxed lunches and our members will provide drinks, additional salads, and desserts. A signup sheet will be circulated at our March meeting. Order forms for lunches are included with this newsletter. Please bring an item for Ways and Means as funds will go to help with flower show expenses.

March is a busy month for our members!!



**No March Birthdays!**

### DUES REMINDER!

If you have not paid your 2023 dues yet, please plan to pay at the March meeting or send to our treasurer, Rhonda Smith, ASAP so you will be included in the list which must be sent to the GCKY treasurer before April 1.



### TCGC IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ March 5-7: SAR 61st Convention at Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA—Click [here](#) for information and registration form.
- ◆ March 13-15: GCKY State Convention, Boone Tavern, Berea, KY
- ◆ March 28: Cardinal Council Spring Meeting, Bob Kirby Library, (Two Creeks hosting)
- ◆ April 20: Two Creeks monthly meeting at Kirby Library hosted by Betty Halcomb, officer installation and "TCGC 2022 Year in Review" program
- ◆ April 28: Cardinal Council Yard Sale at Houchens Center
- ◆ May 2-5: NGC Convention, Greenbriar Resort, Sulfur Springs, WV—Click [here](#) for information and registration link.
- ◆ May 22: BGRS Rose Show, American Legion Hall, Dishman Lane Open to Public 1-4 p.m.

### Upcoming Gardening Events

- March 2-5: Nashville Lawn & Garden Show, Tennessee State Fairgrounds
- March 3-5, 2023: Bowling Green Home Expo, Sloan Convention Center
- March 18-19: Dirt Dawg Nursery Daffodil Open Garden, 9-4 pm., Jeff & Jennifer Harvey's garden, 2910 Poplar Hill Road, Watertown, TN 37184
- March 25: Cedar Sink Wildflower Walk, 9-11:30 a.m., 2.5 hours, hosted by SOKY Wildones
- April 15, 2023: Nashville Herb Society Plant Sale, 8:30 am-2pm, Nashville Fairgrounds, [Herb Society Nashville website](#)





## Backyard Birds in Kentucky *(continued from p. 1)*

bodies and long tails. They are a soft brown color with black spots on the wings. Males are slightly heavier than females. Mourning Doves are common over all of the lower 48 all year but may migrate after breeding from the north of the Midwest and southern Canada. Mourning Doves can be seen perching on telephone wires and foraging for seeds on the ground in grasslands, fields, and backyards. They can also be found in open areas or woodland edges. Attract Mourning Doves to your backyard by scattering millet on the ground or platform feeders. They will also eat black sunflower seeds, nyjer, cracked corn, and peanut hearts.



3. **American Robin:** American Robins are usually spotted during the breeding season in Kentucky, but they can also be spotted here all year. They occur in 63% of summer checklists and 38% of winter checklists. American Robins are a common sight on lawns eating earthworms. They have black heads and backs with red or orange breasts. They tend to roost in trees in winter, so you are more likely to see them in your backyard from spring. American Robins are residents in the lower 48 and the coast of Western Canada and Alaska. Those that breed in Canada and inland Alaska move south for the winter. American Robins can be found in many habitats, from woodlands, forests, mountains to fields, parks, and lawns. They eat earthworms, insects, snails, and fruit. Attract American Robins to your backyard with sunflower seeds, suet and peanut hearts, fruit, and mealworms. Platform feeders are best or food scattered on the ground. Also, try planting some native plants that produce berries, such as juniper, sumac, hawthorn, and dogwood.



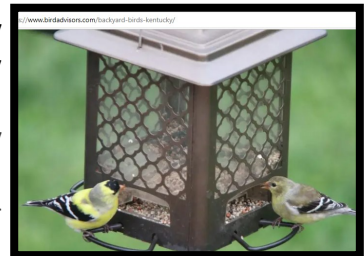
4. **Blue Jay:** Blue Jays can be found all year in Kentucky. They are spotted in 48% of summer checklists and 43% of winter checklists for the state. Blue Jays are common large songbirds with a blue upright crest, blue and black backs, and white undersides. Blue Jays live in eastern US states and Southern Canada all year. Some birds will migrate west for winter but not very frequently. They are noisy birds that travel in family groups eating acorns when available. They can be found in forests, mainly near oak, as they eat acorns. They can also be found in backyards near feeders. As well as acorns, they eat insects, nuts and seeds, and grain. They may also take eggs from nests or take nestlings. Blue Jays are large birds and prefer to fly in, grab a peanut or sunflower seed and take it away to feed. They prefer platform or tray feeders to make it easy to make a quick exit. Attract Blue Jays to your backyard with peanuts, sunflower seeds, and suet. They prefer these on open tray feeders or hopper feeders on a post. They will also enjoy a birdbath.



5. **Indigo Bunting:** Indigo Buntings spend the breeding season in Kentucky and occur in 42% of summer checklists. They are mainly spotted from April to October. Indigo Buntings are small birds, with the males being bright blue with streaks of black in the wings and tail, and females are brown. Indigo Buntings migrate far from breeding grounds in eastern US states, southeastern Canada, and southern US states to winter grounds in Florida, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. You can find them in weedy fields and shrubby areas foraging for seeds and insects. Attract Indigo Buntings to your backyard with small seeds such as nyjer and thistle.



6. **American Goldfinch:** American Goldfinches can be spotted in Kentucky all year. They are recorded in 42% of summer checklists and 33% of winter checklists submitted by bird watchers for the state. They are popular birds with the males bright yellow and black coloring in spring. The females are duller brown, as are males in winter. They can be found in most of North America and are usually resident all year. However, those that breed in Canada and the Midwest migrate to southern US States for winter. They can be found in weedy fields and overgrown areas foraging for sunflower, thistle, and aster plants. They are also common in suburbs, parks, and backyards. Attract them to your backyard by planting thistles and milkweed. They will visit most bird feeders and prefer sunflower seed and nyjer seed.

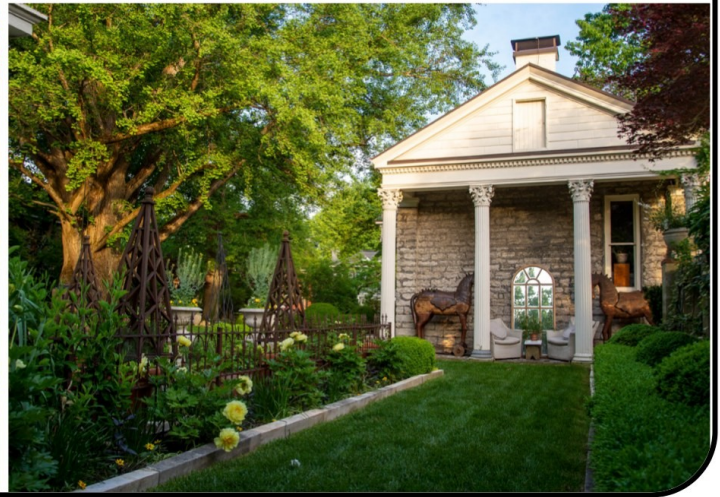




# Botherum Tour—Tickets on Sale at [Evenbrite!](#)

## SAVE THE DATE!

Join the Garden Club of Kentucky  
**June 17 & 18, 2023**  
for our fundraiser at Botherum, the  
home of Jon Carloftis in Lexington.



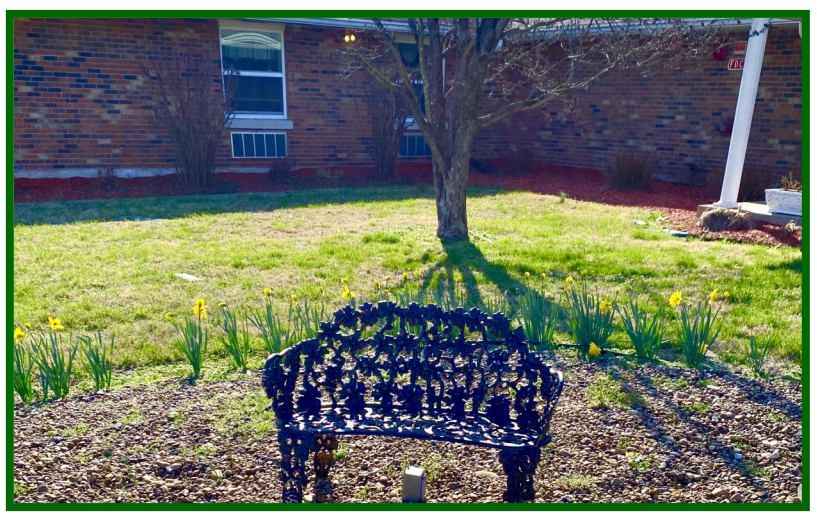
Tickets are on sale now—\$40 each at Eventbrite. Click [here](#).

## Please Start Collecting Items!





# Two Creeks GC Recent Photos



- “Golden Days” photos (above)
- Doug Kimbler, BGMU Superintendent of Water Treatment Plants, our February speaker (far left)
- Daffodils blooming at Colonial (above) and Greenwood Homes (left)

Photos sent by TC members