

The Wild Side!



Audubon Identifies Best Plants for Birds in Your Area

View a list of the best plants for birds in your area, as well as Audubon resources and links to more information by simply entering your zip code in Audubon's native plants database. Audubon will automatically generate or email a list of the native plants you've selected, and give additional tips on creating your bird-friendly habitat. Your optional email will also help them keep track of your contributions to their efforts to get 1 million native plants for birds in the ground.

[Search Audubon's native plant database](#)

Species Spotlight: Great Plains Skink

Extremely shy and elusive, the Great Plains skink offers a challenge to wildlife watchers. Increase your odds for spying this lizard by searching in rocky outcroppings, or even open areas.

[Learn more in the Wildlife Department's Field Guide](#)



The Wildlife Department's Streams Program scoured the Upper Red River last July and August for fish, kicking off a long-term monitoring project. The team sampled 48 sites along the river and nearby tributaries three times during the summer and found 53 fish species, including five Species of Greatest Conservation Need!

[Get the full story in "Outdoor Oklahoma," starting on page 26](#)



Feather Nests

For nearly two decades, the acrobatic tree swallow has been nesting in manmade boxes surrounding Red Slough WMA's wetlands. Their delicate nests are fashioned from feathers gathered from the management area but are a relatively new addition to the region's bird life.

[Tag along as Biological Aid David Arbour conducts his biweekly nest checks](#)



Calendar of Events

Selman Bat Watch Registration

May 30-June 9, 2017

Register for your chance to attend one of eight bat watches in the month of July! Pre-registration is required as the event is extremely popular. Each night's activities will be limited to 75 visitors to be drawn from the pool of mailed-in registration forms.

Wetland Tour

June 10, 2017

9:30-Noon

Hackberry Flat Wildlife Management Area



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