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Kingsport Birding Trail

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The Kingsport Birding Trail,
see what you've been missing!



Eastern Bluebird



Photo by
Rick
Phillips

What is the Kingsport Birding Trail?



A "Birding Trail" is series of places where the activity of bird watching or "birding" is done by bird watchers or "birders."

In Kingsport this is a collection of locations that are:

- Guided by a map
- Natural and built environments
- Suited to watching birds!

Scarlet Tanager



Photo by
Mike Poe

The Kingsport Birding Trail is user friendly



- ❑ Bird watching can be enjoyed by nearly everyone at nearly no cost
- ❑ Enjoy a guided Bird Walk during Fun Fest
- ❑ Visit a bird banding demonstration at Bays Mountain Park

American Goldfinch



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Where is the Kingsport Birding Trail?

- Finding the Kingsport Birding Trail is as easy as A – B – C D – E – F – G !



Baltimore Oriole

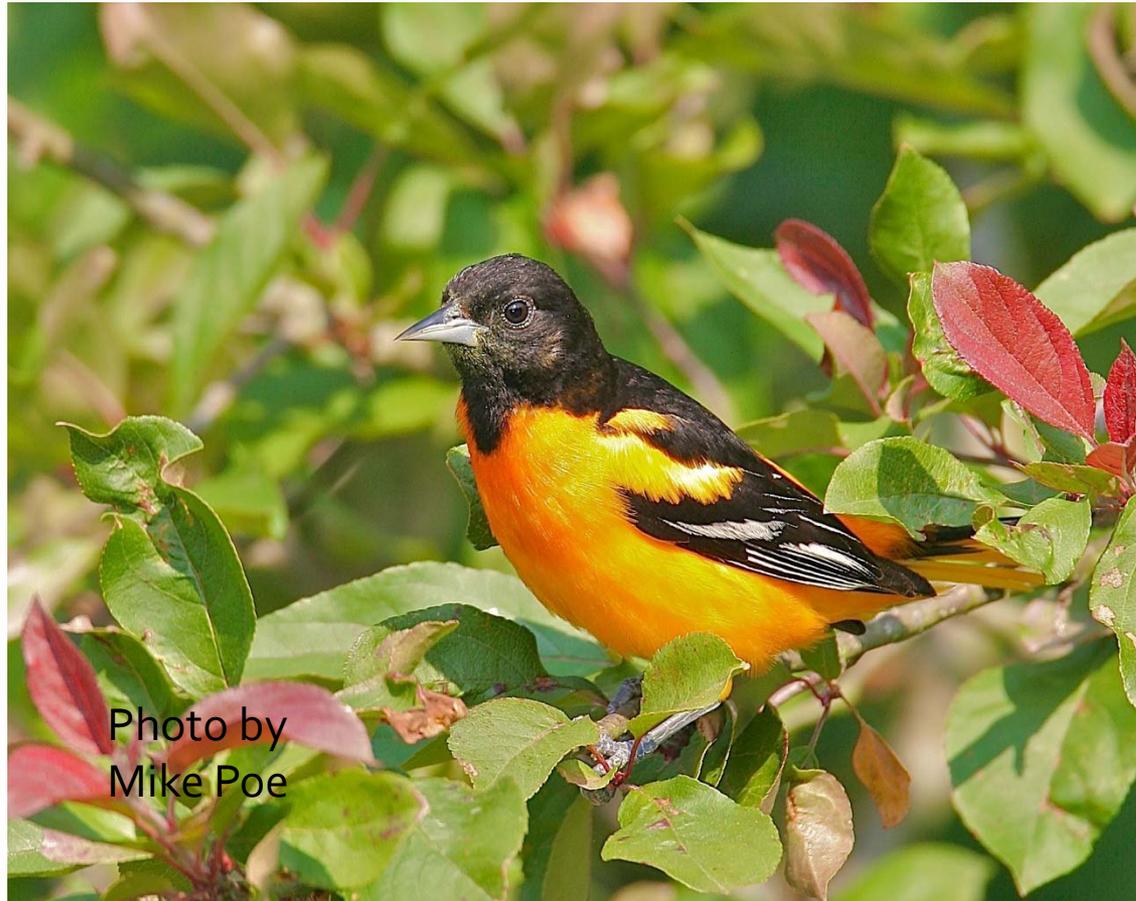


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Where is the Kingsport Birding Trail?

Allandale Mansion

Bays Mountain Park

Cattails at MeadowView

Domtar Park

Eastman Park

Fort Patrick Henry Dam

Greenbelt



Red-winged Blackbird



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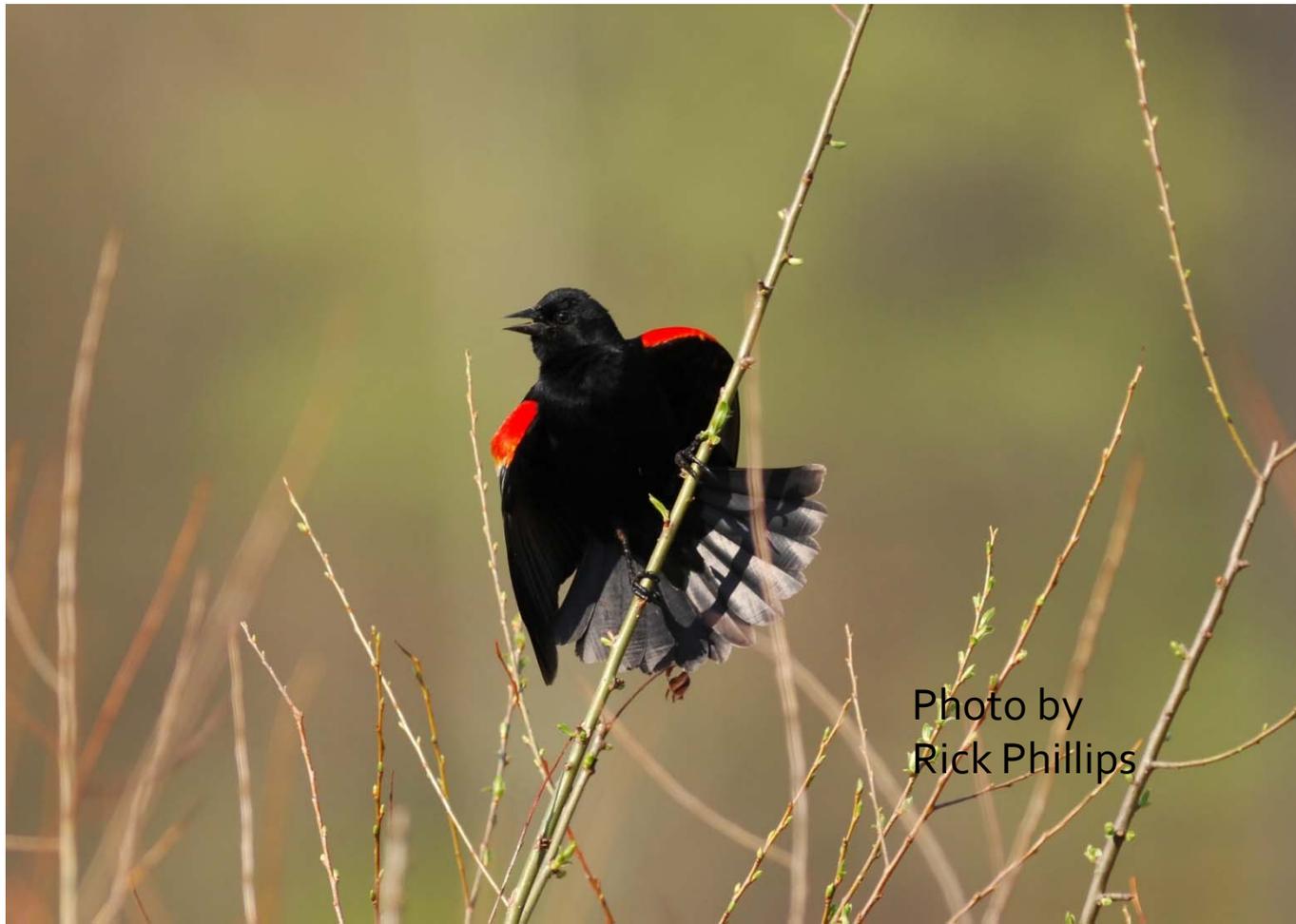


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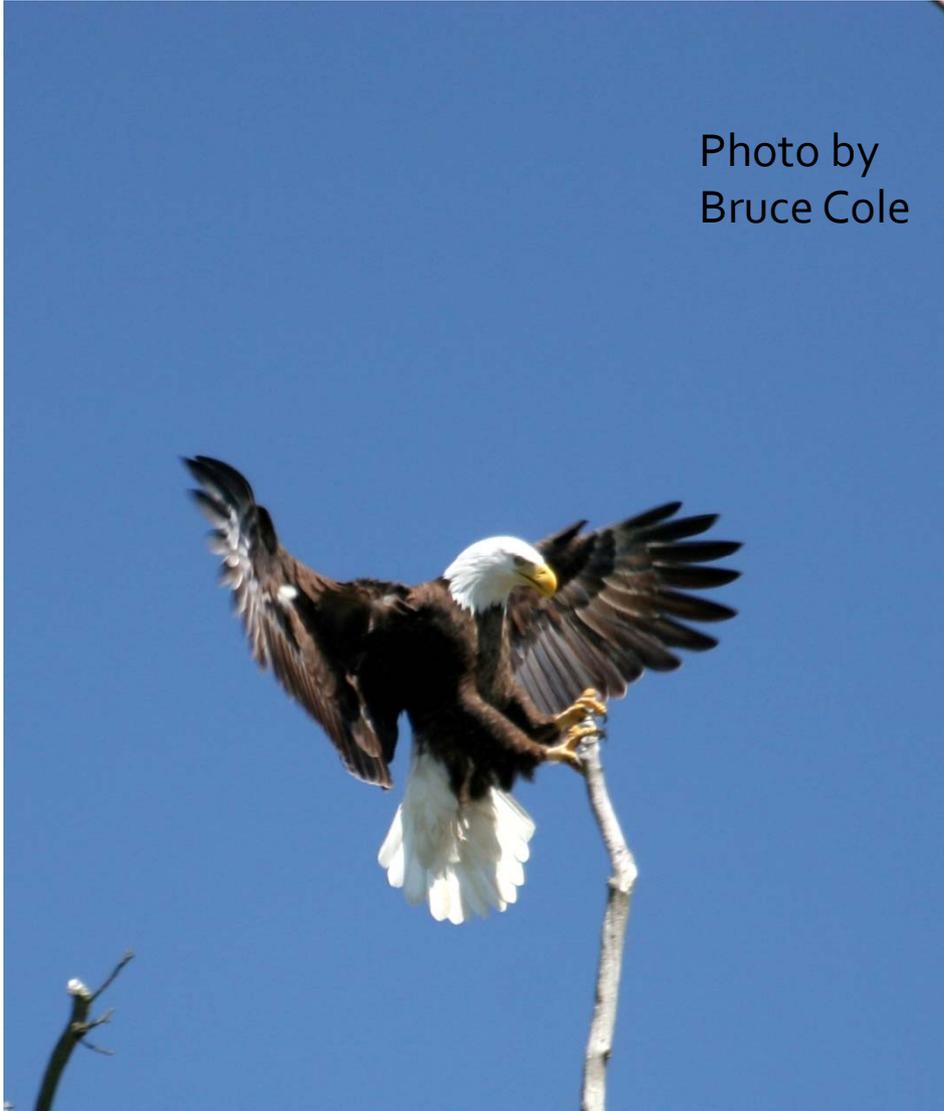
Domtar Park



Bald Eagle



Photo by
Bruce Cole



Eastman Park



American Goldfinch



Photo by
Rick Phillips

Fort Patrick Henry Dam



Great Blue Heron



Photo by
Mike Poe



Greenbelt



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Juvenile



Photo by
Rack Cross

How do I use the Kingsport Birding Trail?

- Choose a location on the brochure
- Drive to the parking area
- Explore the site



Birdwatchers



Photo by David Grace

Birds can be seen on the Kingsport Birding Trail year round

- ❑ Bald Eagles
- ❑ Spring and Fall migrants
- ❑ Summer and residential nesting birds
- ❑ Overwintering Gulls and Waterfowl
- ❑ Occasional rarities



Ring-billed Gull banded



Photo by
Rack Cross

How do I watch birds on the Kingsport Birding Trail?

- Use the Kingsport Birding Trail brochure, available at www.kingsportbirdingtrail.com as a checklist and a guide to birds at each site
- With or without binoculars
- With or without a bird identification field guide



Kingsport Birding Trail Special Events



Kingsport Birding Trail distinguished quote



“Birders like diversity. Diversity in the species of birds they observe and diversity in the natural and man-made habitats that support that avian diversity. Kingsport, and the surrounding area is a treasure trove of species diversity. It is possible for a novice bird watcher to easily identify over 100 species of birds in a year’s time in the Kingsport area. It is a great place to enjoy the pleasures of birding.”

Dr. Fred J. Alsop III,

Author of Birds of North America in association with the Smithsonian Institute and Professor of Biology at East Tennessee State University

Cooper's Hawk

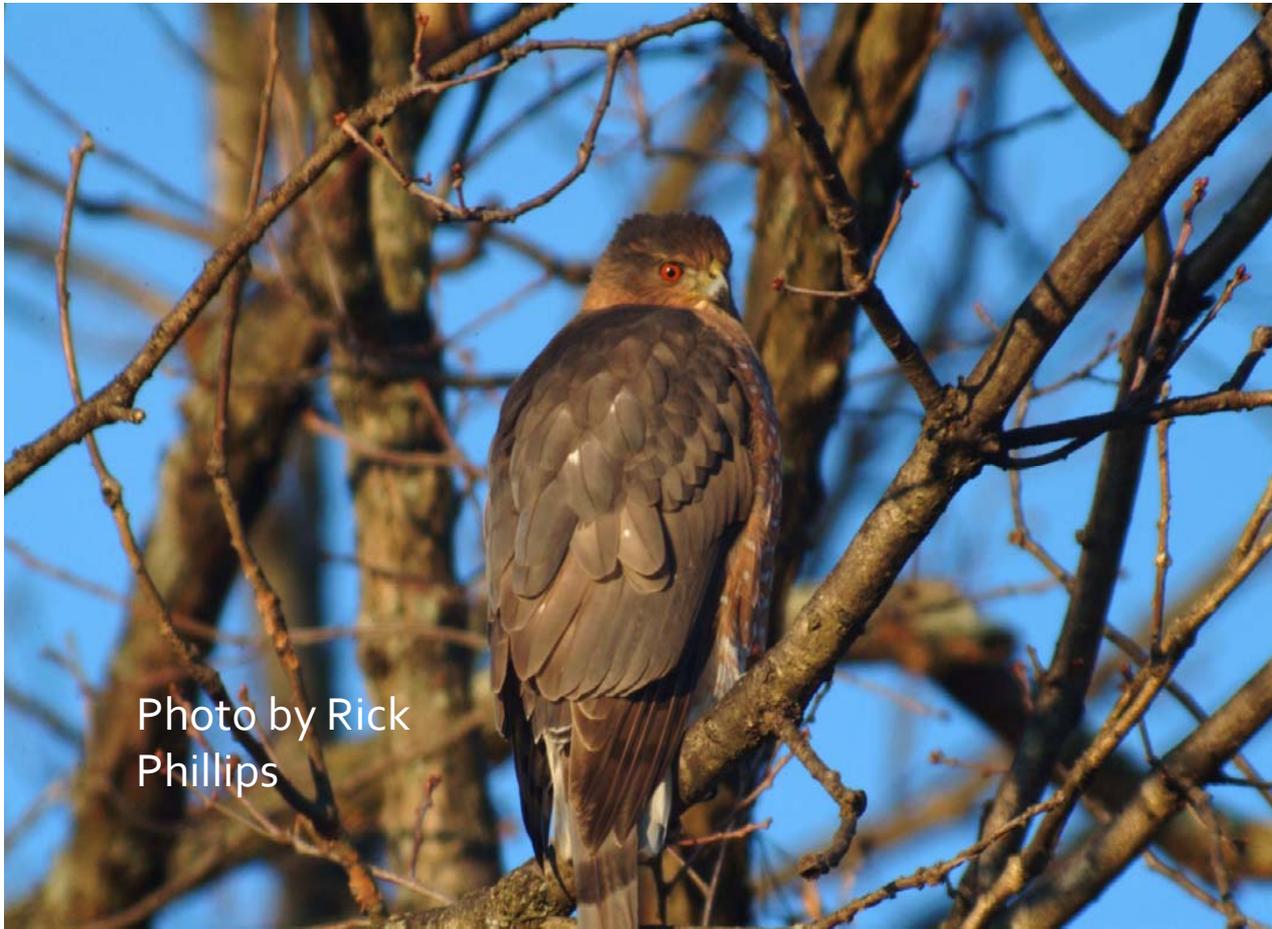


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tips for bird watching

- ❑ Keep a list of birds you identify
- ❑ Wear neutral colored clothing
- ❑ Limit use of noises and recorded bird calls
- ❑ Give nesting birds and young space and quiet



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron



Kingsport Birding Trail resource material

Kingsport Public Library

400 Broad Street
Kingsport, TN
423/229-9489

Kingsport Center for Higher Education

300 W. Market Street
Kingsport, TN
423/354-5539

East Tennessee State University at Kingsport

1501 University Boulevard
Kingsport, TN
423/392-8000

Northeast State Community College

2425 Highway 75
Blountville, TN
423/354-2429



Bald Eagle nest

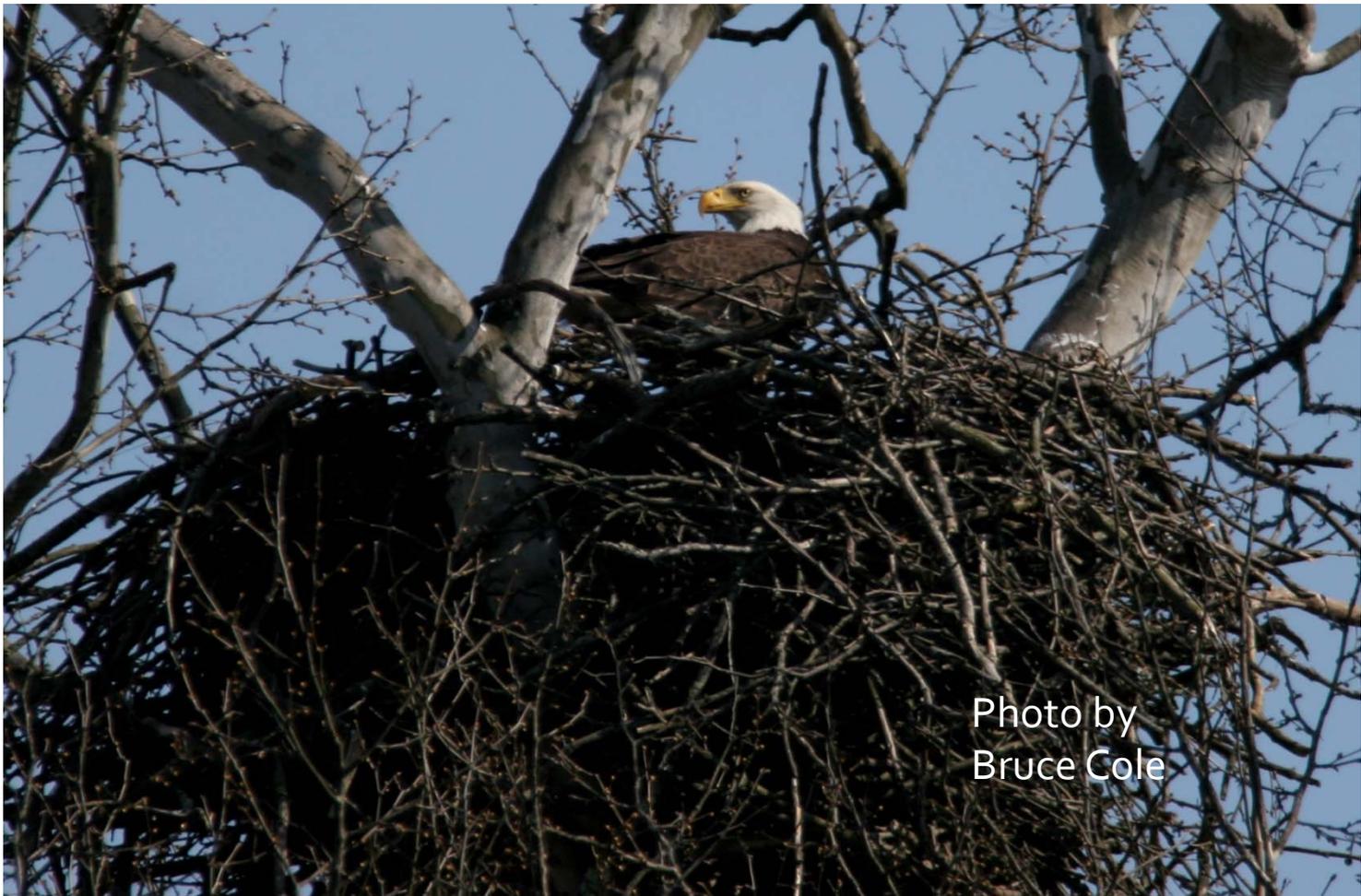


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