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*dragonfly | Glen Smith*

I have to admit. I haven't been walking as much at Oxley the past few days. The rain was scaring me off. It would be too wet! Too muddy! Would the animals be hiding? But I braved it last Wednesday and had a wonderful walk. Turtles splashed down into the water when they heard me coming, sweet songs of Prothonotary warblers were all around me, and more dragonflies than I could possibly identify were flitting in the shadows and bright spots near water, in the meadow, through the forest. Come and see!

### Some of the dragonflies that make Oxley home



Common Whitetail



Eastern Pondhawk



Widow Skimmer



Blue Dasher



The magnificent Yellow Crowned Night Heron begins life as a not-so-beautiful baby!

### Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - July Programs

Call 918-596-9054 for information or to register if required (please register 48 hours in advance). We will practice social distancing.

3 July "Saturday Morning Birding" Ages: All  
Saturday, 8:00-9:45 a.m. Free, registration not required.  
Join us for birding at Oxley. All skill levels are welcome.  
Bring binoculars if you have them.

17 July "Butterfly Walk" Ages: All  
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-noon Free, registration not required.  
Join us for our butterfly walk. Bring binoculars if you have them. All skill levels are welcome.

23 July "Full Buck Moon" Ages: All

Friday 7:00-8:30 p.m. \$3 members, \$5 non-members.

Please bring exact change (cash). Registration required by Wednesday, July 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Call 918-596-9054 to pre-register.

This moon is named for the White-tailed bucks that are growing their antlers this time of year. Join us as we look for these elusive mammals.

24 July "Wildflower Walk" Ages: All

Saturday, 10:30-noon Free, registration not required.

The heat is on. What pollinators are visiting the flowers blooming this time of the year?



Greg Silva

#### OXLEY NATURE CENTER HOURS

The Interpretive Building will be open Monday through Thursday, and Saturday 10:00 a.m. -

4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon - 4:30 p.m. We are closed on Fridays.

Gate and parking lot is open daily, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except most City holidays.

Hiking trails are accessible during Mohawk Park hours, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### REDBUD VALLEY NATURE PRESERVE HOURS

Redbud Valley Nature Preserve is open Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00

p.m.

The visitor center is open from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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