

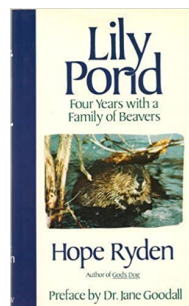
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Bryan Tapp

October has already been a busy month at Oxley Nature Center. The limpkin is back! Several sightings of our Southern friend have been had near Coal Creek. You might just try and see for yourself! As you walk our trails you will notice the sounds of all of the different species of woodpeckers our forests host. They have distinctive vocalizations and you might try to identify them by listening carefully.

Fall Sightings



Book Review Corner

(from the *All About Nature Oxley Book Group*)

[Lily Pond, Four Years with a Family of Beavers](#), Hope Ryden

Discover a classic natural history book

Hope Ryden's loving, insightful and thrilling (yes!) book covers the four years she spends observing, nearly living with, a family of beavers on a small pond in Harriman State Park in New York state. Hope brings her skills of observation honed by her years as a nature photographer, film producer, animal activist and nature writer to bear on this species. Known for her several books on wild horses as well as our October selection "God's Dog"

this book will open your eyes to the closely knit family life of beavers thanks to Hope Ryden's willingness to bunk down behind shrubs and trees, quietly watching her family of beavers in the nighttime hours when they were active. She observed the family grow with new kits being born, learning to trim leaves and stems off of branches and dive deep in the channels of water the beavers use as their paths in and out of their lodge. She also learns how beavers listen for the sounds of water rushing through breaks in their cleverly constructed dams, discovering points that need repair and then fixing them. Reading this book, you will come away with a feeling of love and awe for this amazing species. Read on!



SAVE THE DATE - for the annual Oxley Hayride and Wiener Roast - November 5th!

Friends of Oxley Members and Volunteers - You should have received a postcard invitation to the November 5 hayride/wiener roast. Please call the nature center to RSVP.

Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - October Programs

Call 918-596-9054 for information or to register for programs (please register 48 hours in advance).

October 1st
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.

October 8th
Full Hunter Moon Walk Ages: All
Saturday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Registration required by Thursday October 6th at 4:00 p.m.
Please bring exact change or check made out to City of Tulsa.
\$3 ONCA members, \$5 non-members.
The days are growing shorter and the sky is growing dark a little earlier each day. Join us to hunt for crepuscular creatures that step out into the night.

October 15th
Butterfly Explorations Ages: All
Saturday, 9:30- 11:00 a.m.
Free! Registration not required
Join us for our last butterfly walk of the year. Will we see Monarchs flying overhead as they head to Mexico? Bring binoculars if you have them.

October 17th
NEW! Oxley Seedlings Ages: 1-5 + caregiver
Monday, 10:00-11:00am
Registration is required
Free for ONCA members/ \$5 for nonmembers
Bring your little seedlings for a fun time outside or natural craft activity. Our new naturalist, Lisa Cobb will be teaching the "Seedlings" class! It is for Ages: 1-5 plus a caregiver. The class will be 1 Monday per month. In October, we will focus on spiders and why they aren't creepy. We'll go on a hunt looking for spider webs and make a fun, spider themed craft.

October 22nd
Explore the Flora Ages: All
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.- noon
Free! Registration not required
There are still wildflowers enjoying the cooler weather. Let's see if we can detect how plants are responding to shorter days.

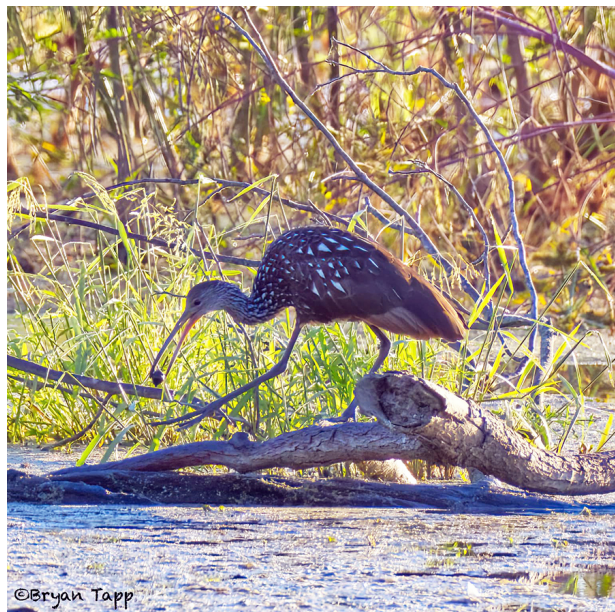
All About Nature Book Club Ages: Adult

Friday, 11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Free! Registration required

Join us for a discussion of books related to nature, conservation, and the environment.

October's selection: [God's Dog: A Celebration of the North American Coyote](#) by Hope Ryden. Please bring your own book (book club titles are also available for purchase in the nature center gift store).



The Limpkin is Back! | *Bryan Tapp*

Oxley Nature Center Hours

Park in the Oxley parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. or outside the gray stone gate from 5-9 p.m.



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