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Pileated Woodpecker | Bryan Tapp

Do you have a nature lover in your family? Come to Oxley Nature Center's Gift Shop to find gifts for the holidays that will definitely please and inspire. We have an amazing assortment of nature books for children of all ages, as well as guides to mammals, birds, snakes and more that adult nature lovers will treasure and use for years to come. We also have thoughtful items like bee houses, magnifying glasses, hummingbird feeders and more! And after you are done shopping, reward your efforts and take a beautiful nature hike! We look forward to helping you select the perfect items.



White Tailed Buck | Bryan Tapp

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM OXLEY

Are you wondering what gift to give to a friend or relative this holiday season? How about a Gift of Nature?

Oxley Nature Center Association **gift memberships** are available online at www.OxleyNatureCenter.org or from staff at the interpretive building. Members receive:

- Colorful window decal
- No charge or reduced fees for programs
- Discounts at the gift shop at Oxley
- Knowledge that membership helps protect and preserve Tulsa's special piece of the natural world
- With a gift membership at a level of Family or above, your friend/relative will also receive a copy of the Oxley cookbook [Grazing the Trail](#).

Also, you may want to stop by the gift shop in the interpretive building to find that perfect stocking stuffer, hat, tee shirt, bird feeder or book.

Finally, if you shop Amazon, please consider using their Smile program and designating Mary K. Oxley Nature Center as your chosen charity. Details can be found on the website www.OxleyNatureCenter.org



Frost Flower | Bryan Tapp

Book Review Corner

from the *All About Nature Oxley Book Club*

[Riverwalking: Reflections on Moving Water](#) by Kathleen Dean Moore

Kathleen Dean Moore's [Riverwalking: Reflections on Moving Water](#) is a collection of 20 beautifully written essays on nature, family, life, and the art of poking around. Like short stories, the essays are easy to pull out and read one at a time; they are also so masterfully layered that a reader can visit them again and again to discover new meanings. Dean names each piece after a river or stream explored by herself and her family, using these waterways as a jumping off point for musings on the movement of her own life. As she writes, "Drifting on rivers, I have had time to reflect---to listen and to watch, to speculate, to be grateful, to be astonished."

Riverwalking encourages readers to do exactly this: to slow down, pay attention, marvel at the unbridled beauty in both the natural and human world, and recognize how deeply they are connected.



Work is almost done repairing the Nora Warren Bridge at Oxley!

Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - December Programs

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

December 3rd - Saturday, 8:00-9:45 a.m.

Saturday Morning Birding

Ages: All

Free! Registration not required.

Join us for birding at Oxley.

December 7th - Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Full Cold Moon Walk
Ages: All
Registration required and is now open. Registration ends Monday December 5th at 4:00 p.m.
Please bring exact change or check made out to City of Tulsa.
\$3 ONCA members, \$5 non-members. Brrrrr! The days are short, leading to frosty cold nights. If it is still, the sounds will carry on the air, across the prairie and through the rattling dry leaves of the red oaks. What experiences will tonight's adventure bring? Dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes.

December 12th - Monday, 10:00-11:00am
NEW! Oxley Seedlings
Ages: 1-5 + caregiver
Registration is required
Free for ONCA members/ \$5 for nonmembers
Bring your little seedling to enjoy the winter birds at Oxley and make a special pinecone bird feeder to take home.

December 16th
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.
December's selection: Winter World: The Ingenuity of Animal Survival. Please bring your own book (book club titles are also available for purchase in the nature center gift store).

Every Friday and Saturday in December - 10a.m. to noon
Project Feederwatch
Ages: All
Free!
Stay Warm inside while helping collect community science data to submit to Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Bird watching and learning has never been so much fun! No experience necessary.

December 27th & 29th - Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m.- 11:30am
DIY Birdfeeders
Ages: 6-11
Registration is required; Register online at guide.tulsaparks.org or at the center directly.
\$10 per participant
Come get creative with us and build a homemade birdfeeder to support our winter bird population! We will follow up our craft with a winter walk along the trails.

December 27th & 29th - Tuesday & Thursday, 1:00 p.m.- 3:00pm
Smart Phone Nature Photography
Ages: 11-16
Registration is required; Register online at guide.tulsaparks.org or at the center directly.
\$10 per participant
Learn how to take great photos in nature with your smartphone! We will hit the trails with our cameras then head back inside to warm up with cocoa and cookies.



Cormorants and Ducks Lake Shelly | Bryan Tapp

other locations in Mohawk Park. We will break for lunch and then continue counting in the afternoon. Our count will be added to others from around the area, state, and nation to build a census of birds.

This is the 123rd year that the Audubon Society has organized its Christmas bird count. Dress for the field and bring binoculars and a sack lunch. Check out this website for further details or call Oxley 918-596-9054 for more information.
<https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>



OXLEY NATURE CENTER HOURS

The Interpretive Building will be closed on December 24th, 25th, & 26th for City Holidays but the trails will still be accessible.



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