

Kentucky Ornithological Society



Fall 2025 Meeting
Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
September 19-21, 2025
Registration: \$10.00 (\$3.00 for students)
All times are Central Daylight Time

Friday, September 19

- 1:00 p.m.** **Field Trips** departing from front of park lodge
- Clarks River NWR - Jeremy Teague
 - Barkley Dam - Brad Everhart
- 6:00 p.m.** **Meeting Registration and Silent Auction (Meeting Room A)**
- 7:00 p.m.** **Evening Meeting (Meeting Room A)**
- Libby Megna – Welcome & Introduction
 - Steve Kistler – Bird Quiz
 - Sam Prickett & Ethan Wells – former Kingsolver scholarship recipients.
 - Libby Megna - “Why birds’ eyeballs are better than yours”
 - Silent Auction will remain open for 15 minutes after the meeting’s conclusion

Saturday, September 20

- 8:00 a.m.** **Field Trips** departing from front of park lodge
- KY Lake Scenic Drive - Win Ahrens
 - Sledd Creek Boat Ramp - David Bailey
 - KDVSRL Lodge and Environs - Libby Megna
 - Boyd's Landing - Jeremy Teague
- 1:00 p.m.** **Field Trips** departing from front of park lodge
- Jonathan Creek Embayment - David Bailey & Happy Chambers
 - TBD Wildflowers and Birds - Steve Kistler
 - KY Dam - TBD
- 6:30 p.m.** **Meeting Registration and Silent Auction (Meeting Room A)**
- 7:00 p.m.** **Evening Meeting (Meeting Room A)**
- David Bailey – Welcome, Field Trip Bird Tally, and Meeting Business
 - **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. DJ McNeil- Assistant Professor at University of Kentucky
 - Silent Auction will conclude 10 minutes after the conclusion of the meeting

Sunday, September 21

- 8:00 a.m.** **Field Trips** departure area will be announced at conclusion of Saturday meeting.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. DJ McNeil



Dr. DJ McNeil is an Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology and Management at the University of Kentucky, whose research focuses on the ecology and conservation of native wildlife, particularly species of conservation concern. His work bridges ecological theory with applied conservation, often by quantifying key population metrics such as occupancy, abundance, survival, and reproduction, and linking them to habitat quality at both microhabitat and landscape scales. His current projects include studying movement and survival patterns of Northern Bobwhites, investigating the full lifecycle ecology of Eastern Whip-poor-wills, and examining the role of timber management in conserving disturbance-dependent birds like Golden-winged Warblers.