



## Spring Migration

April signals the beginning of the spring migration of birds. First, in the Deep South and Southwest as a trickle, but soon as a torrent as waves of warblers, thrushes, swallows, flycatchers, buntings, hummingbirds and waterfowl surge northward as the minutes of daylight increase throughout the Northern Hemisphere. By mid- and late-April, hundreds of millions of birds are on the move through North America, headed northward, ever northward. Some migrants fly by night, others all day and all night, driven by the need to get to the breeding grounds, establish a territory, and attract mates.

Among the first to arrive in the North are the red-winged blackbirds, followed by robins, orioles, hummingbirds, and waves of wood warblers. Green oases, like Central Park in the heart of New York City, are migration hotspots. Tired and hungry warblers, tanagers, grosbeaks, vireos, and many others, stop to rest and feed in the green vegetation where insects, tree blossoms and leftover fruit and seeds restore the energy needed to complete the journeys. Refueling stations for migrating birds are also the millions of backyards across North America where thirsty passersby hesitate at bird baths, and hungry travelers stop for fruits, berries, mealworms and sugar water. Most will not stop, as they pass in waves of color through trees, shrubs and vines, in search of insects on fresh leaves and flowers.

Birders experience the passing parade with binoculars and field guide at the ready, and food, water and cover in place to delay the movement north, if only for a few seconds.

-George H. Harrison

Take a break and unscramble these springtime words. Answers are on the next page.

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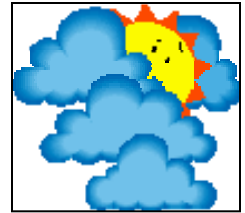
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### Special points of interest:

- *Spring migration*
- *Word Scramble*
- *Upcoming Events*
- *Open House*

The sun was warm but the wind was chill.  
 You know how it is with an April day  
 When the sun is out and the wind is still,  
 You're one month on in the middle of May.  
 But if you so much as dare to speak,  
 A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,  
 A wind comes off a frozen peak,  
 And you're two months back in the middle of  
 March

Robert Frost (1874–1963)  
Two Tramps in Mud Time (1936)





## Donation Tree



Armstrong County has no county or state parks. The **Crooked Creek Environmental Learning Center** is uniquely suited to fulfill the need for a facility and organization to provide environmental and resource conservation education.

Unlike state and county parks, the ELC is not supported by tax dollars and must rely on grants, user fees, donations, and sponsors to sustain operation.

As residents of Armstrong County, it is our duty to protect our resources and promote environmental

awareness. Make a donation to the ELC today to ensure the health and happiness of those tomorrow!

### *Membership Benefits Include:*

- \* Engraved Leaf on Donation Tree
- \* Monthly E-Newsletter
- \* Official ELC T-Shirt
- \* Satisfaction of improving the quality of life in our community.

## Look what's happening at the ELC!

**April -Spring Field Trips begin!!**

**Work Day April 14—9 AM –2 PM** Come out and help us get ready for our busiest season. There is something for everyone and food and drinks to keep your energy up.

**Earth Day- April 22** Take some time to help the earth in celebration of Earth Day. See above.

**Open House May 19—10 AM –2 PM** Come out and experience the Crooked Creek Environmental learning Center and some of the organizations associated with us. Learn something new and have lots of fun at the same time!



**Holly Travis is having fun at the fall workday while helping us remove unwanted shrubbery.**

**Come join us on April 14th**

Sweet April showers do bring May flowers.

**Thomas Tusser  
(1524?-1580)**

*A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry (1557)*

### Answers to word scramble

rain  
warm  
thunderstorm  
drizzle

foggy  
umbrella  
windy  
daylight



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# Open House

## Saturday

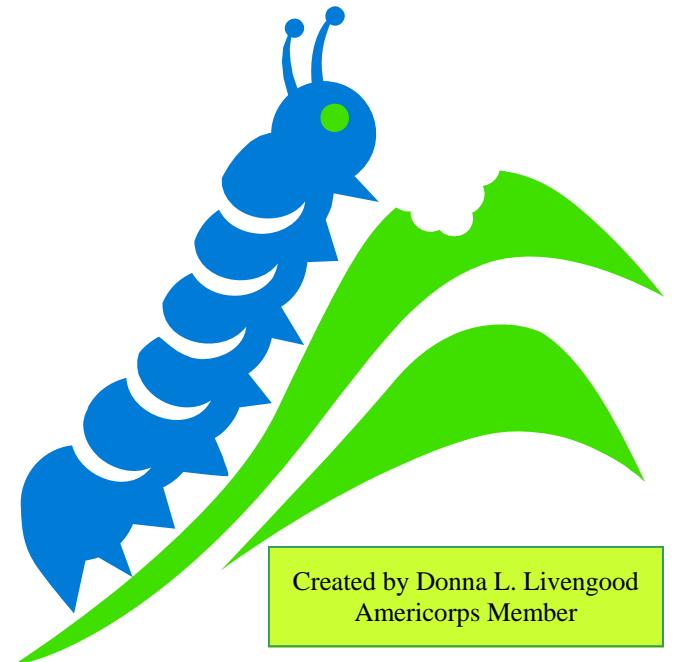
### May 19, 2007

#### 10 AM – 2 PM

Mark your calendars for May 19, 2007. We will have many things to see and do for all ages. Check out the displays from various organizations.

Refreshments will be available

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