

SOUNDSIDE LEARNING THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND

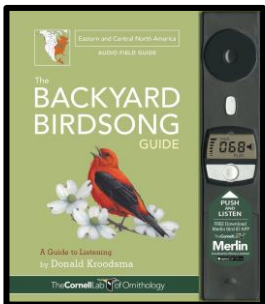


May 13, 2024

COMING UP AT CORE SOUND...

- **May 14:** *Community Night*—Bring a Covered Dish for Supper @ 6 PM & Opening Night of Wayne Davis’s “The Landing” exhibit @ 7 PM
- **May 23-26:** *King Mackerel & the Blues are Running*, Joslyn Hall @ CCC
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Sound Reading Material For You and Your Child



The Backyard Birdsong Guide

By Donald Kroodsma

Suitable for beginning bird watchers, *Backyard Birdsongs* is an interactive handbook of birds and their songs. With a touch-button electronic module that contains common vocalizations of seventy-five species from across eastern and central North America, this volume offers a truly sensory way to identify and get to know local birds.

Pages: 192
Grades: all

The Landing

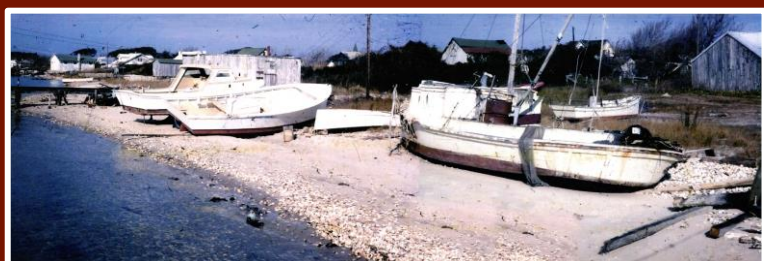
Once upon a time there was a stretch of beach that bordered Down East and was the cornerstone of the communities, a sanctuary for traditions, and a playground for exploration. For generations, families, fishermen, and children alike found solace, excitement, and connection upon its sandy grains. Once upon a time, in our not-so-distant-past, this place was called “The Landing.”

For families, the Landing represented a retreat from the hustle and bustle of life. There, amidst the lapping of waves and the salty breezes, bonds were strengthened, memories made, and traditions upheld. From watching across the water for Dad’s boat to return home to wading knee high to cool off, every moment spent at the Landing was a testament to its power to forge togetherness.

To fishermen, the Landing was more than just a place to prepare nets or anchor for the night; it was a lifeline. Here, amid the creaking of boats and the cries of seagulls, fishermen found sustenance, livelihood, and a connection to the sea that ran deep in their veins. Whether hauling in a catch or sharing tales of the one that got away, the camaraderie found at the Landing was as rich as the waters that surrounded it.

And for the children who roamed its shores, the Landing was a playground of endless possibilities. Beneath an endless expanse of sky, imaginations took flight, friendships made, and dreams were born. From pulling a small skiff along the shore to playing house under net spreads, every moment spent at the Landing was an adventure waiting to unfold.

Join us this **Tuesday evening, May 14th**, to celebrate the Landing. In a world that changes with each passing tide, this new exhibit will remind us that “The Landing” remains an example of tradition, community, and joy. Wayne Davis and friends’ shared stories of how things used to be will partner with life-like dioramas and authentic artifacts to undoubtedly uplift all who attend. ***This story is theirs to tell, but it is also mine, yours, and those yet to come. Don’t miss this special night.***



Bird Songs

SCIENCE
for YOU

Learning bird songs is a magical activity. It takes some calm and quiet. Once you encourage your children to really sit and listen, they'll begin to hear things they didn't notice before, and you probably will, too!

A good bird songbook is an indispensable resource for this! Your children will love listening to bird songs, and it is a beautiful thing when they recognize a bird song in nature for the first time. One song guide is noted on the first page of this newsletter!



Protecting at Great Lengths

Few species rival the noble killdeer when it comes to protecting their young. These medium-sized birds, often found in open fields, gravel roads, and even parking lots, are renowned for their remarkable dedication to defending the defenseless.

One of the most striking behaviors of killdeer parents is their feigned injury display. When a potential threat, such as a predator or a human intruder, approaches their nests or chicks, killdeer initiate a dramatic performance. They'll flutter away from the nest, dragging one wing as if injured, all to draw attention away from their vulnerable offspring. This decoy tactic is a clever ruse, designed to lure predators away from the nest site.

The commitment of killdeer parents doesn't end with their acting skills. Once the threat has been successfully diverted, they'll employ an array of other tactics to safeguard their brood. Killdeer are known to emit alarm calls to warn their chicks of impending danger, teaching them to recognize potential threats from an early age. Additionally, both parents take turns incubating the eggs and caring for the hatchlings, ensuring round-the-clock protection and care.

Their nest construction also plays a crucial role in protecting their young. Rather than building a traditional cup-shaped nest high in the trees, killdeer opt for a simple scrape in the ground, often lined with pebbles or twigs. This inconspicuous nesting strategy helps keep their eggs and chicks hidden from predators and minimizes the risk of detection. Despite their small size, killdeer possess a fierce determination when it comes to defending their offspring. Their unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of their young serves as a testament to the remarkable lengths to which parental instincts drive the behavior of animals in the natural world. In a world where threats abound, the killdeer stands as an example of parental devotion and ingenuity, reminding us of the profound bonds that naturally exist between parents and their offspring.



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