

NATURALIST NEWS

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WELCOME KIM!

Kimberly Rohling joins Extension as the Energy and Environmental Stewardship Extension Program Coordinator. She will work with Erin Garrett to support natural resource programming throughout the five counties.

Kim earned her Master's degree in Zoology from Southern Illinois University in 2019, where her research focused on the demography, home range, and macrohabitat selection of state-threatened ornate box turtles. She earned her Bachelor's degrees in Oceanography and Environmental Studies from Eckerd College in 2008. She currently serves as a board member for the Friends of the Cache River Watershed and volunteers her time as a Master Naturalist.

Prior to her time with Extension, Kim worked for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and served as a Land of Lincoln/Southern 7 AmeriCorps Member at Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge.



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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunity in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any program, please contact your local Extension office. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

CHECK OUT THESE CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Everyday Environment Webinar Series, 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:00PM

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/everyday-environment-webinar-series>

- **12/10/2020** All About Squirrels
- **1/14/2021** Radon: Is it Still an Issue?
- **2/11/2021** Waste to Renewable Energy
- **3/11/2021** Severe Weather



University of Illinois Extension Urban Tree Conference

January 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 2021 9AM - 12:15 PM

Bring nature back to your urban area with the help of the Urban Tree Conference. The 6 day, 18 session virtual conference will cover all aspects of urban tree planning, implementation and management. Cost: \$10/day, \$50 for the entire program.

Register: go.illinois.edu/UrbanTreeRegistration.

CHECK OUT THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Bird Count Information- Contact compilers if interested!

Do you want to count from the comfort of your home? See if you live in a circle:

<https://audubon.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=ac275eeb01434cedb1c5dcd0fd3fc7b4>



Connect With Compilers

12/14/2020 Cypress Creek | Dr. Jeffrey Hoover -hoover_jeff@hotmail.com | 217-417-8277

12/16/2020 Warbluff Valley Sanctuary | Andrea Douglas -anderatd@yahoo.com | 618-564-2079

12/19/2020 Rend Lake | Keith McMullen - warbler7@sbcglobal.net | 618-560-9450

12/20/2020 Crab Orchard NWR | Vicki Lang - vickil@siu.edu | 618-697-9868

12/28/2020 Alexander County | Vernon Kleen - vkleen@comcast.net | 217-787-3515

12/29/2020 Union County | Vernon Kleen - vkleen@comcast.net | 217-787-3515

12/30/2020 Mermet Lake/Massac | Rhonda Rothrock - woodthrusheola@hotmail.com | 618-684-6605

12/31/2020 Middle Mississippi | Rhonda Rothrock - woodthrusheola@hotmail.com | 618-684-6605

1/1/2021 Jackson County | Rhonda Rothrock - woodthrusheola@hotmail.com | 618-684-6605

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Master Gardener Coordinators for Alexander,
Johnson, Massac, Pulaski, and Union Counties



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BOOK CLUB

1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 9AM
Starting 6th January

ZOOM Meetings

FIRST READ:
ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE:
A YEAR OF FOOD LIFE
BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER

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