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Flora Feature: Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)

By Rob Thorn

One of the easiest to identify spring flowers, these cute wild relatives of Bleeding Hearts are a common sight in central Ohio woodlands from late March to early May. Like many woodland spring flowers, they are ephemeral, shriveling up as the tree canopy closes off their light. The last you will see of them are their frilly low leaves, yellowed by mid-to-late May.

Family: Fumariaceae. Breeches belong to the fumitory family, a group that includes Bleeding Hearts and Fumitory. Most of us know this family from the beautiful cultivated Bleeding Hearts of our gardens. The most interesting wild members of this family are found in western North America and include wild bleeding heart, corydalis, and the aptly-named steer's head (whose flower vaguely suggests a long-horned cow head). Fumitories are closely related to poppies, and like those plants they have various poisons in their sap, so this is one group most animals don't eat.

Range: Southern Canada and the northeastern U.S. *Dicentra* are quite abundant throughout the Midwest, but their abundance declines as you head south below Kentucky, except in the Appalachian mountains. These plants are herbs of rich deciduous woodlands and usually common only in mature forest.

Field Marks: This is one spring flower that has a plethora of field marks. Foremost are those cute flowers, arranged like pairs of starched white bloomers hung out to dry. If you look closely, you'll notice that the "pants" are upside-down, and the bottom end has a tiny flare of petals, along with protruding stamens and pistil. The pant "leggings" are actually spurs of the flower petals, and often stick out in a V shape. The leaves are also distinctive, being compound and dissected, so they resemble a tiny blue-green head of parsley or cilantro. The plants are low, rarely being higher than 8 inches, and often occur in colonies.

There is one complication, however. Breeches share much of their range with a look-alike known as squirrel corn (*D. canadensis*). The flowers of squirrel corn are about the same size and color but look distinctly heart-shaped, without long petal spurs. The leaves also look different, with narrowly-dissected leaves that look rather fern-like. The bulb of squirrel corn looks like a fat yellow chick pea, while the bulb of Dutchman's breeches looks like a small white lily bulb. Squirrel corn is reputed to be more strictly confined to moist woods and less tolerant of disturbance, but I have found them in very similar locations.

Biology: Breeches are perennials, re-sprouting from tiny bulbs every spring. The first sign that they are re-awakened is a small fan-like spray of tiny leaves. The bulbs of *Dicentra* can be transplanted easily; I've even done this for our yard, rescuing bulbs from a development site, but they are sensitive to depth and soil compaction. Many of the bulbs that I've moved to moderate traffic areas don't thrive; naturalists have also noted that they don't do well along the very edges of trails.

See "Dutchman's Breeches," page 2.

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Dutchman's Breeches, continued

Being early spring flowers, breeches can have some difficulty finding pollinators. Like several other early spring plants, they try to attract several types of bees. Their principle pollinators here in Ohio appear to be early bumblebees (especially *Bombus bimaculatus*) and spring Miner Bees (genus *Andrena*). The large Bumblebees probe the spurs for nectar rewards and have a good memory of flower shapes. They tend to specialize in a particular flower type for several days, so they act like an express bus for pollen between *Dicentra* plants. The smaller, more numerous *Andrenas* go after pollen of many flower types and are less focused on one flower type. They act more like a local bus, making stops at any interesting flower, so that the chance of them visiting a breeches flower is good, but the chance of visiting another breeches flower soon afterwards is not that high.

Breeches-insect relationships don't stop with pollination. Like several other early spring flowers such as trilliums, breeches recruit ants to help in the dispersal of their seeds. After the seed pods have ripened and split in late May, the seeds drop near the plant. The seeds apparently have an eliasome, a soft, nutritious attachment that is prized by ants that carry the seed back to their colony. Once the eliasome is eaten, the seed is discarded to the colony waste pile, which is a well-fertilized location for the young plant to sprout. Even with this, though, many seeds don't get far from their parents, and the plants are often found in colonies of many individuals.

Breeches, like other members of their family, have potent chemical defenses in their leaves and bulbs. Native Americans and early settlers apparently used dried bulbs in a water mixture to make a skin tonic, a use very similar to that of its toxic European relative, the fumitory. Even the leaves are rather toxic, causing diarrhea and a staggering disease in cattle unfortunate enough to eat many plants. Look closely at any breeches plant and you will see little evidence of herbivory, either by mammals or insects.

Dutchman's breeches can be found

anywhere in central Ohio where there is somewhat mature woodland. They appear to need some deep leaf litter to protect and nourish the bulbs, so almost any sizeable woodlot will have some plants. For big colonies, though, you should visit a large mature forest. I've found particularly lush, beautiful groups of breeches along the Dripping Rock trail at Highbanks Metro Park and the Five Oaks trail in Slate Run Metro Park. Ravines often have different microenvironments that allow different plants to bloom at slightly different times. But don't wait; their flowers only last 10 to 12 days, so by May they are largely done.

Spring Migration

Special Event

"Bird Songs 101," with Jim McCormac

Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Museum of Biological Diversity Auditorium, 1315 Kinnear Road, Columbus

Of the 412 species of birds recorded in Ohio to date, about 302 occur annually. These 302 birds each makes on average perhaps three to five distinct songs or calls. So, there are about 906 to 1,510 sounds to learn to master a year's worth of birds! It's not nearly as bad as it sounds, though. There are lots of tricks and tips that experienced birding-by-ear birders employ to make navigation through the quagmire of sounds much easier. This talk will delve into ways of simplifying song, and touch on tips that make remembering them easier. Through the marvels of PowerPoint®, not only will we see beautiful images of our songsters, but we'll also hear their songs.

Jim McCormac is a botanist with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves. He is also a long-time birder, and currently serves as secretary of the Ohio Bird Records Committee. He is also author of the guide *Birds of Ohio*, slated for release on March 15, 2004. This book covers all regularly occurring Ohio species in detail, including interesting and often little known facts and information, Ohio-specific color range maps, seasonal

abundance bar graphs, etc. If it is available, we will sell books at the event and Jim will sign them.

Due to the popularity of this program, we recommend you arrive early. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Song Sparrow Award Winners

At the February 17 annual meeting, four Columbus Audubon members received the Song Sparrow Award for excellence in volunteer service.

Charlie Bombaci has compiled the Hoover Reservoir Christmas Bird Count since 1991. Charlie grew up in Essex, Connecticut, right across the Connecticut River from Old Lyme, Connecticut, home of Roger Tory Peterson. Charlie's father and brother had a fuel oil business and the Peterson's were customers. His interest in birding got its seed from watching a Bald Eagle catch a trout at a local lake. He is author of *A Birder's Guide To Franklin County and Central Ohio* and a contributor to Tom Thomson's *Birding In Ohio*.

Deborah and Ken Buckley served on the Eco-Weekend committee for nine years. They were the committee co-chairs for four of those years. Deborah and Ken participate in the birdathon, have helped with the bird seed sale, and represented CA at Earth Day at the Columbus Zoo. They also contributed muscle and know-how on the work trip that extended the boardwalk at Calamus Swamp and have sold Entertainment Books. Ken is a current trustee and was elected to continue for another three-year term.

Kristan Leedy is editor of the *Song Sparrow* and columbusaudubon.org. She organized and co-chaired the 90th anniversary celebration committee in 2003, hatched the Columbus Audubon logo contest and coordinated the website redesign. Kristan also has served as trustee, recording secretary and conservation committee member, briefly managing the letter of the month club and creating the (now defunct) e-mail rapid response team.

Your BIRD REPORTS by John Arnfield

Late February and early March is a period in which winter begins to relax its grip on the central Ohio landscape as the sun climbs higher in the sky and temperatures start their ascent towards the balmy days of summer. Although we have very few of your bird reports this month, some reflect deepest winter and others are suggestive of bird distributions and behavior of the coming spring. . . . In the first category, Nancy Baker reports a snow bunting on March 2nd, on Coventry Rd in Upper Arlington. This is an unusual habitat for this bird, which is more commonly found in central Ohio's open country, fields of weeds and grain stubble and roadsides, often in the company of Horned Larks and Lapland Longspurs. . . . Also in early March, Carolyn May found nine Horned Grebes, in winter plumage, and one Ring-necked Duck at the north end of the quarry between Route 33 and Interstate 670 E. She suggests these are best viewed from the 610 WTVN parking lot. . . . Bird feeders continue to attract birds to urban and suburban environments as natural food sources become depleted by the late winter and new supplies have yet to appear. Jo Ann and Bob Tustin write that their electrically-heated birdbath has attracted Northern Mockingbirds and a Red-tailed Hawk to their south Worthington home, and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Northern Flicker and Downy, Hairy and Red-bellied Woodpeckers have enjoyed their suet feeder. They also attract American Goldfinches year round. . . . And the harbingers of spring? The Fox Sparrow is rated as "uncommon" in early March but Holly Pugh was fortunate enough to spot one on March 3rd at the Barber Roselea Senior Center near Whetstone Park. Common Grackles are found in Ohio all winter but become more numerous and widespread as the season progresses. Carol Shiplevy observed a flock of them in Pickaway County on March 9th that included one with a totally white tail. . . . Your recorder observed his first Eastern Towhee of the year in his Clintonville yard on March 1st, characteristically kicking back leaves (known as "double-scratch foraging") in his search for seeds, fruits and maybe the odd early insect underneath. A pair of Red-breasted Nuthatches were also present on March 3rd. . . . The well-attended Columbus Audubon field trip to Killdeer Plains on February 29th was a very exciting one for those who enjoy raptors. The trip netted several Red-tailed Hawks and Bald Eagles, many Northern Harriers, and a Rough-legged Hawk. The pine grove area had over 20 Long-eared Owls and one Northern Saw-whet Owl and the trip was brought to a spectacular conclusion as dusk descended by several Short-Eared Owls hunting over the fields of long grass and perching on dead snags, affording the group some clear views, despite the fading light. . . . Let me remind you again that you don't have to see rare birds to contribute your sightings. Send us your observations (with your name and a date) to Kristan Leedy (kleedy@larkspur-pro.com) or call them in to the Columbus Audubon office at 740-549-0333.

Take note

Changes are coming to the *Song Sparrow*

Starting in September 2004, the newsletter will go to a predominantly bi-monthly schedule. The new schedule and explanation why we are making this change will be published in the May issue.

Help create habitat in Whetstone Park

Audubon members are invited to assist Columbus Wild Ones in changing five acres of lawn in Whetstone Park into the Whetstone Prairie and Native Habitat Garden to better attract birds, butterflies, and small mammals to the park. E-mail mlogue@sprintmail.com or call (614) 237-2534 to help plant the Demonstration Garden (Saturday, April 24) or seed the prairie (Saturday, May 15).

Earth Week cleanup volunteers needed

Friends of Alum Creek & Tributaries (FACT) is seeking volunteers to help pick up trash on Saturday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. along the recently constructed 1.5 mile Alum Creek recreational trail in Westerville. For more information, contact David Roseman (djroseman@msn.com, 614-890-7410) or Heather Doherty (Doherty@friendsofalumcreek.org, 614-409-0511).

Take a walk with Friends of the Ravines

The plant walk on Adena/Overbrook Ravine will be held Sunday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m. Meet at The Graham School Parking lot, 3950 Indianola Avenue. Contact Sherrill Massey if you have questions (sherrille@mail.com or 614-461-4438).

Will you be ready to observe spring butterflies?

The Butterfly Observers Group will help. Attend their program on Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., in the Museum of Biological Diversity. Information: 614-876-2805.

Delaware Bird Club will celebrate the season

Mike Flynn will present the April 26 program "The Gifts of Spring," at 7:00 p.m. at Ohio Wesleyan Univ. New Science building, room 165, lower level. Information: www.azure-trails@columbus.rr.com.

Columbus Natural History Society will present. . . .

"On stars in General and Our Sun in Particular," with Marc Pinsonneault, on April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum of Biological Diversity. Information: wtslaf@netzero.net.

Send your kids to Raptor Camp

This Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center summer EcoCamp is offered for kids 11 to 13 years old who are especially interested in wildlife. It will be held June 21-25. Call 937-767-7648 for information or to register.

Thanks to the Northwest Garden Club. . . .

For donating \$50 to Columbus Audubon after a presentation by Lois Day on February 25.

Thanks to editorial assistants. . . .

Ramona Collings and Abbie Basile for typing and formatting help on the March and April issues (respectively) of the *Song Sparrow*.

Coming Up

Columbus Audubon activities are for nature enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels. We invite you to join us for a field trip or program to learn more about birds and their central Ohio habitats, as well as other natural history topics. Our activities are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Heavy Weather Policy

Heavy weather and a concern for safety may, after careful consideration, force a leader to cancel an activity or otherwise change plans. To find out, please contact the leader indicated in the activity description. If no leader or contact information is listed, please call the Columbus Audubon phone line at 740-549-0333, and check the website at www.columbusaudubon.org.

Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Birding 101: Early Migrants

Highbanks Metro Park

Skill Level: Beginner or refresher

Leader: Mike Flynn, 614-882-9493

Learn about or brush up on migrating birds before Saturday's bird hike. We'll look at slides and study skins. Class will be held in the Nature Center.

Saturday, April 3, 7:30 a.m.

Birding 101: Early Migrant Bird Hike

Highbanks Metro Park

Skill Level: All

Hike 2.5 miles in search of Ohio's early bird migrants. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Meet at the Nature Center.

Saturday, April 3, 8:00 a.m.

Scioto River and O'Shaughnessy Reservoir

Leader: Rob Thorn, 614-417-3051 or

robthorn@earthlink.net

Skill level: All

Spring will be starting to swell with early flowers and migrants. We'll look for lingering waterfowl, as well as early migrant hawks and other land birds along the wooded Scioto River corridor. This area is among the best places in central Ohio to catch early migrant warblers like Prothonotary, Yellow-throated, Black-throated Green, and Pine. Sites such as Scioto Park, Kiwanis Park, O'Shaughnessy dam, Twin Lakes Park, and the new Traphagen preserve of Delaware Preservation Parks promise an interesting and diverse morning as we warm up for the later waves of migrants. Meet at the parking area for Scioto Park. This small park is along Rt. 33 (Riverside Dr.) north of I-270; exit north at Sawmill and take Bright Road west to 33 and turn north. The trip should be over by 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 8, doors open 7:00 p.m.

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See page 2 for details.

Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Amateur Astronomy 101, Session 1

Ohio Wildlife Center, Cook Rd. Facility, Powell

Skill level: Beginner

Instructor: Jay Young

Registration required; 25 participant limit

This is the first session of a three-session workshop designed to help you develop a greater appreciation and knowledge of the starry night. The workshop will be organized as an academic course, with a syllabus, text and homework. For more information visit www.columbusaudubon.org. To register contact Jay Young (614-251-4565, youngj2@ohiodominican.edu) or Darlene Sillick (azuretrails@columbus.rr.com).

Thursday, April 15, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Columbus Audubon on WOSU-AM Radio

Join Tom Thomson on Open Line, hosted by Tom Wiebel. Call in and ask questions of Tom or his guests Donna Daniel and Sandra Gaunt.

Saturday – Sunday, April 17-18

Meets Saturday, 7:45 a.m.

Lakeside Restoration Landscaping

Skill level: All

Leader: Sharon Treaster, 614-292-1395

Assist in landscaping the new facilities at Old Woman Creek Nature Preserve in Erie County with northern district manager John McFadden. Old Woman Creek is a national freshwater research estuary reserve featuring a barrier beach with wooded upland habitat. To register call Roger Barber (Department of Natural Areas and Preserves work trip coordinator) by noon, April 12, at 614-265-6467. We will use dorm and kitchen facilities (possibly camping) near the work site and within hiking distance of Lake Erie. Bring Saturday's lunch, cup or water bottle for drinking, and money for remaining group meals. Meet at building E at the Ohio Department Natural Resources Complex, 1889 Fountain Sq. (off Morse road).

Saturday, April 17, 8:00 a.m.

Green Lawn Cemetery

Skill level: All

Leader: Pam Raver, praver@columbus.rr.com

You never know what to expect at this birding hotspot. Look for early migrants as you wander around the Pit and the Bridge at Green Lawn Cemetery with avid birder Pam Raver. Meet at the office/entrance to the cemetery.

Saturday, April 17, 2:00 p.m.

Kiwanis Riverway Park

Skill level: All

Leader: Darlene Sillick, 614-761-3696,

azuretrails@columbus.rr.com

Take a wildflower tour of Kiwanis Riverway Park in Dublin. This popular walk will visit 2-3 of Dublin's wildflower hotspots. We will observe a few birds too since early migration will be underway. Meet at the south end of the Wendy's parking lot at 161/Riverside Dr./Rt. 33.

Sunday, April 18, 2:00 p.m.

Slate Run Wetlands

Skill level: All

**Leader: Brad Sparks, 614-751-6622,
birdmansparks@yahoo.com**

Join this Avid's trip leader from 2:00 p.m. until we see and hear all we can. This location includes 156 acres of wetland, pond and nature trails and was built in partnership with the Ohio Wetland Foundation. A system of dikes, observation decks and boardwalks take visitors from water's edge to vista view. Bring your scope, binoculars and field guide to look for waterfowl, shorebirds and grassland species. Boots are suggested as the trails can be very muddy. Meet at the parking lot for Slate Run Wetlands. To get to the wetlands from I-270, take U.S. 33 east toward Lancaster to the Canal Winchester/S.R. 674 exit. Turn right onto Gender Rd./S.R. 674 and go about 2 miles until it dead-ends into Lithopolis Road. Turn left and go about 1/2 mile to S.R. 674. Turn right. After about 4 miles, you will see main entrance on right. Continue past the main park entrance and go 1/2 mile to Marcy Rd. Turn right. Go 3 miles to Winchester Rd. and then turn right. Wetlands entrance is about 2 miles on the right.

Wednesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.

Amateur Astronomy 101, Session 2

See Wednesday, April 14.

Sunday, April 25, 12:30 p.m.

Alum Creek and Delaware State Park

Skill level: All

Leader: Mike Flynn, 614-882-9493

At these Delaware hotspots, we hope to see nesting Osprey Eagles (Alum Creek), Bald Eagles and other feathered jewels. Delaware State Park has a diversity of habitat and can offer surprises to those who take the time to look around. Dick Tuttle, long-time CA member and raptor conservation specialist, will join us at both sites. Weather permitting, we also will stop at a location and toss feathers to see if Tree Swallows will pick them up to line their nests. Meet in the southwest corner of the Worthington Mall parking lot.

Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. social time

Columbus Audubon Nature Program

See article at right.

Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.

Amateur Astronomy 101, Session 3

See Wednesday, April 14.

Thursday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.

Birding 101: Warblers

Highbanks Metro Park

Skill Level: Beginner or refresher

Leader: Tom Sheley

Learn or brush up on your warbler identification skills before Saturday's bird hike. Tom will show slides and share his knowledge of warblers. Meet in the Nature Center.

Saturday, May 1, 7:30 a.m.

Birding 101: Warbler Watching

Highbanks Metro Park

Skill Level: All

Hike 2.5 miles in search of colorful spring migrants. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Meet at the Nature Center.

Avid Birders

For the trips listed below, bring a lunch and meet at the Worthington Mall parking lot for carpooling. Questions? Contact Bill Whan (danielel@iwaynet.net) or Doreen Linzell (dlinzell@att.net). Or visit www.columbusaudubon.org and select "Activities," "Avid Birders" for a trip schedule, reports on past trips and other useful information and links.

Saturday, April 24, 5:30 a.m.

Southern Ohio spring migrants.

CA Nature Program

"Cross-boundary Relationships Foster Conservation in Belize," with Richard Shank, Ph.D, State Director of The Nature Conservancy, Ohio Chapter

Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. social time,

7:30 p.m. presentation

Inniswood Metro Gardens

Belize is a country of lush tropical rain forests, coastal mangrove forests, offshore cays, and the second largest coral reef system in the world. The unspoiled rain forests and savannas of Belize are well known homes to jaguars, spider and howler monkeys, tapirs, and nearly 600 species of birds.

This evening Richard Shank will reflect on this biologically rich country and discuss conservation achievements of the Conservancy and in-country partners in Belize, including habitat protection for migratory bird species, forestry and freshwater protection, community conservation, and education efforts. The benefits of international partnerships in conservation will be the focus of this presentation, including highlights of a recent visit to Belize by Conservancy staff that helped to establish a program to evaluate the biological health of tributaries to the New River Lagoon.

Richard Shank was named executive director of The Nature Conservancy's Ohio chapter in August 2001. He oversees all aspects of the organizations' conservation mission in Ohio, focusing on protection initiatives for the Appalachian forests of southeastern Ohio, preservation of Ohio's many threatened freshwater watersheds, and protection of the diverse habitats in the Lake Erie watershed basin.

Refreshments are served at all programs. Please come early for social time. Location: Inniswood Metro Gardens. Take I-270 to the Rt. 3 Westerville exit and head north to Schrock Road. Turn right on Schrock, proceed to Hempstead Road and turn right again. Inniswood is less than a mile on the left.

CA Birdathon 10th Anniversary

By Katryn Renard



Columbus Audubon has had a birdathon for many years. But it was in 1994 that the birdathon was expanded to make it more accessible to you. That was the year we instituted three different time categories for the birders. We have the 24-hour category for the marathon birders who leave no wetland unchecked, no old field unvisited, and no lake un-scoped. The 10-hour category is for those who enjoy a full day of birding, but don't really need to see all seven species of thrushes. And for those who believe a nice leisurely lunch is as much fun as birding, we have the 5-hour category. Indeed, for the last 10 years, we have had a fine mix of birders, some who can name that bird in one note and some who are happy when everyone recognizes a bluebird. It's been great fun and we hope you can join us this year either by birding or by sponsoring a team.

If you'd like to form your own team, simply collaborate with a birding buddy or two, choose a team name and call Katryn Renard (614-261-7171) to register. Ask some friends to sponsor you, then go out and count all the bird species you see in either 5, 10, or 24 hours any day between **May 8th and 16th**. Be creative, you don't have to stay in Ohio; you can go anywhere in the world to do your birding.

All our teams and sponsors are invited to celebrate their success on the evening of Friday, June 4, at the shelter house in Antrim Park. There will be some evening birding, door prizes, grand prize drawings, and dessert. The grand prizes this year include a pair of Audubon 8x40 Intrepid binoculars—generously donated by **Eagle Optics**—and a free night's stay at the delightful **Georgian Manner** (see article). Details about the celebration will be published in the May newsletter and the information packet all the birders will receive in mid-April.

Another important way to participate in the birdathon is to sponsor a birding team. Simply fill out the form on page 7 and send it in. You don't need to send money until you receive a notice telling you how many species your team saw.

This year, half of your sponsorship money will go toward continuing projects at Calamus Swamp. The other half will be split between Aullwood Audubon Center near Dayton (a great destination for a Saturday outing!) and the Whittier Peninsula project, where Audubon, the Metro Parks, and the city of Columbus are looking to transform the land back to natural habitat.

See page 7 for a list of the teams that have already registered and the number of species they hope to find. To sponsor a team, fill out the form below the list. To add your team to the list, contact Katryn at 614-261-7171.

Will You Win a Night's Stay?

A Georgian Manner has generously donated a one-night's stay as one of our birdathon grand prizes. Below is a description of what the lucky winner will have to look forward to. If birding, fresh air, camaraderie, and raising money for Audubon don't persuade you, maybe the thought of winning a night's stay at this lovely B&B will spur you to form a team!

A Georgian Manner is a southern style bed and breakfast located in the Hocking Hills in Logan, Ohio. The newly remodeled 1840 farm house sits on a knoll overlooking Lake Logan. The manner prides itself on its hospitality, which is why its name is spelled "Manner." The bed and breakfast is adorned with antiques from around the world.

Lake Logan is a day-use park that provides scenic picnic areas and secluded walking paths to enjoy the wooded beauty of Ohio's hill country. It's also a great birding spot. A Georgian Manner was "discovered" during last year's Birdathon.

The property is on the Buckeye Trail and six State Parks are located within a 15- to 20-minute drive. Old Man's Cave, Ash Cave and Conkle's Hollow are some favorites. Deer, swans, squirrels, Canada Geese, ducks, many species of birds, beaver, raccoons, and rabbits roam the property. Guests enjoy hiking, fishing, biking, exploring, and using the inn's canoe for a moonlight paddle. Recent guests have been able to watch from the veranda as osprey dive for fish.

This bed and breakfast has five beautifully decorated guest rooms. A gourmet breakfast is served in the formal dining room. The morning sun warms the room as guests enjoy a hearty spread. A Georgian Manner also features a meeting room for business retreats.

Birdathon Teams

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| <p>Backyard Experience Chick-a-dees - 60 Gerry Brevoort Joan Frederick Cyndi Henderson Lynn Singleton Lisa Zider</p> <p>Chestnut Ridge Chachalacas - 90 Bill Reiner Eric Reiner</p> <p>Coo Coo Birds - 40 Deborah and Ken Buckley</p> <p>Deck Birds - 1 Cheri Brown Pat Barron Bev May Pete Precario</p> <p>Gone With the Wrens - 50 Mary Counter Christine Eitel Barry, Sarah & Anne Eitel</p> <p>Ladybirds Who Lunch - 40 Tamara James Kristan Leedy</p> <p>Lake Eyries - 50 Nancy Bringardner Dale Brubeck Dee Grover Marilyn Jennings Susie Saager</p> <p>Lunch'n Loons - 45 Jan & John Stein</p> <p>Marsh Madness - 80 Bill & Deb Marsh</p> | <p>Mellow-bellied Snack Seekers - 75 Gary Alison Joan & John Arnfield Becky Mansfield</p> <p>Metro Parks Stellar Jays - 100 Jim Davidson Joe Meara John O'Meara Joel Wachtel</p> <p>Neat Nests - 30 Scott, Kierstan, Whitney, & Sabrina Jaeb Fred Lancia Del, Myranda, & Jordan Parrott</p> <p>No Egrets - 75 Becky Cummings Elaine & Larry Smith Roger Stout Laura Thomas</p> <p>Pelicans - 40 Mark & Lauren Richards Benjamin & Riley Richards</p> <p>Quick Three Beards - 165 Bob Conlon Dave Horn Greg Miller Bill Whan</p> <p>Short-build Dowagers - 115 Gretchen Fluke Janet Holzworth Doreene Linzell Connie Wolcott</p> <p>Slate (Run) Colored Juncos - 101 Linda Benner Doug & Kristen Everman</p> | <p>Andrea Haslage Susan Moore Lori Patterson Randall Rogers</p> <p>Swans and Coots - 70 Alan Cohen Clyde Gosnell Paul Knoop Katryn Renard Marlene Woo-Lun Louise Warner</p> <p>Two Footed Boobies - 85 Marcia Brehmer Marion Farber Melanie Shuter Mary Kay Wood</p> <p>Two Good Eggs - 85 Jane Kleber Sue Kramp</p> <p>Two in a Bush - 65 Patty DeMaria Elaine Fujimora Biani Moran</p> <p>Wild Birds Unlimited - 160 Marcus England Michael Flynn Steve Landes Tom Sheley</p> <p>Your team?</p> |
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Sponsorship Form

Sign me up! I'd like to sponsor one of the teams above by pledging a specified amount of money for each species they see during the Birdathon. (For example, 100 species at 15 cents per bird would add up to a donation of \$15.) This money will be paid in cash or check to Columbus Audubon when I am informed of the results of my team's foray.

Team Name _____

Pledge _____

My Name _____

Phone # _____

Street, City, State, Zip _____

Mail to: "Birdathon," Columbus Audubon, P.O. Box 141350, Columbus, OH 43214

Memberships

Memberships in Audubon and Columbus Audubon and gift memberships are available through Columbus Audubon.

Audubon Membership

Includes membership in the national organization and Columbus Audubon; includes 4 issues of Audubon magazine and 9 issues of the chapter newsletter, local activities, and when submitted with our chapter code helps fund our programs. The rates below are available to NEW subscribers.

_____ \$20 - 1-year introductory rate
_____ \$30 - 2-year introductory rate
_____ \$15 - 1-year student/senior rate

Columbus Audubon Chapter Only Membership

Chapter only membership includes 9 issues of the chapter newsletter, local activities and helps fund our programs.

_____ \$20 - 1-year new membership
_____ \$20 - Renewal (currently \$15 less than Audubon renewals)

If this is a GIFT MEMBERSHIP, please fill out the recipient information below:

Recipient's name _____

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