

One-Day Getaways: Audubon Members Share Favorites Trips Around Ohio



Summertime is a break from school routines with long lazy days and family vacations squeezed into a full calendar of activities. Ohio has so many nearby treasures for your family to explore that are both easy on your schedule and your wallet. Here are a few favorite one-day getaways recommended by Audubon members. Maybe you can work a few into your summer schedule!

Central: Scioto-Greenlawn Important Bird Area

By Anne Balogh, conservation manager at Grange Insurance Audubon Center

If you are looking for a place to have an outdoor adventure, look no further than downtown Columbus. A hidden gem in the city, the Scioto-Greenlawn Important Bird Area encompasses Scioto Audubon Metro Park, Lou Berliner Park, and Greenlawn Cemetery. The IBA is a hot spot for bird viewing with over 212 species spotted, ranging from warblers and wrens to eagles and egrets. You can also glimpse other creatures, including deer, beaver, mink, butterflies, dragonflies, and the occasional coyote. Make a day of it: have lunch in German Village, visit the Grange Insurance Audubon Center or play some volleyball at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park. Some suggestions for lunch: German Village Coffee Shop at 193 Thurman Ave., 614- 443-8900, Schmidt's Sausage Haus at 240 E. Kossuth St., 614- 449-4038, or Dirty Franks at 248 S. 4th St., 614-824-4673.

East: The Wilds (14000 International Rd., Cumberland, 740-638-5030, www.thewilds.org)

By Barbara Revard, director of program planning at Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

Located just 90 miles east of Columbus, the Wilds is an international animal adventure beyond compare. The Wilds is home to hundreds of mammals from Asia, Africa, and North America. In one tour you can see African Wild Dogs, Cheetahs, and Przewalski's wild horses. My favorite way to experience the Wilds is through a Sunset Safari tour. Your evening adventure begins with a buffet dinner followed by a tour in an open air bus as the sun sets. No matter which tour you choose, leave time to eat at the Wilds' Overlook Café where the food comes from an organic garden at the Wilds and from local farm markets.

North Central: Mohican State Park (3116 SR 3, Loudonville, 419-994-5125 x10, www.mohicanstatepark.org)

By Cheryl Harner, board president of Greater Mohican Audubon Society

No place in Ohio can offer more "look down" views of in-flight Bald Eagles than the Mohican Gorge Overlook. Carved by the melt water of glaciers, this 1000-foot-wide gorge is over 300 feet deep. Native hemlock and white pine line the sandstone gorge, which is known for its picturesque outcroppings and steep walls. The gorge will be filled with the songs of the summer birds. Listen for the Winter Wren and Canada Warbler along the trail to Little Lyons Fall. Cerulean Warblers can be found on the ridges above the river at the old covered bridge. Twenty-four species of warblers have been found in nesting in this park. Come visit; we are but a one hour drive from Columbus—and a million miles from city life. The Mohican Lodge Restaurant offers more than dinner after hiking; the dining room offers sweeping views of Pleasant Hill Lake. Go ahead; work on that checklist. One can watch Bald Eagles or Osprey on the wing, all the while sipping a beer or wine.

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Columbus Audubon Monthly Program

May Program – Chadwick Arboretum’s Tree Legacy

Tuesday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the GIAC multipurpose room

7:00 p.m.: Short Program: Celebrate CA’s 100th anniversary with a historic review and more.

7:15 p.m. Refreshments and socializing

7:30 p.m.: Main Program by Mary Maloney, director of The Ohio State University Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens. In tonight’s program, Mary will share information about how Chadwick calculates the ecological service value of trees (carbon sequestration, storm water mitigation, heating/cooling attributes, asthma causing particle abatement, etc.) and how they are using this information to build an argument for fully underwriting the care of trees on the OSU campus. OSU, like most municipalities, has money to install trees and money to remove trees, but little or no money to maintain trees. She’ll talk about how colleges and universities can be recognized as a Tree Campus USA by meeting five standards developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement.

Mary Maloney is a lifelong tree activist and the director of the 60-acre Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens, where she coordinates the mapping, inventory, and health assessment of the campus trees. This intensive project was launched in response to the near loss of two 150+ year old sycamore trees to a temporary construction road. A groundswell of popular dissent for the pending loss of those venerable trees, in tandem with the timely release of the One Ohio State Framework Plan, propelled the Chadwick Arboretum into a leadership role in a significant paradigm shift at OSU. Tree Campus USA certification was awarded to The Ohio State University on Arbor Day 2012 as a result of these efforts.



From CA president, Bill Heck — Green is the Color of Action

The theme for this issue is summer and outdoor adventure. And when you think of summer, you probably think of trees. And people cut down trees to make paper to print newsletters. Uh, oh.... Yes, we all would like to save some trees. But in this case, *you* need to take charge. In fact, you have the power. Just tell us to deliver your *Song Sparrow* newsletter electronically.

When you ask for the electronic version of the *Song Sparrow*, you will receive your newsletter every time in full color. You will get it earlier than others who wait for regular mail. And in the newsletter, you will have direct, clickable links to the CA website, where there is often extra content, extended versions of your favorite articles, and more photos.

So go ahead, save a tree. Just go to www.columbusaudubon.org/enews and fill in your information. Or send us an email with your name, mailing address (so we know for sure who you are), and email address. It’s the easiest conservation step you will take this year!

From GIAC chair, Greg Cunningham — On the Move

All across North America, it’s something akin to moving day. The neighbors who moved here to enjoy a “mild” winter are headed back north. And those with a different notion of “mild” who headed south for the winter are back for the summer. I’m not talking about human snowbirds, but rather the real, feathered kind.

Across central Ohio our resident cardinals, Blue Jays, and Carolina Wrens are saying farewell to the Dark-Eyed Juncos, White Throated Sparrows, and Red-Breasted Nuthatches that accompanied them in our yards and at our feeders and welcoming back the Catbirds, House Wrens, and Red-Winged Blackbirds that are returning to raise broods. This amazing pilgrimage plays out all across the continent. But for a front row seat here in the Mississippi flyway, you can come to the Grange Insurance Audubon Center and watch from our own Important Bird Area (IBA).

As the area that is our new Scioto Audubon Metro Park continues to heal from decades of industrial use and neglect, the birds appear to be grateful and are coming back to prove it. In order to track and monitor the progress, staff and volunteers at GIAC will be briefly interrupting some bird journeys to understand which birds are using the IBA, check on their condition, and apply a small identification band to their legs. As one of our citizen science initiatives, we can engage our community to gather important data and learn more about the birds that rely on this special place, whether it is home for them or an important stopover during their migration.

We all have the opportunity to help our resident and migrating birds by making ours a bird-friendly community for both. Come to GIAC this spring and learn how you can help on “moving day” and every day!

Children Need More Outside Playing Time ... Period!



When the warm breezes begin to blow, flowers are popping up, and birds are singing, we know it is time for summer and the freedom that brings for most children. Summer should be a time of exploration and enrichment as well as a time for relaxation. In days past, a child's summer day would be swimming at the city pool, bike riding, or playing in the nearby woods with friends.

Today that scenario is very rarely played out. Children are inside and leading sedentary lives. Don't we all want our kids to be smarter, have a positive outlook on life, be healthy, and have improved relationships? The answer could be as simple as spending time in nature engaging in free play with friends. My generation played outside all the time. Many of you can relate to

staying out playing all day, coming home for dinner, and going right back out again. For today's kids that is not what a typical summer day would look like. More likely it would be in a structured program or hours inside watching TV or playing on the computer or with video games.

Why does any of this matter? "Play is essential to development because it contributes to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and youth," as noted in the American Academy of Pediatrics seminal report, *The Importance of Play in Promoting Healthy Child Development and Maintaining Strong Parent-Child Bonds*.

In 2011, The Nature Conservancy commissioned a nationwide poll of American children to understand children's connection to nature. One of the findings was that "children who had a meaningful experience in nature are more likely to prefer spending time outdoors, express concern about environmental issues, consider themselves a strong environmentalist, and express interest in studying the environment or pursuing an environmental career." GIAC and Scioto Audubon Metro Park want to be the go-to place for connecting kids to nature. Here children and families can explore the natural world and get connected to nature in ways that will inspire them to want to preserve our natural world.

As part of National Audubon's strategic plan we are charged with building future conservation leaders. Children have a wonderful opportunity to explore the natural world by coming to GIAC to enjoy Audubon Afternoons, a free program offered each weekend. Naturalists lead activities or you can explore on your own.

Audubon Adventure Camp is another way to get kids connected to nature. Campers have the opportunity to try new things, succeed and sometimes fail in a safe environment with caring adults who truly want the campers to have a great summer. Adventure Camp is unique in the fact that our campgrounds are the Scioto Audubon Metro Park in the shadow of downtown Columbus. There are many different habitats to explore — from the river's edge, forest, and woodlands to wetland and prairie — not to mention a great urban park playground. *See page 7 for more details.*



Camperships (camp scholarships) are available through the generous support of donors, including Wild Birds Unlimited, as well as through Columbus Audubon's John Wilson Memorial Education Fund. Funding through the Paul G. Duke Foundation will assist with transportation for kids who otherwise could not get to the Center for camp.

If you fondly remember your days of summer exploration and summer camp and would like to share that joy, please consider making a donation with the purpose of sponsoring a child for a week of Audubon Adventure Camp at the cost of \$200. The Center works with our partner, Columbus City Schools, in the urban core of Columbus to identify children in need who would benefit for a week of camp. Be a change agent for a child and consider the gift of summer camp that can alter a child's life. Contact Jeff Redfield (jredfield@audubon.org) to make those arrangements.

By Amy Boyd, director of education and conservation

CA and GIAC Awards

A Celebration with VIPs, Awards, Julie Zickefoose, and Cake!



Tuesday, March 26 was a night of recognition and celebration for Columbus Audubon and Grange Insurance Audubon Center. The evening's events began with reception for David Yarnold, president and CEO of National Audubon Society followed by a cake to celebrate Columbus Audubon's 100th anniversary. Columbus Audubon presented the James Chase Hambleton award to John O'Meara, executive director of Columbus Metro Parks. Presenting the award, Columbus Audubon Vice President Suzan Jervey cited John's outstanding leadership in expanding Metro Parks—in number, acres, and visitors as well as partnerships with other government agencies, nonprofits such as Audubon, and private industry.

The recognizer became the recognized when President Yarnold and National Audubon board member Alan Dolan presented a certificate from National Audubon Society recognizing Columbus Audubon's 100th anniversary. Guests also learned that Columbus Audubon is the 19th largest chapter in the country.



GIAC and CA then teamed up to present their first joint Conservation Champion Award to Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman.

After sharing his vision for Audubon, President Yarnold presented the award, assisted by Bill Heck and Greg Cunningham, board presidents for CA and GIAC, respectively. In his remarks, President Yarnold noted Mayor Coleman's many initiatives to make Columbus a more green, sustainable, and bird-friendly city.

The evening ended with the amazing Julie Zickefoose sharing her experiences and excerpts from *The Bluebird Effect: Uncommon Bonds with Common Birds*. All in all, a special evening for the more than 300 people in attendance.

Photos by Tim Daniel

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Southeast: Clear Creek Metro Park (185 Clear Creek Rd., Rockbridge, www.metroparks.net/parksclearcreek.aspx)

By Jim McCormac, avian education specialist at Ohio Division of Wildlife

A short drive from Columbus is one of Ohio's premier natural areas, the 5,389-acre Clear Creek Metro Park. Clear Creek Valley is awe-inspiring in its beauty. Northern forests collide with southern forests, creating a fabulous diversity of animals and plants. Cool north-facing slopes are carpeted with hemlock and support locally rare nesting birds such as Canada Warbler and Hermit Thrush. Sunny south-facing slopes harbor southerners, including Kentucky and Worm-eating Warblers. In all, at least 100 species of birds have nested. Summertime birding at Clear Creek is hard to beat! For an interesting local dining experience, visit Shaw's Restaurant & Inn (www.shawsinn.com) in historic downtown Lancaster, just a short drive from Clear Creek Valley.

West: Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm (1000 Aullwood Rd, Dayton, 937- 890-7360, www.aullwood.center.audubon.org)

By Jeff Redfield, director of development at Grange Insurance Audubon Center

Located just 75 miles west of Columbus, Aullwood's 200-acre serene sanctuary, nature center, and organic farm is just five minutes from Dayton International Airport off I-70. Admission is free to all Audubon members or \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 2-18. Aullwood's nature center and family farm both provide activities that increase understanding and preservation of the planet through education, research, and recreation. Check the website for special programs and events. Make the trip extra special by visiting Young's Jersey Dairy (6880 Springfield Xenia Rd in Yellow Springs, 937-325-0629), located about six miles just off I-70 on Rt. 68. There are lots of good eats and they're known for their dairy treats!

Grange Insurance Audubon Center



Join us on May 15 for Wine and Warblers

Tickets are still on sale for the 2013 Wine and Warblers event. You can purchase them online at www.GIAC-Audubon.org/ww until May 10 or at the door. Don't miss

our 3rd annual spring celebration benefiting the Center.

Cerulean Warbler level

This year's special guest is Lisa Jones, level 1 Sommelier with Wine Trends. Tickets at the Cerulean Warbler level (2 for \$200 or \$125 each) include the special presentation and time with the speaker.

Special Ticket Packages still available:

- 6 or more General Admission tickets
- 5 or more Top Flight tickets

Sponsorship options still available.

Contact Jeff at 614-545-5479 or jredfield@audubon.org for more information. Stay on top of the latest details by visiting www.GIAC-Audubon.org/ww.



Wine and Warblers 2013

Wednesday May 15

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Top Flight 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Wine Tasting throughout
(must be 21 or older to attend)

Warbler Walks led by CA volunteers

from 6:00 – 7:45 p.m.
or explore the grounds on your own

A limited number of tickets are
available ranging in price from
general admission (2 for \$110 or \$60
each) to Top Flight (\$300 a pair or
\$175 each).

All tickets include valet parking, wine
sampling, hors d'oeuvres and des-
serts, and learning opportunities.

International Migratory Bird Day Celebration

Special presentation by Dr. Gary Langham

Hummingbirds will be the star at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center during the International Migratory Bird Celebration!



On Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m., the Center will host National Audubon's chief scientist, Dr. Gary Langham, who will introduce Audubon's exciting NEW citizen science program, Hummingbirds at Home. The presentation will be followed by a screening of the PBS *Nature* film, *Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air*. For more info and to RSVP, please contact Amy Boyd at aboyd@audubon.org or 614-545-5486.

On Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the celebration continues. Bring the family for hummingbird-themed educational and family fun activities, a native plant sale, planting of a portion of our Audubon at Home demo garden with hummingbird friendly plants, food trucks, and art vendors! The fee is \$1 per person; kids age three and under are free.

Nearly all of the hummingbirds found in the US and Canada are migrants—making a yearly epic journey from the tropics of Central America north to breed and back again. Along the way hummingbirds visit our yards, looking for nectar from our gardens and feeders to help fuel their journey. Hummingbirds at Home is a new citizen science initiative that is fun, family-friendly, and easy. It is the first mobile app-based citizen science program launched by Audubon and will also feature a website where people can track, report on, and follow the hummingbird migration in real time. Anyone can participate—from using their smart phones to report a single sighting to documenting hummingbird activity in their communities—throughout the life of the project. The data collected will help us understand how climate change, flowering patterns, and feeding by people are impacting hummingbirds.



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GIAC Family Movie Nights

Admission is \$2 Adults, \$1 children 16 and under. Doors open 6:30 p.m. and movie begins at 7:00 p.m. Light snacks \$1 each and free beverages.

Join us at our upcoming movies:

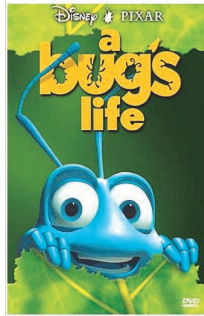
Friday, May 3: *Over the Hedge* (PG)



A scheming raccoon fools a mismatched family of forest creatures into helping him repay a debt of food by invading the new suburban sprawl that popped up while they were hibernating...and learns a lesson about family.

Join us again when we return in September. In the meantime, if you have a favorite movie about fine-feathered friends, other animal, or conservation, contact Allison Roush at aroush@audubon.org to let her know. We hope to see you at one of our family movie nights!

Friday, June 7: *A Bug's Life* (G)



A misfit ant, looking for warriors to save his colony from greedy grasshoppers, recruits a group of bugs that turn out to be an inept circus troupe.

Save the Date

August 16 – 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Third Annual Bands Birds and Beer

Featuring music by Grassinine
Stay tuned for more bands to join the line up.

Join us for a summer evening of good music and food on the lawn overlooking the Scioto River.

Sponsored by



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Red White & Boom with a View: Tables Going Fast!

Time is running out to purchase your GIAC Red White & Boom viewing party table for Wednesday, July 3. Only a few tables remain at \$400 and include: 10 tickets, All-American Buffet for each guest and 2 parking passes.

The event is BYOB (must be handed over to and served by bartender) and BYOD (bring your own desserts). Visit <https://give.audubon.org/Giving/Page/168/1/168> for more info or to purchase your table today. If any tables are unsold after May 15, individual or small group ticket packages will go on sale. Email jredfield@audubon.org for information.

May 15 Wine & Warblers auction may be your last chance for **GIAC Room with a Boom.**

Silent auction package beginning at \$800 includes:

5:30-11:30 p.m. private party in the GIAC Library with screen windows that can be opened for the fireworks or outside access to the decks for the celebration.

Two tables (25 tickets and All-American buffet for each guest) BYO-Desserts and BYO-Beverages and six parking passes.



Audubon at Home seminar:

May 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

By adopting a few basic principles, your yard, schoolyard, country home, apartment, or neighborhood can become a sanctuary for wildlife. Anne Balogh, conservation manager at GIAC, will share the ways you can make a difference! Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP to abalogh@audubon.org by May 16.

Audubon Afternoon Adventures

Join us every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for Audubon Afternoons. Activities are led by a naturalist who will help you explore the Scioto Audubon Metro Park. Come to learn about birds and conservation, and just enjoy nature!

See calendar on pages 9 and 10 for details.



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Registration for Audubon Adventure Camp Now Open



GIAC offers a unique day camp experience that is sure to please both campers and parents alike. Campers will spend the day engaged in activities that provide hands-on, inquiry-based opportunities to investigate and explore the natural world around them. This camp allows children to learn about the importance of conservation and how they can make a positive impact and take action. Consider one of our exciting sessions this summer:

- Nature's Got Talent
- Survivor: Audubon
- Adventure Celebration
- Myth Busting with Audubon
- Bird is the Word!
- Scioto Sleuths
- It's a Bugs Life
- Operation Conservation
- Audubon Artists
- End of Summer Celebration (final day of camp)



Your children can spend those warm and sunny (and even rainy) summer days breathing in some fresh air and exploring the great outdoors. Audubon Adventure Camp has been awarded accreditation by the American Camp Association. Every day is an adventure at the Center and in the surrounding habitats of the Scioto Audubon Metro Park.

Registration is now open. Share this with your friends and don't wait!

Openings are still available for weekly sessions June 10 through August 15 (except July 1-5), Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost per week is \$185 for members, \$200 for non - members with options for before and after care. Go to www.grangeinsuranceauduboncenter.org for complete program descriptions and to register. If you have any questions, please call Allison Roush, Audubon Adventure Camp director, at 614-545-5482 or aroush@audubon.org.

Columbus State Community College Supports GIAC

In the spring of 2012, a crew of students from the Summer Youth Intern Project at Columbus State Community College assembled a concrete and composite picnic table under the Mulberry tree at GIAC. This table was built through the Orientation to Trades and Apprenticeship Program. Youth and young adults, ages 18 to 24, build green projects for community agencies while learning skills in the trades. "Our students are typically a group who are at high risk of dropping out," said Carol Higgins, OTAP supervisor. Of the first 302 students who completed OTAP for Youth, 75% had perfect attendance once they enrolled in the program.

The picnic table serves as an ideal base station for migration bird banding in the spring and fall, and others have used the table for studying, story time, and relaxing. We are thankful to CSCC and the youth interns for providing this wonderful gift to GIAC.

Susan Setterlin, CA and GIAC volunteer extraordinaire

Susan Setterlin is passionate about



nature and works to share that passion with others. She developed her love of nature as a child and birds were always on her radar. She lives

that passion through her volunteer service with Columbus Audubon and Grange Insurance Audubon Center.

Susan has been volunteering for Columbus Audubon for more than 12 years, served two terms on the board, and was the CA education committee chairperson. Susan was instrumental in creating an after-school program for the South Side Settlement House. She worked with CA volunteers to deliver this program to the students at the school and then continued the program at GIAC after the Center was built.

Susan is currently volunteering at the Center as a greeter at the front desk every other week. She felt that it was a logical progression to continue her commitment to the Center and to educating and interacting with the public. In all her volunteer roles, she has shared her knowledge of birds with people of all ages.

When asked why she volunteers at the Center, Susan replied, "When you give of yourself, what you get in return is always so much more."

There are many volunteer opportunities with Audubon and new volunteers are welcomed on a continual basis with monthly orientations. Please email Paul Tankovich at ptankovich@audubon.org if you are interested in sharing your talents.

Grange Insurance Audubon Center

Important Bird Areas (IBAs): What Are They and Why Do They Matter?

Sixty-six Important Bird Areas (or IBAs) have been designated in the state of Ohio, including our own Scioto River-Greenlawn IBA encompassing the Scioto Audubon Metro Park, Berliner Park, and Greenlawn Cemetery. Before the existence of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, this site was deemed significant for its historical rookeries of Yellow-crowned Night Herons and its congregations of Neotropical migrant songbirds.

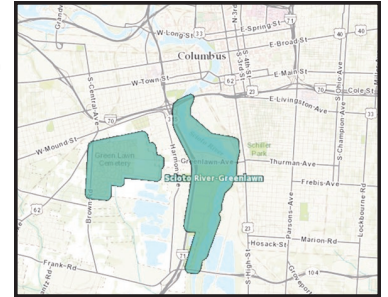
The Important Bird Area designation is applied to geographic locations that provide essential habitat for one or more species of birds. There are 2,544 IBAs covering 375,000 acres in the US. These are sites of significant importance to breeding, wintering, and/or migrating birds, and they include both public and private lands. IBA identification and designation is a scientific and data-driven process based on a number of criteria.

Essentially, however, to qualify as an Important Bird Area, sites must satisfy at least one of the following criteria. The site must support:

- Species of conservation concern (e.g., threatened and endangered species);
- Restricted-ranges species (species vulnerable because they are not widely distributed);
- Species that are vulnerable because their populations are concentrated in one general habitat type or biome; and
- Species or groups of similar species (such as waterfowl or shorebirds) that are vulnerable because they occur at high densities due to their congregatory behavior.

While all IBAs are of some unique importance for birds, some IBAs are of a higher priority and of greater significance to birds than others. With the help of a \$100,000 Scotts Miracle-Gro settlement, the Grange Insurance Audubon Center is undertaking a year-long project to identify three to five priority IBAs in Ohio and to engage interested Audubon chapters and other conservation-minded organizations in monitoring, habitat restoration, and other conservation action at the priority sites.

Christie Vargo, center director of GIAC

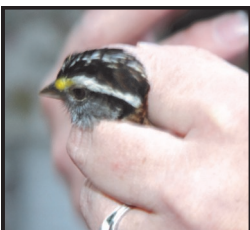


Why are we monitoring the birds?

Natural areas are increasingly being altered for human usage. In the US alone, it is estimated only 3-5% of our land remains undisturbed and truly wild. As urban areas expand, it will be increasingly necessary for us to manage them in a way that benefits humans and wildlife.


Many densely urbanized areas lie in the migratory path of Neotropical migrants, and often urban parks may be the only available stopover sites for them to rest and refuel. The result can be high concentrations of migrants in urban green spaces during spring and fall. However, it is largely unknown whether these sites provide suitable resources for migratory birds, or whether they are selected because, essentially, there is no other choice.

A small number of studies have been conducted that support the idea that urban stopover sites may be able to meet the needs of migratory birds. Within the Scioto Audubon Metro Park, we aim to improve our stopover site for birds. Restoration is occurring through the targeted removal of invasive plants and replanting of native plants. The primary objective of our bird monitoring research is aimed at evaluating the long term effects of our habitat management and data collected will increase our understanding of migration species' condition and breeding bird productivity and survivorship.



If you are interested, come have an outdoor adventure and become a citizen scientist! Bird banding will be conducted until the end of May and other bird monitoring research and restoration activities continue through the summer.

Please contact Anne Balogh at abalogh@audubon.org for more information and to learn how to get involved.

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Schedule of Events

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Columbus Audubon events are in green text

EcoWeekend

Fri., May 3 through Sun., May 5

GIAC Family Movie Night

Fri., May 3 at 7:00 p.m. Over the Hedge

Mist Netting Migrants at Springville Marsh SNP

Sat., May 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Audubon Afternoon Adventures: Wetland Exploration

Sat., May 4 AND Sun., May 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Make it a Weekend Combo

Sat., May 4 and Sun., May 5

Birding at Magee Marsh

Sun., May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Whetstone Park of Roses Birding

Fri., May 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Hummingbirds at Home

Fri., May 10 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

International Migratory Bird Day

Sat., May 11 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Darby Creek Wetlands

Sat., May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Macro Photography and Migratory Songbirds

Sat., May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Audubon Afternoon Adventures: Hummingbirds / Migration

Sat., May 11 AND Sun., May 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bird Hike at Blendon Woods

Sun., May 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Wine & Warblers

Wed., May 15 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hoover Meadows Migrants

Sat., May 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Greenlawn IBA Birding

Sat., May 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Audubon Afternoon Adventures: Butterfly Survey

Sat., May 18 AND Sun., May 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clear Creek Metro Park Birds, Butterflies, and Wildflowers

Sun., May 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteer Development Session: Gold LEED Building

Tues. May 21, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Audubon at Home seminar

Wed. May 22, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Audubon Afternoon Adventures: The Wonder of Water


Sat., May 25 AND Sun., May 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Morris Woods State Nature Preserve Birds and Wildflowers

Sun., May 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

CA monthly program - Chadwick Arboretum's Tree Legacy with Mary Maloney

Tuesday, May 28 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Schedule of Events

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Columbus Audubon events are in green text

Service in the Preserves - Daughmer Savannah SNP
Sat., June 1 at 7:45 a.m.

Birding by Kayak
Sat., June 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Audubon Afternoon Adventures: Native Plantings
Sat., June 1 AND Sun., June 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bird Hike at Blendon Woods
Sun., June 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

GIAC Family Movie Night
Fri., June 7 at 7:00 p.m. A Bug's Life

Amish Country Birding
Sat., June 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Audubon Afternoon Adventures: Mapping Birds
Sat., June 8 AND Sun., June 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Breeding Birds of Clear Creek Valley
Sun., June 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Audubon Adventure Camp: Nature's Got Talent
Mon., June 10 - Fri., June 14

Mohican State Forest Breeding Birds and Plant Life
Sat., June 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Prairie Oaks Metro Park Birds

Sun., June 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Audubon Afternoon Adventures: Butterfly Survey
Sat., June 15 AND Sun., June 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Audubon Adventure Camp: Bird is the Word
Mon., June 17 - Fri., June 21

West Virginia Allegheny, Bird Specialties, and Bog Plants
Fri., June 21 through Sun., June 23

Avid Birders
Sat., June 22 at 5:30 a.m.

Volunteer Development Session: Solstice Social
Sat., June 22, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Audubon Afternoon Adventures: Orienteering
Sat., June 22 AND Sun., June 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mathias Grove Bird and Butterfly Walk
Sun., June 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Audubon Adventure Camp: Operation Conservation
Mon., June 24- Fri., June 28

Audubon Afternoon Adventures: Tracking Mysteries
Sat., June 29 AND Sun., June 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Columbus Audubon

Birdathon Sponsors Help Make a Difference



Dew drips from the hemlocks as the first shafts of sunlight burn through the gray morning mist. A young boy stirs deep in his sleeping bag to nature's alarm clock. Calls of the Wood Thrush and Scarlet Tanager fill the boy with wonder as a brash Carolina Wren demands attention. This is his first time camping in the woods, and it is all so new and exciting. Sleep came late and the new day early. Last night was fun. He and his sister went with Mom and Dad on an owl walk ("We heard a Barred Owl holler, 'who cooks for you, who cooks for you all'"), and were amazed that any creature could see well enough to fly through the woods in the dark. A nightcap of stories and laughter around the campfire while getting all gooey making S'mores left everyone with a smile, anticipating the next day's activities.

As he readies for breakfast, the boy wonders with excitement what the day will bring. He heard someone talking about geocaching, and it reminded him of a video game he likes to play, only in the woods. After breakfast, he and his sister are going creeking for the first time. Someone showed him a cool salamander in a book last night, and today they are going to look for one in the creek. Later that night, the kids regale Mom and Dad with tales of adventure-filled trails, creek-side finds, owl pellets and Mark "The Bugman". Nature and her stewards have planted the seeds of wonder, curiosity and illumination yet again.

The above illustration was made possible by a Columbus Audubon family nature scholarship to EcoWeekend at Camp Oty'Okwa in the Hocking Hills. CA nature scholarships are just one of the beneficial uses of donations collected during the Birdathon. Each spring, nature enthusiasts and birders organize teams to support Columbus Audubon through their Birdathon fundraiser event. Team members seek sponsors to back their team's efforts to find the most species of birds in a chosen participation category. Our goal this year is to raise at least \$15,000 to help fund CA programs including local conservation grants and nature camp scholarships.

But we need your help! It's not too late to sponsor a Birdathon team. You can contact a team member to make a donation or log on to www.columbusaudubon.org/birdathon to sponsor your favorite team online. Any level of sponsorship is needed and appreciated. Don't miss out on the chance to participate in Columbus Audubon's biggest fundraising event of the year. Who knows? Your donation may help preserve a nesting site for the Wood Thrush, build a pathway to nature, or provide the opportunity for a child to become unplugged and inspired in the wonder and illumination of nature.

Tom Sheley

Early Birders (OYBC) – 103

Central Ohio Young Birders Members
Advisors: Gerry Brevoort, Darlene Sillick,
Susan Setterlin, Tim Daniel, Dawn Zook

Deck Birds – 1

Cheri Brown, Pat Barron, Bev May, Pete Precario

Flying Redheads – 100

Doc Jordan, Shawna Jordan, Suzan Jervey, Christie Vargo

Green Lawn Gnatcatchers – 30

Warren Grody, Open Team

Low Carbon Footprinters – 75 Joanne Dole, Dave & Roz Horn, Katryn & Bruce Renard

Metro Parks Stellar Jays – 90

Jim Davidson, Joe Meara, John Watts

Mudflat Herons – 140

Jackie & Tom Bain, Julie & Ken Davis

Neat Nests – 40

Fred Lancia, Jordan Parrott

Quick Three Beards – 170.5

Bob Conlon, Greg Miller, Dave Horn, Troy Shively, Bill Whan

Red-Eyed Weary-o's – 100

Andrea Cook, Alyn & Earl Harrison, Rick Stelzer

Slate (Run) Colored Juncos – 100

Linda Benner, Andrea Krava, Jeremy Nye, Tara Nye, Lori Patterson, Scott Richardson, Randy Rogers, Barb Wood

Swans and Coots – 70

Alan Cohen, Clyde Gosnell, Paul Knoop, Katryn Renard, Louise Warner

Two Footed Boobies – 90

Marion Farber, Melanie Shuter, Mary Kay Wood

Two in a Bush – 65

Patty DeMaria, Elaine Fujimura, Margaret Moran

Wild Birds Unlimited East Broad – 100
members being recruited!

Wild Birds Unlimited Riverside – 170
Michael Flynn, Bill Heck, Steve Landes, Tom Sheley

Witchety Witchety Witches – 40
Tamara James, Kristan Leedy

For open team info email:
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Sign me up to be a Birdathon Sponsor!

I will sponsor my favorite team. I will go to www.columbusaudubon.org/birdathon, click Pledge Now, and follow the instructions, OR I will send a check to Columbus Audubon Birdathon, c/o Elaine Smith, 4420 Jennydawn Place, Hillard OH 43026). For any pledge over \$35, please give your address for tax purposes. Your generous donation is tax deductible.

Columbus Audubon



May and June Field Trips and Programs

For complete descriptions of all trips, visit our web site: www.columbusaudubon.org/events

Mist Netting Migrants at Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve

Sat., May 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(Columbus rendezvous is at 6:00 a.m.)

Join Tom Bartlett, leading Ohio bird bander, at the banding station at Springville Marsh SNP (in Seneca County 3.5 miles north of Carey on US 23; take TR 24/Muck Rd. to the parking lot; if you get to Springville, you've gone too far). Carpooling from Worthington Mall departs at 6:00 a.m., arrives at 7:30 a.m. and returns by 4:00 p.m. Nets close at noon (weather permitting); early arrival is best. Registration is limited to 25; register with Mike Flynn at 614-769-1681 or mflynn.wildandfree@gmail.com.

Make it a Weekend Combo

Sat., May 4 and Sun., May 5

Make it a full birding weekend! Experience bird banding (see above) until 2 p.m. then head for Lake Erie, stay overnight and meet Earl & Alyn Harrison and their field trip group for the Sunday morning Magee Marsh birding trip (see below). Contact Earl Harrison at 202-361-2039 for information.

Birding at Magee Marsh

Sun., May 5, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This is the peak of spring migration and it's an amazing opportunity to see warblers, orioles, tanagers, and many other Neotropical birds. Led by an expert guide, we'll track total number of birds observed for Birdathon. Meet at 7:30 a.m. for carpooling from the Worthington Mall parking lot or meet at the far end of the Sportsman's Visitor Center parking lot at 10:00 a.m. We will be back in Columbus by 7:00 p.m. Contact Earl Harrison at 202-361-2039 for information.

Whetstone Park of Roses Birding

Fri., May 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Join Donna Siple and Lynn Wearsch for a morning bird walk exploring Whetstone habitats including prairie, Adena Brook area, and wooded ravine. Meet in big parking lot in front of main shelter house by Rose Garden. Beginners welcome.

Bring binoculars and wear boots/shoes for wet walking. Contact Lynn at lwearsch@sbcglobal.net or 614-459-2806.

Darby Creek Wetlands

Sat., May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

We'll be searching for waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wetland specialties. Meet at the new nature center on Darby Creek Drive. Wear waterproof shoes. For more information contact Jeff Pontius at pon-tiusjeff@yahoo.com or 614-370-1426.

Macro Photography and Migratory Songbirds

Sat., May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Learn about shooting video with your still camera and how to shoot to lessen your edit time; creative ways to take the same old photos; and controlling the intensity of light on your subject. Bring the gear that you typically carry on a field day including your camera manual. Meet at Heron Pond parking lot at Three Creeks Metro Park. For more info, contact Tim Daniel at tcdaniel@embarqmail.com.

Bird Hike at Blendon Woods

Sun., May 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

We will meet Bruce Simpson at the nature center and then explore Thoreau Lake and other trails. Bring binoculars or borrow ours. For more information call Blendon Woods Nature Center at 614-895-6221.

Hoover Meadows Migrants with Charlie Bombaci

Sat., May 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Meet at Hoover Meadows parking, Sunbury Road south of Galena. Wear waterproof shoes. For more information contact Charlie at charlesbombaci@aol.com or 614-891-5706.

Greenlawn IBA Birding

Sat., May 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Join leaders Darlene Sillick and Warren Grody as they fill the bird feeders and search for spring migrants and local birds in one of the oldest cemeteries in central Ohio. Meet at the cemetery office. For more information, contact the Darlene at

azuretrails@columbus.rr.com or 614-288-3696.

Clear Creek Metro Park Birds, Butterflies, and Wildflowers

Sun., May 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join Jim Davidson and Darlene Sillick in beautiful Clear Creek Valley. Meet at the Sunoco station at Clear Creek Road and Route 33. Waterproof shoes needed. For more information contact Darlene at azuretrails@columbus.rr.com or 614-288-3696.

Morris Woods State Nature Preserve Birds and Wildflowers

Sun., May 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Join Tom Bain in search of late migrants, breeding birds, and wildflowers along good trails through wetlands and moist woodlands. Water-resistant shoes are a good idea. Rendezvous at 8:15 a.m. at Hoover boardwalk parking in Galena for carpooling. For more information contact Tom at 614-312-7513 or bain-nature@gmail.com.

Birding by Kayak

Sat., June 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Meet at TAASC, 6000 Harriot Rd. in Powell (www.TAASC.org). Bring water, snacks, binoculars, and sun screen. Some tandem kayaks available. Cost \$20 per person, kayaks provided. Please pre-register with Darlene Sillick at azuretrails@columbus.rr.com.

Bird Hike at Blendon Woods

Sun., June 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

We will meet Bruce Simpson at the nature center and then explore Thoreau Lake and other trails. Bring binoculars or borrow ours. For more information call Blendon Woods Metro Park at 614-895-6221.

Amish Country Birding

Sat., June 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Join Linda Helm and noted Ohio field guide author Bruce Glick to search for Barn Owls, Bobolinks, and other Amish country specialties. We will begin at Mohican State Forest followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant, then explore the countryside for Barn Owls and Cliff Swallows. Meet at the Loudonville McDonalds at 9:00 a.m. Those who wish to carpool from Worthington Mall should meet there at 7:30 a.m.

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Grassroots Conservation Realizes a Vision

When looking at conservation issues we may lament, “What can I do?” Loss of biodiversity, pollution, and here I am in my old house of 6,000 square feet of central Ohio.

One mile south lies a similar neighborhood whose residents are busy with an inspirational grassroots conservation effort. The United Crestview Area Neighbors and Glen Echo Neighbors Civic Association have joined with several other concerned organizations to create the Lower Olentangy Urban Arboretum.

Two centuries of change have resulted in an area occupied by development and landscaping with far fewer trees than the mature forest once in this area. Pavement and structures led to increased stormwater runoff, accelerated erosion, and much more water laced with pollutants flowing down Glen Echo Ravine into the Olentangy River. People have consistently planted exotic species rather than the native ones present many years ago.

The Lower Olentangy Urban Arboretum is an effort to reverse the trends. Local residents are determined to replant the area with native vegetation approximating what was present 200 years ago. Native trees are adapted to local conditions and have natural defenses to insects and diseases. They improve food and habitat beneficial for songbirds and native insects. Trees that overlap streets reduce runoff, as do roots moving water deeper into soil and leaves returning water to the atmosphere. The City of Columbus is reforesting the area, assisting residents to restore some of the native oak and hickory forest of two centuries ago. We celebrate this conservation success. For more information visit: <http://lowerolentangyurbanarboretum.org>.

Dave Horn

Invasive Species: Golden Crownbeard, lovely and deadly

Midway Atoll is at the extreme northwest end of the Hawaiian chain, and over 1 million breeding birds are densely packed onto its beaches. Earth's largest populations of Laysan Albatross, Black Noddy, White Tern, and Red-tailed Tropicbird breed there, along with the endangered Short-tailed Albatross and Laysan Duck.

During World War II, tons of topsoil were imported for growing food and ornamental plants for military personnel and their families. Imported soil contained seeds of invasive plants including Golden Crownbeard (*Verbesina encelloites*).

Golden Crownbeard is native to the southwestern US and Mexico. At Midway, it grows to 8 feet tall in dense stands and has serious effects on breeding birds including:

Birds do not nest in stands of Crownbeard, decreasing nesting habitat.

New stands of Golden Crownbeard grow rapidly around nest sites, preventing parents from finding chicks for feeding and preventing fledglings from stretching their wings. Loss of natural runways prevent fledglings from taking flight. The chicks may starve. Visit www.flickr.com/photos/30149666@N08/3846104038 to see a photo of an albatross chick engulfed by this plant.

- Crownbeard breaks up soil, collapsing burrows of birds such as Bonin Petrel.
- Crownbeard blocks wind, leading to overheating of nests and chicks.
- Golden Crownbeard shelters aphids, scale insects, and attending ants, which may prey on nestlings. Scales and ants may transmit a harmful virus from Crownbeard to native vegetation.

A Crownbeard management and monitoring program begun in 1990s now includes: preventing flowering, removing plants and seeds and replacing with native flora especially bunchgrass, and application of safe herbicides where possible.

For more information on Midway and protecting its seabirds visit: www.friendsofmidway.org.



Sue Kramp

Columbus Audubon

You're Invited to Columbus Audubon's Anniversary Celebration and Ice Cream Social!

Columbus Audubon's amazing volunteers and members have supported our mission for 100 years and have enjoyed field trips, monthly programs, and education and conservation activities. Loyal members like you are the reason for our longevity, and as a special thank you, you're invited to help us celebrate the anniversary of the first CA meeting on June 9, 1913.

Join us on Sunday, June 9 for the CA members' ice cream social from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at GIAC. We'll have ice cream treats and special activities, including animals from Ohio Wildlife Center, bird banding demonstrations, games for all ages, and giveaways.

We hope you'll be our guest and help us celebrate this special centennial event. All we need is your RSVP (names and phone/email): you can mail the form below, register at the April monthly program, register online at www.columbusaudubon.org/icecream or email sejervy@gmail.com before the deadline on Monday, June 3. See you at the party!

Interested in helping at the party? Contact Tamara James at tamajam@sbcglobal.net to learn about volunteer opportunities.



Yes, I want to come to the Anniversary Celebration and Ice Cream Social! Please add these name(s) to the RSVP list. (Add more lines for additional guests if necessary.)

Name(s) attending _____

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Mail to: Suzan Jervey, 165 Franklin Ave., Worthington, OH 43085 or email Suzan at: sejervy@gmail.com

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Breeding Birds of Clear Creek Valley
Sun., June 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Join Rob Thorn in beautiful Clear Creek Valley in search of breeding birds. Sturdy trail shoes and bug repellant suggested. Meet at the main parking area, Starner Road at Clear Creek Road. Contact Rob at robthorn@earthlink.net or 614-551-0643.

Mohican State Forest Breeding Birds and Plant Life

Sat. June 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Join Ben Warner to explore Mohican habitats and search for local breeding birds. Meet at the war memorial, a stone building off Route 97 about six miles east of Butler, Ohio. For more information contact Ben at 614-361-5089 or waen2bb2@aol.com.

Prairie Oaks Metro Park Birds

Sun., June 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Join Jeff Pontius in search of breeding birds of wetlands and grassland habitat. Meet at the Darby Bend Lakes entrance off Amity road. For more information contact Jeff at pontiusjeff@yahoo.com or 614-370-1426.

West Virginia Allegheny, Bird Specialties, and Bog Plants

Fri., June 21 through Sun., June 23
Enjoy the beauty of WV's Allegheny Mountains. Our visit will include Cranberry Glades and Highland Scenic Highway area on Saturday and the New River Gorge area on Sunday. We will search for breeding Mourning Warblers and Swainson's Warblers and discover a rare plant community along the way. Expect long hours, carpooling, and moderately challenging trails. Pre-registration and \$50 trip fee required by June 1. Transportation and lodging in Lewisburg WV are out of pocket. At least ten must register for the trip to go! A pre-trip meeting will be held in June. For info, contact Tom Bain at 614-312-7513 or bain-nature@gmail.com.

Mathias Grove Bird and Butterfly Walk

Sun., June 23 at 9:30 a.m.
Held in partnership with Appalachia Ohio Alliance, experienced birder and lepidopterist Dave Horn will lead the trip. Enjoy a walk through several Mathias Grove

habitats to look for birds and butterflies typical of local mature forests, open fields, and wetlands. We will see how habitat restoration and enlightened management can enhance birds and butterflies and learn how important it is to conserve corridors to maintain populations in nature. Meet at 25779 Bailey Road, Rockbridge OH or contact Dave at 614-262-0312 or davehorn43@columbus.rr.com.

Service in the Preserves

Daughmer Savannah State Nature Preserve – Sat., June 1 at 7:45 a.m.

Join us to remove invasive teasel at Daughmer Savannah SNP (Crawford County), one of the few remaining oak savannahs. No special skills are required; bring your lunch, water, work gloves, and appropriate footwear. Registration is required; call trip leader Katryn Renard at 614-261-7171 by May 20 to register, reserve space for transportation, and learn more. Participants meet in the parking lot inside the gate house at the ODNR Complex, 2045 Morse Road.

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- * Subscription to Audubon magazine
- * Bi-monthly Song Sparrow newsletter, a joint publication of Columbus Audubon and the Grange Insurance Audubon (electronic delivery only for basic membership)
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