

Doug Tallamy - A Chickadees Guide to Gardening

Thursday, August 4 at 7 p.m.

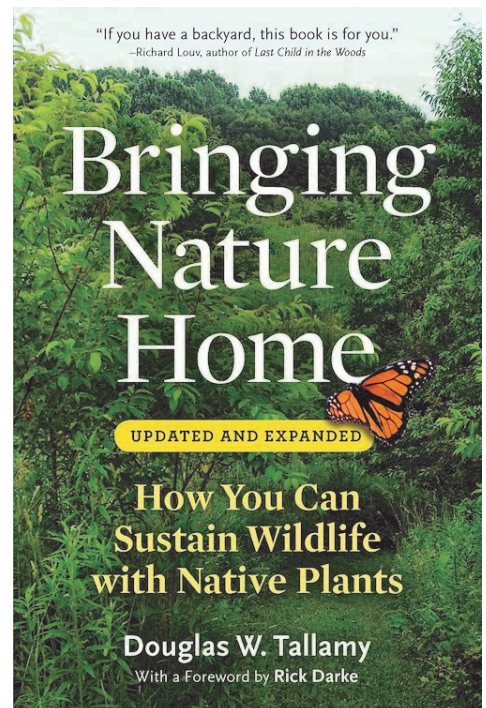


In the past we have designed our landscapes strictly for our own pleasure, with no thought to how they might impact the natural world around us. Using chickadees and other wildlife as guides, Entomologist Doug Tallamy will show how plants who evolved in concert with local animals provide better than plants that evolved elsewhere. In the process, he shows how sharing our landscapes with other living things will not reduce our pleasurable garden experiences, but enhance them.

Tallamy and his wife have spent 16 years converting 10 acres of what had been farmland for back to its native state by adding layers to its once-flat botanical architecture. Today 54 species of birds nest on their property.

His most recent book, *Bringing Nature Home*, won the Silver Medal from the Garden Writer's Association. Doug Tallamy, professor and chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, teaches

insect taxonomy, behavioral ecology, and other subjects. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities.



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Grange Insurance Audubon
Center and Columbus Audubon*

Join us to hear from Doug on
August 4 at 7 p.m.
Grange Insurance Audubon Center
\$5 suggested donation accepted
at the door

The Song Sparrow is going electronic!

Beginning with the January 2017 edition, the Song Sparrow newsletter will become an electronic newsletter. The Song Sparrow will be emailed to all members who provide an email address. If you need to submit an email address, please visit the Columbus Audubon website to sign up! As always, the newsletter will also be available on the CA website. This decision has not been simple and has been given many months of thought. We have been incredibly fortunate to have extremely dedicated volunteers to edit, layout and produce the Song Sparrow for so many years. It has become increasingly difficult to replace those talented individuals so the decision to move to an electronic format was the best method to still have a member newsletter.

Upcoming Events

AMERICAN BIRDING EXPO

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The American Birding Expo is coming back to the Grange Insurance Audubon Center this September, bringing with it the opportunity to experience the entire world of birding in one place! Our friends at *Bird Watcher's Digest*, have partnered with GIAC, Metro Parks, and the American Birding Association to create an unparalleled showcase of products, services, destinations, experiences, and organizations for birders. More than 100 exhibitors from all over the world and from every aspect of birding will be there. Admission is free, though there is a suggested \$5 at-the-door donation to the Expo Conservation Fund. To learn more about the American Birding Expo, visit www.birdingexpo.com.

CA members are encouraged to attend, or better yet, to volunteer at the Expo! To become an Expo volunteer, visit <http://www.americanbirdingexpo.com/make-arrangements/volunteer/>

Save the Date!

2016-17 Columbus Audubon Monthly Program Sneak Peek

The Program Committee has been hard at work to line up speakers for our upcoming year. Speakers will include Kenn Kaufman, author, artist, naturalist, and conservationist, Dale Gnidovec, curator of the Orton Geological Museum at The Ohio State University, Tim Molony, Executive Director of Metro Parks and more!

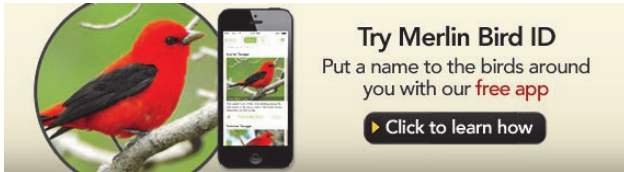
Programs are held the 4th Tuesday of the month (except November when it will be the 3rd Tuesday). Doors open at 6:45. Save the dates for:

September 27 – Kenn Kaufman, World Renowned Birder, author and editor

October 25 – Erin Cashion, Curator of Natural History, Ohio History Connection

Citizen Science

eBird News - Spring Migration Report



Spring migration! For North American birders, those two words instantly conjure up images of colorful warblers, flashy tanagers and orioles, and a host of other long-awaited Neotropical migrants. Spring migration also means the peak time for bird sound activity across much of the world; especially the northern hemisphere. Newly-arrived breeders have added their voices to the

growing dawn chorus, while in the eastern US boreal breeders like Tennessee Warbler and Blackpoll Warblers can be heard singing regularly as they continue their northward migration. This year, with the new eBird/Macaulay Library media upload tool, birders have the opportunity to document the sights and sounds of spring migration in a way that has never before been possible. This exciting tool offers birders the ability to upload up to 10 pieces of rich media (photos or audio recordings) for each species observation in an eBird checklist. So, when you're out in the field enjoying warblers and other migrants this spring, we encourage you to capture as many images and recordings as you can, and then upload them to your eBird checklists when you get back home. If your area isn't currently in the throes of migration—don't worry! We'd love to listen to your recordings of birds from anywhere, at any time.

From the Folks at eBird

Earth Week 2016



The Grange Insurance Audubon Center had over 100 volunteers take part in our Earth Week service projects as part of Green Columbus' Earth Day 2016 movement. This year's theme was Branch Out! The overall community-wide goal was to plant 20,000 trees in addition to the many other projects planned around the central Ohio area.

Volunteers continued the removal of invasive bush honeysuckle and participated in native garden upkeep on the Center grounds.

Green Columbus has organized Earth Day for 10 years. To celebrate a decade of Earth Day, Green Columbus has partnered with the City of Columbus to rally excitement for its initiative to plant 300,000 trees by 2020.



Audubon At Home

Grange Insurance Audubon Center will begin offering monthly instructional courses about its Audubon at Home conservation program the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Program topics will include important backyard conservation practices, and will include garden design, citizen science, lawn care, rain gardens, native plants, floral design with natives, nest boxes, bird feeding, composting, pollinators, permaculture, backyard birds, edible natives and more! Donations appreciated. No registration required. The July 13 program will cover Citizen Science and the Aug. 4 program will feature guest speaker Doug Tallamy (see description on page 1).

Creature Feature

Feed the Birds, Naturally

In school we all learn about the circle of life in one way or another. We learn about the relationship of predators and prey and how they need each other to survive. The same principles apply with the relationship of birds and the insect world. Specifically, caterpillars and other larvae are critical components of the diets of many species of birds.

Common Ohio bird species, such as American robins, Red-eyed vireos, Carolina chickadees and Carolina wrens are very fond of caterpillars. Caterpillars also make up about 60-percent of the Yellow warbler's diet.

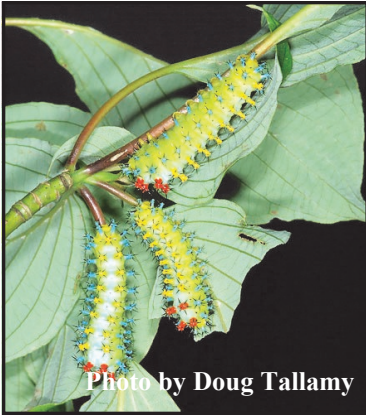


Photo by Doug Tallamy

Caterpillars are the nutritious larvae of butterflies and moths and are a high-quality food source for birds. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, dried caterpillar is about 50-percent protein by weight, and contains 430 calories per 100 grams. In addition to their nutritional value, many caterpillars are easy for birds to find, capture and digest.

Birds primarily hunt caterpillars visually, so many species of caterpillar utilize crypsis as a main defense.

Crypsis is the ability for an organism to blend in with its environment. There are two types of crypsis: visual and olfactory. Visual crypsis includes venomous spines, urticating hairs or bold colors and patterns to stand out, rather than hide. Olfactory crypsis is the caterpillar's attempt to hide itself by masking its scent or creating a strong and unpleasant odor to repel potential predators.

Birds have adapted to hunt caterpillars successfully despite these defenses. However, the practice of planting nonnative trees, bushes and other plants is a major contributing factor to recent population declines of once plentiful species such as chickadees, warblers, wrens and more.

Because native insects did not evolve with nonnative plants, most of them lack the ability to overcome chemical defenses so cannot eat them. Caterpillars are especially selective about what types of host plants they feed on. Over 90-percent of moth and butterfly caterpillars eat only particular native plants or groups of plants.

Birds are just as selective. Chickadees prefer to forage on native trees such as young oak, birches, dogwoods, American elms, beeches, red maples, chestnuts, viburnums, eastern red cedars, winterberries and other natives. Nonnative trees are treated as if there are no trees at all. These alien species we have been importing into cities and suburbs for years affect the availability of food for birds during the breeding season.

Equally problematic is that alien plants species host very few species of butterflies and moths. Scientific studies have shown that alien shrubs or tree might support one or two species of caterpillars, while native species might support as many as 40. A pair of chickadees for instance, can feed more than 9,000 caterpillars to their clutch of four to six young over a period of 16 days.

Homeowners need to think of their suburban or urban backyards as a food web and not as pure decoration, in order to save many species of birds. Thoughtful planting will create a viable food web for the suburban or urban backyard.

So what can be done? Take an inventory of what species of plants you have in your yard and remove the nonnative species. Ornamentals such as the butterfly bush, multiflora rose, privet, bush honeysuckle, barberry, Russian olive, European buckthorn, garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, common reed grass, reed canary grass, autumn-olive, Japanese honeysuckle, Japanese knotweed, smooth brome, Canada thistle, cutleaf teasel, white sweet-clover and Tree-of-Heaven.



Photo by Doug Tallamy

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Grange Insurance Audubon center

Dawn Tabata joins Audubon as GIAC Center Director



If you have been by the Grange Insurance Audubon Center recently, you may have noticed a new face. Dawn Tabata joined National Audubon as the Center Director of GIAC on May 31.

Dawn has more than 25 years of experience in nonprofit management and fundraising in conservation, higher education and healthcare. She has worked extensively with individuals, corporations, foundations and non-profits to realize their philanthropic goals. Dawn has led charitable organizations in raising funds through capital campaigns, major gift solicitations, annual campaigns, cause-related marketing and special events.

For more than 15 years, Dawn served as Assistant Vice President of Development at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. For five years, she served as the Director of Philanthropy for The Nature Conservancy Ohio Chapter. Most recently, she was Senior Director of Development for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at Ohio State.

Dawn is a graduate of The Ohio State University where she completed her bachelors of science in the Fisher College of Business and pursued coursework at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. While a native of St. Louis, Missouri, she has called Columbus home for more than 30 years.

A nature and conservation enthusiast, Dawn enjoys experiencing and sharing with her husband and two children the benefits of Central Ohio's natural beauty and diverse culture. She can often be found birding, hiking, or kayaking on Pelee Island, in the Columbus and Franklin County Metroparks, or her own backyard.

Stop in to welcome Dawn next time you are at the Center!

Student artwork on display as part of Art & Environment program

In partnership with the Wexner Center for the Arts, the Art & Environment program has commissioned work from recent graduate Dempsey Ewan for display on the grounds of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center.

Ewan received the commission after completing the center's annual eco-art course for high school students in grades 10–12. Ewan secured the most votes from contributors in a related power2give crowdfunding campaign (donors were eligible to vote on works featured in the Wexner Center's exhibition *Interventions: Students Respond to the Environment*). Ewan's commission will be on view to the public at the Center for two years while serving as a teaching tool for environmental educators.



Grange Insurance Audubon Center

2016 Johann Cozart Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipient Named

The Johann Cozart Outstanding Volunteer Award is a very special award near and dear to the staff of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center. Each year, an award recipient is chosen based on qualities demonstrated by volunteer Johann Cozart during her time at the center. These qualities include connection, flexibility, positivity, friendliness, generosity and trustworthiness. Former recipients of this award include Jill Holl, Denny Forrest and Johann Cozart herself.



The 2015 Johann Cozart Outstanding Volunteer Award was awarded to Shelby Conrad. Shelby consistently went above and beyond in each of these areas in her first 10 months as a volunteer at the center from March – December of 2015 in which she volunteered 397.5 hours. She continues to display these qualities as a volunteer at the center today.

Shelby comes to volunteer with a friendly greeting for all, from the front desk greeters all the way down the staff hallways, stopping at each door with a smile and an enthusiastic “good morning!” She has taken the lead on many initiatives with animal care as well as mentored many new volunteers in this area. She is very passionate about the center’s animals and has provided them with excellent, loving care.

Shelby is an avid lover of the outdoors with many childhood memories influencing her in her adult life and inspiring her to share her love of all things nature with our visitors. She cheerfully interacts with our students in education programming and always engages visitors, especially children, in getting a close up view of our center animals.

Shelby volunteered with our pilot Audubon at Home program in 2015. She received excellent feedback from homeowners after conducting home visits for the program. She is very knowledgeable and passionate about educating others regarding native prairie plants and their preservation.

Through and through, Shelby believes in the mission of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center which drives her to step up when called upon. We are truly thankful to have her among our group of valued volunteers at the center. Congratulations Shelby!

Thank You to our 2015 Volunteers

The staff of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center thanks our volunteers for their continued support, dedication and time given to our organization. Our volunteers are an integral part of helping us move the mission of the center forward. We couldn’t provide the services and programs we do without our wonderful volunteers!

*Sincerest apologies to any volunteers we may have missed. Your support, dedication and time given to our organization was equally appreciated in 2015!

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Shelby Conrad
Greg Cunningham
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Aparna Dial
Carol Drake
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Gary Wearsch
Lynn Wearsch
Kathy Wightman
Chrissie Wilson
Sally Wood

Ohio Young Birders

Birding by Kayak trip report

We launched onto the water (at Twin Lakes) around 9am. We stayed in one spot to wait for other people. As we were waiting, Trevor, Anna, and I heard a Prothonotary Warbler singing. We paddled over to the tree line and sure enough there was one sitting up in the tree singing. Once everyone was ready to go, we headed out. As we paddled our way to the bridge we saw Cedar Waxwings, a Green Heron, and Turkey Vultures. We also heard Blue-gray Gnatcatchers and Warbling Vireos.



Once we reached the bridge there were quite a few Northern Rough-winged Swallows, which were awesome to see.

After the bridge the group spilt up a little and kayaked in the open a few of us went along the tree line and saw a Prothonotary Warbler, an Acadian Flycatcher, and a White-tailed Deer with at least 6 points!

Next we headed down a narrow path to look for a Ruby-throated Hummingbird nest. We found it when the female was on it! On our way out we had a Prothonotary Warbler right over our heads!



We decided to go see if there was a Green Heron nest this year. We saw the pair of GRHE sitting in the tree, one flew off and the other one flew into the nest! After we saw the GRHE Tyler had a Northern Parula singing on the tree line. I paddled over to him with Cristiana, Kate, Delaney, and Anna. As we were sitting listening to it along with a Prothonotary Warbler and Indigo Bunting, Anna found a Bullfrog tadpole! It had small legs and still had its tail.

We headed back to TAASC where we ate lunch and helped band a few Tree Swallow nestlings.

After lunch we headed over to the Wildlife Center for sketching and photography. I decided to try sketching. We went downstairs where Barnaby was. Barnaby is a Barn Owl who is 28 years old. He was rescued from a tree that was cut down after his wing was injured. We sketched him for a while. Then we went outside and sketched and took pictures of a American Kestrel and a Gray-morph Eastern-screech Owl.

We saw a total of 50 species of birds! I know I had a ton of fun and learned a lot.

Adriana, OYBC member

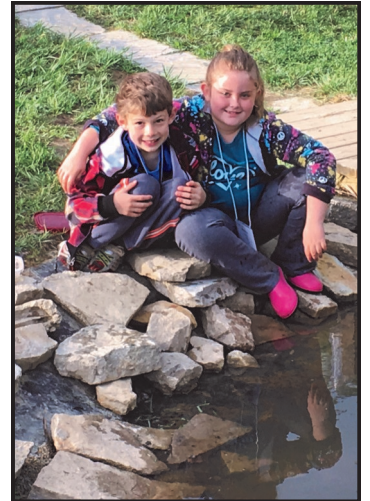


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Eco-Weekend Thanks

EcoWeekend 2016 is behind us but for those of us on the planning committee we are always thinking about ways to make the event the BEST FAMILY NATURE WEEKEND in the state! We fill over 50 program sessions with enthusiastic volunteer experts on a wide range of ecology, environment and nature topics. Do you have a passion that you would like to share? Program lengths are one, 2.5 and 3.5 hour sessions and our program leaders get admission to EcoWeekend at no cost. Programs can be indoors or outdoors and many are off-site in the local Hocking Hills area. We'd love to hear from you! We also welcome donations and/or sponsorships for EcoWeekend. Prices have remained unchanged for three years. This is possible in part from donations received in support of EcoWeekend. Contact Maura Rawn, EcoWeekend chair, 740-653-8574, maurarawn@yahoo.com if you would like to be a part of this exciting event. 2017 will be our 45th year! EcoWeekend 2017 will be held May 5-7, 2017 at Camp Otý'Okwa. Look for our EcoWeekend 45th Year T-Shirt Contest in upcoming newsletters, or contact Maura for more information.



Maura Rawn

Meet our new CA board members

Sheila Fagan

Sheila is joining the CA board with a solid background of participation in many of our programs. She is a participant in our Avid Birders field trips, has participated in the Christmas Bird Count for over 25 years, and has attended countless CA trips and programs. Sheila is an Adjunct Faculty member at the Ohio State University, a yoga teacher and community volunteer for several organizations. She hopes to focus on conservation and on building a more diverse membership.

Denny Forrest

Denny has been an active volunteer at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center for more than four years. He is an accomplished woodworker and his skills are on display in many of the rooms of the GIAC. Denny is retired and has experience in fundraising and communications through volunteering in several community organizations. He is interested in expanding the current programs and contributing to CA through his hobby of nature photography.

Jill Holl

Jill is a retired educator who continues to serve our community through her volunteer activities at GIAC. Jill may well be the friendly face from the visitor desk that you first encounter when stopping by! Jill is an experienced birder and native plant enthusiast, has cared for the animals at GIAC, and has experience volunteering for other organizations.

Angelika Nelson

Angelika is the Curator of the Borror Laboratory of Bioacoustics and the Tetrapod Collection at the Museum of Biological Diversity at Ohio State. For those of you who have participated in the Bird Quizzes before the monthly program, those birds come to our meetings through Angelika's assistance! Angelika has been an active CA member and serves on the monthly program committee.

We welcome our new board members and our returning board: George Arnold, Amy Boyd, Tim Daniel, Lindsay Deering, Barbara Revard and Tom Sheley.

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July & August Trips

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

Summer Bird Walk Series | Gallant Woods Park, Preservation Parks of Delaware County

Every season brings us something new in the world of birds! Don't miss these three early morning hikes led by park district staff. All skill levels are welcome. Loaner binoculars will be provided as needed, or you can bring your own. These walks are for ages 7 and older. Walks will be held on *Saturdays at 8 a.m. on July 30 and Aug. 27*. See individual listings for locations and hike descriptions. Contact Rich Niccum at mic-cum@preservationparks.com or (740) 524-8600, ext. 6.

Red, White, and Bluebirds | Blendon Woods Metro Park

Monday, July 4, 1 - 5 p.m.

Look at bluebird nests and nests from other cavity nesting birds. Learn about the bluebird life cycle and make a bluebird craft to take home. Meet at the Blendon Woods Nature Center.

Bird Walk | Rocky Fork Metro Park

Saturday, July 9 at 8 a.m.

Explore the woods and meadows at Rocky Fork Metro Park (up to 2.5 miles) for resident, nesting birds. Some binoculars provided. Meet at the Millstone Picnic Area Bulletin Board.

Birdwatching for Beginners | Grange Insurance Audubon Center

Saturdays, Jul 16, Aug 6 and Aug 20 at 10 a.m.

Learn how to use binoculars and search for birds at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center.

For Families: Backyard Birds Scavenger Hunt | Home- stead Metro Park

Sunday, July 24 at 1 p.m.

Stop by the nature center at Homestead Metro Park and pick-up a scavenger hunt to do in the park. Come back to the nature center to claim your prize. For more information, please contact Chrissy Hoff, Glacier Ridge/Homestead Metro Park Naturalist at (614) 971-5211.

Bird Walk | Blendon Woods Metro Park

Saturday, Aug. 6, 8 a.m.

Walk two miles along the woodland trails and look for the birds in our park. Meet at the Blendon Woods Nature Center.

Other Upcoming Events

Picnic in the Park with Birds of Prey | Friday, July 15

6:30 p.m. at Deer Haven Park, Preservation Parks of Delaware County. Pack a picnic and head to the park with your dinner. Enjoy a Birds of Prey program presented by the Ohio Wildlife Center and then have Dutch oven dump-cake with ice cream. Registration required by July 11. Call (740) 524-8600.

Summer Bird Walk Series | Saturday, July 30

8 a.m. at Gallant Woods Park, Preservation Parks of Delaware County.

Look for the young ones as they are out testing their wings and looking for food without their parents' help.

Perseid Meteor Shower Campout | Friday and Saturday Aug. 12-13

7 p.m. to 9 a.m. at Blues Creek Park, Preservation Parks of Delaware County. Join us just beyond the city lights as we watch meteors streak across the sky. Bring your own food and camping gear. We will provide the telescopes and activities. Call (740) 524-8600 to register.

Pollinator Field Day | Saturday, Aug. 21

2-5 p.m. at Deer Haven Park, Preservation Parks of Delaware County.

A late summer investigation should reveal a whole new host of pollinator insect species as we explore the gardens, fields and forest. Stop in to use our field nets and bug jars, or use your own catch-and-release container. Dave Noble, Stratford Ecological Center apiarist, will be on hand to help identify your insect finds.

Summer Bird Walk Series | Saturday, Aug. 27

8 a.m. at Blues Creek Park, Preservation Parks of Delaware County.

As summer comes to a close, get a look at our feathered friends as they begin preparing for colder temperatures and the long trip south.



CA Loses a Birding Friend



Professor Edward Burt, universally known as “Jed” to his friends, passed away at home on Wednesday, April 27. Many of us in Columbus Audubon counted Jed as a friend. We knew and loved him for his service to Ohio Wesleyan University, generations of students, the wider central Ohio community, and birders and ornithologists throughout the country.

Listing Jed’s professional accomplishments and honors would take pages. As a mere sample, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recognized him as 2011 Ohio Professor of the Year; he served as president of the American Ornithologists’ Union from 2008 – 2010; authored seven books and untold numbers of research papers; delivered hundreds of presentations; was awarded over \$3 million in grants; and was made a fellow of the International

Ornithological Union, one of only 100 people so honored.

Even with all this and much more, Jed somehow found time to be an extraordinary mentor to his students and to lend his knowledge, skills, and joy of life to the central Ohio community. For example, he founded and led monthly meetings of the Delaware County Bird Club, and for many years led the Delaware Christmas Bird Count. He invited members of the community into his classrooms and on field trips, allowing many of us to share our love of birds with hundreds of students over the years.

As one student said, “Everyone knows the obvious: he was one of the most extraordinarily passionate people I have ever met, crazy about winged creatures, and despite his medical problems, he was always so upbeat.” That willingness to dig in and live fully everyday truly defined Jed for many of us.

And always, it was his about his students. In his own words, “The most exciting part of teaching is working one-on-one to help each student fulfill her or his special potential,” he said. “As a friend, colleague, and mentor, I can share my values by living them and sometimes by speaking of them when consulted by a student dealing with a difficult situation. I hope that I convey to all students my passion for the birds I love, the science that provides me with boundless excitement, and the privilege I feel in becoming a trusted confidant in their lives. Awakening a passion in a young person and helping each student fulfill a newly formulated dream is the essence of teaching. There is no higher calling, no greater purpose in life.”

Jed Burt was a tremendous asset to our birding and conservation communities. He will be greatly missed.

Ohio Wesleyan University has published an obituary at <https://www.owu.edu/files/resources/burttobituary.pdf>. Scores of tributes from Jed’s former students and other friends can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/782797105100462/permalink/1084488181598018/>.

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Instead, plant a patch of violets to feed fritillary caterpillars. Phlox supports eight species of butterflies. The buttonbush shrub, which has little white flowers, feeds 18 species of butterflies and moths; and blueberry bushes, which also support many species of moths and butterflies.

Below is a partial list of recommended native Ohio trees and shrubs you can plant to help the birds by helping butterflies and moths. Trees: Black cherry, hybernaculum, boxelder, Ohio buckeye, paw paw, hackberry, redbud, flowering dogwood, tuliptree, eastern cottonwood, black cherry, common chokecherry, scarlet oak, red oak, black oak, Washington hawthorn, silky dogwood, pagoda dogwood, gray dogwood, smooth sumac and elderberry. Bushes: Wafer ash, pussy willow, and spice bush. Other host plants: Common milkweed, swamp milkweed, butterfly weed, butterfly milkweed, purple milkweed, Sullivan’s milkweed, ashy sunflower, black-eyed susan, dense blazing star, New England aster, tall nettle, Ohio goldenrod, ox eye sunflower, butterfly-weed, clasping-leaved milkweed, green milkweed, green-flowered milkweed, honey-vine, poke milkweed, spider milkweed, white milkweed, whorled milkweed, tall ironweed, purple coneflower, rattlesnake master, smooth aster, spotted joe pye, prairie dock, barren aster, alfalfa and sweet fennel.

Stefanie Hauck

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Grange Insurance Audubon Center

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Directions to the GIAC: From High St. or Front St. turn west on Whittier (which runs along south end of German Village and Brewery District). Follow Whittier, making no turns, across the bridge spanning the tracks, until you drive into the parking lot in front of the Center.

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