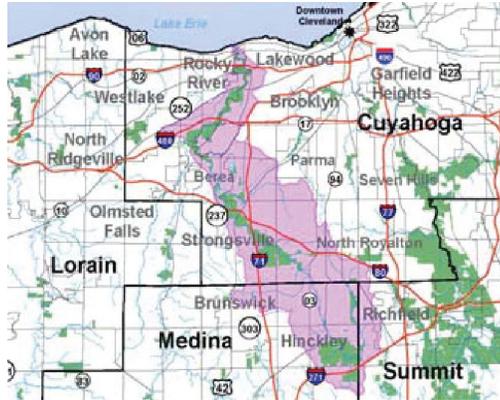


April

Invasive Plant Control Along the Lake Erie Shoreline in Northeast Ohio

Presenter: Zachary Kron, Northeast Ohio Coastal Invasives Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy in Ohio

Program Description: In 2016, The Nature Conservancy was awarded a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant to control 1,000 acres of invasive plant species throughout the coastal habitats of Lake Erie in northeast Ohio. The project targets invasive woody and herbaceous species, considers timing to avoid impacts to birds during nesting and migration, and capitalizes on the opportunity to educate the visitors to Ohio's beaches on the importance of coastal health. Join Zachary Kron in his presentation discussing the approach and results of the initial treatment year, "Invasive Plant Control Along the Lake Erie Shoreline in Northeast Ohio."



May

Birds Give Me Warm Yummies

Presenter: Kathy Murphy, Birder, Photographer and Member, Western Cuyahoga Audubon

Program Description: Birding and photographing birds brings so many people contentment and joy. Kathy's presentation, "Birds Give Me Warm Yummies", features over 200 bird species from Ohio. Kathy will share her personal thoughts on the abundance and variety in nature and of the beauty our feathered friends. Kick off spring migration with an evening for new birders, nature lovers and those that love the wild things!

June

Annual Picnic, Plant Exchange & Bird Walk

Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm (no rain will fall this evening!)

Location: Lagoon Picnic Area, Valley Parkway, between Cedar Point Road and Spafford Road, south of Rocky River Nature Center (NOT at Rocky River Nature Center – held outdoors at a picnic shelter.)

Leader: Nancy Howell, Educator and Naturalist

Target Species: Nesting and resident species

Description: Our annual Audubon picnic and plant exchange. Bring your dinner (grill will be available for cooking), your family or friends AND bring any plants, seeds, bulbs that need homes. They can be houseplants or outdoor plants. If you don't have any plants to bring that is OK, but adopt an "orphan" plant. We also have a bird walk after dinner.

This map shows the area of interest of the Western Cuyahoga Audubon. We operate in the west side of Cleveland, approximately from the Cuyahoga River west to Avon Lake and south to Hinckley, Ohio. **The area shaded in lavender is the Rocky River Important Bird Area (IBA).**

There are five other Audubon chapters in Northeast Ohio, including Blackbrook Audubon Society, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, Akron Audubon Society, Canton Audubon Society, and Black River Audubon Society.



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Speaker Series
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Programs are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Rocky River Nature Center, Rocky River Reservation, Cleveland Metroparks. Programs are free and open to the public. Guests are welcome. Donations are appreciated.

September

ODNR Division of Wildlife: Conservation Law Enforcement

Presenter: Ryan Donnelly, ODNR Division of Wildlife - Law Enforcement for Cuyahoga County

Program Description: Have woodpeckers chipping at your siding? What about that turkey chasing the mailman? Human interactions with wildlife are common in suburban and urban settings. Ryan Donnelly, ODNR Division of Wildlife - Law Enforcement for Cuyahoga County must deal with these interactions to keep both wildlife and people safe. His presentation, ODNR Division of Wildlife: Conservation Law Enforcement, will provide a profile of the agency including the mission of the Division of Wildlife, the role of State Wildlife Officers and how the Division of Wildlife manages resources of the state including urban wildlife management.

October

Family Structures of Fox and Gray Squirrels: More Than you Ever Wanted to Know (and then some)

Presenter: Dr. Karen Munroe, Assistant Professor, Biology, Baldwin-Wallace University

Program Description: A couple of years ago, Dr. Karen Munroe from Baldwin-Wallace University, shared the very beginning of her research on urban Fox and Gray Squirrels. Since then, Dr. Monroe and her students have continued to study these two species. "Family Structures of Fox and Gray Squirrels: More Than you Ever Wanted to Know (and then some)", will update us on how squirrels are studied in an urban environment, focus on some of our newest results comparing the family structure of Fox and Gray squirrels, and help make management decisions, about squirrel species in our backyard and globally!

November

Program: Acacia Reservation: From Fairways to Forests

Presenter: Wendy Weirich, Director of Outdoor Experiences, Cleveland Metroparks

Program Description: In the fall of 2012, Cleveland Metroparks received the generous gift of 155 acre Acacia Country Club. The gift came with the specific requirement to return the land to forests. Cleveland Metroparks has been nudging nature ever since in sincere efforts to turn this urban green space into a premier oasis for flora and fauna. Join Director of Outdoor Experiences, Wendy Weirich, for a closer look at the dramatically changing land of Acacia in her presentation, "Acacia Reservation: From Fairways to Forests".

December

Program: Living a Biocentric Lifestyle and How to Get More People Connected to Nature

Presenter: Stefanie Spear, Founder & CEO, EcoWatch

Special Event: Annual Dinner & Auction

Program Description: As founder and CEO of EcoWatch, it's my job to engage millions of people each month in their pursuit of a sustainable lifestyle. From people who are just beginning to connect the dots between human health and the environment to people who work daily to protect our Earth, EcoWatch helps readers on their journey from a humanistic viewpoint to a biocentric one. Come hear and share the challenges and joys of working to encourage people to adopt sustainable practices and become active in their communities, and the role you play in shaping the future of our planet. Stefanie Spear has been publishing environmental news for more than 25 years and is dedicated to educating and motivating readers to become engaged in their community, adopt sustainable practices and support strong environmental policy to protect human health and the environment.

January

Recent Advances in Ornithology

Presenter: Dr. Andy Jones, Director of Science, Director of Science and the William A. and Nancy R. Klamm Endowed Chair of Ornithology, Curator and Head of Ornithology, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Program Description: There are thousands of academic papers

published every year on the biology of birds. These new discoveries are sometimes highlighted in the media and on your Facebook feed, but many simply don't get the public attention they deserve. Dr. Andy Jones, Department of Ornithology at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, will present, "Recent Advances in Ornithology", highlighting the taxonomic changes that birders will want to know about, as well as other discoveries that will simply make you a more observant and more informed birder. This talk will cover many exciting aspects of bird biology that were discovered in the last few years.

February

Bumblebees of Ohio and the Great Lakes

Presenter: Dr. Randall J. Mitchell, Professor of Biology, University of Akron.

Program Description: Nineteen species of bumble bee are historically known from Ohio, but only about 10 of them may be found now. Some were never common, but several once abundant species are now in steep decline with two species in danger of becoming extinct not only in Ohio, but globally. Habitat loss, introduced parasites, and pesticides are the most likely causes of these declines. Dr. Randall Mitchell, from the University of Akron, will share with us bumble bee identification and how habitat management can help bumble bees in the program, "Bumblebees of Ohio and the Great Lakes".

March

The Effects of Climate and Land Cover Change on Birds

Presenter: Matthew Shumar, Program Coordinator, Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative.

Program Description: The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio was released as a major work this past summer. Looking at the first Atlas, published in 1991 and this more recent Atlas, what information can be gleaned from the data about the status of Ohio's breeding bird species? We know habitats have changed through the decades, but are there other what changes have occurred? What species have increased, decreased, or are extirpated and why? Join us for the presentation, "Formal Analysis of the Effects of Climate and Land Cover Change on Bird Distributions Using the Atlas Data."