

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY CHAPTER LEADER REPORT 2010

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Monthly Meeting Date: First Tuesday of month Annual Meeting Date: First Tuesday of December

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Please note other delegates, if any: Ms. Diane Sigler

Please add more Board members or individuals with other positions below or on a separate sheet if needed. Only add individuals as Board members if **not** listed elsewhere on the form. **Also, please list any additional part or full time chapter staff members below.**

ADDITIONAL POSITION OR STAFF

Title: _____
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Audubon Chapter Annual Report 2009-2010

Questionnaire

For instructions on completing this form, please visit [Chapter Annual Report Forms](#).
Submission period is August 15 – December 31, 2010. Don't forget to click the "Save" button periodically as you work and "Submit" when you are finished.

(Shaded fields are auto-filled from information on hand)

This report covers a 12 month fiscal year:

September 1, 2009 — August 31, 2010

Date Submitted:	<input type="text" value="November 4"/>	Submitted:	November 4, 2010	Your Contact Information:	<input type="text" value="4310 Bush A"/>
Chapter Name:	<input type="text" value="Western Cuy"/>	Chapter Code:	<input type="text" value="S63"/>	Street:	4310 Bush Ave.
Submitted By Name:	<input type="text" value="Tom Romito"/>	Chapter Code:	S63	City:	<input type="text" value="Cleveland"/>
Submitted By Title:	<input type="text" value="President"/>	Chapter Code:	S63	State:	Cleveland
		Chapter Code:	S63	State:	<input type="text" value="OH"/>
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CURRENT CHAPTER STATUS

Please enter the **year** your Chapter was founded, if known: 1975 (*year*)

1.

2. Does the Chapter have **federal** tax-exempt status? yes no

3. Check here if your federal tax-exempt status was acquired in the last year.

Number of National Audubon Society members in the Chapter as of December 2009: 995 members

4. Does the Chapter offer a paid Chapter membership separate from NAS membership? yes no

5. If Yes to #4, please estimate the current number of separate Chapter members: 110 (*# members*)

6. If the Chapter has one or more paid staff, please indicate how many:

Full Time

1 Part Time

Consultants

2009 - 2010 CHAPTER ACTIVITY METRICS

7. How many volunteers helped with at least one Chapter activity over the year (including the board)? 75 (*# volunteers*)

8. In total, how many hours did your volunteers provide? 2600 (*# hours*)

9. Excluding field trips, how many programs or classes for adults or families did your Chapter offer? 9 (*# programs*)

10. In total, how many people attended programs or classes? 270 (*total # attendees*)

11. How many **field trips** did the Chapter conduct? 12 (*# field trips*)

12. In total, how many people attended field trips? 360 (*total # attendees*)

13. How many **newsletter issues in print** did the Chapter publish? 4 (*# print issues*)

14. How many **electronic newsletter issues** did the Chapter publish? 4 (*# e-issues*)

15. Please note how many of the following **educational programs** the Chapter sponsored last year, if any:

8 Audubon Adventures classroom subscriptions

In-school programs

Junior Audubon Club or after-school program

Field trips for school classes

Teacher training activities/programs

Activities at a Center (Audubon or other)

Scholarships to a nature camp

16. In total, how many youth were reached through these educational programs 240

over the year?

(# youth)

17. If you know the number of Title I or underserved youth reached, please indicate: (# youth)

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

18. Did the Chapter offer any **Birding/Bird Identification** classes last year? yes no

19. Did the Chapter offer any **Audubon At Home** classes last year [e.g., demonstration sites (rain gardens, landscaping with native plants, butterfly gardens, etc.); workshops or presentations for homeowners, landscapers, educators, or others; development of printed or online materials about how to help conserve birds and wildlife at home and/or in your community; Lights Out program in your city]? yes no

20. Check all citizen science or outreach programs that the Chapter sponsored or participated (please check all that apply):

Christmas Bird Count

Great Backyard Bird Count

Bioblitz or Biodiversity Inventory

Birding Festival

Water or Energy Festival

JJ Audubon's Birthday Event

International Migratory Bird Day

Other: Science Olympiad - WCAS conducted bird ID exercises at this science program at Cleveland State University for middle school students. Public library programs - WCAS staffed a table at a public library and introduced visitors to WCAS programs and the IBA surveys. Public speaking - WCAS board members Tom Romito and Stan Searles conducted five public speaking engagements with public service organizations to promote WCAS and the Rocky River IBA project.

21. Does the Chapter own property? yes no

Did the Chapter engage in education or land stewardship on an:

22. Important Bird Area? yes no

If yes, please note IBA name(s):

23. Rocky River IBA

24. Other site (i.e. public park or national/state/local refuge)? yes no

25. If yes, please note site name(s):

Cleveland Metroparks

26. Please note if the Chapter took part in any of the following **activities on an IBA** (please check all that apply):

- Monitor birds or other species
- Habitat restoration
- Participate in or run a Friends/Support group
- Manage a nest box trail
- Lobby for protection
- Create educational signs
- Conduct educational events or activities
- Support an international initiative or IBA
- Other:

27. If the Chapter works with/supports an Audubon Center, please note Center name (*leave blank if none*):

28. If the Chapter works with/supports an education Center run by a non-Audubon entity, please note Center name (*leave blank if none*):

29. Did the Chapter engage in any of the following **fundraising activities?** (please check all that apply)

- Seed Sale
- Birdathon
- Annual Appeal
- Audubon Collaborative Funding
- TogetherGreen Grant
- Other grant applications
- Sale of birding related items
- Other: Direct solicitations - Unable to secure funding from any local or national foundations for our IBA Coordinator's salary, WCAS President Tom Romito contact five people he knows and asked for help; one person agreed to support WCAS and provided sufficient funds for us to complete our mission.

30. Did your Chapter participate in a **State Council Meeting or Assembly**? yes no

31. Does the Chapter maintain a phone tree or email network for policy issues? yes no

32. Please **note two top local policy issues** for the Chapter:

1) Wind turbine - A local non-profit organization wants to erect a wind turbine to provide electricity for the county fairgrounds. The NPO had to defend its plan before city council; WCAS appeared before council and stated its intent to study the impact of the wind turbine on avian populations when it is erected.

2) See the answer to question 25.

33. Please **note two top state policy issues** for the Chapter:

1)

2)

34. Did the Chapter write or print newsletter articles, Letters to the Editor, use its email or phone tree, meet with elected officials or otherwise engage in any of the following policy issues? (please check all that apply)

Global Warming

Wind Power/Energy

Oil/Gas Energy Development

Growth Management

Bird Conservation/Funding

Invasive Species

Endangered Species

International Family Planning

Alaska Land Protection

Clean Water Act/Wetlands

Ecosystem Restoration/Wetlands (Mississippi River/Long Island Sound)

Other:

35. What tools or information could Audubon provide that would help your Chapter engage on national policy issues more effectively? (please check all that apply)

Sample newsletter articles

- In-person trainings and presentations on policy issues
- Web-based trainings and presentations on policy issues
- Regional, state or national Audubon conventions
- Web-ready content for Chapter website
- Regular contact with Chapter Conservation Chair
- Chapter toolkits
- Other:

36. Does the Chapter engage in social networking through an account on: (please check all that apply)

- FaceBook
- Twitter
- Other:

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS

The following are the three goals the Chapter noted in last year's report:

- a. Conduct year 4 of the Rocky River IBA survey.
- b. Plan how to take the Rocky River IBA to the next level.
- c. Raise \$10,000 more than last year.

37. Briefly list up to three of the Chapters **top accomplishments, based on the past year's annual plan:**

a. wCAS completed year 5 of its five-year IBA survey (Note the error in the first goal of last year's report).

b. WCAS served in a consultant role for Cleveland Metroparks by surveying private parcels that Metroparks would like to annex in order to add green space to the park district surrounding Greater Cleveland known as the Emerald Necklace. Our survey data helped Metroparks apply for funding its needed to buy the parcels.

c. WCAS marshalled eight organizations in Greater Cleveland that it considered stakeholders in the Rocky River IBA in two public meetings. During the meetings, a facilitator garnered input from the organizations as to what role WCAS should play in the Rocky River in the future. The outcome of the meetings is that the stakeholders feel WCAS should continue to survey avian populations because it is the only organization that is specifically organized, trained, and motivated to do so.

38. If the Chapter has a special story to share about an accomplishment from last year, we would like acknowledge and promote it within the Audubon network. Please check all story categories that apply and include a contact person's name and email (if different from report submitter's info).

- Education
- Citizen Science
- Policy/Advocacy
- Land Stewardship
- Other: Rocky River IBA IBA surveying

Contact name: Tom Romito

Contact email: tomromito@ameritech.net

39. Please briefly list up to three of the Chapters **top goals in the coming year's annual plan:**

- a. WCAS will continue monitoring bird populations in the Rocky River IBA.
- b. WCAS will serve as a catalyst for other conservation organizations in its geographical area to confront local environmental issues.
- c. WCAS will be a resource to local communities on conservation issues.

40. If your State Office, Chapter Services Office, or another national Audubon program has helped your Chapter in the past year, please describe how.

NAS kept WCAS up to date on deadlines for applications for state collaborative funding applications.

41. How could the State Office and program, your nearest Center, the Chapter Services Office and/or national headquarters and programs help you achieve your major goal(s) **in the coming year**? We are very interested in hearing the type of assistance that would be most important to you.

42. Would you like us to send you general information on any of the following Audubon programs and resources? (please check all that apply)

- Audubon Adventures (in-school environmental curriculum for teachers)
- Audubon At Home (Conservation programs for your yard, neighborhood, school and community)
- Collaborative Funding (state-allocated funds for Chapter conservation projects)
- Online membership management system (view/download membership rosters, mailing

labels, and membership incentive payment reports)

- Required federal non-profit tax filing deadlines and details
- TogetherGreen (conservation grant funding)
- Other:

43. Are there other activities or issues mentioned in this questionnaire about which you would like more information?

44. We would appreciate hearing any suggestions for improving the annual report form next year.

This is the best iteration of the annual report I have seen in ten years because it features the best of previous versions and eliminates redundant questions or sections.

2009-2010 CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Chapter Name – Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society Chapter Code #S63

REVENUES

Audubon Baseline Funding	2,583.00
Audubon Collaborative Funding	800.00
Audubon Membership Incentive Payments	
Additional Chapter Membership Revenue	2,275.00
Bequests	
Grants/Contributions	2,937.18
Educational Events	
Fundraising Events	4,122.12
Interest and Investments	
Sales – Shade grown, bird friendly coffee	
Bird Identification guides	420.00
Other – Christmas Bird Count	200.00

Total Income **\$13,337.30**

EXPENDITURES

Administration	1,707.19
Newsletter/Postage/Mailing	3,224.27
Education Programs & Events	1,155.60
Conservation Project Expenses	4,454.80
Fundraising	929.09
Regional/State Offices/State Council	
Grants/Contributions to Others – Young Birders (\$50)	
Medina Raptor Center (\$100)	150.00
Other – Refreshments/decorations (\$158.09)	
- IBA appreciation dinner (\$583.10)	
- Christmas Bird Count reimbursement (\$200.00)	941.19

Total Expenditures **\$12,562.14**

NET INCOME IN OPERATING FUNDS **\$775.16**

BEGINNING BALANCE **\$7,382.21**

ENDING BALANCE **\$8,157.37**

ASSETS

Cash & Equivalents	\$8,157.37
Investments	

Accts. Receivable	
Other	
Net Fixed Assets	
Total Assets	\$8,157.37

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	
Unearned Income	
Other	
Total Liabilities	

Funds

Restricted	
Reserved	
Unreserved	\$8,157.37

Total Funds Balance	\$8,157.37
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