

2011-2012 Questionnaire

S63 - Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society

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Basic Info

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This report covers the following 12-month fiscal year:	Other (please indicate the dates in the box below)
If "other", enter beginning and ending fiscal year dates:	9/1/2011-8/31/2012
Did the Chapter's federal tax-exempt status change in the last year:	No
Did the Chapter receive, purchase, or begin leasing or managing land in the past year? (please check "Yes" only if this land ownership/management is NEW)	No
Does the Chapter offer a Chapter membership separate from NAS membership?	Yes
If "yes", please indicate the current number of separate Chapter members:	100
If the Chapter has one or more paid staff, please indicate how many:	
Number of full-time staff:	
Number of part-time staff:	
Number of consultants:	

Metrics

How many volunteers helped with at least one Chapter activity over the year (including the board)?	129
In total, how many hours did your volunteers provide?	1600
How many field trips did the Chapter conduct last year?	15
What is the total number of participants attending all field trips over the year?	500
Excluding field trips, how many programs or classes for adults or families were offered last year?	12
What is the total number of participants attending all programs or classes over the year?	400
How many newsletter issues in print did the Chapter publish last year?	4
How many electronic newsletter issues did the Chapter publish last year?	4
Please note the number of educational programs your Chapter offered:	
Audubon Adventures classroom kits:	0
In-school visits:	0
Field trips for school classes:	0
Junior Audubon Club or after-school sessions:	0

Teacher training activities/programs:	0
Scholarships to a nature camp:	0
Activities at a Center operated by the National Audubon Society:	0
Activities at a Center operated by your Chapter:	0
Activities at an Education Center operated by an organization other than NAS or your Chapter:	0
In total, how many youth were reached through the educational programs in the question above?	0
If you know the number of Title I or underserved youth in the question above, please indicate:	0

Activities 1

Creating Bird-Friendly Communities	
Did the Chapter offer activities to help improve habitat for birds and wildlife in backyards, neighborhoods, schoolyards or communities?	1. Built or maintained nest box trail(s) or swift tower(s)
Other:	Collaborated with Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and local Boy Scout troop to construct a bird nest box trail at the Zoo.
If the Chapter worked with/supported a Center, please list the Center name(s):	
Check all citizen science or outreach programs that the Chapter sponsored or participated in:	1. Christmas Bird Count 2. Great Backyard Bird Count
Other:	

Activities 2

Saving Important Bird Areas	
If your Chapter was involved in activities at an Important Bird Area, please note the Important Bird Area full name(s) and closest city(ies).	Rocky River IBA - Hinckley Twp, OH; North Royalton, OH; Berea, OH; Strongsville, OH; North Olmsted, OH; Rocky River, OH; Lakewood, OH. WCAS adopted this IBA in 2005 and conducted a five-year breeding bird survey from 2006-2010. In addition, we conducted and continue to conduct outreach events to support this initiative, including presentations to Kiwanis Clubs in Greater Cleveland, appearances at many community events.
In which of the following activities did the Chapter take part at the Important Bird Area(s) noted above?	1. Worked regularly on an Important Bird Area (i.e., Does the Chapter have an IBA it has adopted?) 2. Lobbied for protection 3. Conducted educational events or activities
Other:	Conducted and led a 31-mile walk through the Rocky River IBA; conducted and led three 8-hour bird walks in the IBA. Lead bird walks at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (an IBA).
Please indicate the approximate total number of people participating in Important Bird Area-related activities:	25
If your Chapter worked on a site other than an IBA (e.g., public park or national/state/local refuge), please list the site name(s) and closest city(ies):	
If your Chapter participated in or financially supported a conservation project outside the U.S., please indicate the project name(s), country(ies), and nearest city(ies):	
If your Chapter sponsored a tour outside the U.S., please indicate the country(ies) and nearest city(ies):	

Activities 3

Shaping a Healthy Climate and Clean Energy Future	
Did the Chapter work to affect policy on:	1. Fracking or other land-based gas/oil drilling 2. Promotion of alternative energy sources 3. Placement of wind energy facilities

Other:	Adopted state and federal protocols for monitoring a wind turbine for avian carcass searches at the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Fairgrounds.
Sharing Our Seas and Shores	
Did the Chapter organize or participate in:	
Other:	
Putting Working Lands to Work for Birds and People	
Did the Chapter organize or participate in workshops, or provide direct advice on bird-friendly management of:	
Other:	
Does the Chapter maintain a phone tree or email network for policy issues?	Yes
Capacity	
Did the Chapter engage in any of the following fundraising activities?	1. Annual appeal
Other:	Walkathon, birdathon, silent auction, shade-grown coffee sales, sale of bird guides, sale of and Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamps
Does the Chapter have a profile on any of the following social networking platforms?	1. Facebook
Other:	Website - We have been getting an average 900,000 hits a year on this website (www.wcasohio.org).
Successes & Goals	
Briefly list up to two of the Chapter's top accomplishments by completing each box below. Along with a very brief description of the project, please share with us why you feel the project was a success: For example, did it accomplish a particular or urgent conservation goal? Or does it fit with a broader local, state or national conservation strategy? We may follow up with you for additional details. If you have relevant images to include with your stories, please send them to chapter_services@audubon.org along with copies of the applicable, signed photographer and model release forms (http://chapterservices.audubon.org/chapter-leader-guide/promote-your-chapters-successes).	
Title of Accomplishment 1	Public Outreach
Category:	1. Education 2. Citizen science
Other Category:	
Description:	We participated in Cleveland International Film Festival, Science Olympiad at Cleveland State University, Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair at Cleveland State University, Buzzard Day at Hinckley Elementary School, Advisory to Detroit-Shoreway EcoVillage, Cleveland Walk for Salvation, open houses at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, and Rocky River Funfest.
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Title of Accomplishment 2	Weeders in the Wild
Category:	1. Education 2. Citizen science 3. Land management
Other Category:	
Description:	Controlling invasion plant species a little bit at time. Several weeding days a year help keep buckthorn, phragmites, garlic mustard and others at bay.

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Briefly list three of the Chapter's top goals in the coming year's annual plan, where possible including what makes this goal important for your Chapter: ----- -----	
Goal 1:	Publish and distribute a final report of the Rocky River IBA Conservation Initiative. This will be a template for other Audubon chapters in Ohio to conduct IBA surveys.
Goal 2:	Conduct monthly programs, field trips, and outreach events. These will increase our profile in the community as a conservation organization.
Goal 3:	Engage a professional leadership and management coach to help the board plan the future of WCAS. This will enable us to determine what direction to take, now that our five-year IBA conservation initiative, conducted from 2006-2010, is over.
Feedback	
If your State Office, Chapter Services Office or another National Audubon program has helped your Chapter in the past year, please describe:	The Chapter Services Office issued WCAS a safety net sum of money.
How could the State Office and programs, your nearest Center, the Chapter Services Office and/or National headquarters and programs help you achieve your major goal(s) in the coming year?	
Are there activities or issues mentioned in this questionnaire about which you would like more information?	
We would appreciate hearing any suggestions you have for improving the annual report form next year:	
If you have completed this report to your satisfaction, please submit it by clicking the Submit Form button below. Otherwise, you may save your work and return later.	
If you haven't already, please also complete the Financial Report by selecting it from the Forms menu.	

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Total operating revenue*:	10017.71
Total operating expense*:	7764.63
Total of all Chapter funds (funds balance) (e.g., all funds held by the Chapter including checking account, savings account, endowment account, Certificates of Deposit, stocks and other investment accounts; does not include the value of land or other buildings):	13730.05
Portion of funds balance that was restricted or reserved for a specific use (e.g., funds that are not freely available, their use being limited to a specific program or project; includes grants for specific activities, board or donor restricted funds, endowment accounts):	165.48
Annual grant funding received from non-Audubon source(s) (do not include TogetherGreen or Collaborative Funding):	0.00
Annual revenue received for separate Chapter memberships (do not include Audubon Baseline or Membership Incentive Payments):	2897.00
Comments:	
*Definitions: Annual Operating Revenue includes all cash earned or raised to cover the costs of running the Chapter. Annual Operating Expense includes all costs incurred to operate and maintain the Chapter.	
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