

August (continued...)

Second Saturday Bird Walk

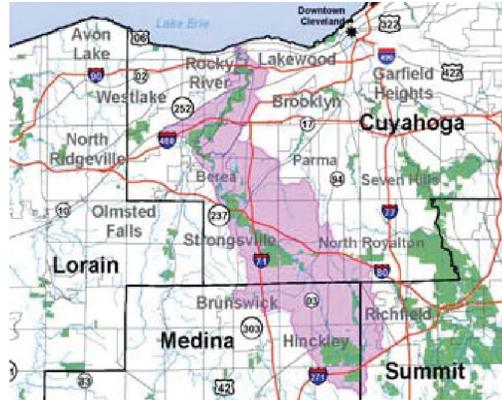
Date & Time: Saturday, August 10, 2019; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Location: Rocky River Nature Center, Rocky River Reservation, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070
Leaders: Bill Deininger, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper
Description: Summer is ending and we may see a hint of the start of fall migration. We meet at the Rocky River Nature Center parking lot.

Joint Field Trip with Black River Audubon Society

Event: Bird Walk at Schoepfle Garden, Lorain Cty Metro Parks
Date & Time: Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Marty Ackermann
Location: Schoepfle Garden, 11106 Market St, Birmingham, OH 44816 (about 35 miles from Cleveland)
Target species: Woodland birds
Description: "The nearly fifty acres of natural woodlands that lie between the gardens and the Vermilion River add a contrast to the formal and shade gardens. This natural area offers a seasonal display of indigenous trees and wildflowers—a great place for hikes, birding and tracking. There's plenty of wildlife here, including deer, wild turkey and fox." ~ Lorain County Metro Parks

Bird Walks at Backyard Nature Bash

Date & Time: Saturday, August 17, 2019. Rain or shine.
Bird Walk #1 at 12:30 p.m. Meet at the Monarch Bluff Picnic Area/Pavilion at 12:15 p.m. **Bird Walk #2** at 2:00 p.m. Meet at the Monarch Bluff Picnic Area/Pavilion at 1:45 p.m.
Location: Watershed Stewardship Center at West Creek Reservation, 2277 West Ridgewood Dr, Parma, OH 44134
Bird Walk Leader: Tim Colborn
Species Focus: Typical midwest woodland and field species: Red-winged Blackbirds and August specialties of butterflies and dragonflies. **Ages:** 14 and under, must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. **Equipment:** binoculars; participants will receive a copy of the WCAS Bird List day of the walk; bring bottled water for drinking. **Attire:** Dress for the weather, wear light-colored, sturdy clothing, and a hat appropriate for hiking wooded and open fields. Minimize areas of exposed skin to mosquitoes, ticks, and other arthropods by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, boots, and hats. Tucking in shirts, tucking pants into socks, and wearing closed shoes instead of sandals are recommended. Repellents or insecticides, such as permethrin, can be applied to clothing and gear for added protection.



This map shows the area of interest of the Western Cuyahoga Audubon. We operate in the westside 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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Bird Walks & Field Trips



Bird Walks and Field Trips May–August 2019

May

Second Saturday Bird Walk

Date & Time: Saturday, May 11, 2019; 9:00 am – 12 pm
Location: Rocky River Nature Center, Rocky River Reservation, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070
Leaders: Bill Deininger, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper
Target Species: Spring migrants
Description: It's World Migratory Bird Day! And Warblers are back! Can't wait to see them! Monthly Second Saturday walks connect birders of all skill levels to enjoy woods and wetlands around the Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center. Meet at the Center parking lot.

Early Evening Bird Walk at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140
Leader: Bill Deininger and Dave Graskemper
Target species: Warblers, Barred Owls, Red-headed Woodpeckers
Description: The southern shore of Lake Erie is one of the principal stopovers for migrating warblers in need of rest and refueling enroute to their nesting grounds in Canada. We will walk the woods and fields of Huntington Reservation, from Lake Erie Nature and Science Center to the lake and back. Chances are very good for a look at nesting Barred Owls and Red-headed Woodpeckers near the nature center.

June

Annual Picnic, Plant Exchange, and Bird Walk

Presenter: WCAS members and guests
Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Location: Lagoon Picnic Area, Valley Pkwy, Brook Park, OH 44138 (between Cedar Point Rd. and Spafford Rd.)
Description: Join us at the shelter of the Lagoon Picnic Area in the Rocky River Reservation. Bring your tablecloth, place settings and picnic dinner as we dine and chat with other WCAS members and friends. A grill will be available for those who would like to cook or heat their food. After dinner we will take an easy bird walk around the picnic area to the river and lagoon. But wait, there's more! Bring any plants - seeds

of flowers and vegetables, bulbs, outdoor plants or indoor plants to share and exchange with others. Don't have plants to share ... that's okay, come for dinner and the walk AND take plants to add to your garden, yard or home.

Second Saturday Bird Walk

Date & Time: Saturday, June 8, 2019; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Location: Rocky River Nature Center, Rocky River Reservation, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070
Leaders: Bill Deininger, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper
Description: The monthly Second Saturday walks are a great opportunity for birders of all skill levels to enjoy the woods and wetlands around the Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center. We meet at the Rocky River Nature Center parking lot.

Hotspot Field Trip

Date & Time: Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 7 a.m.
Location: Meet at North Olmsted RTA Park-n-Ride, 5575 Great Northern Blvd, North Olmsted, OH 44070
Leader: Tim Colborn
Target Species: Grassland Birds
Description: Mid-June is prime nesting time for grassland birds. Leader Tim Colborn will take us to grassland hotspots in Northeast Ohio. Where? Leader's choice, depending on best opportunities to see these birds based on current conditions and sightings. **Directions:** Meet at North Olmsted RTA Park-n-Ride, located at 5575 Great Northern Boulevard at I-480, North Olmsted OH 44070. If you are eastbound on I-480, take Exit 6, and you can drive right into the parking lot (NOMBL Lane). If you are westbound on I-480, take exit 6A, Rte. 252 toward Olmsted Falls. Merge onto Great Northern then go left into NOMBL Lane.

Joint Field Trip with Black River Audubon Society

Event: Bird Walk at Meadowbrook Marsh
Date & Time: Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Meadowbrook Marsh, 8577 E Bayshore Rd, Marblehead, OH 43440 (about 70 miles from Cleveland)
Leader: Paul Sherwood
Target species: Waterfowl, songbirds, warblers, flycatchers and thrushes
Description: Meadowbrook Marsh is a fairly large marsh which should hold mallards, wood ducks and, hopefully rails. There is also an adjoining woodlot which should contain many of the common local nesting species. The Marsh is a new acquisition by Danbury Township and the township has worked hard to make the site accessible for birders and outdoor enthusiasts. This 190-acre parcel features wetlands and large trees, and can be a great spot for migrant songbirds. Various herons and waterfowl use the marsh and open water areas. As Meadowbrook Marsh is located along a major migratory corridor for both waterbirds and songbirds, nearly anything could show up here. ~ *Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Lake Erie Birding Trail*

July

Second Saturday Bird Walk

Date & Time: Saturday, July 13, 2019; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Location: Rocky River Nature Center, Rocky River Reservation, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070
Leaders: Bill Deininger, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper
Description: Birds are nesting, feeding and fledging their young. We'll look for Baltimore Orioles and Hooded Warblers. New to birding? You'll be amazed how much you can learn in this friendly group. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot.

Joint Field Trip with Black River Audubon Society

Event: Bird Walk at French Creek Reservation, Lorain County Metro Parks
Date & Time: Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: French Creek Nature Center, 4530 Colorado Ave, Sheffield, OH 44054
Target species: Great Blue Heron, Red-bellied Woodpecker and Songbirds
Description: "Nearly all of French Creek Reservation 426 acres is forested, making it one of the largest forested areas in the lake plain. Some areas are 100+ years old, others were reforested when Lorain County Metro Parks obtained the land in the 1960s. Trees include sycamore, pin oak, walnut, maple, cottonwood, chestnut. Warmer months host trillium, violets, wild geranium. Wildlife include deer, red fox, great blue heron, garter snake, 2-lined salamander, red-bellied woodpecker and lots of songbirds." ~ *Lorain County Metro Parks*

August

Hotspot Field Trip to Howard Marsh Metropark

Date & Time: Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
Location: 611 S. Howard Rd. Curtice, OH 43412 (about 95 miles from Cleveland)
Leader: Tim Colborn
Target Species: Migrating Shorebirds
Description: Elegant migrating shorebirds grace Lake Erie marshes on their way south after nesting in the Arctic. New to Toledo Metroparks, the restored wetlands host 100+ species in July and August. **Directions:** Howard Marsh, 611 S. Howard Rd. Curtice, OH 43412. From Cleveland, take Route 2 west about 90 miles. Pass Ottawa Nat'l Wildlife Refuge. Six miles beyond Refuge turn right (north) on S. Howard Rd. Howard Marsh entrance on right. Follow park road around and meet in parking lot.