

## WCAS LEWIS ROAD RIDING RING BLUEBIRD TRAIL

### August-October 2024

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by Kurt Miske, WCAS Board Member and Bluebird Trail Coordinator

As many members know, WCAS is responsible for nine bluebird nesting boxes in the open area along the edge of Cleveland Metroparks' property which also features Lewis Road Riding Ring. Working in conjunction with the Metroparks, WCAS obtained and installed five nesting boxes in 2021. A Boy Scout Eagle project, permitted by the Metroparks, added four boxes in 2023. To date, these boxes have resulted in 33 Eastern Bluebird fledglings and 44 Tree Swallow fledglings! Currently there are five more young bluebirds and nine more young Tree Swallows that should be fledging soon. And the 2024 breeding season isn't over yet!



*Photo: Eastern Bluebird perched on a tree branch by the bluebird trail  
 by Lisa Gerbec*

Bluebird trails are much more than simply building and installing nesting boxes in strategic locations. Once the boxes are in place and the month of March begins, monitoring also begins. If the boxes are existing (i.e. have been up all winter), they need to be cleaned in preparation for the arrival of the birds. Boxes are checked every week or so to watch for nest-building. Monitors ascertain what type of bird is building a nest. If it is a native bird, typically an Eastern Bluebird or a Tree Swallow, we note the progress being made. If eggs are present, the frequency of the monitoring increases to about every three days. We track the number of eggs, the number that hatch, and when the birds fledge. After the young fledge and the adults leave, the box is cleaned and made ready for either another brood or overwintering.



*Photo: Bluebird eggs in Box 5, April 2024  
 by George Coleman*

Each box is built with a side that opens like a door. This facilitates making accurate observations. The adults tolerate occasional short checks. On some occasions, the female bird may not leave the nest when the monitors open the door! The female typically lays one egg per day. Because we know the day the last egg was laid we can determine when the eggs will hatch and when the chicks will fledge. We also are able to calculate the day when the chicks are developed enough that we should no longer open the door as a chick could 'escape'. Once out of the nest, a chick will not tolerate being reintroduced to the nest.

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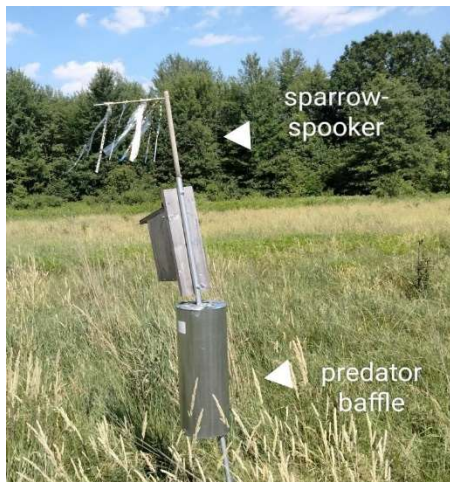


Photo: Box 8, June 2024, showing sparrow-spooker & predator baffle, by Kurt Miske

Monitors not only record data, but also help keep the nest boxes safe for the intended occupants. Our boxes, like almost all nesting boxes, have predator baffles (pictured) that help keep out such enemies as raccoons, cats, and snakes. But there are other possible threats that the monitors must detect and eliminate, such as wasps and lice. The biggest problem we have is with House Sparrows. If a House Sparrow enters a box containing a bluebird or Tree Swallow, the House Sparrow will brutally murder the other bird. The House Sparrow may even build a nest on top of the dead bird and any existing eggs or hatchlings.

House Sparrow breeding season starts before either bluebird or Tree Swallow breeding season. This is facilitated by the fact that House Sparrows are year-round residents, whereas bluebirds and Tree Swallows migrate to the breeding area. Monitors must be aware of House Sparrows constructing nests before bluebirds or swallows arrive. While federal law prohibits harming the nest of native birds, House Sparrows are not native. To date, we have not allowed a single House Sparrow to fledge from our nest boxes.

We have another tool to control House Sparrows, a device called a sparrow-spooker (pictured) that is built and installed as needed. For some reason, House Sparrows do not like the fluttering strips of Mylar, yet bluebirds and Tree Swallows are not bothered by them and are often seen using the sparrow-spooker as a perch. As soon as a monitor finds a native bird's egg in a nest, a sparrow-spooker is installed on the box. Sparrow-spookers must only be used when the box is occupied; otherwise sparrows would get used to them and they would lose their effectiveness.

WCAS has been extremely fortunate to have George Coleman and Alisa (Lisa) Gerbec as monitors from Day 1 in 2021. They have had a hand in helping each fledgling that the trail has produced. They have cleaned boxes, kept up the spreadsheets we use to record data, and done anything else that needed to be done. Also helping out when her educational pursuits allow is Jess Kowalski. Many, many thanks!

Data is tabulated and submitted to both Cleveland Metroparks and Cornell's NestWatch on a yearly basis. We hope to continue for years to come.

## EVENING BIRD WALKS

Evening is a great time to look and listen for birds as they begin to settle for the night, or for some species, as they become active. These evening walks are a nice way to observe birds and the beauty of nature at a different time of the day. Walks take place the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. through September, location varies.

### August Evening Bird Walk: Huntington Reservation

Date: August 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Leaders: Nancy Howell and Al Rand

Location: BAYarts parking lot at 28795 Lake Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140. Map:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/dv7UGUybHynXf2mY6>

### September Evening Bird Walk: Fowles Marsh

Date: September 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Leaders: Nancy Howell and Al Rand

Location: Parking lot of the Engle Rd Sledding Hill off of Engle Rd. in Middleburg Hts. Map:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/kXoRnoPTGHHA9ujr7>

## WCAS FIELD TRIP: LITCHFIELD WETLANDS NATURE PRESERVE

Litchfield Wetlands Nature Preserve is part of the Medina County Park District and comprises 145 acres of ponds, wetlands, fields, and woodland edges, as well as 1.7 miles of ADA-accessible crushed limestone trail and a 200-foot-long boardwalk. WCAS bird walk leader, Al Rand, has birded this site and sees great potential for migrating waterfowl, shorebirds, sparrows, and raptors. Please join us on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to take a couple of hours to explore this location for all it has to offer. Registration encouraged. <https://tockify.com/wcaudubon/detail/107/1730552400000>

**Date:** Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Litchfield Wetlands Nature Preserve, 3005 Avon Lake Rd, Litchfield, OH 44253

**Leader:** Al Rand



Photo: Green-winged Teal by Michelle Brosius

## SECOND SATURDAY BIRD WALKS



Photo: June 2024 Second Saturday Birders by Michelle Brosius

Please join us the second Saturday of every month for our Second Saturday Bird Walk. We meet at the Rocky River Nature Center between the upper and lower parking areas and then take a few hours to explore the nature center trails. We had some exciting moments this past quarter with the discovery of a Cooper's Hawk, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Pileated Woodpecker, Wood Thrush, and Orchard Oriole nest. Late summer might be slow for birding, but there are still some great moments to be had. Last year in August we had eight Ruby-throated Hummingbird sightings and had the pleasure of watching an Eastern Kingbird family as the parents actively fed the begging juveniles.

**Dates:** August 10, September 14, and October 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Leaders:** Bill Deininger, Dave Graskemper, Ken Gober, and Al Rand

**Location:** Rocky River Nature Center Parking Lot, located at 2400 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070.

## TREMONT TOWPATH URBAN BIRD WALKS

Please join us the fourth Saturday of every month for our Tremont Towpath Urban Bird Walk to explore the towpath through the Scranton Flats area. We had a great second quarter of the year with American Kestrel, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Double-crested Cormorant, Green Heron, Northern Flicker, Willow Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Warbling Vireo, Cedar Waxwing, Baltimore Oriole, Indigo Bunting, Wilson's Warbler, and Mourning Warbler.

**Dates:** August 24, September 28, and October 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Leaders:** Nancy Howell and Al Rand

**Location:** Meet at the Cleveland Metroparks Towpath Parking Lot on Abbey Ave. just west of the former Sokolowski's University Inn. Google Maps link:

<https://goo.gl/maps/rRjW6Hny3xpB6r5J8>



Photo: Eastern Kingbird by Michelle Brosius

## MEMBER PROGRAMS AND SPEAKER SERIES



Photo: Green Heron by Michelle Brosius

### September Program: "Wetland Birds of the Eastern US"

**Presenter:** Matt Valencic, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland Board Member, Master Gardener

**Date & Time:** September 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Description:** Wetlands are highly productive ecosystems that support aquatic AND terrestrial plants and animals. They provide nesting habitat for many species in the summer and resting/feeding habitat for migrating waterfowl and passerines in spring and fall. This presentation showcases iconic wetland species like egrets, herons, ibises, and rails along with raptors, waterfowl, warblers and more.

**Location:** Fairview Park Library, 21255 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park

### October Program: "Birding the Heart of the Amazon"

**Presenter:** Andrew Steinmann, WCAS member, photographer, and author

**Date & Time:** October 1, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. (Please note slight time change, 7:30 instead of 7:00)

**Description:** The presentation will cover some of the typical birds and wildlife as well as some flora that can be seen along the Amazon River and its tributaries in western Brazil. This "heart of the Amazon" has a diverse avian population as well as dense jungle, native tribes, and a large urban center--Manaus.

**Location:** Fairview Park Library, 21255 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park

## IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

It's time to renew or become a NEW member of Western Cuyahoga Audubon! WCAS is YOUR local conservation organization helping protect wildlife and the habitats they need, educating about the natural world, and sharing our passion about nature with others. Western Cuyahoga Audubon is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. Chapter Memberships support public education, conservation, and advocacy programs with a local to global reach. WCAS connects people with wild things on our shared planet by providing monthly speaker programs, an informational website with local and national conservation information, advocacy, bird walks, fund-raising and friend-raising activities and more! Our 2024- 2025 WCAS speaker series programs will continue to be in-person as we are meeting at the Fairview Park Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. It's a great way to socialize, meet old and new friends, and share ideas.

The WCAS membership year is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Your new or renewed membership helps WCAS continue important work, but there are more ways to help WCAS: Consider including an additional donation to support conservation education and projects, or volunteer with us.

Contact us to be part of one of the many WCAS volunteer opportunities. We all have something to offer and your voice brings diversity to the organization to move forward as a voice for conservation.

Become a member of WCAS today, online using PayPal or your credit card <https://www.wcaudubon.org/membership-2024-2025.html>, or send a check or money order along with the membership form to: Nancy Howell, Treasurer, Western Cuyahoga Audubon, 19340 Fowles Rd., Middleburg Hts., OH 44130

Members receive:

- The Feathered Flyer, the quarterly newsletter delivered electronically, featuring stories, news, and event announcements. For a mailed, print copy, the additional \$25 is noted on the chart below.
- A Western Cuyahoga Audubon window cling for home or car
- Access to online resources at our website with our events and programs as well as conservation resources and information
- Opportunities to volunteer, be involved, and use your skills and knowledge.

<b>Student/Limited Income Membership</b>		<b>\$20</b> for electronic newsletter	<b>\$45</b> for mailed, print newsletter
<b>Basic Membership</b>	1 or 2 people (same address)	<b>\$40</b> for electronic newsletter	<b>\$65</b> for mailed, print newsletter
<b>Family/Non-profit Membership</b>	3 + people (same address)	<b>\$55</b> for electronic newsletter	<b>\$80</b> for mailed, print newsletter
<b>Business Membership</b>		<b>\$150</b> electronic newsletter only	

## BIRD-FRIENDLY COFFEE: THE BIRDS YOU'VE HELPED

**By Amanda Sebrosky, WCAS Coffee Coordinator**

I'm not sure if drinking Smithsonian-certified Bird-Friendly Coffee has done THE MOST with SO LITTLE effort but it has to sit high on the list. Shade grown coffee keeps the rainforest intact because this coffee is grown beneath the forest canopy which supports many different kinds of wildlife. Here is a list of some of the birds you help. (Descriptions are taken from Smithsonian National Zoo webpage)

**Wood Thrush:** The characteristic flute-like song of the wood thrush is not heard in its wintering range. It is a common but often overlooked bird in coffee understories where it forages among the dead leaves for insects.





Photo: Gray Catbird by Michelle Brosius

**Gray Catbird:** This common gray bird with its characteristic "mew" call uses coffee plantations in Central America and the Caribbean, where it can be found eating insects and berries among the coffee plants and understory.

**Black-and-white Warbler:** This tiny warbler can be found creeping up the trunks and branches of trees throughout coffee farms, eating insects found hiding in the bark.

**Scarlet Tanager:** These brightly colored tanagers are a favorite among birdwatchers in North America. Males molt their plumage to yellow and black while migrating to their winter homes among coffee farms of South America, where they eat both insects and wild fruits found in the shade trees above coffee farms.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** The call of this small flycatcher echoes throughout the Peruvian coffee landscapes where it spends the winter snatching flying insects above the coffee from conspicuous perches on dead branches.

**Magnolia Warbler:** This beautiful warbler is one of the most common residents of Honduran coffee farms where it searches for insects among the leaves of coffee shade trees and the coffee plants themselves.

**Ovenbird:** This secretive warbler is commonly found walking and hopping along the ground of coffee farms in Mexico and Central America where it searches for a wide variety of food among dead leaves and low branches.

**Tennessee Warbler:** This tiny songbird feasts on both insects and nectar of shade trees on its non-breeding grounds. It depends on forest patches near coffee plantations to fuel up for spring migration back to the U.S. and Canada.

**Common Yellowthroat:** This warbler of grasslands and wetlands often spends the winter in coffee growing landscapes of Central America and Mexico where its loud chip can be heard among the coffee plants.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** This warbler may be found in mixed-species flocks traveling through the canopy above coffee farms where it searches for insects on the underside of shade tree leaves.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** This beautiful songbird won't be found among the coffee plants themselves, but if you look in the tree canopy of a coffee farm, you will see it searching for insects and fruit.

**Golden-winged Warbler:** The threatened golden-winged warbler is found primarily in forests and coffee farms that retain thick vegetation with hanging dead leaves in which these warblers probe for insects. Recent studies show female golden-winged warblers are more likely to be found outside of coffee farms while males are more likely to be found within them.

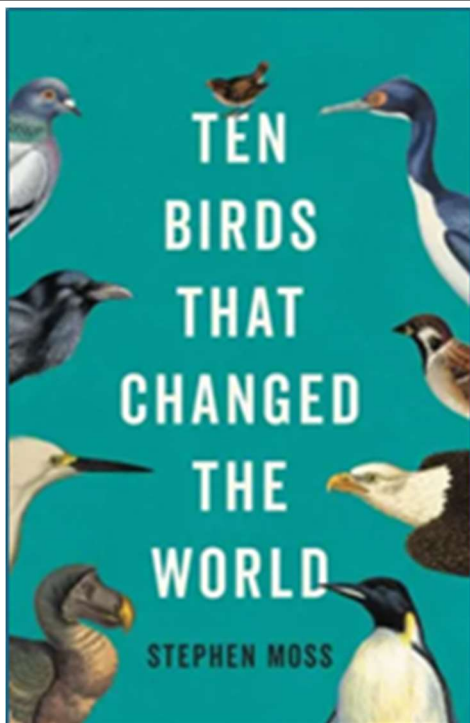


Photo: Chestnut-sided Warbler by Michelle Brosius

Purchasing Birds and Beans brand coffee from WCAS, not only helps birds, but also the farmers that raise this fair-market coffee. In addition, you help support our mission and have the convenience of your coffee being delivered right to your door! Orders are placed 4 times per year: January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10. It might take a bit of planning as to how much you'll need between the times orders go in, but the rewards are many and far-reaching!

Order coffee [here](#). **Have your orders in by midnight of the day before we place the orders to Birds and Beans Coffee first thing in the morning on our ordering dates.**

## BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES



**By Drina Nemes, Book Discussion Host**

Season 5's books delve into the connections we have with birds, with American ornithology and its history, and with the extreme birding of big year competitions. We have added the movie *The Big Year* (2011) as a companion to the discussion of the book of the same name.

*Ten Birds That Changed the World*, our first selection, is written by Stephen Moss, a British natural historian, birder, author, and television producer. Thor Hanson, the author of *Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid*, which we read in season 3, said this of *Ten Birds*... "Moss writes with the scope of a scholar and the confidence of a careful observer, finding fresh and fascinating insights into the lives and legacies of ten iconic birds. A thoughtful, thought-provoking, and thoroughly enjoyable book".

We continue to meet on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. These are the 2024-2025 dates:

<b>October 15, 2024</b>	<i>Ten Birds That Changed the World</i> , by Stephen Moss
<b>January 21, 2025</b>	<i>The Birds That Audubon Missed</i> , by Kenn Kaufman
<b>April 29, 2025</b>	<i>The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature, and Fowl Obsession</i> by Mark Obmascik; AND <i>The Big Year</i> movie. The Big Year is the story of intense rivalry in the 1998 Big Year competition between Sandy

Komito, Al Levantin, and Greg Miller. Let's read the book **AND** watch the movie **before** our meeting and discuss both! Here is a trailer for the film: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1053810/> The Big Year movie (2012) can be accessed from The Cleveland Public Library: [https://search.clevnet.org/client/en\\_US/cpl-main/search/results?qu=the+big+year](https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/results?qu=the+big+year) For WCAS's archives of the Book Discussion Series, go to: <https://www.wcaudubon.org/book-discussions/>

## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members to the Western Cuyahoga Audubon flock. We look forward to seeing you at many of our events!

Jennifer Bennett  
Jamie Carlin  
Craig Lanken

Barb Solis  
Evelyn Solis

Jim Stewart  
Kathleen Uhler

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to the following people for their participation with WCAS events this spring and summer.

**Bird Walk leaders:** Michelle Brosius, Bill Deininger, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper, Nancy Howell, Al Rand, Lynne Shayko, and Andrew Steinmann

**Photographers:** Michelle Brosius, Shaun Missig, Tom Fishburn, Kurt Miske, Lisa Gerbec, George Coleman, and Lynne Shayko.

**Speaker Series Set-up/Tear-down:** Michelle, Scott, Leto, and Sagan Brosius, Nancy Howell, and early arriving WCAS members

**Climate Watch Volunteers:** Thank you to the many Climate Watch survey volunteers who worked on the Summer Survey. Our Climate Watch area includes Cuyahoga, Lake, Medina, Lorain, Geauga, Wayne, and Summit counties. There are lots of volunteers who participated. Their dedication to citizen science is providing important data to the Audubon Climate Watch project.

**Earth Day Events:** Kathryn Clark, Joy Coleman, Joanne and Terry Gorges, Sandy Hardy, Nancy Howell, Craig Lanken, Carol Miske, and Drina Nemes.

## IN THE NEWS

### Spring Sandhill Crane Survey

Members may recall that we had a request for volunteers to take part in the 2024 Spring Sandhill Crane Survey for the ODOW. One of our members had a Medina County route and had 2 flyover Sandhills. The following link has the results of the Survey. Enjoy!

<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/news/ohios-spring-2024-sandhill-crane-count-results>

### The Supreme Court's Overruling of Chevron Deference

This is information from National Audubon on the Chevron Ruling. This decision will impact how critically important environmental laws, such as the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, and Clean Air Act will be implemented moving forward.

<https://www.audubon.org/news/supreme-courts-overruling-chevron-deference>

### Rocket Mortgage Field House Bird-friendly Window Treatment

Perhaps you have heard or read that Rocket Mortgage Field House (RMFH), in downtown Cleveland, will be applying treatments on their windows to deter bird strikes.

According to an article in the Cleveland Scene, the window treatment should be ready prior to fall migration. It will be interesting to see what the percentage of reduction of bird strikes will be. <https://www.clevescene.com/news/rocket-mortgage-fieldhouse-agrees-to-coat-glass-to-prevent-bird-collisions-44235267>

Hopefully in the near future, WCAS along with other organizations, as well as the public, will be able to influence architects, the Cleveland City Council, the Mayor, and the city's Planning Commission to make buildings more bird-friendly from the inception of the planning.

Please send a positive thank you message, via email or a letter, to Senior architect Michael Lathrop: [mlathrop@cavs.com](mailto:mlathrop@cavs.com), and VP of Sustainability Danielle Doza [ddoza@cavs.com](mailto:ddoza@cavs.com) at RMFH for doing the right thing. 1 Center Court, Cleveland, OH 44115

Again, please be sure your comments are **positive** as it will help them understand how important this treatment is. They would be pleased to know they are moving in a good direction. The birds will appreciate it too!



Photo: Bald Eagle by Michelle Brosius

### Ohio's Bald Eagle Population Continues to Thrive in 2024 (Ohio Division of Wildlife Press Release)

The 2024 annual spring survey showed a robust estimate of 841 active eagle nests, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. Last year, biologists estimated 910 nests in Ohio. Although the number of estimated nests is lower in 2024, key indicators suggest that Ohio's Bald Eagle population is resilient and continues to thrive. The average nest success rate, which is the number of nests that have eggs or eaglets, this year was 82%, compared to 48% in 2022 and 73% in 2023. The number of eaglets per active nest was 1.6 in 2024, which is higher than 2022 (0.8) and 2023 (1.2).

The Division of Wildlife's 2024 Bald Eagle nesting survey consisted of flying five blocks, each roughly 10 square miles, to search for eagle nests in woodlots and along rivers.

Bald Eagle management by the Division of Wildlife includes habitat conservation with an emphasis on wetlands and wooded river corridors, working with rehabilitators who help injured birds, and enforcing state and federal protection.



Photo: Sandhill Crane in Flight by Shaun Missig

## Ohioans Asked to Report Sightings of Turkeys and Grouse This Summer

The ODNR Division of Wildlife is asking the public to report sightings of wild turkeys and ruffed grouse this summer for its annual population surveys. Community scientists, which can be anyone in the public, are encouraged to submit observations on the Wildlife Reporting System webpage at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) or on the HuntFish OH mobile app. <https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/news/ohioans-asked-to-report-sightings-of-turkeys-and-grouse-this-summer>

Wildlife biologists use public sighting reports of wild turkeys and ruffed grouse observed in July and August to estimate population statuses and reproductive success. It's important to note female turkeys and their young are most active during the summer.

Observers of wild turkeys are asked to report the number of gobblers, hens, and young turkeys (poult) seen. Information collected about ruffed grouse includes the number of adults and young viewed. Community scientists are asked to record the date and county where the observation occurred and include as many details as possible with each report. Biologists have tracked summer observations of wild turkeys since 1962 and of grouse since 1999.

## Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Bill Signed into Law

Good news for migratory birds, on April 24, 2024, President Biden signed into law the Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act (H.R.4389). This bill reauthorizes the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA), a successful federal grants program funding migratory bird research and habitat restoration throughout the Western Hemisphere

The NMBCA provides a lifeline for bird conservation, encouraging habitat protection, education, research, monitoring, and other work to provide for the long-term protection of neotropical migratory birds. Advances in conservation for many declining species, such as the Cerulean, Canada, and Golden-winged Warblers, owe a great deal to the NMBCA. Direct funding from the NMBCA supports research and habitat

restoration for vulnerable migratory birds throughout the full annual cycle. These species breed in the continental U.S. or Canada and spend the winter in Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, or South America. Songbirds, landbirds, waterbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, raptors, and others all benefit from the NMBCA.

“Our thanks to the President for signing into law a bill that improves the NMBCA, and to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its effective implementation of a keystone program conserving migratory birds,” said Steve Holmer, Vice President of Policy at American Bird Conservancy. “We greatly appreciate the bipartisan leadership of Representatives María Elvira Salazar (R-FL), Rick Larsen (D-WA), Dave Joyce (R-OH), and Mary Peltola (D-AK) who introduced the House-passed bill. A companion bill (S.4022) was introduced by Senators Ben Cardin (D-MD) and John Boozman (R-AR)”. Contact your members of Congress to thank them for their work to conserve birds and their habitats through the Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act!

## E-Newsletter Sign-Up

Please consider signing up for the weekly WCAS e-Newsletter. The e-Newsletter provides updated information on WCAS field trips, programs, and items of interest. Thank you.

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Michelle Brosius

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## MISSION STATEMENT

To connect the public with birds and the natural world through education, conservation, and advocacy opportunities for the benefit of the present and future generations.