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## BIRD NAMES: THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

By Nancy Howell, WCAS Board Member

As a fairly new birder, ages ago, I had the opportunity to travel to Virginia where I saw a nuthatch with a brown head. At that time I was only familiar with the White-breasted Nuthatch in Ohio. When I saw the bird I believe I even said to myself, "Wow, a nuthatch with a brown head, I wonder what species it is?" Paging through my *Birds of North America* Golden Guide (copyright 1966, sorry no bird apps then), there it was, a Brown-headed Nuthatch. Well that made sense as the bird was perfectly named with its distinctive brown head. At that time I also knew birds, such as the Wilson's Warbler and Cooper's Hawk, but didn't give any thought to their names. They were just what I learned while paging through the field guide ... and being a young birder.



Photo: Wilson's Warbler  
by Tom Fishburn

Some time later, I picked up a book at a book sale, *The Dictionary of American Bird Names* by Ernest Choate (revised edition 1985). I learned how species were named and the reason some were named after people. Some of the people were prominent ornithologists of the time, others, and perhaps even those ornithologists, may have had a less-than-savory past. The reference provided interesting information, but not details.

Forward to 2024. By now you have heard that many bird names will be changing, according to the American Ornithological Society (AOS). The AOS is the governing body for all things taxonomic and scientific related to birds. Changes will include species whose common names include the names of a person, such as Swainson's Thrush and Cooper's Hawk. The re-naming effort will begin this year with the process taking months, perhaps years to complete. Like it or not, it will happen. So why some of the pushback from birders? Bird names have changed in the past. An example is the Blue-headed Vireo which was the original name given, then changed to Solitary Vireo and now back to Blue-headed. Here's an amusing quote from Choate's book about the vireo, "Perhaps poets will keep alive the name "blue-headed" which scientists, in their striving for simplicity in nomenclature, frown upon." Whether viewed by poets or scientists, casual birders or professional ornithologists, the birds will be the same birds, just with different names. More importantly, we now have a different perspective on viewing the world and words being used ... let's strive for small changes and look ahead to a better future.

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A post from the Wilson Ornithological Society (WOS) notes, “The words we use matter, and the decision made by the AOS will provide a great opportunity to engage a wider suite of our fellow bird enthusiasts, conservationists, and scientists in choosing bird names that we are all proud to use. As we use the new bird names, it will allow us to celebrate the birds themselves, which are the uniting force that brings us together within the WOS, among the professional ornithological societies, and across the bird conservation and science community in North America.”

This has been a rather “heavy” article, so on the lighter side, I send a fun “challenge.” Listed below are five bird species with which you are familiar. It’s your opportunity to see how creative you can be with changes to the bird names. No names of people are to be used, but consider a bird’s features, plumage color or pattern, habitat, or something distinctive about that species. An example is the Kirtland’s Warbler. While we don’t know what the AOS will ultimately decide, a good choice for this warbler could be the Jack Pine Warbler, due to its use of a specific nesting habitat among young Jack Pine trees. Here is the list, and we’d love to see your creativity flow! Send your answers to [info@wcaudubon.org](mailto:info@wcaudubon.org) and we will share them with our members and guests in future newsletters and through our weekly e-newsletter. We will keep participant’s names anonymous. Thanks and have fun.

1. Cooper’s Hawk
2. Bonaparte’s Gull
3. Lincoln’s Sparrow
4. Swainson’s Thrush
5. Wilson’s Warbler

## MEMBER PROGRAMS AND SPEAKER SERIES

### February Program: “Insects: The Good, the Bad, and the Declining”

**Presenter:** Dr Andrew Merwin, Assistant Professor of Biology at Baldwin-Wallace University

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Description:** Insects may be small in stature, but collectively they play an outsized role in our terrestrial ecosystems. For this reason, recently observed declines in insect abundance raise important concerns about the stability of the services they provide and the populations (e.g., birds) they support. In this presentation, I’ll review some of the recent research on insect declines, provide an overview of some of my own projects on imperiled, invasive, and singing insects, and briefly describe ways we can better support our six-legged friends.

### March Program: “More Birds, Please: Birds of Conservation Concern in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park”

**Presenter:** Doug Marcum and Ryan Trimbath, Biologists for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Description:** Utilizing a wide variety of datasets from various sources across decades, biologists at Cuyahoga Valley National Park have begun an effort to better understand population trends and breeding status of thirty species of conservation concern within the park. Goals and outcomes of this “focused condition assessment” have included: understanding trends over time, identifying important habitat areas within the park, how to harness local eBird data, and how to encourage citizen scientists to help us collect better data for future monitoring.

### April Program: “Bumblebees: Essential Pollinators”

**Presenter:** Dr. Chris Pappas, DVM

**Date & Time:** April 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Description:** We often hear about honeybees as important pollinators, but Dr. Pappas’ presentation will cover information about our native bumblebees including identification, their life cycles, plants that they favor, their use of a unique method of pollination, as well as the essential niches native bumblebees fill. Lastly, she will share current and future risks to native bumblebees, and show us how to adapt our gardens and woods to help them thrive ... which happen to be the very same things that help our native birds and the insects that they eat thrive!!!



# CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2023: PRELIMINARY RESULTS

As compiler for the Lakewood Circle Christmas Bird Count, I get excited about checklists that come during Count Day and a few days afterward. This year was no exception, but I was curious to find out from participants; how was the birding? (Please note, due to the deadline of this newsletter, a more complete count narrative and numbers of each species will be completed later and posted to the WCAS website and e-newsletter.)

The 2023 Christmas Bird Count, on Saturday, December 30, had relatively mild weather for the end of December. Temperatures stayed in the mid to upper 30's, but overcast skies, mist, rain, some snow, and a few peeks of sun had a lot of birds scattered who-knows-where, and made them hard to find as many participants noted. A tally of **76 species** were found on Count Day and one species was found during Count Week. Notable species for 2023: Harlequin Duck, Killdeer, Black Vulture, Eastern Screech Owl, Brown Thrasher, Gray Catbird, Snow Bunting, and Rusty Blackbird.

As always the participants ARE the most important part of the Christmas Bird Count. Whether as part of a walking or driving route, or as a feeder watcher, the skills and effort are appreciated. The number of participants that were out birding and feeder watcher efforts will be part of the more complete narrative to be published later. I am always humbled by the dedication and skills of every participant. Thank you.

The list of species is below.

Canada Goose	Rock Pigeon	Eastern Screech Owl	American Crow	House Sparrow
Gadwall	Mourning Dove	Great Horned Owl	Black-capped	House Finch
American Black Duck	American Coot	Barred Owl	Chickadee	American Goldfinch
Mallard	Killdeer	Short-eared Owl (count	Tufted Titmouse	Snow Bunting
Canvasback	Bonaparte's Gull	week)	Red-breasted Nuthatch	American Tree Sparrow
Redhead	Ring-billed Gull	Belted Kingfisher	White-breasted	Song Sparrow
Lesser Scaup	Herring Gull	Red-headed	Nuthatch	Swamp Sparrow
Black Scoter	Great Black-backed	Woodpecker	Brown Creeper	White-throated
Harlequin Duck	Gull	Red-bellied	Carolina Wren	Sparrow
Bufflehead	Double-crested	Woodpecker	Golden-crowned	Dark-eyed Junco
Common Goldeneye	Cormorant	Downy Woodpecker	Kinglet	Red-winged Blackbird
Hooded Merganser	Great Blue Heron	Hairy Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird	Common Grackle
Red-breasted	Black Vulture	Northern Flicker	American Robin	Rusty Blackbird
Merganser	Turkey Vulture	Pileated Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher	Brown-headed
Ruddy Duck	Bald Eagle	American Kestrel	Gray Catbird	Cowbird
Wild Turkey	Cooper's Hawk	Merlin	Northern Mockingbird	Northern Cardinal
Pied-billed Grebe	Red-shouldered Hawk	Peregrine Falcon	European Starling	
Horned Grebe	Red-tailed Hawk	Blue Jay	Cedar Waxwing	

## CLIMATE WATCH



Participate in citizen science! The Climate Watch winter season takes place from January 15-February 15, and you can help. You'll choose 12 locations within a defined square, spend five minutes in each place, and report how many birds you see. The target species are Eastern Bluebirds and White-breasted Nuthatch.

Mary Anne Romito is the Climate Watch coordinator for Northeast Ohio, and can help you find a square. If you want to learn more, watch her [presentation](#), which starts at 17 minutes. Contact her at [maryanneromito@gmail.com](mailto:maryanneromito@gmail.com) or 216-990-2632 if you want to sign up! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odMMA6GGAOo>

## SECOND SATURDAY BIRD WALKS

The monthly Second Saturday Bird 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. New to birding? No problem! You will be amazed at how much you can learn with this friendly group. We meet at 9 a.m. between the upper and lower parking lots of the nature center and then take a few hours to explore the surrounding trails.

**Dates:** February 10, March 9, and April 13, 2024 at 9 a.m.

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

**Location:** Cleveland Metroparks, Rocky River Reservation. Meet at the Rocky River Nature Center parking lot at 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070



*Photo: Second Saturday Bird Walk December 2023  
by Michelle Brosius*

## TREMONT TOWPATH URBAN BIRD WALKS

You may be surprised at the variety of birds that can be found right outside your doorstep and along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail that runs through Tremont. No need to travel to a distant woodland trail to connect with nature as nature can be found in our own urban and suburban areas. With that in mind, we invite you to join us for our Tremont Towpath Urban Bird Walks the fourth Saturday of every month (except December). We meet at the Towpath Public Parking Lot on Abbey Ave. just west of the former Sokolowski's University Inn. From there, your bird walk leaders will guide you north through the Scranton Flats area of the Towpath.

**Dates:** February 24, March 23, and April 20, 2024

**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>

## AFTERNOON BIRD WALKS

For those of us who need to catch up on sleep on weekend mornings, or if your mornings are simply busy, then these afternoon bird walks are perfect for fitting in some time to connect with nature, birds, and each other. Please join us for one (or all) of the monthly afternoon bird walks held at a different location each month to explore a variety of habitats and find out which birds reside at each. Registration encouraged.

**Date:** Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

**Leader:** Lynne Shayko

**Location:** Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (CLNP), located at 8701 Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland.

**Registration:** Please register to receive event updates. <https://forms.gle/9in3rvnuCwhmyaa39>

**Date:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

**Leader:** Lynne Shayko

**Location:** Cleveland Metroparks: Lake Isaac Waterfowl Sanctuary, located on Big Creek Parkway just south of Fowles Road in Middleburg Heights.

**Registration:** Please register to receive event updates. <https://forms.gle/mUHFviXshQDUYTKB6>

**Date:** Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

**Leader:** Lynne Shayko

**Location:** Cuyahoga Valley National Park: Station Road Bridge Trailhead, located at 9141 Riverview Road, Brecksville.

**Registration:** Please register to receive event updates. <https://forms.gle/6MRL1puyvwvhQjiNA>

## OTHER BIRD WALKS

### WCAS Field Trip: Sandy Ridge Reservation

Sandy Ridge Reservation is a 310-acre wetland and wildlife preserve in Lorain County and boasts a whopping 250 bird species observed there since the park's opening. Primary target species in late March are waterfowl (e.g., ducks and teal) and birds of prey (e.g., eagles and hawks). Registration encouraged.

**Date:** Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Leaders:** Michelle Brosius and Bob Opper

**Location:** 6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039; We will meet outside the visitor's center.

**Register:** <https://forms.gle/xoMZ9FjHbKdumeNC9>

### WCAS & KBC Joint Field Trip: Frohring Meadows

Frohring Meadows is a 298-acre park that offers trails through prairie, wet sedge meadow, and woodland habitats. Michelle Brosius, Bird Walk Coordinator for Western Cuyahoga Audubon, birded this location the past two Aprils with her uncle and experienced birder, Bob Opper, and has been amazed at the variety of species they've found, including Savannah Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Eastern Bluebird, Tree Swallow, Brown Thrasher, Killdeer, Virginia Rail, Wilson's Snipe, and Sora. Please join us for this joint field trip with Western Cuyahoga Audubon and Kirtland Bird Club! Registration encouraged.

**Date:** Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

**Leaders:** Michelle Brosius and Bob Opper

**Location:** 16780 Savage Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023; We will meet at the end of the driveway in the second parking area by Katydid Lodge.

**Registration:** Please register with WCAS <https://forms.gle/jiKQtXSBQszhmHJTk9> or KBC at [info@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:info@kirtlandbirdclub.org) to receive event updates.



*Photo: Savannah Sparrow at Frohring Meadows  
by Michelle Brosius*

## SPRING BIRD WALK SERIES

Join us for the spring spectacular - the arrival of migratory birds as they visit northeast Ohio!

Celebrate one of the oldest citizen science partnerships with co-sponsoring organizations: Cleveland Metroparks, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, Blackbrook Audubon Society, Black River Audubon Society, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Geauga Park District, Hiram College, Holden Arboretum, Lake Metroparks, Medina County Park District, The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, and Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society. Each organization hosts walks on the listed Sunday mornings. Locations are throughout the Greater Cleveland Metro area. Walks are led by experienced, friendly birders.

**Sundays, April 14, 21, & 28 and May 5, 12 & 19, 2024**

**7:30 a.m. at various locations**

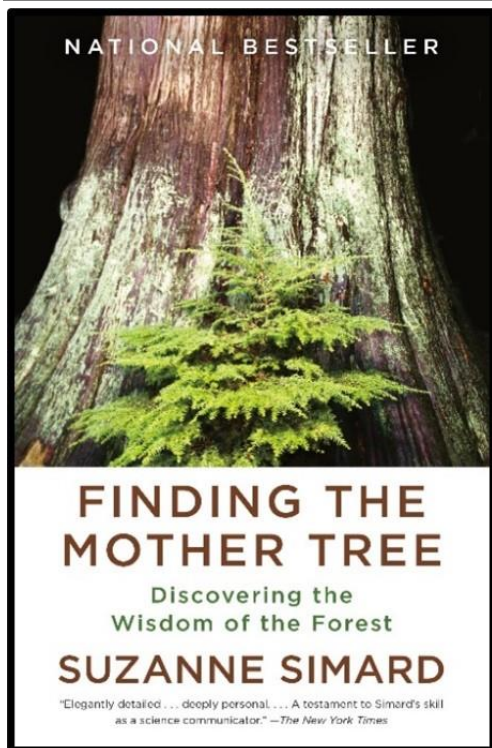
Walks hosted by WCAS are:

**Big Creek Reservation - Lake Isaac** - Lake-to-Lake parking lot off of Big Creek Parkway, 1/4 mile south of Fowles Rd., Middleburg Heights. Terrain: natural surface, uneven surfaces and potentially muddy, short boardwalks, 2 miles.

**Brecksville Reservation** - Parking area at Station Rd. Bridge Trailhead off Riverview Rd. south of route 82, Brecksville. Terrain: varies, some uneven footing. 3 or more routes.

**Rocky River Reservation - Rocky River Nature Center parking lot**, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted. Terrain: Some all-purpose trail, some crushed stone surfaces which could be uneven. 2 miles.

## BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES



By Drina Nemes, Book Discussion Host

Greetings to you in the new year 2024! We have just finished the second book in our 2023-24 book discussion series, *Vesper Flights*. Check out the recording of this and other books we have discussed: <https://www.wcaudubon.org/book-discussions>

Save the date: **April 23, 2024, at 7 p.m.**, join us on Zoom when we will discuss the bestselling *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest* by Suzanne Simard.

### Other Book Club and Book Review Resources

The Environment of Americas Book Club features authors monthly:

<https://www.migratorybirdday.org/bird-book-club>.

David Lindo's The Urban Birder website offers live webinars:

<https://theurbanbirderworld.com/live-webinars/>.

The American Birding Association's collection of book reviews is excellent!

<https://www.aba.org/book-reviews/>.

10000 Birds is filled with the latest book suggestions:

<https://www.10000birds.com/category/reviews>.

For an excellent resource about Ohio's natural history, visit Jim McCormac's site: <https://jimccormac.blogspot.com/>.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendar now for the following events:

### ***Sustainable Berea Earth Day event***

**Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (will have 2 shifts of volunteers)

**Coe Lake Park in Berea, near the Berea Library**

Volunteers are needed to staff the Western Cuyahoga Audubon display tables at the Sustainable Berea Earth Day event. Three volunteers will be needed for each shift. Responsibilities include arriving early to set-up displays at tables, assist visitors in learning about WCAS, assist youngsters with a craft, taking photos of the table displays and interactions with visitors, taking down and packing up the display, and being a friendly, smiling face! More information will be provided closer to the event.

### ***EarthFest 2024***

**Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (will have 2 volunteer shifts)

**Westshore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd. in Rocky River**

Volunteers are needed to staff the Western Cuyahoga Audubon display tables at EarthFest 2024. This is an indoor event and three volunteers will be needed for each shift. Responsibilities include arriving early to set-up displays at tables, assist visitors in learning about WCAS, assist youngsters with a craft, taking photos of visitors at the table displays, taking down and packing up the display at the end of the event, and being a friendly, smiling face! More information will be provided closer to the event.

These are just a few of the Volunteer Opportunities that are available with WCAS. Contact Nancy Howell, [Nancyhowell@wcaudubon.org](mailto:Nancyhowell@wcaudubon.org) for more information or if you have questions.

- Writers for the WCAS Newsletter and website
- Revive and Coordinate the Education Committee
- Fund-raising and Friend-raising Committee
- Assist with Special Events
- Collaborate with West Creek Conservancy on Bird Surveys

## BIRD-FRIENDLY COFFEE

By Amanda Sebrosky, WCAS Coffee Coordinator

Smithsonian certified bird-friendly coffee is grown in the shade, keeping rain forests intact; the coffee is organic so toxins are kept from the environment, protecting human workers and animals from the poisons of herbicides and pesticides. Finally, it is Fair Trade certified, so farmers get a fair wage. Orders go in quarterly: Jan 10, **April 10**, July 10, and October 10. Profits from the coffee support the mission of WCAS. Put orders in anytime here: [https://www.wcaudubon.org/store/c35/Bird\\_Friendly\\_Coffee.html](https://www.wcaudubon.org/store/c35/Bird_Friendly_Coffee.html)

## A PLANT FOR ALL SEASONS: RED OSIER DOGWOOD



Red osier dogwood flowers. Photo from Splitrock Environmental website

By Lucy McKernan, WCAS member and guest writer

The native Red Osier Dogwood shrub, *Cornus sericea*, is also known as Redstem or Red-twig Dogwood. Red Osier was called “kinnickinnic” by American Indians who used it as a tobacco substitute. The inner bark of young stems was scraped, split into threads, fire-toasted, then mixed with real tobacco. Presently, Red Osier is used as an ornamental shrub producing abundant, umbrella-like clusters of white flowers in late spring, followed by bright white berries, consumed by birds in early- to mid-summer. The shrub is a larval host for the Spring Azure butterfly, and its flowers are frequented by diverse pollinators, including hummingbirds. I’m always surprised to see ours produce a second flowering in late summer, lasting into mid-fall.

This deciduous, cold-hardy, fast-grower boasts dogwood’s characteristic smooth, dark green, opposite, oval or oblong-shaped leaves. But fall and winter is when the Red Osier is unrivaled with its leaves turning a spectacular deep red in autumn, and in the winter, against the backdrop of snow, the red twigs and stems virtually glow. Red Osier grows in rich, poorly drained soils in riparian zones and wetlands, and does well in yards. The plant is flood-tolerant, and excellent for erosion protection and restoration since its root system provides great soil retention. Red Osier thrives in full sun and spreads by suckers to form dense thickets. The plant is monoecious, producing flowers with both male and female parts. Before I understood that, I purchased two small cuttings in 2008 and planted them 30 feet apart that spring. They grew at an astonishing rate: 8 to 10 feet by the fifth year! The larger one is 12 feet tall and twice as wide, because it was planted in a sunnier, wetter spot. One year, our smaller Red Osier appeared to be dying. I removed all the dead wood and cut the stems back, much to my spouse’s protests. It bounced back and is thriving.



Red osier dogwood in the winter. Photo from Seedville USA website



Red osier dogwood berries. Photo courtesy of the Morton Arboretum

Red Osier seeds germinate best after passing through birds’ digestive systems. This has resulted in six naturalized plants, including some in our veggie garden. The plants can easily be dug up and moved ... or be given away ... and they can easily be started from cuttings. Deer love to browse Red Osier, which triggers new growth if not eaten too often. Fencing will keep browsing to a minimum, and, in this way, the deer enjoy “trimming” tender, new leaves and twigs, resulting in an interesting muffin top shape with arching branches forming a gorgeous effect. We often see fawns finding cover and shade near the dense summer foliage. Twigs, buds, and foliage of Red Osier are also browsed by rabbits and chipmunks, though I’ve never seen this.

This beneficial shrub is used by several species of birds for nesting, and, as noted earlier, for feeding on the fruits. One year, robins raised a brood in our larger Red Osier. Other years I watched robins as they shriek and dive-bomb each other to compete for prolific white berries in early summer.

Red Osier is an indispensable shrub for installing a fast-growing, large-scale shrub habitat. In smaller landscapes, the bountiful beauty can be managed with fencing and pruning. Start with some cuttings, and see where Red Osier takes you every season of the year!

# THANK YOU

WCAS sends “thank you” to the following people for their assistance with events:

**Speaker Series Set-Up:** A shout out to the entire Brosius Family - Michelle, Scott, Leto, and Sagan - who all helped to set up and run the A/V equipment and Zoom connection as well setting up the table display for the December Speaker Series at the Fairview Park Library. It was a lot of work!

**Bird Walk Leaders:** Bill Deininger, Dave Graskemper, Allen Rand, Nancy Howell, and Michelle Brosius

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Debbie Grale  
Jason Jindra  
Tom Kearney

Andre Ross  
Sonya Steckler  
Patrick Stoops

Erik Meinhardt  
Andrew Merwin and Meredith  
Steck

## OTHER NEWSWORTHY ITEMS

Curious about what sighting everyone had during the **2022 Christmas Bird Count?** (yes, you read right, it is the 2022 results, not the count for 2023). National Audubon and American Birds provides interesting figures for the U.S. Find out [how many birds were tallied during the CBC, some surprising first records for North America](#), and much more.

**American Bird Conservancy Action Fund** helped the American Bird Conservancy and the National Audubon Society organize a letter of support for the **Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2023** (H. R. 4389). Representatives María Elvira Salazar (R-FL), Rick Larsen (D-WA), Dave Joyce (R-OH), and Mary Peltola (D-AK), introduced this bipartisan bill, which funds habitat conservation projects across the Americas. Over 210 organizations joined on to the letter and your voice adds to the chorus of support for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA), which has been funding critical conservation projects since 2002. By reauthorizing this federal grant program through the passage of the Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act, Congress has the opportunity to conserve birds, as well as drive tourism, and enhance the economy. [Click here to see the final letter](#). Please keep speaking out in support of

this bill. The more Congress hears from **you**, the better they understand how important this bill is to bird conservation.

**Take action now by sending your member(s) of Congress a letter!** Find your members of Congress and their contact information here:

<https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

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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.