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SIMPLE ACTIONS TO HELP BIRDS!

By Nancy Howell, WCAS Board Member



How many ways can you help birds? Seven? Ten? More? There are many actions one can take, from simple to more complex. Review some of these actions and how, as birders or nature lovers, we can all do our part to educate ourselves and others about the importance of helping birds, helping the environment, and making sound environmental decisions.

1) Safer Windows at Home and in Your City

We've seen or read about the devastation to birds due to collisions with windows and reflective surfaces. WCAS has had presentations and articles from homeowners as well as Lights Out Cleveland representatives. How to help? At home, turn out unnecessary, nighttime lighting, especially by windows and outdoors. Place bird-deterrent decals on windows to break up reflections and encourage neighbors and businesses to use the deterrents as well. ([Preventing Bird Collisions at Home](https://www.americanbirdconservancy.org/preventing-bird-collisions-at-home) - American Bird Conservancy (<https://www.americanbirdconservancy.org/>) Additionally, legislation on bird-friendly construction – locally, within the state, and nationally – is important.

2) Cats Indoors or Leashed Outdoors with a Human Companion

People love their pets as well as birds. Fact: cats hunt, but domestic cats are not native to North America and with feral animals as well as roaming pets, the cat population is far greater than other predators. Fact: birds and small mammals (chipmunks, mice, baby rabbits, etc) are major prey items. Fact: indoor cats live longer, healthier lives. How to help? Keeping cats indoors is the best way. Some people have modified patios or sun rooms, aka "catios", allowing pet cats to exercise, get fresh air, and watch birds and wildlife safely. Cats can learn to wear a halter and be walked on a leash if they are with a human companion. [WCAS Cats Indoors Policy](#).

3) Use Native Plants and Reduce the Amount of Lawn in Your Yard/Neighborhood

Have a patio? A couple of window boxes? A yard or several neighboring yards together? Use plants - flowers, shrubs and trees - that are native to the area. How to help? Many nature centers and organizations have native plant sales in the spring. These sales not only offer plants that are adapted to grow in our area, but support the organizations as well. Plan the area in your yard that will work best for your garden. Each year remove small areas of lawn, add soil, and plant with a variety native plants. With each successive year the amount of lawn is reduced and the garden increases. When adding trees, make sure they are planted far enough away from wires and structures, and protect plants from wildlife that may munch on them. Take a look at the Ohio Native Plant information at the end of the newsletter in the **Other Newsworthy Items** for many informational links. *continued on page 2*

4) Reduce Herbicide and Pesticide Use in Your Yard & Garden

This goes hand-in-hand with the previous suggestion. How to help? Less lawn, the less weed-killer, insect-control, or fertilizer is needed AND less to be mowed. Fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides percolate into the soil and/or wash off hard surfaces into the local watershed, winding up in streams, rivers, and for most of us, Lake Erie. If any controls for weeds or pests are needed, consult a soil and water conservation district (such as cuyahogawcd.org) for information on wildlife and water safe methods. We all live downstream ... and so does our wildlife!

5) Plastics: Get Them Out of Your Life (or at least reduce the use)

Plastics are EVERYWHERE and it has become difficult to avoid making purchases without some sort of plastic being involved. This topic has been covered in past WCAS newsletters and while many towns and cities have plastic recycling, not all plastics are accepted or can be recycled. So how to reduce your use? One of the easiest ways is to take your own cloth bags into stores, not just grocery stores, but drug stores, big box stores, clothing stores, etc. Keep bags in your vehicle and remember to take them in with you. Thirsty? Fill your reusable water bottle with tap water. A squeeze of lemon will make it all the more refreshing. Avoid purchasing plastic, single-use bottles and containers. If you do, reuse containers with lids to store items. Use containers to start seedlings. Once the seedling is established it can be planted AND the container used again and again. Forget the plasticware, gather silverware from drawers, thrift shops, etc. After use, take home to wash and use again. The more mismatched ... the more eclectic.

6) The Tropical Connection - Bird-Friendly Coffee ... and Palm Oil

Coffee drinker? This is an easy one, purchase Bird-Friendly Coffee certified by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center. WCAS has been selling [Birds and Beans brand Bird-Friendly Coffee](#) for many years. Smithsonian certified coffee is grown in the shade of native trees in Central and South America as coffee is adapted to do. Farmers benefit, the plants are grown organically, provide employment, produce a great product, and more. Find out if your local coffee shop will purchase bird-friendly coffee. Chat with the owners or managers of the shop. You may win them over and help many more birds. Another commodity that has made its way into many items is Palm Oil. Palm Oil plantations are springing up throughout many parts of Southeast Asia, unfortunately with detrimental effects on the immensely diverse tropical forests of the region. The article in this quarterly newsletter explains more about Palm Oil and how to be a more conscious consumer.

7) Watch Birds, Share What You Have Seen, and Embrace Your Local Patch

Your yard, neighborhood, nearby greenspace or park is your "local patch". Protecting these areas may make the difference between life and death of migratory birds. Besides birds needing areas in which to breed and areas to spend the winter, often on 2 different continents, let's not forget the "rest areas", those safe spaces to find food, water, and shelter while on migration. How to help? Providing areas in your yard or neighborhood, as noted in action 3, is a great beginning. Supporting park districts. Collaborating and volunteering with local conservation organizations is another way. Don't forget to bird your local patch throughout the year and assist with bird surveys, Christmas Bird Counts, Climate Watch surveys, and send in your eBird sightings. Observations of birds, plants, insects, and other wildlife provide important baseline data.

8) Discover the Excitement of Birds with Youngsters, Families, or Friends

How to help? So simple ... grab an extra pair of binoculars and volunteer with an organization that takes families, youngsters, or those who are less likely to explore on their own, to parks and greenspaces to learn about birds, even in urban settings. Birds may be the "spark" that gets people to begin to understand how the natural world works. Fewer trees means fewer insects which means fewer birds ... it might be as simple as that! Young people are often excited to see something new. Their enthusiasm makes the outdoors a great learning opportunity for everyone. Always check the Western Cuyahoga Audubon weekly e-newsletter, our quarterly newsletter, or requests for volunteer assistance! You'll enjoy it too.

9) Purchase a Migratory Bird Stamp and Support Conservation Organizations

We hear you ... why would I want to buy a Migratory Bird Stamp, isn't that just for people who hunt? Fact - a resounding NO! Waterfowl and many other species dependent on wetlands have benefitted from habitat that has been protected, created and managed in the National Wildlife Refuge system, through the purchase of a Migratory Bird Stamp. But wait, how about purchasing an [Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp](http://ohiodnr.gov) (ohiodnr.gov) that does something similar? The Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp protects birds, insects, amphibians, reptiles, spiders, mammals, and so many other species through research and habitat protection. Let's not forget other local, state or national conservation organizations, such as Western Cuyahoga Audubon. Another simple action to protect birds.

MEMBER PROGRAMS AND SPEAKER SERIES

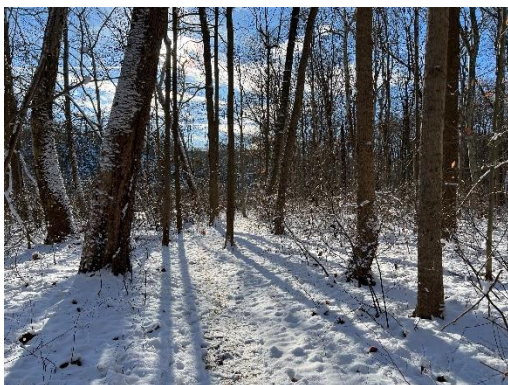


Photo: Trees of the Rocky River Reservation by Michelle Brosius

May Program: "Northeast Ohio Forests Through Time"

Presenter: Dr. Kathryn Flinn, Plant ecologist in Biology at Baldwin-Wallace University

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Description: What did the landscape of northeast Ohio look like when Moses Cleaveland arrived in 1796, and how exactly has it changed since then? Using multiple sources of evidence including original land surveys and aerial photographs, this talk will show how human land use has affected the amounts, shapes, sizes, types, composition, and diversity of forests in the landscape today. A historical perspective may change what you see on a walk in the woods! Questions are welcome.

June Program: WCAS Members and Friends Picnic, Bird Walk, and Plant Exchange

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Lagoon Picnic Shelter/Picnic area in the Rocky River Reservation

Description: WCAS members and guests are gathering for an evening picnic, bird walk, and plant exchange. For the picnic, bring your own dinner (either homemade or purchased) to enjoy in the company of other members and guests. A charcoal fire will be available to heat or cook food items. While having dinner, peruse the selection of indoor or outdoor plants brought by members and guests: seedlings, transplants, seeds, bulbs, small trees and shrubs, and vegetable and flower plants may be available. You do not need to bring plants in order to take home plants, everything is free and ready for a loving yard or home. After dinner, a short bird walk around the Lagoon area will be done. Let's see how many species we can tally. Plan to attend this event!

July & August: No Programs

Enjoy your summer and look ahead to September!

WCAS FIELD TRIP: BRECKSVILLE RESERVATION

Michelle Brosius had an excellent solo adventure at Brecksville Reservation this time last year and is confident this will be a fun experience to share with our members and guests. We will meet at the nature center parking lot (where there's a wildflower field that hosts bird species), then hike the stairs to the Deer Lick Loop (which is beautiful), and then explore the field/forest edge habitat at the Meadows Picnic Area that can be circled by using the Deer Lick Loop and the bridle trail. Michelle had some nice species there last summer like Eastern Towhee, Indigo Bunting, Northern Flicker, Field Sparrow, Red-eyed Vireo, and Eastern Wood-Pewee.

Date: Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Location: Brecksville Reservation, 9000 Chippewa Creek Drive Brecksville, OH 44141 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/rC73nrJknRm9TjSk8>

Leaders: Michelle Brosius and Andrew Steinmann

Note: This walk includes stairs and dirt trails. We suggest wearing boots if it has been rainy. Also, part of this walk will be out in open sun; therefore, we suggest bringing a hat and/or sunscreen.

Register: RSVP to receive event updates or cancellation: <https://tockify.com/wcaudubon/detail/110/171966240000>



Photo: Eastern Towhee at Brecksville Reservation by Michelle Brosius

SECOND SATURDAY BIRD WALKS

Please join us on the second Saturday of every month for our Second Saturday Bird Walk. We typically meet at the Rocky River Nature Center between the upper and lower parking areas. However, for May ONLY, we will meet at Frostville Museum, but will walk the same nature center trails in search of the multitude of bird species that call Rocky River Reservation their home, or perhaps just stop for a short visit during migration. We had some exciting observations this past quarter with a Merlin sighting, as well as Barred Owl being present on every walk, high counts of Carolina Wren, and the return of Eastern Towhee. Last year in May we counted 71 species, including 17 species of warbler! We are looking forward to what we might see this year!

Dates: May 11, June 8, and July 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Location: In May, meet at Frostville Museum located at 24101 Cedar Point Road, North Olmsted, OH 44070 at the corner of Cedar Point and Lewis Roads in Cleveland Metroparks in Rocky River Reservation.

In June and July, we are back to meeting at the Rocky River Nature Center, located at 2400 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070.



Photo: Second Saturday Birders by Michelle Brosius

TREMONT TOWPATH URBAN BIRD WALKS



Photo: Red-tailed Hawk by Michelle Brosius

Please join us on the fourth Saturday of every month for our Tremont Towpath Urban Bird Walk. 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. Last May, this walk produced 47 species, including Double-crested Cormorant, Green Heron, Eastern Kingbird, Willow Flycatcher, Cedar Waxwing, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Indigo Bunting.

Dates: May 25, June 22, and July 27, 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>

AFTERNOON BIRD WALKS

Our Afternoon Birds Walks will continue after a brief pause in May. Please join leader Lynne Shayko in June and July on the third Saturday of the month. These walks are perfect for those of us who need to catch up on sleep on weekend mornings, or if your mornings are simply busy. We meet at a different location each month to connect with nature, birds, and each other. Registration encouraged.

Date: June 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Sandy Ridge Reservation, 6195 Otten Rd, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Registration: Please register to receive event updates. <https://tockify.com/wcaudubon/detail/108/171847800000>

Date: Sunday, July 20, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Margaret Peak Nature Preserve, 36585 Butternut Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Registration: Please register to receive event updates. <https://tockify.com/wcaudubon/detail/109/172150200000>

EVENING BIRD WALKS

Our Evening Bird Walk series returns for another season! Perhaps you need a nice walk to wind down from the day or maybe you're not an early riser for morning bird walks. If so, then these evening walks are perfect! 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 begin to be active. No matter what, 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 on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., May through September, location varies. Led by Nancy Howell and Al Rand.

Date: May 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve. Meet at the parking lot at 8701 Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44108 in front of the Ranger HQ.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/imAXwgvv8vrHXCdD8>

Date: June 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Hemlock Creek Trail. Meet at the parking lot at 6801 Brecksville Rd, Independence, OH 44131-5044. Cars pull back to the southeast corner behind the Cleveland Clinic Business Operations Center.

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Zh7jB9aYQBx5Wg9u8>

Note: Most of the path is sloped. Some sections are 11% grade; however, there are plenty of benches along the way for taking a break. Location information: <https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L9924256>

Date: July 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Lewis Road Riding Ring. Meet at the main parking area, Lewis Road Riding Ring Olmsted Falls, OH 44138.

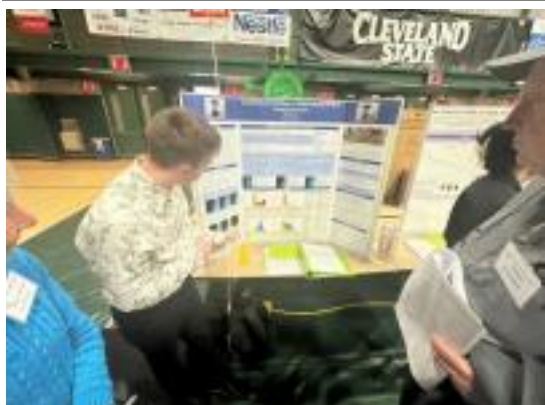
Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/DGy6QKFRL022kgJd9>

Note: The field and bridle trail could be muddy if it has rained. Boots encouraged.



Photo: Evening Bird Walk Birders by Michelle Brosius

WCAS SUPPORTS STUDENTS AT NEOSEF!



NEOSEF Award Winner photo by Maryanne Pfrogner

Western Cuyahoga Audubon was thrilled to support students at the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair (NEOSEF) which took place on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Cleveland State University. WCAS members, Maryanne Pfrogner, Andrew Steinmann and Rebecca Steinmann, were excited to be NEOSEF judges.

Projects were represented by students in 7 through 12 grades from parochial, private and public schools, as well as homeschools. This year WCAS presented two Special Awards with each awardee receiving \$100.00, and three Honorable Mentions. The Special Awards and Honorable Mention certificates also honored the late Penny O'Connor, a long-time member of WCAS and supporter of NEOSEF, with her name on the award heading.

Congratulations to these students as they continue in the sciences!

Special Awards

Robbie Land from Mentor High School. Category: Biology 11-12 grade. Project: *Examination of the Effects of Noise Pollution on Bird Foraging Behavior.*

Ava Hawkins from St. Marys of the Falls School (Olmsted Falls). Category: Environment 7-8 grade. Project: *Lights Out! The Proliferation of Photopollution.*

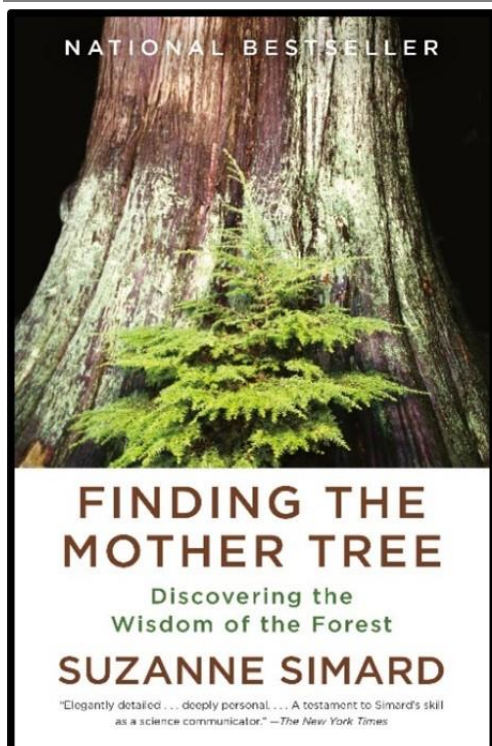
Honorable Mentions

Nadia McCarthy from Holy Family Elementary School (Parma Hts.). Category: Engineering 7-8 grade. Project: *Potato Power.*

Peyton Duke from Holy Family Elementary School (Parma Hts.). Category: Engineering 7-8 grade. Project: *Pizza Box Oven.*

Elise Moran from Garfield Middle School. Category: Environment 7-8 grade. Project: *Biohazard!*

BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES



By Drina Nemes, Book Discussion Host

We have just finished our 4th season with a discussion of Suzanne Simard's *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest*. Watch it or other past recordings of the WCAS Book Club: <https://www.wcaudubon.org/book-discussions>

Stay tuned for information about our next season, resuming in the fall of 2024.

Meanwhile, you can join me in trying to keep up to date with these websites.

Other Book Club and Book Review Resources

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>

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 as well as archives of past interviews: <https://theurbanbirderworld.com/live-webinars/>

<https://www.theurbanbirderworld.com/past-meetings/>

Birdability launched a book club in 2024:

<https://www.birdability.org/birdability-book-club>

SUMMER CLIMATE WATCH PROJECT

By Mary Anne Romito, WCAS Climate Watch Coordinator for Northeast Ohio

Help Track the Effects of Climate Change—and Help the Birds You Love

Audubon's Survival by Degrees study shows that two-thirds (64%) (389 out of 604) of North American bird species are at risk of extinction from climate change. The good news is that the science also shows that if action is taken now we can help improve the changes for 76% of species at risk. Join Western Cuyahoga Audubon as we participate in Audubon's community science program, Climate Watch.

We thank the 38 volunteers who surveyed 8 counties in Northeast Ohio this past winter. They did a super job. Some people were able to find goldfinches and nuthatches, which was not an easy job. We still have many more blocks open and available to survey.

If you can identify bluebirds, nuthatches, goldfinches, or towhees by sight and sound, or are eager to learn, put your bird knowledge to work and help us conduct surveys to see how these species are already responding to climate change in our area. The spring season of Climate Watch is May 15 - June 15, 2024. We will have our "big day" on Saturday, June 1. This means we hope that as many participants as possible go out on June 1, weather permitting, and do the Climate Watch survey. But if that doesn't work for you, anytime between May 15 and June 15 is fine.

Be sure to check out the video on Climate Watch (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odMMa6GGAOo>) to learn more about participating in this program. The presentation starts about 17 minutes in; fast forward to that point. Contact Mary Anne Romito at maryanneromito@gmail.org for more information on how to participate.



THE PROBLEM WITH PALM OIL

By Amanda Sebrosky

Have you ever noticed that some form of 'Palm' is in nearly every product you buy? Palm oil is an edible vegetable oil that comes from the fruit of oil palm trees. Two types of oil can be produced: crude palm oil (CPO) comes from the fruit's flesh, while palm kernel oil (PKO) is extracted from the kernel of the fruit. More than half of all packaged products Americans consume contain palm oil. It is used in food, detergents, cosmetics, and, to a small extent, biofuel.

Palm products are grown only in the tropics with several Southeast Asia countries being the major growing regions. According to the UK World Wildlife Federation (WWF UK), "... (growing) palm has been and continues to be a major driver of deforestation of some of the world's most biodiverse forests, destroying the habitat of already endangered species like the Orangutan, Pygmy elephant and Sumatran rhino".

Palm by any other name

There are many names for palm oil as a product ingredient. Below is a partial list from **Rainforest Action Network (RAN)**: PKO – Palm Kernel Oil, PKO fractionations: Palm Kernel Stearin (PKs); Palm Kernel Olein (PKOo), PHPKO – Partially hydrogenated Palm Oil, FP(K)O – Fractionated Palm Oil, OPKO – Organic Palm Kernel Oil, Palmitate – Vitamin A or Ascorbyl Palmitate (NOTE: Vitamin A Palmitate is a very common ingredient in breakfast cereals and it has been confirmed that 100% of the samples investigated is derived from palm oil), Palmate, Sodium Laureth Sulphate (Can also be from coconut), Sodium Lauryl Sulphates (can also be from ricinus oil), Sodium dodecyl Sulphate (SDS or NaDS), Elaeis Guineensis, Glyceryl Stearate, Stearic Acid, Sodium Lauryl Sulphate, Sodium lauryl sulfoacetate (coconut and/or palm), and Hydrated palm glycerides.

What can be done to decrease the impact of the destruction caused by products derived from palm?

For products that do have palm oil, look for the [Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil \(RSPO\) certification](#). WWF suggests looking for sustainably produced products rather than changing to other oils since each type of oil has production problems of its own and may not be self-regulated.

RSPO certified palm oil ensures:

- Reducing rainforest deforestation thus protecting wildlife and the environment
- Protection of workers' rights and enhanced productivity
- Reduction of workplace accidents
- Smallholders inclusion
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Better waste management
- Reduced use of pesticides
- Improved compliance with regulatory requirements
- Market confidence

The RSPO has information about certification and how it works as well as a list of license holders [here](#). Product certifications should be checked before products are purchased as companies, at times, illegally use the Rainforest Action Network (RAN) logo. RAN certified products have no follow-up on companies using their certifications; furthermore, they have no power to punish illegal use of the RAN logo. The take-home lesson is 'Verify the certification'. The Rainforest Action Network webpage has a list of products that they have certified [here](#).

BLUEBIRD BOX MONITORING PROJECT

By Kurt Miske, Bluebird Project Coordinator

The 2024 bird breeding season has begun, and WCAS has resumed monitoring the Lewis Road Riding Ring Bluebird Trail. We are fortunate that last year's monitors are back for the new season. Starting in June, we are pleased that a former monitor, who had to miss last year due to school restraints, will rejoin the group.

All nine boxes have been checked and came through the winter in great shape. The first round of actual monitoring has been completed (nothing yet). We expect to monitor about once/week until we see nests being built. As always, bluebirds and Tree Swallows are welcome, but house sparrows will be evicted.

Bluebirds have been seen in the area - it's only a matter of time!



Photo: Eastern Bluebird by Michelle Brosius

BIRD-FRIENDLY COFFEE

By Amanda Sebrosky, WCAS Coffee Coordinator

We are grateful that many WCAS members and friends order their coffee through us, thus saving shipping fees! Order anytime on the [WCAS website](#) and your order will be sent at the next quarterly order month - the 10th of January, April, July or October. A variety of roasts, grinds or whole beans are available. Please spread the word about bird-friendly coffee by using it yourself and consider gift purchases for graduations, birthdays, holidays and much more. You'll know that you're helping the birds in a big way. https://www.wcaudubon.org/store/c35/Bird_Friendly_Coffee.html

NEW MEMBERS

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

Erin Davis & Jeff McManus
Doug & Mary Powell

Jennifer & James Dieringer
Suzanne Rusnak

Kathryn Flinn
Doug Wetzel

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the following people for their participation with WCAS events.

Bird Walk leaders: Michelle Brosius, Bill Deininger, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper, Nancy Howell, Bob Opper, Allen Rand, and Lynne Shayko

Photographers: Michelle Brosius, Shaun Missig, and Maryanne Pfrogner

NEOSEF judges: Maryanne Pfrogner, Andrew Steinmann, and Rebecca Steinmann

Member program set-up: Michelle, Scott, Leto and Sagan Brosius as well as the early-arriving members who helped to get the room ready!

OTHER NEWSWORTHY ITEMS

Purchase a [2024 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp](#) and learn more about what the stamp helps to support

[Southeast Ohio Birding Event Birds in the Hills](#)
May 17-19, Pomeroy, OH

[Climate Mayors Welcomes 2024 Leadership Team](#)

[World Migratory Bird Day](#) | Saturday, May 11

[Help Celebrate Ohio Native Plant Month!](#)

[Ohio Native Plants of Distinction](#)

[LEAP Native Plants](#)

[Tree Selector Tool](#)

[Native Plant Nurseries Locator](#)

[National Native Plant Month Update](#)

March 20, 2024: Senate Resolution 603 was agreed to with Unanimous Consent; a Resolution was introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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