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WHAT DOES CONSERVATION MEAN TO YOU?

By Nancy Howell, WCAS Board Member

Conservation 1. the act or practice of conserving; protection from loss, waste, etc.

2. the official care, protection, or management of natural resources.

This word is often mentioned in our Chapter's newsletters, during our Speaker Series and Book Discussions, as well as with events and projects with which the Chapter is involved. The word Conserve is part of our mission statement. So, as the title of this article states, What does conservation mean to you and how can you be involved with conservation efforts?

At times we may not think about conservation since northeast Ohio is fortunate to have water and land protected through the many park systems and community green spaces. In addition, there are a number of conservation organizations working toward protecting land, watersheds, wildlife, promoting conservation easements, planting areas with native plants, and providing green spaces where quiet, respite areas are in short supply. All of these conservation efforts connect us with nature and the natural world. This includes the Audubon Society and the grassroots chapters like ours, Western Cuyahoga Audubon.

Thank those who came before us who had the foresight to set aside and preserve the places and things we benefit from presently. But right now, we are the ones with foresight for the future. Conservation efforts start locally. WCAS partners with conservation organizations that own, protect, and manage properties, such as Western Reserve Land Conservancy and West Creek Conservancy. Let's not forget about areas protected by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and through Ohio's Natural Areas and Preserves, State Parks and Wildlife Refuges to name a few.

Even more locally, during our March Speaker Series, we recommended that chapter members take a survey, provided by the city of Cleveland and the North Coast Waterfront Development Corporation, to determine the future of the Burke Lakefront Airport property on Lake Erie's shoreline. We hope you took advantage of doing the survey as Lake Erie and its shoreline are a gem of a resource for all.

Recently, information was brought to our attention about the Cahoon Park Lakefront Master Plan in Bay Village. The city wanted our organization to sign a blanket letter of approval covering the Master Plan. WCAS chose to modify the letter to better fit conservation for that area. Additionally, a letter of support for the Spencer Creek Rehabilitation Project at Bradstreet's Landing Park in Rocky River was drafted for conservation efforts in that area. Keeping eyes and ears open as to what's happening in our communities is an important step for local conservation that we all can do.

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The Bluebird and Purple Martin projects are also important in protecting species and educating the public. Volunteer assistance at events helps spread the conservation word, and this spring WCAS requested help for Earth Day events and a special Purple Martin Day. Other times of the year, we ask for help with the Climate Watch Surveys. Let's not forget volunteer participation with the Christmas Bird Count as well as the Great Backyard Bird Count. All of these birding projects are open to people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Another step for conservation.

On a larger scale, in national news, the Lesser Prairie Chicken was recently removed from the Endangered Species List due to changes in the Endangered Species Act. While many of us may never have the opportunity to see this species in its natural habitat, it does not mean we shouldn't care. Any species lost is a loss of biodiversity. Take a look at what National Audubon has been working on since the beginning of 2026 https://www.audubon.org/topic/policy-advocacy. There are many more stories like this where conservation is of utmost importance. Keeping up with national and international conservation efforts helps us to understand what is at stake around the world.

Conservation brings people together to Connect with the natural world, be it through birds, wildlife, habitats, or simply having a place to unwind. Conservation is a way to Educate through bird walks, speaker programs, volunteering with WCAS at events, and more. Lastly, it is to Conserve, protecting what we have not just locally, but regionally, nationally and internationally. Be part of the conservation movement now, and for the future.

2025-2026 MEMBER PROGRAMS AND SPEAKER SERIES

Programs will take place in person and via Zoom. WCAS members, guests and friends are always welcome.

Photo: Downtown Cleveland seen through trees by West Creek Conservancy

May Program: "Birding, Native Plants, and Community Connections at West Creek Conservancy"
Presenters: Brett Rodstrom, conservation and Daniella Dejak, Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator
Date & Time: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom only
Description: Discover the hidden gems of Northeast Ohio's birding landscape! Join Brett Rodstrom from West Creek Conservancy as he showcases protected lands across Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties—prime habitats that offer incredible birding opportunities for Western Cuyahoga Audubon field trips. These scenic properties provide a chance to experience nature at its best while supporting vital conservation efforts.
Zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88231445189?pwd=KjbBlUXEuQjonB0bU25hp61N34Kpb9.1
Meeting ID: 882 3144 5189 and Passcode: 333972 (if needed)

June Program: "Members Picnic, Plant Exchange and Bird Walk"
Presenter: Our members and guests
Date & Time: Tuesday. June 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Lagoon Picnic Area Shelter
Description: As we have been doing for many years, WCAS members and guests are gathering for an evening picnic, bird walk and plant exchange. The picnic is - bring your own dinner - homemade or purchased, to enjoy in the company of other members and guests. An outdoor, charcoal grill will be started 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, 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. 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!

No programs or meetings in July or August!

BIRD-FRIENDLY COFFEE

By Amanda Sebrosky, WCAS Coffee Coordinator

Smithsonian Certified Bird-friendly coffee has many benefits. It is shade-grown so rain forests are not destroyed to grow the coffee. The intact forests provide habitats during the non-breeding season of neotropical birds along with the wildlife that lives there. The benefits don't end there! Because the coffee is Fair-Trade, farmers get a living wage in addition to income from other products that can be harvested from the intact rain forest.

BUT WAIT! There's more! When you buy this organic coffee from WCAS, you get free shipping AND delivery while helping to support the mission of Western Cuyahoga Audubon. Order coffee at our online store. **The next order will be sent to Birds & Beans on July 10, so place your orders by midnight of July 9!**

2026 SPRING BIRD WALK SERIES

Photo: Black-throated Blue Warbler by Michelle Brosius

Now in its 93rd year, the Spring Bird Walk Series is one of the oldest community science partnerships in Northeast Ohio, bringing together park systems, Audubon chapters, and other conservation organizations. These walks celebrate the return of migratory birds and are led by experienced birders who enjoy sharing their knowledge with participants of all levels.

Dates: Sundays, April 12, 19, & 26 and May 3, 10, & 17 at 7:30 a.m.

Locations:

Big Creek Reservation, Lake Isaac Waterfowl Sanctuary

Lake Isaac, southern terminus of the Lake-to-Lake Trail, Cleveland Metroparks Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Heights. Terrain is natural surface with some off-trail sections and short boardwalks; footing can be rough, muddy, or slippery. Approximately 2 miles. Led by Nancy Howell.

Rocky River Reservation, Rocky River Nature Center

Rocky River Nature Center parking lot, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted. Terrain is easy to moderate, with paved and crushed-gravel paths, boardwalks, and occasional muddy areas. Approximately 2 miles. Led by Bill Deininger, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper, and Al Rand.

SECOND SATURDAY BIRD WALKS

Our most popular bird walk continues through the height of spring and into early summer, and we're excited to explore the changes that unfold from May through July. In May, we'll experience the peak of migration, with a mix of warblers including Tennessee Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, and Yellow-rumped Warbler. By June, migration has tapered off and the forest is full of breeding activity, from nesting woodpeckers and orioles to a wide variety of resident species tending to their young. July brings a quieter midsummer rhythm, with fledglings moving through the understory, a rich variety of flycatchers, and the steady presence of summer residents. Join us as we enjoy this vibrant stretch of the season and the many birds it brings.

Photo: American Redstart (juvenile male) by Michelle Brosius

NOTE: **The Second Saturday Bird Walk on May 9 will be held at the Little Cedar Point Picnic Area**
https://maps.app.goo.gl/JY3DRDX6KStyLZd59?g_st=ic

Dates: May 9, June 13, and July 11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Rocky River Nature Center, 2400 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070. We meet between the upper and lower parking areas.
Google Maps: https://maps.app.goo.gl/nUQswuaknePeSKXGA
Leaders: Bill Deininger, Dave Graskemper, Ken Gober, and Al Rand

URBAN BIRD WALKS

We invite you to explore some of Northeast Ohio's most vibrant urban locations through the lens of the birds that call them home. Our Urban Bird Walk series takes place the fourth Saturday of each month, offering a relaxed, community-focused outing where participants can discover surprising pockets of nature, learn identification tips, and enjoy the rhythms of city wildlife. Whether you're a seasoned birder or just curious about your feathered neighbors living alongside you, these walks offer a fresh way to connect with the urban landscape.

Urban Bird Walk: Birds of the Forest & River Corridor

Date: May 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: West Creek Conservancy's Hemlock Creek Trail, 6801 Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131

Leaders: Nancy Howell and Al Rand

Photo: Mallards (female & duckling) by Michelle Brosius

Notes: Hemlock Creek Trail offers one of the most habitat-rich routes in our Urban Bird Walk series, with forest, ravines, wetlands, fields, and the Cuyahoga River corridor all within easy reach. This variety makes the trail especially lively in late spring, when birds are singing, nesting, and moving through the landscape. We may hear Red-eyed Vireo, Eastern Wood-Pewee, and Acadian Flycatcher calling from the canopy. Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanager, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak are also possible. Wetland pockets along the way may offer views of Green Heron or Mallard, and the river corridor often brings Northern Rough-winged Swallows sweeping low over the water. With so many habitats packed into a single walk, Hemlock Creek is full of surprises and a wonderful place to explore the richness of urban birding in late spring.

Photo: Belted Kingfisher (female) by Michelle Brosius

Urban Bird Walk: Herons & Early Summer Wetland Birds

Dates: June 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Leaders: Nancy Howell and Al Rand

Notes: Lake Isaac is a classic early-summer stop, with open water, shaded trails, and wetland edges that make for relaxed and rewarding birding. The lake often hosts Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Great Egret, and Belted Kingfisher flying back and forth with its sharp, rattling call, while the surrounding woods and thickets add a steady chorus of summer song. Along the trail we may hear Red-eyed Vireo, Eastern Wood-Pewee, and Great Crested Flycatcher, with Wood Thrush and Scarlet Tanager possible deeper in the trees. Yellow Warbler and Common Yellowthroat are often active in the edges, and the mix of water, woodland, and open habitat makes Lake Isaac a reliable spot for a wide variety of species in early summer.

Urban Bird Walk: Creekside Birds & Early Waterfowl Migration

Dates: July 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Wildwood Park, 7645 Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44110

Leaders: Nancy Howell and Al Rand

Photo: Common Yellowthroat (male) by Michelle Brosius

Notes: Euclid Creek's northern section offers a refreshing mix of creekside habitat, mature trees, and open areas influenced by the nearby lake, making it an engaging place for midsummer birding. We may hear Red-eyed Vireo, Eastern Wood-Pewee, and Great Crested Flycatcher in the wooded stretches, while open areas and creek edges may bring Eastern Kingbird and Common Yellowthroat. The creek corridor often adds herons, cormorants, or swallows coursing low over the water. With early waterfowl migration beginning to stir on Lake Erie, there's even a chance of spotting mergansers moving through. The blend of habitats and steady summer activity makes Euclid Creek North a wonderful place to explore urban birding in July.

WCAS FIELD TRIP: BOBOLINKS & BUTTERCUPS

Photo: Bobolink (male) by Michelle Brosius

South Russell Village Park offers a beautiful mix of field and forest habitats, with wide-open views that make spring birding especially rewarding. By early June, the meadow is glowing with yellow buttercups, and the Bobolinks are back from South America and settling into their breeding territories. Their bright, bubbling songs (almost like a cheerful computer glitch drifting over the field) are one of the highlights of this walk.

This park hosts a thriving Bobolink population, giving us excellent chances to observe males displaying over the meadow and females moving quietly through the grasses. Last year's group even spotted a few females taking to the air, offering rare views of their flight behavior.

We'll also watch for other grassland and edge species such as Eastern Meadowlark, Savannah Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird, and American Goldfinch. A short woodland loop may add species like Rose-breasted Grosbeak or Northern Flicker to round out the morning's list.

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
Location: South Russell Village Park, 1003 Bell St., Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022.
Google Maps: https://maps.app.goo.gl/k8x4ARzDPv6yZjdHA
Leader: Michelle Brosius and Bob Opper
Note: This walk will be mostly out in open sun; therefore, we suggest bringing a hat and/or sunscreen and plenty of water.
Registration: RSVP at the WCAudubon.org calendar

WCAS FIELD TRIP: BRECKSVILLE RESERVATION

Photo: Acadian Flycatcher by Michelle Brosius

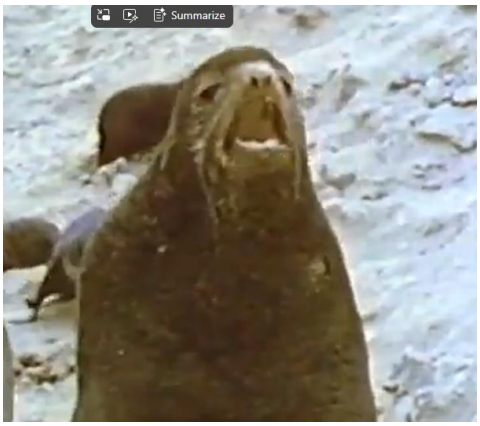
We'll meet at the nature center parking lot by the wood fence and begin by exploring the wildflower field. This first meadow is a good place to look for Eastern Bluebird, American Goldfinch, and woodpeckers moving along the field edge.

From there, we'll climb the scenic stairs to the Deer Lick Loop and follow the woodland connector toward the Meadows Picnic Area. The shaded trails and forest edges are excellent places to listen for Red-eyed Vireo, Eastern Wood-Pewee, and Acadian Flycatcher, along with other forest regulars.

Our final stop will be the open field east of the Meadows Picnic Area, which has been the most productive area for this walk in recent years. Here we'll look for Field Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, and the bright flashes of Indigo Bunting working the field margins. With both forest and meadow habitats in full spring voice, this walk offers a rich variety of species and a beautiful seasonal transition.

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
Meeting Location: Brecksville Reservation, 9000 Chippewa Creek Drive, Brecksville, Ohio 44141. https://maps.app.goo.gl/rC73nrJknRm9TjSk8
Leader: Michelle Brosius and Andrew Steinmann
Note: This walk includes stairs and dirt trails. We suggest wearing boots if it has been rainy. Portions of this walk are in open sun; we recommend bringing a hat, sunscreen, and plenty of water.
Registration: RSVP is encouraged at the WCAudubon.org calendar

WCAS BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES



By Drina Nemes, Book Discussion Host

New! A companion film to the book Wild America.

In our recent 2025-26 Book Discussion Series we learned about the 30,000 mile, 100-day birding journey around North America that Roger Tory Peterson and James Fisher undertook in 1953. Then, in *Return to Wild America*, we read about Scott Weidensaul's retracing of that expedition, 50 years later, chronicling his own experiences, comparing his with theirs.

Fortunately for birders today, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute (https://rtpi.org/) recently released a digitized version of Peterson's many videos from that 1953 journey. That film is now available to all on the Roger Tory Peterson Institute's YouTube site. Watch here!

In about 55 minutes, the film highlights their expedition around the east, south, and west coasts of North America, with quite a bit of attention to Alaska, where they saw tens of thousands of birds! It was a dream come true for them to bird in Alaska. (Trivia: When did Alaska become a state? 1959). Although here in the 21st century we are accustomed to high quality film and graphics, this video is from the way, way back – grainy and blurry at times, and colors are muted. However, the content is of interest; and I found hearing Mr. Peterson's voice quite special.

If you didn't have a chance to read *Wild America*, watching the video gives an engaging overview of the 1953 birding adventures of these two great naturalists, one American, the other English. James Fisher was seeing North America for the first time; he is in awe.

Wild America is out of print. It can be purchased from online booksellers. It is also available at no cost at Internet Archive: https://archive.org/details/wildamericarecor00pete/page/94/mode/2up

For WCAS's previous Book Discussion seasons, go to: Western Cuyahoga Audubon - Book Discussions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Berea Earth Day

Date & Time: Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Coe Lake Park shelterhouse, Berea

Set up and staff the Western Cuyahoga Audubon display table for the Berea Earth Day celebration. This is an outdoor event and three volunteers are needed. Responsibilities include arriving early to set-up the table display, assisting visitors in learning about WCAS, assisting families and youngsters with a bird matching game, taking photos of visitors at the table displays, 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. Won't you consider helping for a couple of hours? Contact Nancy Howell, nancyhowell@wcaudubon.org

Photo: Earth Day event display by Nancy Howell

EARTHFEST 2026 at the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

Date & Time: Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (2 shifts 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.)

Location: West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River

Help staff the Western Cuyahoga Audubon display tables at the UUC - EarthFest 2026. 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, educating visitors about best practices of inviting wildlife to share your yard, 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. We had a great time last year, won't you consider helping for a couple of hours. Contact Nancy Howell, nancyhowell@wcaudubon.org

THE PURPLE MARTIN (PUMA) PROJECTS

By Nancy Howell, WCAS Board Member

Photo: Martin nesting gourds at Creekside Collaborative by Danielle Dejak

If you have been keeping up with the WCAS newsletter you already know about the Purple Martin Projects in the works. For those who are new, or as a memory refresher, WCAS has set up two Purple Martin housing units in Cuyahoga County. The units consist of either an aluminum "apartment" or plastic gourds, or both. The first was installed in April 2025 at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea and the second was installed in March 2026 at West Creek Conservancy's Creekside Collaborative property in Parma. The martin housing unit at Creekside was a generous donation by Michelle Manzo, a WCAS member. Both sites offer good to excellent martin habitat. Recordings of Purple Martin songs and calls are played for a few hours in the morning in hopes of attracting birds to at least get a glimpse of the housing. With both installations being so new, attracting martins may not happen for a couple of years, but let's hope this year will be the year they like the housing.

The Fairgrounds housing had two sub-adult martins stop by in mid June 2025. These were birds that hatched in 2024 so did not have their complete adult plumage, but were looking for future potential housing sites. They were sighted for a couple of days but didn't stay. Did they like what they saw? Perhaps this year they will return with friends!

Photo: WCAS table staffed by Dave Graskemper at the Purple Martin event by Nancy Howell

At Creekside Collaborative the martin house was raised on Sunday, March 29 with fanfare during a collaborative event between West Creek Conservancy and Western Cuyahoga Audubon. During the event participants learned about Purple Martins, had educational handouts and games, made origami Purple Martins, prepared and placed the plastic nesting gourds on the pole, raised the housing, and sent wishes to have martins begin a colony.

We hope these sites will be attractive to Purple Martins and the colonies will grow! For additional information and/or to volunteer as a "Martin landlord" at either site, please contact nancyhowell@wcaudubon.org

IMPORTANT SPECIAL PROJECT

With the Browns stadium complex slated for construction in Brook Park, it is imperative that WCAS and other bird/conservation organizations get on the ball and contact the architects, builders, the Brook Park Mayor, city planners, and the Browns management to make sure the complex is complete with bird-friendly windows. While it seems "early in the game," **NOW** is the time for our collective voices to be heard to protect birds. **WCAS cannot do this alone.** We would like to have a committee of at least twelve, dedicated people to help with this request. PLEASE become one of the concerned committee members. A little has already been done, but additional information and contacts need to be made before this special project progresses. Contact Nancy Howell at nancyhowell@wcaudubon.org. Thank you in advance.

WESTERN CUYAHOGA AUDUBON AT NEOSEF

By Andrew Steinmann, judge. Photos by Mary Anne Pfrogner, judge

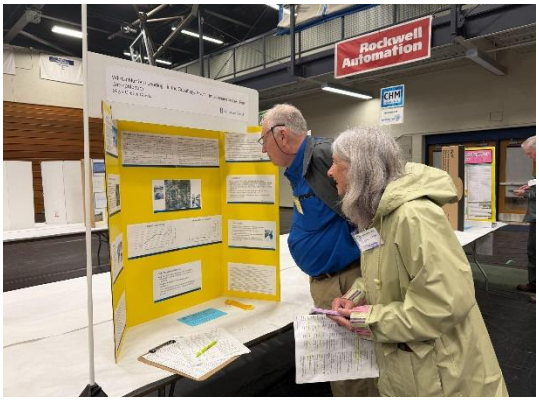


Photo: NEOSEF Judges reviewing an entry by Mary Anne Pfrogner

Western Cuyahoga Audubon participated in the 2026 Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair (NEOSEF) held at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland. Each year WCAS presents two Special Awards and three Honorable Mention Awards to students who have outstanding research involving birds, wildlife, or the environment. This year's WCAS judges were Mary Anne Pfrogner, Rebecca Steinmann, and Andrew Steinmann. Each student's project is grouped with similar ones in several categories (e.g., environment, biology, behavioral science, physics) and by grade (7–8, 9–10, or 11–12).

The two Special Award recipients, who also received a monetary award, were:

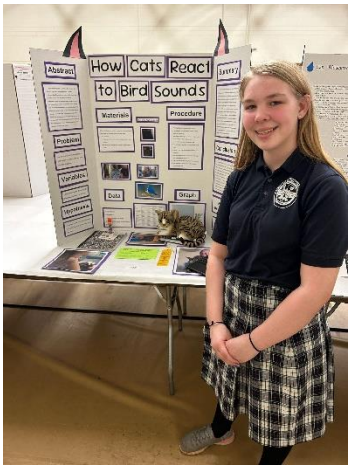


Photo: NEOSEF Special Award winner Lily Hemminger and her display by Mary Anne Pfrogner

Lily Hemminger of Saints Robert and William Elementary School (Biology 7–8) with her project, "How Cats React to Bird Sounds." And Maya Uchino-Garcia from Beaumont School for "Winter Nutrient Loading in the Cuyahoga River: Implications for Lake Erie Eutrophication" (Environment 11–12).

For Lily's project, she played a variety of bird calls to her four cats, some calls from native northern Ohio bird species, and some from non-native species. The cats showed great interest in songbird calls, but little interest in blue jay and predator calls.

Maya's project consisted of taking water samples from several sites along the Cuyahoga River which were tested for phosphates and other contaminants that could cause harmful algal blooms. Her research revealed that contaminant concentrations peaked near the point where the river empties into Lake Erie.

The Honorable Mention Awards went to: Gowtham Madireddy of Columbia Middle School for "How Can You Make an Affordable Water Filter?" (Environment 7–8).

Camille Brent of St. Helen Elementary School for "Mean Cleaners", a study of the relative usefulness of HEPA filters and house plants in cleaning the air in enclosed spaces (Environment 7–8).

Julian Gauthier of Ballard Brady Middle School for "Extracting Microplastic from Water Using Ferrofluids" (Environment 7–8).

The wide range of projects and students' excitement over their research made for a fun afternoon for the judges. We congratulate all the Award winners.

CLIMATE WATCH

By Mary Anne Romito, Northeast Ohio Climate Watch Coordinator

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 our science also shows that if we take action now we can help improve the changes for 76% of species at risk. Join Western Cuyahoga Audubon as we participate in Audubon's new community science program, Climate Watch.

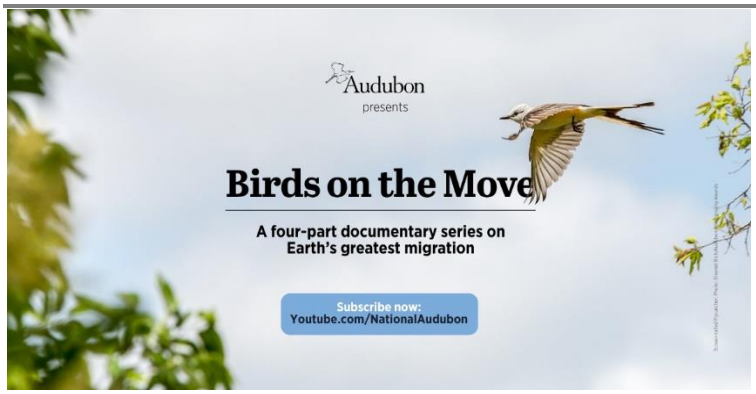
We want to thank the dozens of volunteers who surveyed 8 counties in Northeast Ohio this past winter. They did a super job. Some people were able to find goldfinches and nuthatches, which was not an easy job. We still have many more blocks available to survey.

If you can identify bluebirds, nuthatches, goldfinches, or towhees by sight and sound, or are eager to learn, put your bird knowledge to use 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, 2026. We will have our "big day" on Saturday, May 16. This means we are hoping that as many as possible go out on June 6, 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 from our past meeting on Climate Watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odMMa6GGAOo to learn more about participating in this exciting program. Please note that our presentation starts about 17 minutes in. So you can fast forward to that point. Contact Mary Anne Romito at maryanneromito@gmail.com for more information on how to participate with WCAS.

IN THE NEWS



***Birds on the Move*:** Migration is more than the journey; it's about every place birds need along the way. That's why Audubon's new *Birds on the Move* documentary series shines a spotlight on birds' extraordinary treks and the people working across the Americas to protect them on each step of their journeys. The series starts where so much bird life begins, the Boreal Forest—the heart of North America's bird nursery. Watch the first episode to learn more about the conservation work to protect these lands and subscribe to the Audubon YouTube channel for the next stop.

NEW MEMBERS

Pamela Alerine, Marilyn Matevia, Melissa Sedlock, Jeremy Skvarce, Claudia Taller, and Jessica Webster

THANK YOUS

Thanks to these volunteers who were able to give time and assist the organization.

Bird Walk Leaders - Michelle Brosius, Bill Deininger, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper, Nancy Howell, and Al Rand

Photographers – Michelle Brosius, Danielle Dejak, Tom Fishburn, Nancy Howell, Victoria Jackson, Mary Anne Pfrogner, and Shaun Missig

Lewis Road Riding Ring WCAS Bluebird Trail – thanks go to volunteers George Coleman and Lisa Gerbec who have agreed to come back for the 2026 season!

NEOSEF Judges – Mary Anne Pfrogner, Andrew Steinmann, and Becky Steinmann

Purple Martin Event at Creekside Collaborative – Dave Graskemper, Michelle Manzo, and Nancy Howell

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