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## VOLUNTEERISM AND WESTERN CUYAHOGA AUDUBON

By Nancy Howell, Board Member, Western Cuyahoga Audubon

*“Organizations grow with a diversity of volunteers and the abilities, skills and ideas brought by those volunteers. In planning and preparing for the 2018-2019 Western Cuyahoga year, we would like to have additional volunteers come forward and participate.”*

How many of you have attended one of our evening programs at the Rocky River Nature Center and have been greeted by friendly folks at the auditorium door? How many of you have had a cup of coffee or tea and some delicious baked goods at the programs? How many of you have attended a WCAS field trip or a Second Saturday Bird Walk? And how many of you have seen a WCAS display or activity at past venues? If you have done any of these ... and we can add more ... are all accomplished by volunteers with Western Cuyahoga Audubon!

Whether it is fund-raising, friend-raising, educating, welcoming visitors, promoting bird-friendly coffee, supplying refreshments or leading walks, volunteers are crucial to our organization. Organizations grow with a diversity of volunteers and the abilities, skills and ideas brought by those volunteers. In planning and preparing for the 2018-2019 Western Cuyahoga year, we would like to have additional volunteers come forward and participate. As you read through the newsletter there is a section listing several volunteer opportunities in WCAS. Most of these opportunities require little time, perhaps once or twice a month, and little effort. As you review them think to yourself, “gee, I am good at ...” or “I have some great ideas that I’d like to share”. Many of you are interested in nature, so writing an article for *The Feathered Flyer* newsletter or the WCAS blog would be wonderful.

Plans for the new season include things that we regularly do, such as field trips and monthly programs, which continue to utilize volunteers, but we also set up educational displays at events where engaging with the public is crucial and volunteers can do that. The [Backyard Nature Bash](#) at West Creek Reservation on Saturday, August 18 will require assistance, as will WCAS’s participation in *(Continued on page 2...)*



Above: Montage of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society activities and programs with members and volunteers 2017-2018.

(Continued...) the [43rd Cleveland International Film Festival \(CIFF\)](#), March 27 through April 7, 2019 and other events. Recently, WCAS has spearheaded the effort to bring Ohio Audubon chapters back together through the [Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters \(COAC\)](#). Attending the next COAC workshop on [Sunday, September 16](#) in Bellefontaine, OH would be an awesome event for volunteers along with Board members representing WCAS ... imagine the networking that can be done! Discussions have begun about hosting a COAC meeting and workshop here in northeast Ohio with volunteers playing an important role and making the event run smoothly.

So consider looking into one of the many opportunities WCAS has to offer as you consider renewing your membership or choosing to be a new member of the chapter in the 2018 - 2019 membership year. Use the enclosed Membership Form or our online membership and pay via PayPal, both are easy ways to become a member and get involved. Looking forward to seeing you at an event. [Read Online](#)

## BIRD WALKS AND FIELD TRIPS >>>



Photos by Penny O'Connor. Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*) by Frank Vassen.

### Second Saturday Bird Walks at Rocky River Nature Center

UPCOMING DATES: [Aug 11, 2018](#) / [Sept 8, 2018](#) / [Oct 13, 2018](#)

Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper, and Bill Deininger lead walks on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM on trails around the Rocky River Reservation, home of the Rocky River Important Bird Area. New to birding? Grab some binoculars and join us. You'll be amazed how fast you can learn birds by sight and sound. Walks begin at the Rocky River Nature Center parking lot, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH and are provided at no charge to the public.



> Sat, Aug 18, 12:00 Noon PM

## Backyard Nature Bash Bird Walks

**Date & Time:** Sat Aug 18, 2018 at 12:00pm Noon - 4:00pm  
**Bird Walk #1** at 12:30 pm. Meet at the Monarch Bluff Picnic Area/Pavilion at 12:15 pm.

**Bird Walk #2** at 2:00 pm. Meet at the Monarch Bluff Picnic Area/Pavilion at 1:45 pm.

**Location:** Watershed Stewardship Center, West Creek Reservation, 2277 West Ridgewood Dr, Parma, OH 44134

**Leader:** Tim Colborn

**Species Focus:** Woodland and Field Species

**Description:** We'll see typical midwest woodland and field species such as seasonal flocks of Red-winged Blackbirds (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) and August specialties of butterflies and dragonflies. [Read Online](#)

> Sun, Sept 23, 8:00 AM

## Field Trip to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

**Event:** Field Trip at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center

**Date & Time:** Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 8:00am

**Location:** Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140

**Leader:** Erik Bruder

**Target Species:** Migrating Warblers

**Description:** Walk the woods and fields of Cleveland Metroparks Huntington Reservation and the Lake Erie Shore in search of migrating warblers and other birds moving through the area on their way south. Meet at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center parking lot. [Read Online](#)

> Sun, Oct 7, 9:00 AM

## Joint Field Trip with Kirtland Bird Club

**Date & Time:** Sun Oct 7, 2018 at 9:00am-12:00pm Noon

**Locations:** Erie Street Cemetery, 2254 E 9th St, Cleveland, OH 44115 and continue to Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, 8701 Lakeshore Boulevard, Cleveland OH 44103

**Leaders:** Mary Anne Romito and Nancy Howell

**Target Species:** Fall Migration Species

**Description:** We begin at Erie Street Cemetery, a historic 8.9-acre cemetery located on East Ninth St within walking distance of Progressive Field. From there we travel to Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, a National Audubon IBA host to 290 unique recorded species. [Read Online](#)



Photo: White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) by Laura Gooch.



Photo: Black-throated Green Warbler (*Setophaga virens*) by David Lewis.

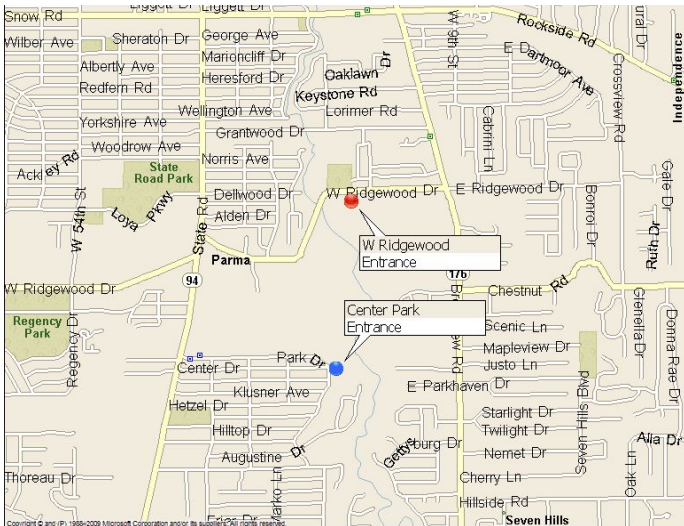


Photo: Winter Wren (*Troglodytes hiemalis*) by Laura Gooch.



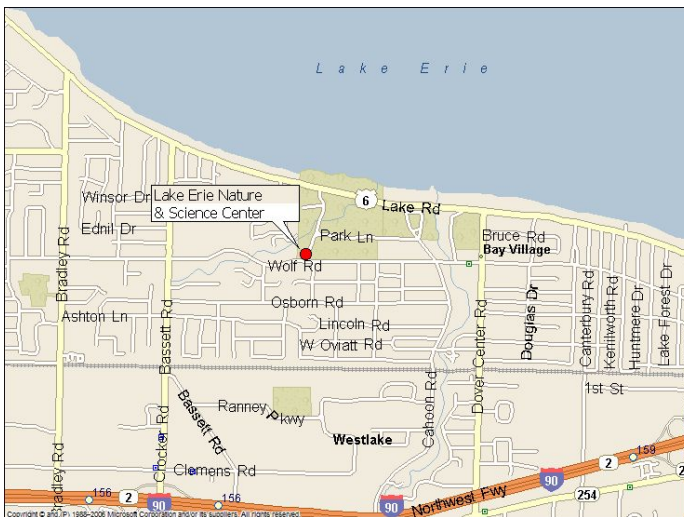
Photo: Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*) by David Lewis.

# MAPS AND DIRECTIONS >>>



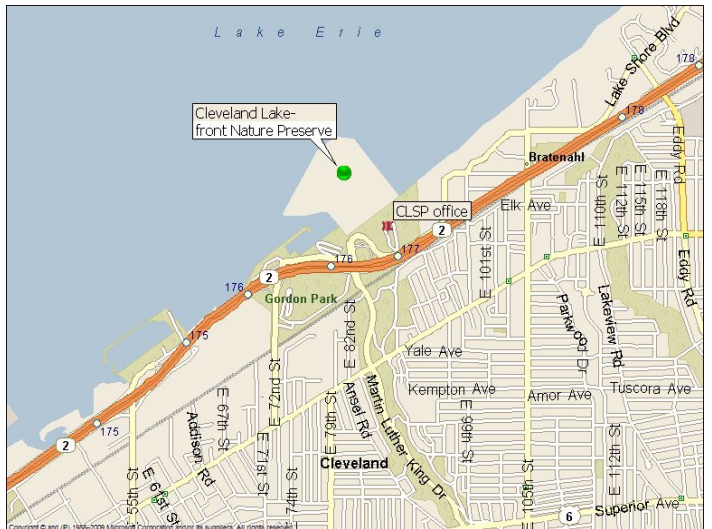
## WEST CREEK RESERVATION

**Directions:** The Watershed Stewardship Center is at West Creek Reservation, 2277 West Ridgewood Dr, Parma, OH 44134. West Creek Reservation is located on Ridgewood Dr. in Parma, Ohio between State and Ridge Road. [Map](#)



## LAKE ERIE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER

**Directions:** Meet at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village, OH. The Center is located on Wolf Road, at the corner of Porter Creek Drive in the Huntington Reservation Cleveland Metroparks. [Map](#)



## ERIE STREET CEMETARY & CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT NATURE PRESERVE

**Directions:** The preserve is located on an old dredge disposal site formerly known as Dike 14 and is adjacent to the East 72d Street Marina in Cleveland. Be sure to park at the Cleveland Lakefront State Park office, not the E.72d Street Marina parking lot. The park office is at 8701 Lake Shore Blvd. Get to the Cleveland Lakefront State Park office by taking the Martin Luther King Dr. exit off of the Shoreway / I-90. Turn north toward Lake Erie, and follow Lakeshore Blvd. right to the top of the hill and turn left into the park office parking lot. Restrooms are available near the Nature Preserve at the Cleveland Lakefront State Park office, and in the Cleveland Lakefront State Park immediately to the west of the Nature Preserve. No facilities on site.

**Field Trip Tips:** Bring binoculars and bottled water for drinking. Dress for the weather by wearing light-colored, sturdy clothing, and a hat appropriate for hiking wooded and open fields. To minimize areas of exposed skin to mosquitoes, ticks, and other arthropods wear long-sleeved shirts tucked into pants and tuck pants into socks. Wear closed shoes instead of sandals. If you do a quick check when you are done hiking, there should be no problem. Repellents or insecticides, such as permethrin, can be applied to clothing and gear for added protection. [Maps](#)

# FUNDRAISING & VOLUNTEERS >>>

## [Western Cuyahoga Audubon Volunteer Positions](#)

Would you like to do more for birds and habitat conservation? Are you a great communicator? Do you have good organization skills to help grow the Audubon mission? Read the volunteer position descriptions below. Interested? For details, email [info@wcaudubon.org](mailto:info@wcaudubon.org) We'd like to hear from you!

- **Bird-Friendly Coffee Coordinator.** Serve as Coordinator of an established bird-friendly coffee club! Speak to groups about the benefits of bird-friendly coffee. Write monthly articles and help manage the online coffee store. Track orders by email and deliver to 3 Cleveland locations. Attend Board meetings. Must be passionate and be able to serve with a smile! Training is available.
- **Field Trip Coordinator.** Plan monthly field trips through the year and coordinate leaders. Have enough knowledge of northeast Ohio birding sites and bird migration to organize trips when birds are in the area. Love photography? Publish participant, flora and fauna photos in a synopsis and bird list report.
- **Recording Secretary.** Become a member of the WCAS Board of Directors with decision-making and voting privileges. Attend monthly meetings to keep detailed meeting minutes. Distribute minutes to the Board within 3 days of the meeting.
- **Volunteer and Public Relations Coordinator.** The Coordinator oversees the recruitment, placement, and retention of volunteers. Become an advocate for the National Audubon mission, WCAS programs and services. Attend Board meetings. Don't miss this rewarding opportunity to engage in meaningful work!
- **Program Hospitality Coordinator.** Set-up and provide refreshments for the monthly program meetings hosted September through May at the Rocky River Nature Center in Olmsted, Ohio.
- **Fundraising Coordinator.** This position is perfect for a volunteer who loves to set goals and achieve them! The fundraising coordinator attends Board meetings, plans events, monitors activities, markets, and builds relationships to grow donations and revenue for chapter operations and projects.
- **Social Gathering Coordinator.** Do you love to create exciting and fun social gatherings? Help us schedule four action-packed events per year for WCAS members, affiliates, and friends. Birds and beer? Boating excursions? Attend monthly Board meetings. Join us! [Read Online](#)

## [Sponsor-A-Speaker in the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Speaker Series](#)

The WCAS Speaker Series is a monthly program scheduled September through May featuring notable citizen scientists and naturalists. The series is popular and the 2018 - 2019 program season will be no exception! We'd like to give members and the public an opportunity to sponsor one ... or more, of our 2018-2019 speakers. Perhaps you want to advocate for a topic or have heard the presenter before? Sponsors are listed in chapter marketing or can remain anonymous. Check off **Sponsor-A-Speaker** for \$100 on the Membership Form enclosed in the printed newsletter ([PDF here](#)) or donate [online](#) and at check out, mark that funds are for **Sponsor-A-Speaker**. [More](#)

## Thank You, Volunteers!

Thank you bird walk and field trip leaders Tim Colborn, Bill Deininger, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper, Joanne & Terry Gorges, Nancy Howell, and Tim Jasinski. Thank you nature photographers Anna Julnes, Chuck Slusarczyk Jr., David Lewis, Kaoru Tsubone, Penny O'Connor, Ray Burns, Tom Fishburn. Thanks Don Howell, annual picnic grill starter!



# PROGRAMS >>>

Western Cuyahoga Audubon programs are free and open to the public. Monthly programs are held the first Tuesday of each month, September through May, at the Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Guests are invited to learn about the Audubon mission. [Map](#)

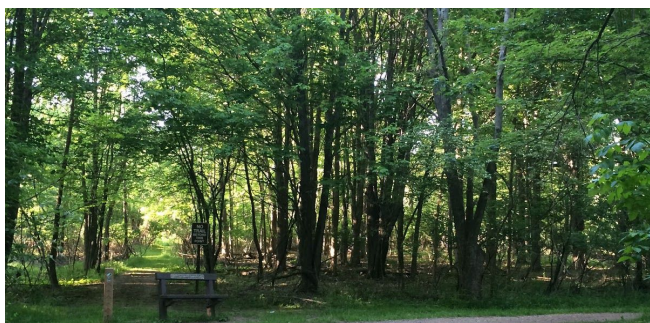


Photo: Trail Design by Alice Merkel.

> Tues, Sept 4, 7:30 PM

## [Vegetation in Northeast Ohio: Two Hundred Years of Changes and Challenges](#)

**Presenter:** Kathryn Flinn, Asst. Prof. of Biology, Baldwin-Wallace University

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, Sept 4, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH [Map](#)

**Description:** What did the forests in Cuyahoga County look like in 1800? How does this compare with current vegetation in the U.S., in particular, the Cleveland Metroparks? Katie Flinn will present research she and her students have done to map the numbers and distribution of each tree species based on original county land surveys around 1800. She will discuss which tree species have increased or decreased over time and why.

## **Do You Have a WCAS Story to Share?**

We're looking for volunteers with knowledge of past WCAS projects at Donald Gray Gardens, the Rocky River Important Bird Area, Dike 14/Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, North Royalton properties & Mill Stream Run-Lake to Lake Trail for the Nov 6, 2018 speaker program. [Take the Survey](#)



Photo: Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*) by Scott Martin.

> Tues, Oct 2, 7:30 PM

## [Careless Whispers? Deciphering the Hidden Vocal Repertoire of a Common Backyard Bird, the Dark-eyed Junco](#)

**Presenter:** Dr. Dustin Reichard, Ohio Wesleyan University

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, Oct 2, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH [Map](#)

**Description:** Birders have been fascinated by the diversity of songs and calls produced by birds throughout the year. Vocalizations help us to identify species by ear and the melodic songs produced by songbirds in the spring serves to attract mates and repel rivals. Yet birds also produce quiet, whispered sounds when in close proximity with a mate or rival. Evidence indicates these "secretive" sounds are important to a bird's ability to survive and reproduce. Welcome Dr. Dustin Reichard who studies these quieter sounds.

# NEWS >>>



## Coffee Connects Conservation, Community and Children by Bill Wilson

Since 2009, Birds & Beans has been dedicated to making Smithsonian certified 100% certified shade grown Bird Friendly®, USDA Organic and Fair Trade coffee available to U.S. coffee drinkers who want great tasting coffee that supports sustainable agriculture in the Americas. Every bean in every bag helps save birds, tropical forests, family farmers and their workers, local rural economies and the Earth we all share. As our business grows we remain confirmed in our mission. By paying premium prices to small family farmers in Central & South America we are helping families stay on the land forming the backbone of solid local economies. This means that children of the farmers and farm workers have the income they need for food, clothing, medical care, stable schools, and homes to stay in the community and have a decent life. These are some of the poorest countries in the Americas. This year we are happy that an enterprising teacher at a Cambridge, Ohio school who runs the 'Bobcat Coffee Company' wanted to use our coffee for their project which gives special needs students the opportunity to learn how to run a small business. The BBC brews and sells coffee in the school. The students learn how to work together in an enterprise and use the proceeds for special class events. Making the connections of bird conservation, communities in Latin America and the children in those communities turns out to be a very gratifying venture. - By Bill Wilson, Co-Founder, [Birds & Beans®](#)

## Mark Your Calendars!

- ★ [Intl Owl Awareness Day](#), Sat Aug 4, 2018
- ★ [National Hummingbird Day](#), Sat Sept 1, 2018
- ★ [Intl Vulture Awareness Day](#), Sat Sept 8, 2018

Event: [Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters \(COAC\) Wksp](#)

Date: Sun Sept 16, 2018

Host: Tri-Moraine Audubon Society, Bellefontaine, OH

Event: [The Big Sit hosted by The Bird Watcher's Digest](#)

Dates: Oct 6 -7, 2018

Website: <http://bit.ly/2taLLhk>

Event: [The Wildlife Society's 25th Annual Conference](#)

Dates: Oct 7 - 11, 2018

Website: <http://twconference.org/>

Event: [Audubon Great Lakes Chapter Gathering](#)

Dates: Fri Oct 19 - Sun Oct 21, 2018

Location: Grand Haven, MI

Event: [Christmas Bird Count-Lakewood Circle](#)

Date: Sat Dec 29, 2018

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- A Western Cuyahoga Audubon window cling for home or car (4 x 4 in.)
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