

April

Warbler Warm-up

Presenters: Matt Valencic and Kelly Kozlowski

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Description: Spring migration is one of the best times to be in NE Ohio for warblers. Many species pass through the area on their way north, but some remain in Ohio to nest. Because we only see them for a short time every year we sometimes forget how to identify them. Photographs help group warblers by appearance, preferred habitat, and behaviors, such as tail wagging, which helps with identification. Songs and ways to remember also. This should get us prepared for migration!

May

Peregrine Falcons: Predators of Urban Canyons

Presenters: Chad and Chris Saladin

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Description: One of the biggest success stories in conservation was the reintroduction of the Peregrine Falcon to the eastern U.S. In Ohio, cities, such as Columbus, Toledo, Cleveland and other "urban mountains" became the stronghold of the falcons. Chad and Chris Saladin have been falcon watchers and trackers for a long time and know the history of many pairs of birds in and around northeast Ohio. Find out how the falcons are faring on the bridges and buildings of the urban canyons.

June

Annual Picnic, Plant Exchange & Bird Walk

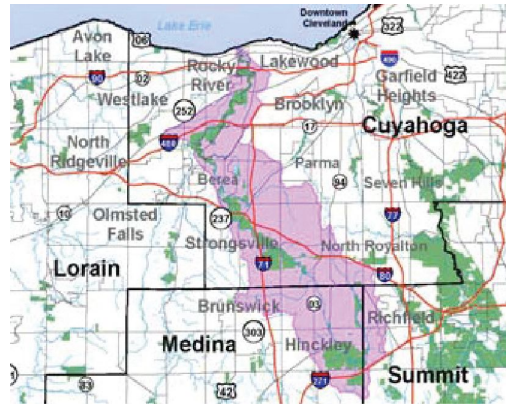
Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. (no rain will fall this evening!)

Location: Lagoon Picnic Area, Valley Parkway, between Cedar Point Rd and Spafford Rd, south of Rocky River Nature Center (NOT at the Nature Center – held outdoors at a picnic shelter.)

Leader: Nancy Howell, Educator and Naturalist

Target Species: Nesting and resident species

Description: Our annual Audubon picnic and plant exchange. Bring your dinner (grill will be available for cooking), your family or friends. Bring plants, seeds, bulbs that need houseplants or outdoor plants. If you don't have any plants to bring that is OK, but adopt an "orphan" plant. Bird walk after dinner.



This map shows the area of interest of the Western Cuyahoga Audubon. We operate in the west side of Cleveland, approximately from the Cuyahoga River west to Avon Lake and south to Hinckley, Ohio. **The area shaded in lavender is the Rocky River Important Bird Area (IBA).**

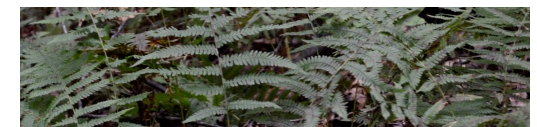
There are five other Audubon chapters in Northeast Ohio, including Blackbrook Audubon Society, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, Akron Audubon Society, Canton Audubon Society, and Black River Audubon Society.



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Speaker Series
2018-2019



Western Cuyahoga Audubon Speaker Series 2018-2019

Programs are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Programs are free and open to the public. Programs subject to change.

September

Vegetation in Northeast Ohio: Two Hundred Years of Changes and Challenges

Presenter: Kathryn Flinn, Plant Ecologist & Assistant Professor of Biology, Baldwin-Wallace University

Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Description: What did the forests in Cuyahoga County look like in 1800? How does this compare with current vegetation in the county, in particular, the Cleveland Metroparks? Katie Flinn, Associate Instructor of Biology and Plant Ecologist at Baldwin-Wallace University, will share the research she and her students have done mapping the abundance and distribution of each tree species based on original land surveys of the county around 1800. She will then discuss which tree species have increased or decreased over time and why.

October

Careless Whispers? Deciphering the Hidden Vocal Repertoire of a Common Backyard Bird, the Dark-eyed Junco

Presenter: Dustin G. Reichard, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Zoology, Ohio Wesleyan University

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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 two functions - attract mates and repel rivals. Yet birds also produce quiet, whispered sounds when in close proximity with a mate or rival. Evidence seems to indicate that these "secretive" sounds are an important part of the bird's ability to survive and reproduce. Let's welcome Dr. Dustin Reichard of Ohio Wesleyan University, who studies these quieter sounds.

November

Connecting People to Nature: Placemaking at Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society

Presenters: WCAS Members, Affiliates, and Friends

Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Description: Western Cuyahoga Audubon has played an active role in Cleveland habitat conservation from reclaiming the city's Donald Gray Gardens, a gem of the 1936 and 1937 World Fair, to pioneering the formation of the Rocky River Important Bird Area. Join us for a retrospect of chapter conservation projects, often starting with the actions of one or two people, that have become iconic birding and natural landscapes of Northeast Ohio. A program of stories, photography, and community celebration!

December

To the Edge of the Earth: Nome, Barrow, and Bering Sea Islands

Presenter: Craig Caldwell, Editor, *The Ohio Cardinal*

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Special Event: Annual Potluck Dinner & Silent Auction at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker Presentation: 7:30 p.m.

Description: The vastness and beauty of the Arctic and the inhabitants of the Arctic, both wildlife and people, will be shared with us by Craig Caldwell, Audubon supporter and Editor of *The Ohio Cardinal*, a publication of the Ohio Ornithological Society. Join Craig in his journeys to the outer edges of Alaska, as he shares the scenes and birds of Nome, Barrow, and the Bering Sea communities of Adak, St. Paul, and Gambell.

Annual Potluck Dinner & Silent Auction Details:

We begin our dinner at 6:30 p.m., but the program is at 7:30 p.m. For the silent auction, please bring gently-used or new nature-themed items. Bring a few bucks at the same time, and take home some treasures for yourself or for holiday gifts. For the potluck, bring a tasty appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Western Cuyahoga Audubon provides beverages, bird-friendly, shade-grown coffee, ham and turkey.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction support general (unrestricted) funds for Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society activities.

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January

Chimney Swifts: Our Amazing & Imperiled Avian Insectivores

Presenter: Judy Semroc, Conservation Specialist, Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Description: Aerial insectivores, birds that catch insects on the wing, such as the Chimney Swift are declining and there may be several reasons for the decline. Naturalist Judy Semroc will share information on the natural history, habits, importance and reasons for decline of the swift, the amazing flying "cigar!" Learn about the importance of creating swift towers to help this species.

February

One Green Space for All: Areas Significant for Migratory and Breeding Birds

Presenter: Jen Brumfield, Naturalist and Scientific Illustrator, Cleveland Metroparks

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Description: When people think of birding they think of heading out to acres of forests, wetlands or grasslands. In a city, the smallest of places or any "vacant lot" can be a haven for wildlife. Follow a set of railroad tracks, walk near abandoned industrial sites, check out an old cemetery ... birds love these areas and use them while on migration to rest or feed, and to nest. This program shows us where to look for birds in the city.

March

The Life and Times of the American Woodcock

Presenter: Heather Shaw, Regional Wildlife Biologist, Ruffed Grouse Society and American Woodcock Society

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Description: The American Woodcock is not your typical shorebird. Rather than running on a sand beach or probing a mudflat, the woodcock haunts early successional forests and thickets especially. Many of us are familiar with or have watched the spring "sky dance" of the woodcock, but what about the rest of the year? Join us for a journey through a year in the life of the American Woodcock.