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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2020: IT'S GOING TO BE A GOOD YEAR

By Nancy Howell, WCAS Board Member

This year might just be the year to get out and walk to a nearby park, green space, cemetery or even your neighborhood as long as it is the Count Circle. Don't want to walk? Driving routes, stopping and counting species at various points, may be done OR keep track of species coming to your feeder!

Yes, the Christmas Bird Count in 2020 is ON! This year has been a trying one; whether it be working from home, curtailed plans for travel, or distancing from family and friends. A little bit of normalcy is needed. How about joining the 121st Christmas Bird Count (Lakewood Circle) being held on Sunday, December 27 sponsored by Western Cuyahoga Audubon? COVID-19 precautions, as noted below, will still take precedence, but being out birding in winter collecting data as part of National Audubon's "citizen science" program, can't be beat.

This year's count will be a little different with fun and exciting Count events being held virtually! Here is what is scheduled:

- A pre-Christmas Bird Count virtual kickoff on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. Rah-rah-rah - We'll get you excited about participating and having others join in to cover portions of the Lakewood Circle CBC.
- A Christmas Bird Count Bird ID and participant sign-up will take place on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. We'll cover some of the tougher bird identifications, discuss areas that need coverage in our Count Circle and get more participants signed up!
- The Count itself on Sunday, December 27 - NOT Virtual ... it is the REAL DEAL!
- An on-line Christmas Bird Count Wrap-Up on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Participants join to discuss what was sighted, stories of the day, share photographs, and get our complete list of species tallied all in the comfort of your home. Grab some dessert, a favorite beverage, log in and enjoy.

Not familiar with the Christmas Bird Count? Explore our Audubon Christmas Bird Count Lakewood Circle reports at our Scribd library at <https://goo.gl/APBzat> to learn more. On count day, Sunday, December 27, small groups or individuals go out part or all of the day to cover our Circle area called the Lakewood Circle. The area covers much of the western lakefront, into Lorain Co. (Avon Lake, Avon and North Ridgeville), south to the northern border of Strongsville (Ohio Turnpike is a good boundary reference) and east to Brooklyn and some of Parma Hts. (Continued on page 2...)

(Continued from page 1...) The Christmas Bird Count-Lakewood Circle Map 2020 shows locations that are covered as well as those that need coverage <http://bit.ly/2IR3kV> This year might just be the year to get out and walk to a nearby park, green space, cemetery or even your neighborhood as long as it is the Count Circle. Don't want to walk? Driving routes, stopping and counting species at various points, may be done OR keep track of species coming to your feeder! Novice birder or expert, families and friends, individuals or groups of fewer than 10, everyone's participation is appreciated. Areas that are covered or need coverage are listed in the News blog announcement <https://bit.ly/34lypft> We at WCAS want all participants to be safe and practice all of the COVID-19 precautions (wearing masks, groups of fewer than 10 people, remain at least 6 feet apart, wash and sanitize hands frequently.)

Here are some things to consider:

- Owling in the early morning or the evening of count day! (Not mandatory, but a way to get those nocturnal species.)
- List all species AND the number of individual birds of each species while out in the field or watching feeders and yards.
- Cover neighborhoods, cemeteries, parks, or greenspaces in the count circle as long as they are not being covered by another person or team (contact me for areas being covered... or not).
- Drive around birding is good too. Drive, stop, look, and tally along a route.
- Keep track of hours birding (walking or driving), feeder watching as well as distance walked and/or driven.

Participation has been fantastic in the past, but we can always use additional participants. Every bird sighting is important and we need you and the results of your efforts. Please sign up to assist and call on friends and family. Grab a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and make a morning or day of it. Please contribute a little bit of time to a great event. As mentioned earlier, we'll gather virtually on Monday, January 11, 2021 to tally our results and review sightings. Please contact Nancy Howell, Lakewood Circle compiler, to take part in the Christmas Bird Count at nancyhowell@wcaudubon.org or call 440-891-1710 through December 23. In the meantime, take care because we want to see you out on the trails and birding in the future. Thank you - the birds appreciate it!
~ Nancy Howell, Lakewood Circle CBC, Compiler

WALKS AND FIELD TRIPS >>>



Photos (left to right): Canada Geese and Mallards, Second Saturday Bird Walk, October 2020, Rocky River Reservation by Kaoru Tsubone; Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) by Randy Herman; American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) and Urban Birding with David Lindo, Cleveland, OH November 2019 by Tom Fishburn.

WCAS Bird Walk COVID-19 Protocols

As we all manage our coronavirus risk, Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society's utmost concern is for the health and safety of our members and volunteers, their families, and communities we serve. Even though we are not able to meet for the traditionally scheduled chapter bird walks and field trips, we can stay connected through social media, participate in WCAS community virtual programs and activities, and casually meet with 2-3 birding friends while observing COVID-19 social and physical distancing protocols for mutual health and well-being. Let's be safe so we can bird together again!

Here are *five* reminders: (1) Limit group sizes to 10 people or less. (2) Use social distancing, working in a scattered fashion at least 6' apart from each other. (3) Plan to travel separately, unless part of a family living together. (4) Plan to bring and wear face masks. (5) Wash hands with soap and water or use a high-alcohol based gel hand sanitizer.

Virtual Field Trips, Digital Scrapbooking, and Online Community Meet Ups!

Michelle Brosius, Field Trip Co-Coordinator, WCAS, invites birders to participate in a monthly designated field trip location, share stories to a public digital scrapbook, and meet fellow birders in optional online community meet ups hosted at the WCAS Virtual Conference Center.

Virtual Field Trip November 2020

Dates: November 1- 30, 2020

Location: Richfield Heritage Preserve, 4374 Broadview Rd, Richfield, OH 44286 [Map](#)

Featured Bird Species: Woodpeckers (e.g., Red-bellied and Downy) and Nuthatches (e.g., White-breasted and Red-breasted)

Details and to Register <https://bit.ly/3dStUSy>

Community Meet-Up: Wed Dec 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Field Trip December 2020

Dates: December 1-31, 2020

Location: Sandy Ridge Reservation, 6195 Otten Rd, North Ridgeville, OH 44039 [Map](#)

Featured Bird Species: American Tree Sparrow, Waterfowl (e.g., Trumpeter Swan, American Black Duck)

Details and to Register <https://bit.ly/2ThBnku>

Community Meet-Up: Wed Jan 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Field Trip January 2021

Dates: January 1-31, 2021

Location: Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, 4524 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights, OH, 44125 [Map](#)

Featured Bird Species: Bald Eagle. Head north on the trail and there is a good chance to view Bald Eagles, which should be pairing up or paired up already. There might even be an eagle's nest along the Cuyahoga River.

Details and to Register <https://bit.ly/2G9esog>

Community Meet-Up: Wed Feb 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Participate in the Virtual Field Trip Digital Scrapbook!

Attendees are encouraged to take photographs, draw a picture or create art inspired by what they see, tally species, create a poem, a Haiku, questions or curiosities about birds, plants, or even a butterfly while visiting the natural area. Contributions will be published to the WCAudubon.org website and shared on social media.

Community Meet-Ups

Build your connections, share your experiences, and ask questions! We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the WCAS Virtual Conference Center at www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/info8415 Email content to MichelleBrosius@WCAudubon.org



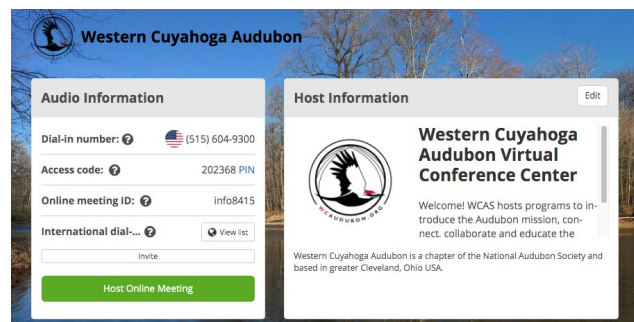
Above: Richfield Heritage Preserve, 4374 Broadview Rd, Richfield, OH by Tom Fishburn.



Above: Trumpeter Swans (*Cygnus buccinator*), Sandy Ridge Reservation, 6195 Otten Rd, North Ridgeville, OH by Michelle Brosius.



Above: American Tree Sparrow (*Spizella arborea*), Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation by Tom Fishburn.



Go to the WCAS Virtual Conference Center for chapter programs. Download FREE Desktop & Mobile Apps at <https://www.freeconferencecall.com/downloads-2>

PROJECT UPDATES

Maintaining Chimney Swift Towers

By Amanda Sebrosky, Founder, NEO Chimney Swift Conservation Society

Just like any house, Chimney Swift towers need maintenance. At times, a tower is built then, with time, falls into disrepair - project ends, interested parties move on. Whatever the reason, the birds suffer. The cap rots and falls in; wasps evict the rightful owners -- the Chimney Swifts. Northeast Ohio Chimney Swift Conservation Society aims to help repair abandoned or forgotten towers.

Such a tower stands in the middle of Old Field in South Chagrin Reservation on Chagrin River Rd in Moreland Hills, Ohio. The tower is about 8 feet tall and looks to be a bit old. The cap has rotted and partially caved in and wasps have built a comfy home on the underside of the cap. The outer covering of the particle board does not appear to ever have seen a coat of paint. The supports for the bottom covering have fallen away and the bottom cover itself is nowhere to be seen. But we are changing that!

With the permission of the park manager, I put the first coat of paint on the tower and filled holes in the legs just to make them look nice. WOW! What a difference a little bit of paint makes. The tower already looks better! At that time, I measured the new covering I've made for the bottom to ensure it would fit around the legs and measured the length for the new 2" X 4" pieces that needed to be placed for support of the bottom covering. I saw Chimney Swifts in the area so have opted to wait until October to complete repairs. Even though I doubt that the tower is being used this year, waiting gives me time to organize for repair completion, which will probably be done in 2 more steps. This is the plan and the list of tasks:

- Step 1:
 - Cut and place the bottom supports
 - Add the second coat of paint
- Step 2: (October)
 - Clean the inside of the old bird nest and remove any wasp nests
 - Remove the old cap and place the new cap with a larger hole.
 - Place a bottom cover to protect against climbing predators.

None of the tasks are too taxing but making sure that ladders, paint and all needed supplies and charged, portable power tools are assembled for transport 40 miles away is nerve racking. I don't know about you but I always miss something! Good thing I have a month to prepare!



Above: Chimney Swift Tower construction by Amanda Sebrosky.

Chimney Swift Tower in Walker Park

Walker Park is on the border of Bay Village and Avon Lake and is jointly administered by both cities. It has a large pond stocked with fish, a paved walking path and wide, green, open spaces for soccer fields that also help with water control. The fields are well patrolled by swallows catching bugs -- a real boon to the people watching kids on the soccer fields. Now -- we hope that we can add Chimney Swifts to the troop of arial bug-catchers! After some setbacks due to COVID-19 pandemic and changes needed to keep staff safe, the chimney swift tower that will be placed in Walker Park is nearly finished! (see photos above) Dan Enovitch, Director of Parks and Recreation for Bay Village and Jonathan Liskovec, Director of Public Services and Properties for Bay Village, have been extremely helpful in organizing approvals and helping decide the best places for the first of what we hope will be several towers in Bay Village. Thanks to the staff of Public Services and Properties building the tower, it is nearly ready to go! In November, the tower will be placed near the educational area in Walker Park that contains a Monarch waystation passively watered by a rain barrel. The tower will have an informational plaque and will be surrounded by native plants. Be inspired to help build more towers and promote native plants!

The Fledgling Birding Challenge. On Friday, November 27, the day after Thanksgiving, WCAS hosts a challenge for "fledgling" birders, perhaps young people in your family or someone less mobile that would like to get out and observe nature ... anyone can participate. Registrants receive a checklist with 19 species of birds to find. A 20th species can be ANY bird the participant finds that is not on the list. What a great way to get out after the holiday, walk off a few calories, or make room for another slice of pie. Register by clicking the fledgling challenge tile on the WCAudubon.org home page.

FUNDRAISING AND ADVOCACY >>>

Virtual Field Trip Summary Report by Michelle Brosius, WCAS Board Member & Field Trip Co-Coordinator. In July, WCAS kicked off a series of Virtual Field Trip bird walks, designed to be enjoyed independently or with members of your household or close friends with whom you have chosen to weather the COVID-19 storm. Bath Nature Preserve in Bath Township was our first location participants embarked on a search for the target species: Bobolinks and Tree Swallows. We learned about the history of the preserve and the various habitats managed there: wetlands, woodlands, grasslands, riparian, and a Tamarack bog. We enjoyed beautiful photographs of the preserve submitted by very talented participants: target species, as well as other bird species and butterflies. Also, congratulations to a lucky birder, Al Rand, who got a lifer! A Henslow's Sparrow. The month of August took us to Nimisila Reservoir, Green, OH to see Purple Martins gather in vast numbers before heading to South America for the winter. In September we visited Lake Isaac in search of Fall Warblers as well as the Great Blue Heron. We learned that Lake Isaac is a glacial pothole created thousands of years ago and is an important refuge for migrating waterfowl. We visit the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve for October. You are invited to participate in upcoming trips! In November we visit Richfield Heritage Preserve in search of woodpeckers and nuthatches. In December we bird at Sandy Ridge Reservation for the American Tree Sparrow and winter waterfowl (e.g., Trumpeter Swan and American Black Duck). Please register by clicking the virtual field trip tile on the WCAudubon.org home page for details and your free ticket. Watch past programs at the WCAS YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/2HLP2On>.

Bird of the Month and Photo Contest. In August WCAS launched a monthly fundraiser featuring a familiar area bird that is threatened or endangered. Our goal is to collect a minimum of \$100 a month for 12 months to defray costs of our online programs and activities. Expenses are now different due to switching from face-to-face events to online meetups and we do have fixed expenses that need to be covered each month to continue serving our community by offering education about conservation issues. We also offer a monthly photo contest with our fundraiser and in these first few months we have received some great entries. Our area boasts a lot of talented bird photographers and we hope that more and more of you will enter. See <https://www.wcaudubon.org/bird-of-the-month.html>

WCAS Fall 2020 Birding Challenges and Contest Summary. Fall Birding Challenges and a Mask-making Contest kept members and guests busy and getting outdoors despite COVID-19 restrictions. Challenges gave beginning birders and experienced birders the opportunity to go out and observe birds in a variety of ways. These were also meant to be fun while birding and being outdoors. The Dead-Tree Birding Challenge took place Sept 11-14th. This challenge was to find a dead or mostly dead tree in your neighborhood, park, greenspace or cemetery, and spend time sitting and listing the bird species that used that tree, for perching to sing, preen, watch for prey or other use. The challenge was to see if from participant lists, 50 species of birds utilized dead trees. For more experienced birders, WCAS hosted the Fall Warbler Challenge Sept 1-Oct 31st. Participants could travel anywhere in the county they lived to list the warbler species. The Fall Warbler Challenge Wrap-Up is Sat Nov 14th at 3:00 p.m. The Mask-making Contest, following a public vote, announces a winning selection at the November Member Meeting. Expect more fun challenges in 2021!

The Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters (COAC) Fall Gathering, Saturday, October 3, was attended by thirty-nine participants representing several Audubon Chapters and sponsored by Canton Audubon Society with support from The Wilderness Center. Keynote speaker Dr. Andy Jones, ornithologist, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, spoke on Lights Out Cleveland data and songbird hybridization. Tri-Moraine and Canton Audubon presented success stories about student bird-friendly gardens, a new Chimney Swift tower at Sippo Lake, Stark County Parks, and Fox Fields, the green burial cemetery located in Stark County.

Birthday Fundraisers. Consider celebrating your birthday with a WCAS fundraiser on Facebook. Or, for an upcoming birthday for a special child, family member or someone you'd like to honor. Support WCAS grassroots action by making a gift at <https://bit.ly/2Wx1rtT>

Contributors. Michelle Brosius, Mary Lou Czajka, Karen Czerniawski, Bill Deininger, Katie Fallon, Tom Fishburn, Dave Graskemper, Gloria Ferris, Nancy Howell, Joy Kiser, Jo Ann Bastian Kubicki, David Lindo, Rosemary Mosco, Mary Anne Pfrogner, Corey Ringle, Maurice Small, Amanda Sebrosky, Chuck Slusarczyk Jr., Stormy Sweitzer, Kaoru Tsubone. **Welcome New Members!** Lilly Derflinger, Duane and Jeanne Kurapka, Joanne McKell, Leslie Rossi, Mary Wolf.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES >>>

Member Meetings and Speaker Series 2020-2021. Programs are free and open to the public. Member Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Speaker at 8:00 p.m. at join.freeconferencecall.com/info8415

Program: “Emergent Mechanics of the Cup Nest and Its ‘Mechanical Synthesis’” **Presenter:** Dr. Hunter King, Physicist and Polymer Scientist, University of Akron **Date & Time:** Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. **Description:** From the perspective of polymer research and biomimicry, the cup nest built by some birds is unusual: it’s cohesive without attractive interactions; it is plastic and soft though its elements are elastic and stiff. Birds building this type of nest appear to embody an instinctive understanding of the emergent mechanics of thin, flexible, and frictional grains, one that is currently lacking in the scientific community. How do birds choose elements in order to tune the mechanical performance in aggregate? How do distinctive mechanical characteristics relate to structural demands of natural nests? **Announcement:** <https://bit.ly/3dQtBra>

Program: “Lichens: An Overlooked Organism” **Presenter:** Tomas Curtis, undergraduate at Kent State University, studying Botany **Date & Time:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. **Description:** What is a lichen? Is it a plant? A fungi? An algae? We’ll find out and become lichenologists ourselves. Tomas Curtis will discuss the history of studying lichens including the work and accomplishments happening in Northeast Ohio. We’ll discover why lichens are important to ecosystems. Lastly, Tomas will cover information on some of the most significant finds of his current study. **Announcement:** <https://bit.ly/35rst9E>

Program: “Bird Migration: Linking Habitats Between Two Continents” **Presenter:** John Hannon, BirdLife International, US Representative **Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. **Description:** Iconic species, such as Scarlet Tanager and Bobolink, are focal species of Audubon chapters’ conservation efforts that connect us to Hemispheric initiatives supporting communities and habitats across the Americas. John Hannon will present the current state of bird conservation across the globe and how the BirdLife Partnership, which includes Audubon, is working to combine community development with conservation, protecting the habitats of birds, and bringing awareness of the need for healthy ecosystems. **Announcement:** <https://bit.ly/37TnJg4>



Above: (left to right) Tomas Curtis, Kent State University; Laura Erickson, Author; and David Lindo, The Urban Birder.

Guardians of Nature. The Guardians continue to provide feedback and suggestions to improve chapter presentations and events. A big thank you to our members and fans who believe education is the way to raise the awareness for protecting and preserving habitat for generations to come. Seeing the environment through the eyes of birds is a unique and effective way to reach a broad audience and you are helping to develop the concept. Thank You! Meetings: Nov 12 & Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21 & 28 at 7:00 p.m. Register at Eventbrite.

WCAS Book Club. In September we began two monthly Sunday programs from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The first session features an author speaker with an audience Q&A. The second session is a book discussion featuring favorite nature books. It’s especially fun when authors participate! Schedule:

- November 15 & 22, David Lindo, WCAS Global Ambassador and international celebrity birder. David will share tips and pointers from his book, *How to Be an Urban Birder*.
- December 13, Laura Erickson and her newly released book, *The Love Lives of Birds: Courting and Mating Rituals*.
- January 17 & 24 features *Studies of Familiar Birds* by Carrie Green. This book of poetry is based on the plates Joy Kiser chose from *Illustrations of the Nests and Eggs of Birds of Ohio* by Genevieve Estelle Jones.

Book discount codes are offered on some books. Tickets are \$20 per month for two sessions, or \$12 per session for non-members, \$10 members. Details and updates at www.wcaudubon.org/news ~ Gloria Ferris, WCAS Board member, facilitator & host.

COFFEE NEWS >>>

Bird Safe Coffee by Amanda Sebrosky

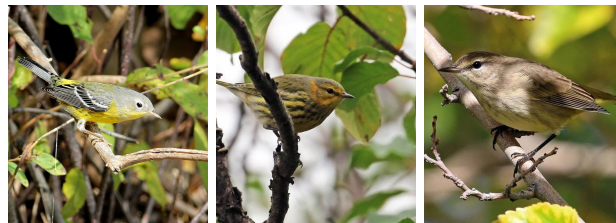
Birds connect us to people in distant lands. The migratory birds that arrive every spring in the United States are the same birds that you would see in South America during our winter. We could talk to a farmer in Nicaragua about the rose-breasted grosbeak and he would see in his mind's-eye what we see. The sorrow we feel as the bird populations dwindle here is the same sorrow felt by birders in South America as losses of forests in Central and South America mirror the habitat loss in the US. It's easy to feel helpless but here is something that you can do to help -- and it's as easy as pouring yourself a cup-a-joe and kicking back to watch the birds. The cheap, sun-grown coffee we buy in the stores has a very high price. Because farmers can produce



sun-grown coffee at a much higher density than shade grown coffee, vast tracts of forest, particularly rainforests, are clear cut, decreasing habitat for native plants and animals as well as altering the ecosystem locally AND globally. Since birds and other insect-eating creatures no longer have the food source provided by the forests, farmers must use pesticides, i.e. poisons, on the plants to increase production. The world over, pesticides enter the water, air and soil and, ultimately, you and me as they circulate around the globe in the ocean and air currents. The answer to the problems associated with our morning wake-up elixir is coffee certified as 'Bird friendly' by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center. This designation ensures that the coffee farms raise the coffee organically so the soil is healthy and pesticide free. It also requires that the farms have a variety of native shade trees throughout the coffee plantation providing habitat for dozens of species of migratory birds and stabilizing the soil to prevent erosion. The premium prices commanded by bird-safe coffee provides a higher standard of living for the farm families, translating to an improved local economy. Additionally, per one Smithsonian study, "These farms provide firewood, building materials, fruit and vegetables, medicinal and ritual plants, and other crops that maintain and sustain local communities throughout the year" further adding to the economic stability of the farmers and the community. By drinking Smithsonian certified Bird-friendly coffee, you contribute to raising people out of poverty, a healthier global environment and a healthier you. Birds & Beans® Coffee is the only coffee brand in the USA that is 100% certified shade grown Smithsonian Bird Friendly®, USDA Organic and Fair Trade. Prices vary by roast starting at about \$13.25 for 12 oz with their best value of \$52 per five pounds (see ordering details next column). This coffee benefits you and Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society, which gets a small donation from the company for each order.

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Photo: Coffee Forest Photo credit Ministerio de Defensa del Perú.



Fall Warblers (l to r): Magnolia Warbler (*Setophaga magnolia*) at Mentor OH by Tom Fishburn; Cape May Warbler (*Setophaga tigrina*) and Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*) by Chuck Slusarczyk Jr.

Join the [WCAS Bird Friendly Coffee Club](https://birdsandbeanscoffee.com/buycoffee)! Order coffee at the Birds & Beans® store at birdsandbeanscoffee.com/buycoffee Coffee is Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center Bird Friendly®-certified beans, 100 percent shade-grown, USDA Organic, and Fair-Trade certified. Use the 7-day WCAS Free Shipping Codes: Nov 23-29 'FRENOV', Dec 21-27 'FREDEC' and Jan 25-31 'FREEJAN'. Note: 5% of annual chapter sales support WCAS conservation projects.



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Western Cuyahoga Audubon Volunteer Opportunities and Leadership Positions

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Volunteer and Public Relations Coordinator - The Coordinator oversees recruitment, placement, and retention of volunteers and is an advocate for the Audubon mission, WCAS programs and services. Attend Board meetings. Don't miss this rewarding opportunity to engage in meaningful work! **Bird-Friendly Coffee Co-Coordinator** - Serve as Coordinator of an established bird-friendly coffee club by speaking in front of a group to explain what bird-friendly coffee is & it's benefit for the birds. Provide articles for quarterly newsletter and bi-monthly coffee blog. Assist Web Consultant to maintain an online coffee store. Receive online orders by email, maintain a monthly spreadsheet of orders, receive package deliveries and distribute coffee bags locally to drinkers by driving to at least three (3) Cleveland area locations. Attend monthly Board meetings. Must be passionate and be able to serve with a smile. Training is available. Attend monthly Board meetings. Join us! Read, WCAS Volunteer Positions 2020 at <http://bit.ly/378E2Ci>

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Attendee comment about the October 6, 2020 Speaker Program 'Bird and Moon: Comics With a Naturalist's Knowledge' with Rosemary Mosco, naturalist and artist: *What a fantastic meeting! Thanks again!! - Lilly Derflinger.* Watch the program at <https://youtu.be/fHyhI9SJ6vQ>



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