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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2021: BIRDS - THE BEST GIFT EVER!

By Nancy Howell, Board Member, WCAS

The Christmas Bird Count this year, sponsored by Western Cuyahoga Audubon, will take place on Sunday, December 26, 2021. Join birders and friends in our Count Circle, called the Lakewood Circle. With COVID still in our midst, precautions take precedence, but being out birding in winter collecting data as part of National Audubon's "citizen science" program can't be beat.

The 2021 count will have a pre and post Count Day event, held virtually, to get you excited about the event as well as to wrap up everyone's hard work. It will be fun and exciting.

- ❖ A virtual pre-Christmas Bird Count Kickoff on Monday, **December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** The Count Circle area will be discussed, we'll fill in areas that need coverage within the Count Circle, participants will have the opportunity to sign-up for areas, and have some Bird ID review of the more challenging species that may be encountered. This is an invitation to new CBC birders as well as seasoned CBC participants. Attending the kickoff will get you excited about the day!
- ❖ The Christmas Bird Count itself on **Sunday, December 26, 2021 All Day**- NOT virtual but out watching and tallying birds. It is the REAL DEAL!
- ❖ A virtual post-Christmas Bird Count Wrap-Up on **Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** We encourage participants to discuss what was sighted, share stories of the day, share photographs, and we'll 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? On Count Day, Sunday, December 26, 2021 small groups or individuals go out part or all of the day to an assigned location within the Count Circle - called the Lakewood Circle. The Circle 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. [The Christmas Bird Count-Lakewood Circle Map 2021](#) shows locations that are covered as well as those that need coverage. Explore our Audubon Christmas Bird Count Lakewood Circle reports at our [Scribd library](#) to learn more.

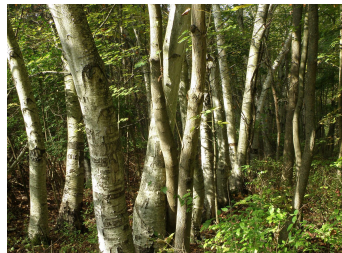
This year, hit some of the greenspaces near your home. Take a walk in a nearby park, cemetery, or around your neighborhood as long as it is within the Count Circle. Don't want to walk? Driving routes, stopping and counting species at various points, may be done OR keeping track of species coming to your feeder! Novice birders or experts, families and friends, individuals or groups, everyone's participation is appreciated. Don't forget, we at WCAS want all participants to be safe and practice COVID-19 precautions. (Continued, page 2...)

(Continued from page 1...) Here are some tips and 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 yard.
- ❖ Cover neighborhoods, cemeteries, parks, or greenspaces in the Count Circle as long as they are not being covered by another person or team (contact Nancy Howell 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) and feeder-watching, as well as distance walked and/or driven.

Participation has been fantastic in the past, and additional participants are ALWAYS welcome. 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 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 Wednesday, December 22, 2021. 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, Compiler, Lakewood Circle Christmas Bird Count

BIRD WALKS



Photos (left to right): White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*) by Kathy Murphy; Birches by Penny O'Connor; Golden-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus satrapa*) rescue by Lilly Derflinger; Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) by Michelle Brosius.

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society hosts bird walks and field trips at various locations and virtually online. Activities are free and open to the public. Current COVID safety guidelines: It's recommended guests who are not fully vaccinated wear a face covering. More: [WCAS COVID-19 Recommendations for Chapter Members, Volunteers and Community](#)

Second Saturday Bird Walks at Rocky River Nature Center - New to birding? Grab some binoculars and join us. You'll be amazed how quickly you can learn! Bird walks are the second Saturday of each month. Saturdays, [November 13](#) & [December 11, 2021](#) and [January 8, 2022](#) at 9:00 a.m. Leaders: Bill Deininger, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper. Where: Cleveland Metroparks, Rocky River Reservation, home of the Rocky River Important Bird Area. Meet at the Rocky River Nature Center parking lot, 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Visit wcaudubon.org and click on the Bird Walks tile on the home page for details and registration.

FIELD TRIPS

Virtual Field Trips is an option for engaging with nature and community. Participants independently visit pre-selected locations and contribute bird lists, journals, and photographs about the visit for a scrapbook shared in a virtual meetup the second Wednesday of each month, following the field trip month at the [WCAS Virtual Conference Center](#). Registration is appreciated. Contact: Michelle Brosius (MichelleBrosius@wcaudubon.org) WCAS Board Member & Field Trip Coordinator.

- ☐ **Dates: November 1-30, 2021.** Location: Lake Metroparks Chagrin River Park. There are three entrances: (1) 3100 Reeves Rd., Willoughby, Ohio 44094 (east entrance), (2) 1000 Rural Dr., Eastlake, Ohio 44095 (west entrance), and (3) 37699 Erie Rd., Willoughby, Ohio 44094 (south entrance). Featured Bird Species: Wild Turkey and White-throated Sparrow. Virtual Meetup: Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Notes: It is the month of Thanksgiving so let's look for Wild Turkey! We'll also look for the White-throated Sparrow, too. Chagrin River Park is a great location for birding and features handicap parking spaces at all entrances, heated restroom facilities at the west and east entrances, and compacted gravel

and asphalt trails. Check out the [Chagrin River Park trail map](#) for parking, restrooms, and trail conditions. Park hours: 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. [REGISTER](#)

- ☐ **Dates: December 1-31, 2021.** Location: Cleveland Metroparks Euclid Creek Reservation, 850 Euclid Creek Parkway, Cleveland, OH 44121. Featured Bird Species: Mergansers (Common, Hooded, Red-breasted) and Belted Kingfisher. Virtual Meetup: Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Notes: Let's explore Euclid Creek for river-dwelling birds who join us or stay for the winter! It may be better to visit the location earlier in the month before the river freezes. See the [Euclid Creek Reservation trail map](#) for parking, restrooms, and trails. Park hours: 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. [REGISTER](#)
- ☐ **Dates: January 1-31, 2022.** Location: Cleveland Metroparks West Creek Reservation, 2277 W. Ridgewood Drive, Parma, Ohio 44134. Featured Bird Species: Hawks (Red-tailed, Red-shouldered) and Eastern Bluebird. Virtual Meetup: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Notes: It is easier to spot hawks (and all birds, really) when the trees have dropped their leaves! Also be sure to check the skies for these soaring birds of prey. Less daylight means they will be more aggressively hunting. Bluebirds should pop against the winter's brown and white scenery. Review the [West Creek Reservation trail map](#) for parking, restrooms, and trails. Park hours: 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. [REGISTER](#)

[Virtual Field Trip Report, June – August 2021](#)

By Michelle Brosius, WCAS Board Member & Field Trip Coordinator

The Virtual Field Trip series is an option for engaging with nature and community while adhering to social distancing guidelines necessitated by COVID-19. Participants in the program independently visit a pre-selected location throughout a given month and then report back with bird lists, journaling, and photographs from their visit. These items are then compiled into a scrapbook that is shared during a virtual meetup the second Wednesday following the field trip month.

- ★ **The June Virtual Field Trip** location was the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Over the course of the month, seven participants searched the park for Scarlet Tanager, Orioles (both Baltimore and Orchard), and Wood Duck. Many sites were visited and the top recommendations from participants include Beaver Marsh, Station Road Railroad, Station Road Towpath Trail, and Virginia Kendall Lake. Mary Ann and John Henderson visited Kendall Lake and provided a tip for eBirders that Kendall Lake has two hotspots, one for the lake and one for the meadow behind the lake. Congratulations to Shaun Missig on his Cerulean Warbler lifer and to Al Rand for seeing his first Yellow-breasted Chat in county! [MEETUP RECORDING & SCRAPBOOK](#)
- ★ **The July Virtual Field Trip** took place at Kopf Family Reservation in Avon Lake, which comprises 170 acres of woodlands, in search of Eastern Wood-Pewee and Red-headed Woodpecker. We had five participants visit the reservation. The connector trail from the public library to the reservation takes you right past the high school's football stadium, which is where I personally had the best luck finding a variety of birds. Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Bluebird, Red-headed Woodpecker, American Robin, House Finch, and even a Chipping Sparrow at one point perched on the chain link fence surrounding the stadium. I spotted a Red-tailed Hawk nest with two adults tending the nest in the vicinity. It seemed a little late for nesting and yet there they were, bringing in twigs. The Eastern Wood-Pewee was seen or heard by almost everyone, as well as the Red-eyed Vireo. Eastern Wood-Pewees have a distinctive call that is unmistakable out in the field once you know it; they say their name: pee-a-wee. [MEETUP RECORDING & SCRAPBOOK](#)
- ★ **August Virtual Field Trip** participants visited The Rookery in Chesterland in search of the Eastern Phoebe, which was sighted by all. The Rookery has an interesting history: it was once the site of the old Interurban Railroad Junction which connected Cleveland to Chardon and Middlefield. I snapped a photo of a juvenile Belted Kingfisher. You can ID a juvenile by the brown or rusty breast band which will become bluish-gray as the bird matures. Tom Fishburn snapped some photos of a Green Heron and focused his camera on a variety of wildflowers in the area. Ironweed, Wingstem, and Great Blue Lobelia were showing lovely colors in August. [MEETUP RECORDING & SCRAPBOOK](#)

Thank you Nancy Howell, Al Rand, Mary Ann and John Henderson, Lisa Gerbec, Shaun Missig, and Tom Fishburn for participating and contributing gorgeous photos and interesting stories. I invite you to watch the recordings and explore the scrapbooks. Check out future field trips by visiting [wcaudubon.org](#) and clicking on the Field Trips tile on the home page.

PROJECTS

[Bluebird Box Season 2021 Wrap-up](#)

By Kurt Miske, Board Member, WCAS



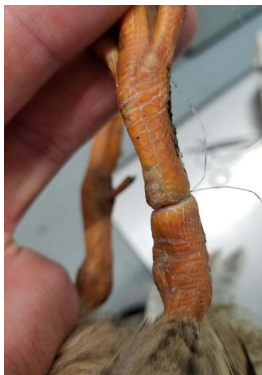
The inaugural breeding season for the WCAS Lewis Road Riding Ring Bluebird boxes has ended, and we are calling it a success! The 5 boxes that we installed last March produced a total of 8 new bluebirds and 10 new tree swallows. We did not allow any house sparrows to use the boxes to reproduce. Not bad for Year 1! Note: Results will also be filed with Cornell Lab of Ornithology's nest monitoring citizen science program, 'Nest Watch'. The monitoring team, which checked on the boxes twice per week and provided necessary maintenance during the season consisted of Lisa Gerbec, George Coleman and Jess Kowalski. Success would not have been possible without them! The now-vacant and cleaned boxes will over-winter in place. They will be checked in late February/early March, cleaned and repaired (if necessary) to be ready for the bluebird's and tree swallow's return in mid-March. Expansion of the program has been mentioned. While the Lewis Road site cannot be expanded, WCAS is willing to consider other locations if one is brought to our attention. Project interest and availability of funds dictates the future of the program. If you would like to volunteer and/or donate to the project, contact Kurt Miske. To train as a monitor, also, contact Kurt at kurtsacct@sbcglobal.net. WCAS would like to thank the Cleveland Metroparks, Jean E. Miske Memorial Fund for funding the project, and everyone who donated time and funds to the project. Make a donation to the [Jean E. Miske Memorial Fund here](#).

Photos: (top) Boxes #2 and #3, awaiting spring. The yellow flowers in the background are bearded beggarticks. Photo by George Coleman.; (right) Courtesy of Tim Jasinski, Wildlife Rehabilitation Specialist, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140.

[Dangers of Improperly Discarded Fishing Line](#)

By Amanda Sebrosky, Member, WCAS

Discarded fishing line poses a danger to humans, machinery, pets and wildlife. Results can be deadly if your dog or cat



happens to eat an animal that is tangled in fishing line or has ingested it, particularly if a hook is still attached. Humans can step on hooks, requiring surgical removal. Weed whackers can require unnecessary maintenance if the line tangles the rotor and boats can suffer damage if old fishing line is caught between the boat's propellers. Wildlife, however, bears the brunt of fishing line that has been irresponsibly discarded. According to *Coastal Breeze News*, fishing line filaments, with or without hooks, that have been discarded along beaches and waterways are the leading cause of wildlife entanglement. National Audubon Society estimates one million shorebirds die every year as a result of marine debris with over 300,000 of those deaths attributed to discarded fishing lines and hooks. Discarded lines are dangerous to wildlife in many ways.

Lines wrapped around a tree limb can trap a bird like a snare. Lines that have been used in nesting can trap a fledgling if the line gets wound around a leg or wing. Entanglement in lines can lead to choking or cut-off circulation causing a limb to die and rot away. Animals that eat line can eventually starve to death. Hooks can lacerate throats or beaks.

Always discard fishing line in appropriate containers and pick-up any discarded fishing line you see. Encourage your city and parks to install collection bins for fishing line. Just as award-winning Cleveland Metroparks has done, Bay Village Service Department will be implementing this program in Walker Park starting the next fishing season.

If you find an animal that is tangled in fishing line or is hooked, **DO NOT** attempt to remove it yourself. Immediately take the animal to the nearest rehabilitation facility such as Lake Erie Nature and Science Center in Bay Village, OH. The wildlife you save will enrich our world and be there for all of us to enjoy. A [list of tips](#) on how you can help can be found at the article.

VOLUNTEER



Tremont Arts & Culture Festival 2021 Photos (left to right): WCAS Booth volunteers ready to greet visitors by Betsey O'Hagan; Birders assemble for a bird walk by Kaoru Tsubone; Sidestreet bird lovers fencing and Tremont Festival bird walk by Tom Fishburn.

Congratulations! WCAS Booth Native Plant, Bird Friendly Coffee, and Tilth Soil Sales a Success! Thank you Kaoru Tsubone, project leader and volunteers who organized the successful WCAS Booth at the Tremont Arts & Culture Festival, September 18th–19th. Volunteers greeted visitors, promoted the Audubon mission, and advocated for plants, coffee, and composted soil for a bird-friendly Earth. Proceeds benefit WCAS.

Thank You Chapter Volunteers! Michelle Brosius, Daniel Brown, Allan Claybon, George Coleman, Mary Lou Czajka, Bill Deininger, Patricia Donnellan, Chantal Dothey, Tom Fishburn, Lisa Gerbec, Ken Gober, Dave Graskemper, Mary Ann Henderson, Nancy Howell, Kathryn Kerber, Jess Kowalski, Jo Ann Kubicki, Carol Miske, Kurt Miske, Bruce Missig, Shaun Missig, Drina Nemes, Mary Anne Pfrogner, Allen Rand, Amanda Sebrosky, Chuck Slusarczyk Jr., Jim Tomko, Kaoru Tsubone, and Sarah Winnicki.

WCAS Annual Membership Thank you to those who renewed or became new members of Western Cuyahoga Audubon. Our members are the lifeblood of the organization providing funds for speakers, events and more. Members support us in other ways, by volunteering at events, attending in-person and virtual WCAS field trips and programs, being advocates for wildlife by educating others on habitats, native plants, wildlife, and birds to name a few. As Membership Chair, I hope that all of our members renew and invite someone else to join. Membership information can be purchased at the [WCAS Store](#). Our membership year begins September 1, 2021 and runs through August 31, 2022. By joining, you will be notified of all of the wonderful WCAS events AND we would love to have your involvement. - *Nancy Howell*

Welcome New Members! Lindsay Baker, Gloria Bando, Ann Cicarella Family, Alison Grant, Fred Innamorato, Kathryn Kerber, Susan Lendvay, Barbara Lehmkuhl, JoAnn Lowther, Constance Magoulas Family, Shaun Missig, Paulette Peluso, and Mary Anne Pfrogner.

The WCAS Book Club 2021-2022 led by Drina Nemes (DrinaNemes@wcaudubon.org) hosts discussions that explore stories of the world of birds! The programs are no charge and members, friends, and the public are invited! Programs are quarterly, the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Schedule: "Where the World Ends" by Geraldine McCaughrean, Tuesday, October 26, 2021; "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carlson, Tuesday, January 25, 2022; "The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century" by Kirk W. Johnson, Tuesday, April 26, 2022; and Book TBA, Tuesday, July 26, 2022. All books can be purchased on Amazon, reserved at your local bookstore or library. Programs are hosted at the [WCAS Virtual Conference Center](#). [REGISTER](#)

Bird of the Month Photo Contests raise public awareness of bird species through photography excellence. Winners are announced at monthly member meetings. Prizes: a 1-year subscription to Bird Watcher's Digest and *How to Be an Urban Birder*. Volunteers are needed to select species, themes, and recruit participants. Contact info@wcaudubon.org

WCAS Representatives are Needed to attend Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters (COAC) monthly, 1 hour virtual COAC meetings. Representatives report information from WCAS at the COAC monthly meeting and back to the WCAS Board on COAC meeting updates. Representation is also needed to attend Spring and Fall COAC Gatherings that take place in different parts of the state (post COVID). Contact NancyHowell@wcaudubon.org

Thank You Partners! Birds & Beans, LLC, Redstart Birding, Bird Watcher's Digest, Cleveland Metroparks, Nodding Onion Gardens - Native Plant Nursery, Rust Belt Riders, Tilth Soil, The Rock Pile Garden Center, Tremont West Development Corp., Urban Birding World.

PROGRAMS

Member Meetings and Speaker Series

Programs are free and open to the public. Member Meetings at 7:30 p.m. and Speaker Series at 8:00 p.m.



[“What Do We Do With All This Song Data?”](#)

Presenter: Kaiya Provost, Postdoctoral Fellow, Ohio State University

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Description: Citizen science initiatives to record bird sounds have been extremely successful, with song uploads to Xeno-Canto numbering in the hundreds of thousands and eBird numbering in the millions. Having all of this data begs the question: what do we do with all of these songs? Working with very large numbers of songs is logistically difficult, but we are developing a framework for figuring out just how to extract useful information out of all of the noise, and then use it to deeply investigate songs in one species: White-Crowned Sparrows. [REGISTER](#)

[“A Closer Look at the Peregrines of the Rocky River Reservation”](#)

Presenters: Chad and Chris Saladin, Peregrine Specialists

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Description: Past programs by Peregrine Falcon watchers, Chad and Chris Saladin, have primarily been details about the peregrine recovery story, their life history, their specialized features and behaviors, as well as the experiences over a 20+ year span studying them at various nest sites in Ohio. This presentation will focus primarily on the 2021 nesting season at the *(continued next column...)*

Hilliard Road Bridge over the Rocky River as it was the most accessible and active of the sites monitored. The Saladin's will touch on some of the other sites as they continue to inform us about this fascinating bird of prey and we'll describe the characteristic behaviors that are involved in the learning process of the 3 juveniles (that we referred to as “Nomad”, “Nitro”, and “Noble”) through images that we captured with the now 12-year-old adult resident female “GG” and the first-time father/resident male “Gusto”. Learn more about this important conservation work by subscribing to the [ChadandChrisOhioPeregrinePage](#) on Facebook. [REGISTER](#)



[“Hiding in Plain Sight: Amazing Camouflage, Mimicry & Evasion in Nature”](#)

Presenter: Judy Semroc, educator, naturalist, photographer

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Description: Now you don't see it, but wait, now I do? Nature has many ways to evade our eyes through camouflage and mimicry. Insects and invertebrates have some of the best camouflage and mimicry, but many amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals have camouflage strategies as well. Even the largest mammal in the neighborhood, the White-tailed Deer, seem to “melt” into the vegetation. Judy Semroc will take us through ways many organisms evade us and perhaps even understand why animals have adapted these strategies. [REGISTER](#)

Photos: (left) Kaiya Provost and, (above) Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) by Chris and Chad Saladin.

BIRDING

November, A Time for Change

By Chuck Slusarczyk Jr.

If March "comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb", well, I guess you could say November is the converse...or at least close to it. November can truly be a month of extremes with lingering warm days as well as the first frosts and flurries of the pending winter. The colorful leaves of early autumn are replaced by naked trees stripped by the gales of November that can rock our world. But change is what keeps our natural world exciting. By now, the heavy songbird migration of the past couple months is over and our little autumn visitors are well on their way to their warmer winter homes, but birds are still here with others still to come. While many of our winter birds have already arrived, even more will be coming to join them. Birds such as Dark-eyed Juncos and American Tree Sparrows will spend the season with us as will American Goldfinch, Northern Mockingbirds and more, but the truly exciting action will be found on the Cuyahoga River and the Cleveland lakefront with the arrival of many species of waterfowl and gulls in great numbers. High-flying flocks of Tundra Swans can often be seen over Tremont where you can hear their melodic honking calls quite unlike those of Canada Geese. Locations such as Scranton Flats or Wendy Park are the places to go to see the incredible numbers of Ring-billed and Herring Gulls that arrive to overwinter on Lake Erie, and this month we will also start seeing flocks of the diminutive Bonaparte's Gull as they pass through on their way even further south. Among avid birders, gulls are one of the most anticipated types of birds to look for starting in November. Gulls are so much more than just french-fry nabbers and many come down from as far as the Arctic Circle and above to spend their winters with us in our comparatively balmy climate. During the summer Cleveland has only two species of gulls but, through late autumn and into the winter we can see up to 13 different species or more but you've got to be looking...some can be one day wonders! Along with the gulls, we begin to see a good variety of ducks and other waterfowl and both topics will be discussed in more detail in future posts. For now, let's enjoy the change of season and keep your eyes and ears open. Look for the animals and plants that are sharing this change with us and see how they prepare and cope. Winter is not for everybody, but like our wild neighbors we must prepare for and cope with it, and if you're like me...get out and enjoy it!

Bird Disease Mystery

Earlier in the summer an unknown malady was affecting birds, particularly fledgling birds. While it did not appear to be a big concern in Northeast Ohio, many birds along the east central coast (Virginia, Washington DC, etc.) as well as birds in west central Ohio, into Indiana and Illinois were observed with swollen, crusty eyes, and neurological problems. Several organizations, such as National Audubon and the Ohio Division of Wildlife highly recommended to stop feeding birds and removing bird feeders and bird baths to keep birds from congregating and potentially spreading the disease. To date, no cause for the illness has been determined, but research is ongoing. Organizations are now giving the "all clear" to resume bird feeding and refill bird baths, however, some recommendations still stand.

- ❖ Keep feeders and bird baths clean no matter what. Other diseases or parasites are less likely to be transmitted by having clean feeders and baths.
- ❖ If sick birds are seen with swollen, crusty eyes or neurological conditions, such as poor balance or having trouble flying, they should be taken to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.
- ❖ Dead birds should be reported to The Ohio Division of Wildlife's, ['Wildlife Species Sighting'](#) page.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife website hosts information and a [list of wildlife rehabilitators](#).

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Visit [The Rock Pile Garden Center](#), 900 Nagel Rd, Avon, OH 44011. Mention you're a member and WCAS gets a small contribution. Tell your cashier you want your donation to go to WCAS!



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