



# THE FEATHERED FLYER

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## Happy New Year, Happy Nature Year

By Nancy Howell, WCAS Board Member

No matter what topic is chosen for the newsletter, I always seem to come back to nature as nature is all around us and influences our lives. Here we are in the winter season and to some this may not be the best time of year. I can hear it now, ugh, I have to scrape off the car, shovel snow, be careful walking and driving. It's overcast again! What's the temperature? Fifteen degrees! Ugh! Where are my gloves?



*Winter - the Rocky River in Berea, OH by Tom Fishburn*

Take a deep breath, slow down, and see what nature brings in the winter. The plants and animals, the water and soil, the sky and precipitation, let's see what we can do to enjoy winter a little more by observing nature and taking it day by day.

Overcast again? Thank you Lake Erie, but let's not blame the lake because Lake Erie is one of our best resources in northern Ohio. The lake does affect our winter weather, open water means that cold air coming across the lake picks up moisture and dumps it as snow on the land, sometimes to the east of Cleveland, sometimes more south and sometimes directly on us. Who's in for a snow day?

Snow is good. Snow is insulation. With the ground covered in snow, soil cools slowly and is not as subject to frost heaving. Plants, invertebrates and their eggs remain at a relatively stable temperature of 32 degrees. Small mammals, such as shrews and meadow voles like this subnivean realm. It's warmer than out in the open and they have cover to keep them from the eyes of predators so they can go about the business of their daily lives.

Take a walk in the woods and it is surprising how many plants are still green. Spruce, pine and junipers of course, but many ferns, sedges, clubmosses, horsetails, mosses, and more remain green. Look at the stems and stalks of plants that protrude from the snow in a field or along a trail. Can you identify them in the winter? A couple of books, "Weeds in Winter" by Lauren Brown, and "A Guide to Wildflowers in Winter" by Carol Levine, help to identify plant structures and seed pods. Not only can the plant be identified, but should you see birds, such as the American Goldfinch or Downy Woodpecker using the plant, you will better understand what the birds are after - it could be seeds or it could be insect larvae. Once identified and seeing other wildlife utilize it, you might consider adding that plant to your garden or, at least, not pulling it up as a "weed".

Keeping our mental health is just as important as physical health. Western Cuyahoga Audubon offers monthly members programs and don't forget the WCAS Book Discussion. For spiritual health, nature has so much to offer. Just the wonder of how everything in nature works together. Soil and plant, predator and prey, ice and snow, squirrels and acorns. .... *Continued on page 2*

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As January progresses, know that Great Horned Owls and Bald Eagles are pairing and beginning to nest. Moving into February, with its increasing daylength, bird song will become more prevalent - Tufted Titmouse, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch - and woodpeckers will begin drumming more earnestly. Great Blue Herons will start to return to their nesting sites in late February, Sugar Maple trees will be tapped, and Skunk Cabbage will be poking its rust-red flowers through the snow. What a beautiful time of the year.

## SECOND SATURDAY BIRD WALKS



Northern Cardinal by Michelle Brosius



American Woodcock by Tom Fishburn



Canada Geese 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. Learn more at: [www.wcaudubon.org/news-blog](http://www.wcaudubon.org/news-blog)

**Second Saturday Bird Walks at Rocky River Nature Center** – New to birding? Grab a pair of binoculars and join us. You'll be amazed how quickly you can learn! Bird walks are the **second Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM**.

**Dates of walks:** Saturdays, Feb 12, Mar 12, & Apr 9, 2022      **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.

## TREMONT TOWPATH TRAIL URBAN BIRD WALKS

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society is back in 2022 offering a series of bird walks to encourage an appreciation for the birds and wildlife that also call the Tremont neighborhood their home. No need to travel to a distant woodland trail to connect with nature as nature can be found in our own urban and suburban areas. There's a variety of birds that can be found in urban areas, especially along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga River.

New to birdwatching? That's okay, you will be amazed at how much you can learn with this friendly group. What to bring? Binoculars if you have them (but they are not required), dress for the weather conditions and have extra layers just in case, a water bottle, comfortable shoes, and curiosity about the natural world. Walking is relatively easy along the paved Towpath and urban streets.

Walks take place on the **fourth Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM**. Meet at the Cleveland Metroparks Towpath Parking Lot on Abbey Ave. just west of Sokolowski's University Inn. From there your bird walk leader(s) will guide you north through the Scranton Flats area of the Towpath. Mark your calendars now!

**Dates of walks:** Saturdays, Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug 27, Sept 24, and Oct 22, 2022.

## VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

**Virtual Field Trips** are 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. Registration is appreciated. Contact: Michelle Brosius ([MichelleBrosius@wcaudubon.org](mailto:MichelleBrosius@wcaudubon.org)) WCAS Board Member & Field Trip Coordinator.

**February 1-28, 2022**

**Location:** Cleveland Metroparks’ Rocky River Reservation, open to the public 6 AM to 11 PM, suggested sites include:

- **Rocky River Nature Center Trails** at 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070, see the [trail map](#). Please note the nature center is only open on the weekends. Conditions of the nature center trails are fairly even, but watch for roots and holes on occasion as trails are not paved.
- **Lewis Road Riding Ring**, which offers a woodland trail called the Cedar Point Trail on the north side by the river. If snow cover makes it difficult to pick out the trail, then there is also a bridle trail that can be a pleasant walk, but be sure to wear boots as the trail can get muddy. Trail is also uneven. Please see the [trail map](#).
- **Lagoon Picnic Area**, which offers a Lagoon Loop Trail, see the [trail map](#).
- Please feel free to explore any picnic area on Valley Parkway as many have access to trails (e.g., Cottonwood Picnic Area, Rockcliff Springs), see the [Rocky River Reservation trail map](#).
- **The All Purpose Trail along Valley Parkway** is paved and offers a lovely walk for those with accessibility needs.

**Featured Bird Species:** Tufted Titmouse and Northern Cardinal

**Virtual Meetup:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 7:00 PM, [on Zoom](#)

**March 1-31, 2022**

**Location:** Cleveland Metroparks’ Big Creek Reservation, park hours 6 AM to 11 PM, suggested sites include:

- **Lake Isaac**, located on Big Creek Parkway just south of Fowles Road in Middleburg Heights. Lake Isaac is the site of the Lake-to-Lake Trailhead or you can explore the Lake Isaac Trail in a woodland area behind the lake. Please see the [trail map](#).
- **Lake Abram**, located on Eastland Road, 0.5 miles north of Bagley Road, is the other Lake-to-Lake Trailhead. The Lake-to-Lake Trail cuts through the marsh as a .25-mile boardwalk. Please see the [trail map](#).
- **Fowles Marsh**, located along the Lake to Lake Trail between Bagley and Fowles Roads. Fowles Marsh is most easily accessible by trail via the sledding hill parking lot off of Engle Rd., ¼ mile north of Fowles Rd. From the parking area, take the all-purpose trail through the wooded area where it links with the Lake-to-Lake all purpose trail. Please see the [trail map](#).
- **Snow Road Picnic Area** features three open shelters and is located off Big Creek Parkway in Big Creek Reservation, south of Snow Road in Parma Heights. You can explore the surrounding area or take a stroll along the All Purpose Trail that extends south along the Big Creek. Please see the [park map](#).
- **Beyer’s Pond**, located off Main Street in Middleburg Heights, just east of Eastland Road, features a short, 0.7-mile hiking loop that leads back to the pond. Please see the [trail map](#).

**Featured Bird Species:** Migrating waterfowl (e.g., ducks, geese, swans)

**Virtual Meetup:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 7:00 PM, [on Zoom](#)

**Notes:** Please review the [Big Creek Reservation trail map](#) for parking, restrooms, and trails.

**April 1-30, 2022**

**Location:** *Geauga Park District’s Frohring Meadows*, park hours 6 AM to 11 PM, 16780 Savage Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

**Featured Bird Species:** Killdeer, American Woodcock, and Wilson’s Snipe

**Virtual Meetup:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM, [on Zoom](#)

**Notes:** Please review the [Frohring Meadows trail map](#) for parking, restrooms, accessibility, and trails.

# PROGRAMS

## Member Meetings and Speaker Series

Virtual Meetings begin at 7:30 PM and Speaker at 8:00 PM

### “A Bird’s Eye View: The Sensory World of Birds”

**Presenter:** Dr. Sarah Mabey, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at Hiram College

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:30 PM

[Register for the Zoom event](#)

**Description:** Did you know that a bird’s eyesight is more than seven times keener than yours? Birds experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the world in a radically different way than we do. Learn about some of the amazing ways birds make sense of their environment.

### “Grassland Birding in Colorado and Saskatchewan – A Birder’s Retirement Gift to Himself”

**Presenter:** Tim Colborn, birder and WCAS member

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:30 PM

[Register for the Zoom event](#)

**Description:** After deciding to retire in late 2017 from a 31-year career in banking, Tim Colborn knew that he wanted to do, more birding travel! Visiting former colleagues in CO and a childhood friend in Saskatchewan helped shape a 2018 cross-country birding trip that would primarily focus on grassland sites and birds. Tim will share photos and his fond memories of hopping in his car and driving west to the birds!

**“University of Akron Field Station: Bringing Birds, Nature and People Together”**

**Presenter:** Dr. Lara Roketenetz, Manager of the University of Akron Field Station  
**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:30 PM

[Register for the Zoom event](#)

**Description:** Join us as we welcome Dr. Lara Roketenetz, Manager of the University of Akron Field Station located on the Bath Nature Preserve, in her discussion on the importance of ornithological outreach for their target audiences. Some of the varied projects that focus on birds at the Field Station include the 2021 publishing of the Bath Bird Blitz Book, the future implementation of a Chimney Swift tower (designed with local artists, Benitez-Vogl), bird-themed nature walks, and a college-level class focused on the investigation of an antique, taxidermy bird collection donated to the University in the early 1900s (a natural history mystery!). Excellent ways in which birds are brought to a wide audience.



*Tufted Titmouse by Tom Fishburn*

**Book Club Discussions**

Programs are free and open to the public. Host Drina Nemes, Western Cuyahoga Member, leads us in discussions to explore the stories of birds, habitats, and conservation. There is no charge for the programs so members, friends, and the public are encouraged to join us in lively discussions! Registration is encouraged so we can give you a warm welcome.

**"Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson**

Discussion: Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 7 PM  
Book available on [Amazon](#)  
[Register for the Zoom event](#)

**"The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century" by Kirk W. Johnson**

Discussion: Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 7 PM  
Book available on [Amazon](#)  
[Register for the Zoom event](#)

**BIRD-FRIENDLY COFFEE**



By Amanda Sebrosky, WCAS Coffee Coordinator

You probably wouldn't be reading this if you didn't care about birds and want to do everything in your power to help increase the chances of survival for them. Sometimes, we do things that harm birds that are invisible to us. For instance, we don't think about how our coffee is grown and the methods employed but big industrial coffee-growers are very harmful in many ways.

Coffee plantations created by clear cutting the forests in Latin America allow us to have cheap coffee because coffee grown in the now sun-drenched fields produce higher yields. Major coffee brands have a near monopoly on coffee with long supply chains that lack transparency. Because there is no transparency, producers are able to use practices that abuse the land, animals and producers. Coffee is the world's second most tradable commodity so the impact is great.

**What are the impacts?**

Clear-cutting destroys the vegetation that supports both the animals and the local people who harvest shade-grown coffee, medicinal herbs and nuts from the rainforest. The clear-cutting leads to erosion of the meager topsoil, polluting the water with sediment and pesticides.

**Well...what can I do?**

It's easy to feel powerless but it turns out that we CAN help and it's pretty easy! We can buy coffee that is organic to cut down on the poisoning of the land and water caused by pesticide run-off. We can buy Fair-trade products to ensure that producers make a living wage. We can buy Smithsonian certified bird-friendly coffee that ensures the coffee is being raised using methods that are bird friendly.

**Where do I get COFFEE like that?**

WCAS has partnered with the company 'Birds and Beans LLC' to provide triple-certified coffee! Now you can kick-back with a steaming cup of coffee and know that you are doing A LOT of good with something that also tastes great.

There are several different roasts, grinds (including whole beans), and sizes. Coffee can be caffeinated or decaffeinated.

**Order your coffee by the 10th of every month [on the WCAS website.](#)**

# CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2021: A WONDERFUL DAY

By Nancy Howell, Compiler for the Lakewood Circle Christmas Bird Count



*Mourning Dove in snow by Kathy Murphy*

As compiler for the Lakewood Circle Christmas Bird Count, I can never predict what the weather will be on or leading up to Count Day, nor can I wish birds to stick around for the day. And for the second year in a row, who would have imagined that the COVID virus would still be here and impacting us all? Yet, the 2021 Christmas Bird Count was successful due to all of the participants who ventured out, safely by the way, or watched feeders, and I can't forget those who wanted to participate, but did the right thing to quarantine if they felt even a little ill or thought they might have been exposed to COVID. Thank you, I know you were silently cheering us on.

Count Day, Sunday, December 26, 2021, was a relatively "mild" day. It was mostly overcast, with temperatures in the mid 30's to lower 40's and there was no precipitation. The day was a "sweet spot" since it had rained on Saturday, Christmas Day and Monday, the day after the Count.

The 2021 Count tallied **85 species on Count Day** and **1 species on Count Week**. All species and the number of each species are important whether it was one or six Blue Jays. Species that were notable in the 2021 Count were: ***Killdeer, Long-tailed Duck, Iceland Gull, Red-throated Loon, Black Vulture, Rough-legged Hawk, Snowy Owl, Short-eared Owl, and Rusty Blackbird.***

The participants ARE the most important part of the Christmas Bird Count. Whether as part of a walking or driving route, or as a feeder watcher, your skills and effort were appreciated. The 2021 Count had **79 participants**. A couple of participants spent a little over an hour doing nocturnal birding and 17 feeder watchers tallied 21 hours. The 24 parties (groups) that were out, some walking, some by car and some both, accumulated 87.50 hours and 166.75 miles. I am always amazed at the dedication of every participant. Thank you. Mark your calendars for the Lakewood Circle Christmas Bird Count 2022 which will be held on ***Fri, December 30, 2022.***

The list of species and number of each species is below. The list of participants follows the bird list.

Canada Goose 1111, Wood Duck 3, American Black Duck 3, Northern Pintail 28, Mallard 384, Redhead 3, Ring-necked Duck 1, Greater Scaup 16, Lesser Scaup 42, Surf Scoter 26, White-winged Scoter 16, Black Scoter 5, Long-tailed Duck 2, Bufflehead 47, Common Goldeneye 2161, Hooded Merganser 5, Common Merganser 4, Red-breasted Merganser 1848, Wild Turkey 11, Horned Grebe 16, Rock Pigeon 360, Mourning Dove 230, American Coot 1, Killdeer 2, Bonaparte's Gull 10, Ring-billed Gull 6858, Herring Gull 2033, Great Black-backed Gull 4, Lesser Black-backed Gull 1, Iceland Gull 1, Red-throated Loon 1, Common Loon 3, Double-crested Cormorant 50, Great Blue Heron 13, Black Vulture 2, Turkey Vulture 11, Bald Eagle 10, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Cooper's Hawk 9, Red-shouldered Hawk 4, Red-tailed Hawk 40, Rough-legged Hawk 1, Great Horned Owl 3, Snowy Owl 2, Barred Owl 4, Short-eared Owl 3, Belted Kingfisher 14, Red-headed Woodpecker 2, Red-bellied Woodpecker 96, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2, Downy Woodpecker 111, Hairy Woodpecker 23, Northern Flicker 11, Pileated Woodpecker 5, American Kestrel 2, Merlin 2, Peregrine Falcon 5, Blue Jay 331, American Crow 98, Black-capped Chickadee 213, Tufted Titmouse 112, Red-breasted Nuthatch 6, White-breasted Nuthatch 128, Brown Creeper 10, Carolina Wren 22, Winter Wren 2, Golden-crowned Kinglet 4, Eastern Bluebird 16, American Robin 1132, Northern Mockingbird 10, European Starling 1013, Cedar Waxwing 4, House Sparrow 1157, House Finch 136, Purple Finch 2, American Goldfinch 154, American Tree Sparrow 55, Song Sparrow 57, Swamp Sparrow 4, White-throated Sparrow 50, Dark-eyed Junco 190, Red-winged Blackbird 83, Common Grackle 2, Rusty Blackbird 2, Northern Cardinal 147.

Last, but not least, are our wonderful participants: Ken Andrews, Ken and Lois Ballas, Mary Bartos, Kit Birch, Courtney Brennan, Nancy Brewer, Michelle Brosius, Jen Brumfield, Marti Burrows, Diane Busch, Barbara Buser, Lee Cavano, Lenore Charnigo, Tim Colborn, Frank Comodeca, Maria and Charles Finchum, Roger Friedman, Ted Gililand, Terry and Joanne Gorges, Dave Graskemper, Jim Heflich, Ann Heidenreich, Mary Ann Henderson, Tom and Marie Herr, Nancy Howell, Mary Lou Hura, Tim Jasinski, Debra Jesionowski, Andy Jones, Anna Julnes, Rich and Karen Kassouf, Patty Kellner, Jessica Kowalski, Marian and Jeff Kraus, Joann Kubicki, Duane Kurapka, Tom Leiden, Jim and Maureen Lindway, Fred Losi, Paula Lozano, Judy Malasky, Michelle Manzo, Terri Martincic, Jim McCarty, Ben Meredyk, Larry Meyers, Liz McQuaid, Shaun Missig, Drina Nemes, Penny O'Connor, Bill Ohlsen, Mike Pacek, Myrna Pendery, Rayka Petkova, Chris Pierce, Al Rand, Luke Robertson, Michelle Rodio, Mary Anne and Tom Romito, Chris Saladin, Tom Sendry, Paul Sherwood, Ryan Smylie, Katie Starrett, Kent Starrett, Josiah Stumbo, Dakota Swisher, Laura and Jassen Tawil, Johanna Vine and Hilton Young.

**GOOD BIRDING IN THE NEW YEAR!**

# PROJECTS

## BLUEBIRD PROJECT UPDATE

By Kurt Miske, Bluebird Project Coordinator

The WCAS Bluebird Project at Lewis Road is entering its second season this year. Although it is cold now, bluebirds (and tree swallows) will be retuning starting in early March with intentions of raising one if not two broods of young ones. WCAS nest monitors keep careful track of the situation of each of the 5 nests, usually twice weekly during the breeding season (March – August).

While we expect last year’s monitors to return, we would appreciate one or two additional monitors to help spread out the work load. Monitors must also register with the Cleveland Metroparks (the nest boxes are on Metroparks land), track their time using the Metroparks volunteer tracking system and enter records into the WCAS computer system. Nesting data is entered into the Nest Watch system at Cornell Ornithology by the Project leader. If interested, please contact Kurt Miske [kurtsacct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kurtsacct@sbcglobal.net) or call 440/213/6862.

Warning – house sparrows, which are non-native birds, also like the nest boxes and are superior fighters to both bluebirds and tree sparrows. They must be dealt with if they attempt to use a nesting box.

WCAS is accepting donations for the Bluebird Project, which will be matched 1 -1 by the Jean E. Miske Memorial Fund up to a total of \$500. Excess funds, if any, will be returned to WCAS.

## SHERWIN-WILLIAMS BUILDING UPDATE

By Nancy Howell

The Board of WCAS thanks everyone who sent letters to the Cleveland Planning Commission (CPC) and/or the Sherwin-Williams Company (SW) regarding the construction of the new SW headquarters building slated for downtown Cleveland. To refresh everyone’s memory, the architects for the SW complex unveiled plans for a highrise and other building structures to be clad in reflective glass. Research shows that reflective glass and nighttime lighting are deadly to migratory birds.

The letter-writing campaign worked: the CPC listened. During the CPC’s meeting on November 30, 2021 the plan for construction was approved, **but** the plans for the reflective glass cladding needed to be reviewed by the CPC and architects. During the meeting, the dangers of reflective glass and nighttime lighting were discussed.

One outcome of the letter writing campaign was that a number of birding organizations would like to form a collaboration that will work together on continuing to report on this and other issues that arise, especially when it comes to birds or bird habitats in Cleveland and throughout northeast Ohio. In this way, birding and conservation organizations can be at the forefront of issues and potentially assist with decision making.

We are aware that Cleveland has a new Mayor and with that, some of the CPC’s staff and members of the Board will be changing. Presently, the CPC has been contacted with a request to be kept apprised of decisions. We are hopeful that a decision for bird-safe windows and proper lighting will be accepted by the CPC and SW.

# GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Friday, February 18 through Monday, February 21, 2022

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a FREE, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes, or as long as they wish, on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org). Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to experts, and you can participate from your backyard, neighborhood, or anywhere in the world!

The 25th annual GBBC will be held Friday, February 18, through Monday, February 21, 2022. Please visit the official website at [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org) for more information. Bird populations are always changing so this snapshot of bird populations provides data on what species are in a region at this particular time of the year. Looking at this data over many years can provide information on the effects of weather patterns, food resources, and even habitat changes on bird movement around the country. For more on the results of the latest GBBC, take a look at the [GBBC summaries](#). Check out the program website where participants can explore real-time maps and charts that show what others are reporting during and after the count.

The GBBC is led by Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, along with Birds Canada. We hope YOU can join us!



Red-tailed hawk by Michael Murray

# SPRING BIRD WALK SERIES

**Sundays, April 10 through May 15, 2022 at 7:30 AM**

Join us for the spring spectacular - the arrival of migratory birds as they visit northeast Ohio! After a 2 year hiatus, due to COVID precautions, the Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks will begin again. Celebrate one of the oldest citizen science partnerships with co-sponsoring organizations: Cleveland Metroparks, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, Blackbrook Audubon Society, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Geauga Park District, Hiram College, Holden Arboretum, Lake Metroparks, Medina County Park District, The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, and Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society. Each organization hosts walks every Sunday morning. Locations are throughout the Greater Cleveland Metro area.

Walks hosted by WCAS are:

**Big Creek Reservation** - Lake Isaac - Lake-to-Lake parking lot off of Big Creek Parkway, ¼ mile south of Fowles Rd., Middleburg Heights. Terrain: natural surface, uneven surfaces and potentially muddy, short boardwalks, 2 miles.

**Brecksville Reservation** - Parking area at Station Rd. Bridge Trailhead off Riverview Rd. south of route 82, Brecksville. Terrain: varies, some uneven footing. 3 or more routes.

**Hinckley Reservation** - Bridge at the south end of Hinckley Lake, on State Rd., Hinckley. Terrain: varies, 3 or more routes.

**Rocky River Reservation** - Rocky River Nature Center parking lot, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted. Terrain: Some all-purpose trail, some crushed stone surfaces which could be uneven. 2 miles.

Walks are led by experienced birders and will be held on Sundays, April 10 through May 15, 2022 at 7:30 AM. Note: COVID safety protocols are highly recommended (especially wearing masks and staying at least 6 feet apart).

Sundays don't work for you? The Medina County Park District is hosting walks at River Styx Park on Saturdays: April 9, 16, 23 & 30 and May 7 & 14 at 7:30 AM.

**Don't miss the migration!**

## MEMBERSHIP

**Welcome New Members!** Susan Becker, Deborah Beckman Family, Jennifer Kristy, Joanne Righi Family, Heather Risher

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### 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 found at this link: <https://bit.ly/3atXehi> 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

Visit the [WCAudubon Store](#) to become a member, renew membership, or make a donation. The Store offers a selection of nature oriented books, maps, articles, reports, event tickets, gift cards, native plants, bird friendly coffee, and organic soils. Items include [Birds & Beans® Coffee](#), Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center Bird Friendly®-certified beans, 100 percent shade-grown, USDA Organic, and Fair-Trade certified, order by 10th/month. [Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream Gift Cards](#) for delicious frozen yogurt, sorbet, vegan ice cream. A new partnership with [Tilth Soil at WCAS](#) offers bird friendly gardeners a selection of 3 custom compost soil mixes for indoor and outdoor plantings, and [Artwork by Shaun Missig](#) features poetry and seasonal photography at conserved natural areas. Proceeds benefit WCAS.

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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