



Upcoming Programs and Events

GAAS June Program

Featuring Speaker Brad Imhoff

On the Wing: The Beauty of Birds

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 7:00 p.m.

UA Field Station at Bath Nature Preserve

4160 Ira Rd, Akron, OH 44333

(the Field Station is located at the end of the drive)



“On the Wing: The Beauty of Birds” is a presentation of bird photographs Brad has taken across the country, often with his wife and young kids tagging

along. Join him as he shares the images and the passion and dedication involved in capturing them. From wading into wetlands to photograph ducks to lying in the mud to get eye-level with shorebirds to his family's well-established "ice cream birds," the images and stories behind them are sure to entertain.

Native Plant Sale

Saturday, June 15, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 16 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Oenslager Nature Center

6100 Ridge Rd., Sharon Township

(use Wadsworth, OH 44281 for GPS)



The poster is divided into two main vertical sections. The left section has a green background and contains a photo of potted plants, the text "CASH OR CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENT.", an icon of an open cardboard box, and the text "BRING YOUR OWN BOX FOR CARRYING PLANTS HOME." The right section has a white background with a large green leaf graphic. At the top, it features logos for "Friends of Medina County Parks" and "CAMEL CREEK NATIVES". The central text reads "Native Plant Sale" in large purple letters. Below this is a photo of a plant sale display and the address: "Oenslager Nature Center, 6100 Ridge Road, Sharon Township (use Wadsworth for city if using a GPS)".

Are you looking to add some diversity to your landscape to increase habitat and biodiversity? Look no further than the annual native plant sale at the Oenslager Nature Center. Stop by during business hours to pick from a nice selection of reasonably-priced, ecologically important native plants. A variety of species in limited quantities will be available. Plants are grown by Camel

Creek Natives and sold through Friends of Medina County Parks. Plants are \$5 each, and trees are \$10 each. Cash or checks only, please, and please bring your own box for carrying plants home. Please note that this sale will continue, subject to plant availability, on weekends in June: 22 – 23 and 29 – 30 and in July: 13 – 14; 20 – 21; and 27 – 28.

Summit Metro Parks Program

Bird Nerds: Nesting

Saturday, June 15, 2024

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm

1828 Smith Rd., Akron, OH 44313



Newbies and experts alike are welcome to join a naturalist in this lively series for a fun, approachable discussion on a new bird topic each month. This month's topic will explore what raising young looks like for our feathered friends.

Medina Raptor Center

At The Bird Store and More

Saturday, June 15, 2024

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

117 Merz Blvd, Akron, OH 44333



Folks from the Medina Raptor Center will be bringing owls, hawks, and other birds of prey.

The center is a private facility and is not open to the public, and it relies solely on donations to survive. This is a great opportunity to show your support. Drop a donation off anytime at *The Bird Store and More* between now and June 15th and you will be entered to win a \$100 Gift Certificate. Their wish list, as listed on their website ([Donate | Medina Raptor Center](#)) includes cash donations, unopened bird seed, fresh suet, gift cards to home improvement stores, Amazon gift certificates, paper towels, gallon jugs of Simple Green Cleaner, chopped walnuts, fresh or frozen fruit, and compostable cleaning wipes.

3D Movie: Wings Over Water

Playing Now Through September 30, 2024

Murch Auditorium

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

1 Wade Oval Drive, Cleveland, OH 44106



Narrated by Michael Keaton, this film tells the story of three amazing bird species—the Sandhill Crane, the Yellow Warbler, and the Mallard duck—that depend on wetlands for survival. Through extraordinary footage, you'll experience the triumphs and challenges of these remarkable creatures as they head home to raise their young, soaring across mountains, deserts, cities, and forests. You will also meet the dedicated land stewards and scientists who understand the importance of protecting wetlands—a diverse and vital ecosystem. The film's run time is 44 minutes and is included with admission to the

museum or with museum membership. Showtimes are 10:15 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 12:55 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 3:35 p.m. daily (no 3:35 p.m. showing on June 19th). Showtimes are subject to change based on Museum programming and events. Please call the Box Office at 216.231.4600 for more information.



Bird Walks

Ohio Ornithological Society

Summer Grassland Birds: Bobolinks and Henslow's Sparrows

With Leigh Casal, Northeast Regional Director

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bath Nature Preserve



Join Leigh at Bath Nature Preserve for Summer Grassland Birds. Last year 44 species, including Henslow's Sparrow, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Common Gallinule, Acadian Flycatcher, were seen. Expect to walk around 2 miles on mostly flat terrain, with a few hills. Directions and parking details to come with free registration (OOS members):

leigh.casal@ohiobirds.org

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Bird Walk

Saturday, June 22, 2024

7:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Ledges Shelter and Trailhead

405 Truxell Road, Peninsula, OH 44264



Volunteer naturalist Dwight Chasar leads a bird walk along the 2.2-mile unpaved, rocky Ledges Trail searching for nesting northern specialties like the Winter Wren, Acadian Flycatcher, and Black-throated Green Warbler.

News You Can Use

Good News!

**Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse Agrees to
Retrofit Glass to Prevent Bird Collisions**



Dead birds found after colliding with windows. Credit: NYC Audubon

After two years of efforts by Lights Out Cleveland and the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative, the Cav's home stadium will be wrapped in *Bird Divert*, a thin film that reflects ultraviolet light via a matrix pattern of hollow glass spheres about the size of dimes so that birds can recognize the solid surface but remains invisible to the human eye. The cost? \$845,975. Gateway Economic Development Corporation has partnered with the Cavs to search for the best solution for one of the worst offenders for bird strikes during spring and fall migration. Read more about the project here: [Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse Agrees to Coat Glass to Prevent Bird Collisions \(clevescene.com\)](https://www.clevescene.com/news/rocket-mortgage-fieldhouse-agrees-to-coat-glass-to-prevent-bird-collisions).



Birding Tourism in Ecuador Benefits Both Birds and Local Farmers



The Long-Wattled Umbrellabird Photo Credit: Nature Picture Library/Alamy

With many endemic species of birds in Ecuador, farmers are learning that bird tourism is more profitable than subsistence farming. So they're transitioning to bird reserves and conservation by planting trees, increasing biodiversity and in doing so, are increasing their profitability and environmental stewardship. Read about several local families who decided to protect their homes and bird life while connecting birders with their unique species: ['More profitable than farming': how Ecuador's birding boom is benefiting wildlife | Birds | The Guardian](#)

Highly Intelligent Crows Can Plan How Many Calls to Make, Study Shows



An American crow (*Corvus brachyrhyncho*) calls from a tree. BoukeAtema / iStock / Getty Images Plus

German researchers have found that crows are able to learn to produce a specific number of calls, showing advance planning. And how many calls they will make can be predicted from the first vocalization in a sequence. Being able to produce a deliberately chosen number of calls requires a sophisticated combination of vocal control and numerical competence. Read about it in an EcoWatch news item ([Highly Intelligent Crows Can Plan How Many Calls to Make, Study Shows - EcoWatch](#)).

**Woodpeckers aiming to make a lot of noise,
switch from wood to metal**



In springtime breeding season, urban woodpeckers have learned that hammering on metal "...is more resonant and reverberant than wood and amplifies sound way more than trees do...and it serves two purposes: it lets other male woodpeckers know that the territory is taken and it attracts the female woodpeckers." What can homeowners do if they hammer on gutters or aluminum siding? Find out by listening to (or reading the transcript of) this 4-minute piece from Morning Edition on May 28, 2024: [Woodpeckers aiming to make a lot of noise, switch from wood to metal : NPR](#)

Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab to Hold Put-In-Bay Science Days and Summer Tours



PUT-IN-BAY, OHIO – This summer, in addition to the return of science and history tours of Gibraltar Island and the South Bass Island Lighthouse, Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab will also introduce all-new [Put-In-Bay Science Days](#). Put-In-Bay Science Days will be free events open to the public between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays from June 7 to July 27. Each week at the South Bass Island Lighthouse grounds, Stone Lab experts will highlight live fish and wildlife to help educate the public about a topic related to Lake Erie and the protection of its ecosystem. The events are free and will occur at the South Bass Lighthouse grounds. Featured topics will include, among others, Native Fishes of Lake Erie (June 28-29), and Pollinators and their Habitats (July 26-27).

Ohio Sea Grant is supported by The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) School of Environment and Natural Resources, Ohio State University Extension, and NOAA Sea Grant, a network of 34 Sea Grant programs nation-wide dedicated to the protection and sustainable use of marine and Great Lakes resources. Stone Laboratory is Ohio State's island campus on Lake Erie and is the research, education, and outreach facility of Ohio Sea Grant and part of CFAES

School of Environment and Natural Resources. For more information about the tours, see [Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab to Hold Put-In-Bay Science Days and Summer Tours](#) | [Ohio Sea Grant \(osu.edu\)](#)

2024 Ohio Sandhill Crane Count Results



Volunteers observed 412 sandhill cranes across Ohio in April 2024, a 15% increase from 2023.

The results of the 2024 Ohio Sandhill Crane Count, held on April 13, 2024, have been released by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife. The count is part of the Midwest Crane Count and is coordinated by the Division of Wildlife, the International Crane Foundation, and the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative. Overall, the preliminary numbers show that the population is up about 15 percent. However, Medina and Portage Counties showed much larger increases. Wayne County, with prime breeding habitat of the Funk Bottoms and Killbuck Marsh wildlife areas, had the most of all Ohio counties at 106, up by 10 birds from last year. See the press release about the count here: [Ohio's Spring 2024 Sandhill Crane Count Results](#) | [Ohio Department of Natural Resources \(ohiodnr.gov\)](#)

How to rewild your teenagers:

A parents' guide to reconnecting them with nature



📷 Groups such as UK Youth for Nature are reconnecting teenagers with the wild. Photograph: Cultura Creative (RF)/Alamy

English biologist and writer Ben Martynoga, wrote this piece [May 24, 2024] for **The Guardian**. He writes, “Right now, we need to be nurturing fierce, clued-up generations of young adults, equipped and empowered to fight tooth and claw for the biosphere that supports all our lives. The rewilding movement, with its proactive, hope-infused ethos, offers inspiration and practical solutions to reconnect teenagers with nature and inspire them to demand a wilder, healthier future.... In short, it is time to counter what social psychologist Jonathan Haidt calls ‘the great rewiring of childhood’ with ‘the great rewilding of youth. Here are four ways we can do it and, in turn, safeguard our planet’s irreplaceable wild ecosystems for the benefit of many future generations to come.” Read more about reconnecting our youth to nature: [How to rewild your teenagers: a parents’ guide to reconnecting them with nature | Young people | The Guardian](#)

JUNE SUMMER CENSUS

Thank you to all the people that volunteered to help with the June Summer Census. If you are interested in participating this year or next please contact Paul Moser

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*"What you do makes a difference,
and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."*

— Jane Goodall

As always, please visit our website regularly: <https://www.akronaudubon.org> If you've missed or deleted these **For the Birds** emails, they are also posted in the **Archives** under the **News** tab on the Home Page. For more northeast Ohio bird-related programs, events (including some bird walks), please visit the **Northeast Ohio Regional Bird Calendar**, hosted by Kirtland Bird Club of Northeast Ohio: [CALENDAR \(kirtlandbirdclub.org\)](https://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org).

Note: A chronologic listing of past GAAS program pages with speaker bios and topics can be found by going to the GAAS website *Meeting Archives* page: [Meeting Archives - Greater Akron Audubon Society](#). If a virtual meeting was recorded and is available for watching, there will be a *<recording>* button that can be selected to link to the recording on YouTube.

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