

Greater Akron Audubon Society

Monthly Meetings

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Special Note: because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are not able to hold meetings every 4th Tuesday at the Mingo shelter as has been done in the past. We will organize some Zoom meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month and we will be collaborating with other organizations in promoting Zoom meetings that are potentially of interest to our members.

Schedule for the 2020-2021 meetings:

(click on the speaker and/or title to get more information or to register)

- **Oct 3 – COAC Fall Zoom Meeting** – requires registration at [COAC registration](#) includes presentations by [Andy Jones](#) and Carrie Elvey
- **Oct 14 – 6pm, Canton Audubon Zoom presentation** - Aaron Wilson of the Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center, Ohio State U.
- **Oct 27 – GAAS Zoom presentation** – Carrie Elvey
- **Nov 24 – GAAS Zoom presentation** – [Tom Leiden](#)
- **Dec 20 – Christmas Bird Count** – see [CBC](#) for details
- **Jan 26 - GAAS Zoom presentation** – [John Barber](#)

Recent speakers and their topics include:

- **Sept 8 - Zoom Meeting requires pre-registration, [Terry Root](#) - “Our Rapidly Changing Climate is Changing ... Well ... Everything.”** - thru COAC
- **Aug 30 - Zoom Meeting, 7:30-8:30** - Tim Colburn - “Confusing Fall Warblers” - thru Kirtland Bird Club - see [Tim Colburn](#) for details
- **Aug 27 - Zoom Meeting requires pre-registration** - Matt Valencic - “Birders Workshop ” - see [Matt Valencic](#) for details
- **Aug 5 - Zoom Meeting, [Joe Blanda, MD](#) - “A Big Year, Lessons Learned”** - thru Kirtland Bird Club
- **July 15 - Zoom Meeting, [Joe Blanda, MD](#) - “Nature Can Heal; Surviving the Pandemic”**
- **June 23– CANCELLED Annual Picnic at Bath Nature Preserve - [Matthew Valencic](#) – “Summer Birds of NE Ohio”**
- **May 26 – CANCELLED** Randy Mitchell – topic TBA
- **Apr 28 – CANCELLED [Ken Butler](#) – [Fireflies: Summer’s Dazzling Gift](#)**
- **Apr 16 - Zoom Meeting, [Matthew Valencic](#) & [Kelly Kozlowski](#) – “Warbler Warm Up”** - thru Canton Audubon

- **Mar 24** – CANCELLED [Matthew Valencic & Kelly Kozlowski – “Warbler Warm Up”](#)
- **Feb 25** – [David Kriska – Mentor Marsh: History, Tragedy, Recovery](#)
- **Jan 28** – [Linda Gilbert – “State of the Dragons: The Ohio Odonata Survey”](#)
- **Dec 15** – Christmas Bird Count and ~~Chili Dinner~~
- **Nov 26** – [Matthew Valencic – “Migrating Waterfowl and Winter Birds of NE Ohio”](#)
- **Nov 2** – bird seed sale @ Copley Feed & Supply, 10am-1pm
- **Oct 22** – [Mike Johnson – The Secret World of Bats](#)
- **Sept 24** – [Chris Davis – “Operation Restoration”](#)
- **June 25, 2019** – Annual Picnic at the [Bath Nature Preserve Biology Field Station, Ryan Trimbath, “Hybridization of Cerulean and Parula Warblers”](#)
- **May 28, 2019** – [Jamey Emmert, ODNR Division of Wildlife, “The importance of birds around the world and human dependence on them”](#)
- **Apr 23, 2019** – [Jay Mager, “The Unique Natural History of New Zealand, and Challenges to Preserve and Protect It”](#)
- **Mar 26, 2019** – [Adam Zorn and Al Eibel, “Northern Saw-whet Owls”](#)
- **Feb 26, 2019** – [Dr. Emily Rauschert, “invasive plants and how they spread”](#)
- **Jan 22, 2019** – [Dr. Joseph Blanda, “Birding For a Cause: My Big Year”](#) , NOTE: meeting @ Brushwood Pavilion, Furnace Run Metro Park
- **Dec 16, 2018** – Christmas Bird Count and Chili Dinner
- **Nov 27, 2018** – [Judy Semroc, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, “Chimney Swifts: Nature’s Amazing Avian Insectivores”](#)
- **Nov 3, 2018** – bird seed sale @ Copley Feed & Supply, 10am-1pm
- **Oct 23, 2018** – [Craig Caldwell, "To the Edge of the Earth: Nome, Barrow, and Bering Sea Islands"](#)
- **Sept 25, 2018** – [Matthew Valencic, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, “eBird 101”](#) - copies of handouts are available at [eBird101](#)
- **June 26, 2018** – Annual Picnic at the [Bath Nature Preserve Biology Field Station](#), Dr. Hunter King, Univ. of Akron will speak on bird nest structures

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- **May 22, 2018** – Jackie Mahland, Medina Raptor Center, “Day in the Life of a Rehabilitator” with Live Birds!
- **Apr 24, 2018** – [Ian Adams, “A Photographer’s Guide to Ohio”](#)
- **Mar 27, 2018** – [Saladins, “Peregrine Falcons in Ohio”](#)
- **Feb 27, 2018** – [Michael Goldman, Grange Insurance Audubon Center, Audubon’s “Plants for Birds” Program](#)
- **Jan 23, 2018** – [Elaine Marsh, Summit County Metro Parks, “Bringing Down the Dams on the Cuyahoga River”](#)
- **Dec 17, 2017** – Christmas Bird Count and Chili Dinner
- **Nov 28, 2017** – [Carrie Elvey, Wilderness Center, “Monarch Butterflies”](#)
- **Nov 4, 2017** – bird seed sale @ Copley Feed & Supply, 10am-1pm
- **Oct 24, 2017** – [Dwight Chasar, GAAS, “Famous People in North America and their Fowl Obsessions”](#)
- **Sept 26, 2017** – [Shane Good, Akron Zoo, “Lights Out Akron”](#)
- **June 27, 2017** – Annual Picnic at the [Bath Nature Preserve Biology Field Station](#), [Jennifer Peteya, “Using melanosomes in modern bird feathers to determine melanin-based colors of some dinosaurs.”](#)

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- **May 23, 2017** – [Jeff Reutter, OSU Stone Laboratory \(ret.\), “Toxic Algae and Dead Zones in Lake Erie”](#)
- **Apr 25, 2017** – [Jay Mager, Ohio Northern, "Effective management, or ecological/evolutionary traps? The importance of animal behavior in designing and implementing effective wildlife management strategies"](#)
- **Mar 28, 2017** – [Lisa Rainsong, Cleveland Institute of Music, “The Chorus Returns to the Stage – Bird Song and Amphibian Song in March”](#)
- **Feb 28, 2017** – [Mike Edgington, “Indian Safari”](#)
- **Jan 24, 2017** – [Joe Ferrara, ODNR, “Injured and Orphaned Wildlife”](#)
- **Dec 18, 2016** – CBC & Chili Dinner, Oaks Pavilion, Firestone Metro Park
- **Nov 22, 2016** – [Mark Purdy, “Antarctica & South Georgia”](#)

- **Nov 5, 2016** – bird seed sale @ Copley Feed & Supply, 9am-1pm
- **Oct 25, 2016** – [Keith Tarvin, Oberlin College, “Alarming Birds and Eavesdropping Squirrels”](#)
- **Sept 27, 2016** – Pat Rydquist, Summit Metro Parks, “Moths” (maybe including a moth hunt)
- **June 28, 2016** – Annual Picnic at the [Bath Nature Preserve Biology Field Station](#), Lara Roketenetz, Univ. of Akron, “Tamarack Bogs”
- **May 24, 2016** – [Paul Motts, CVNP \(retired\), “Nesting Bald Eagles”](#)
- **Apr 26, 2016** – [Stanley Gehrt, The Ohio State University, “Ghost Dogs: Tracking Coyotes in the City”](#)
- **Mar 22, 2016** – [Jason Lewis, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, “Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge: Conserving the Future and Connecting People to Nature”](#)
- **Feb 23, 2016** – [Peter Niewiarawski, Univ. Akron, NE Ohio: A hub for Biomimicry](#)

Links for additional information: <https://glbiomimicry.org/> and <http://uabiomimicry.org/>

- **Jan 26, 2016** – [Jennie Vasarhelyi, CVNP, “Cuyahoga Valley National Park, A Great Urban Park”](#)
- **Dec 20, 2015** – Annual Christmas Bird Count followed by the Chili Dinner, 4:30-6:30
- **Nov 24, 2015** – Frankie Lopez, Manager of Old Woman Creek Estuary, “Old Woman Creek Estuary and the North American Migratory Bird Treaty Act”
- **Nov 7, 2015** – bird seed sale @ Copley Feed & Supply, 9am-1pm
- **Oct 27, 2015** – [Vicki Croisant, Akron Zoo, “Working with Humboldt Penguins in Their Native Peru and Their Not-So-Native Akron”](#)
- **Sept 22, 2015** – [Sarah Mabey, Hiram, “Migration: Science, Wonder, and Conservation”](#)
- **June 23, 2015** – Annual Chapter Picnic at the [Bath Nature Preserve Biology Field Station](#), [Dr. Anne Wiley of the U of Akron Dept of Biology will present "Seabirds Through the Lens of Biogeochemistry"](#).

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- **May 26, 2015** – [Danae Wolf, OSU Extension Services, “Gardening for Pollinators”](#)
- **Apr 28, 2015** – [Denise Ellsworth, OARDC, “Native Bees of Ohio”](#)
- **Mar 24, 2015** – [Jay Mager, Ohio Northern, “Another Lesson in Loon Communication”](#)
- **Feb 24, 2015** – [Pat Rydquist, Summit MetroParks, “ID tips for Spring Warblers”](#)
- **Jan 27, 2015** – [Hazel Barton, University of Akron, “White-nose Syndrome in bats”](#)
- **Dec 14, 2014** – Annual Christmas Bird Count followed by the Chili Dinner, 4:30-6:30
- **Nov 25, 2014** – [Dr. Andy Jones, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, “Migration All Around Us”](#)
- **Oct 28, 2014** – [Ian Adams, "Gossamer Wings - The World of Dragonflies & Damselflies"](#)
- **Sept 23, 2014** – [Laura Graber, ODNR, “Canada Geese”](#)
- **June 7, 2014** – GAAS 80th Anniversary Celebration: The GAAS 80th Anniversary will be a public celebration at the [Seiberling Nature Realm](#). This will be a MetroParks, Serving Summit County event, in collaboration with GAAS, from 12 noon until 4:00. Celebrate birds, nature and Audubon's 80th anniversary! Get an up-close look at live animals from a wildlife rehab center on the Seneca Deck. Inside, enjoy children's crafts, display tables and handouts in the auditorium, where members of Audubon will be on hand to answer questions. Meet at the visitors center's front doors at 2 p.m. for a naturalist-led hike on the grounds. See [Anniversary](#) for a report and pictures.
- **June 24, 2014** – Annual Chapter Picnic at the [Bath Nature Preserve Biology Field Station](#), Marie Morgan et al, “History of the Greater Akron Audubon Society”

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- **May 27, 2014** – [Phil Meyers, University of Michigan, “How the Great Lakes Got Great”](#)
- **Apr 22, 2014** – [Ryan Trimboth, University of Akron, “Wetland Restoration and Waterfowl”](#)
- **Mar 25, 2014** – [Judy & John Wilkinson “Tropical Birding”](#)
- **Feb 25, 2014** – [Jim McCormac, “Wood Warblers – The Rest of the Story”](#)

- **Jan 28, 2014** – [Mark Purdy, "The Pantanal -- One of the World's Greatest Wetlands"](#)
- **Dec 15, 2013** – Annual Christmas Bird Count followed by the Chili Dinner, 4:30-6:30
- **Nov 26, 2013** – [Cheryl Harner, "Butterflies as Bioindicators"](#)
- **Oct 22, 2013** – [Patrick Coy & Karin Tanquist, "Birds and Beasts in Botswana and Beyond"](#)
- **Sept 24, 2013** – [Bill Deininger, videos of birds and their behavior](#)

- **June 25, 2013** – Annual GAAS Picnic at the Bath Nature Preserve Biology Field Station, 6:30, Dr. Matt Shawkey, Dept. of Biology, The University of Akron, "On Coloration in Mallards"

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- **Apr 23, 2013** – Judy Semroc, The Importance of Pollination: A Photographic Primer (for a sneak preview, see [Hobomok Skipper](#))
- **Mar 26, 2013** – Akron Zoological Park, an up-close opportunity to view some of the world's most amazing animals. Discover the wonder of the animals that share our world.
- **Feb 26, 2013** – Dr. Keith Tarvin, Dept. of Biology, Oberlin College, "Bill Color of American Goldfinches: A Window to the Soul?"
- **Jan 22, 2013** – Dave Sherman, ODNR Division of Wildlife, "Sandhill Cranes."
- **Dec 16, 2012** – Christmas Bird Count and Chili Dinner, details TBA
- **Nov 27, 2012** – Dr. John Szabo, Dept. of Geology & Env. Sci., University of Akron, "Glaciation of northeastern Ohio."
- **Oct 23, 2012** – Dr. Ali Dhinojwala, Dept. of Polymer Science, University of Akron, "Learning from Geckos to Climb Walls."
- **Sept 25, 2012** – Dan Bertsch, Medina Parks Chief Naturalist, "Alaska the Great Land."
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** actual speaker was Dr. Greg Smith presenting "Coyotes in CVNP." <p>

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- **May 22, 2012** – Jamey Graham, Wildlife Communications Specialist, ODNR, Div of Wildlife, "Comeback Critters and the Conservation Movement", The talk will focus on wildlife management techniques and how species have recovered thanks to reintroduction efforts.
- **Apr 24, 2012** – Jay Mager, Assoc. Professor, Biological & Allied Health Sciences, Ohio Northern University, "Acoustic Communication in Birds (mate attraction, male/male competition and signal 'honesty')."
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- **Feb 28, 2012** – Dan Herms, Professor, OSU OARDC, speaking on phenology (the science of climate influences on annual natural phenomena such as bird migrations).
- **Jan 24, 2012** – Susan Schmidt, Schmidt Family Farms, "Documented Health Risks of Genetically Modified Food."
- **Dec 18, 2011** – Annual Christmas Bird Count followed by the Chili Dinner, 4:30-6:30, Mingo Shelter.
- **Nov 22, 2011** – Pat Rydquist and Megan Doran, Metro Parks, Serving Summit County, "Classifying Bird Song by Sonograms."
- **Oct 25, 2011** – Richard Dolbeer, Bird Strike Committee USA, "Sharing the Skies: Advancing the Science of Ornithology and Aviation Safety."
- **Sept 27, 2011** – Lisa Petit, CVNP, "From Basketball to Bobolinks: The Real 'Miracle of Richfield.'"
- **June 28, 2011** - Annual GAAS Picnic at the Bath Nature Preserve Biology Field Station, 6:30 – Dr. Todd Blackledge, Biology Dept., The University of Akron, topic tba.

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- **May 24, 2011** – Skunk Haven, animal rehabilitation center specializing in skunks, topic to be determined.
- **Apr 26, 2011** - Fred Groeger and Jane Allen, “All Eyes on the Gulf Expedition,” brief description at [All Eyes on the Gulf](#).
- **Mar 22, 2011** – Eddie Dengg, Vice President at Western Reserve Land Conservancy, “[Creating a ribbon of Green: Land Conservation in Northeast Ohio](#)”.
- **Feb 22, 2011** – Clyde Witt & Susan Jones, ”Birds, and More, of Cuba.”
- **Jan 25, 2011** – **NEW LOCATION: West Room of Goodyear Heights Metro Park.** Dan Kramer, ODNR, “Status of Bobcats in Ohio.”
- **Dec 19, 2010** – Annual Christmas Bird Count followed by the Chili Dinner, 4:30-6:30, Mingo Shelter.
- **Nov 23, 2010** - Ronald Schaefer, photographer, “Eagles.”
- **Oct 26, 2010** - Jay Mager, Asst. Professor, Biological & Allied Health Sciences, Ohio Northern University, “Loons.”
- **Sept 28, 2010** - Gary Meszaros, photographer and author, "Songbirds of Ohio."
- **June 22, 2010** – Annual GAAS Picnic at the Bath Nature Preserve Biology Field Station – Lynn Garrity, trail planner for CVNP, will talk about plans for trails in the park - 6:30 pm (see [map](#))
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- **May 25, 2010** – Dr. Gary Riggs, veterinarian who works with Akron Zoo, ODNR, and Wild4Ever (non-profit organization doing international conservation work). "Wild4Ever: birth of a local conservation foundation."
- **Apr 27, 2010** – James Cole, Bird Conservation Manager for The Nature Conservancy of Ohio, "Conserving Important Stopover Locations for Migrant Birds in Western Lake Erie."
- **Mar 23, 2010** – Kim Hinkle, author, “Flying Squirrels.”
- **Feb 23, 2010** – "GAAS Film (Photo) Festival" Anybody is free to volunteer to do about 10 minutes on a recent travel or other suitable topic. If interested, contact us at info@akronaudubon.org.

- **Jan 26, 2010** – Lisa Rainsong, Cleveland Institute of Music, "Musical ear training technique as a tool for bird song identification".
- **Dec 20, 2009** – Annual Christmas Bird Count Chili Dinner, 4:30-6:30.
- **Nov 24, 2009** – Forrest Smith, Emeritus Professor of Biology, The University of Akron, "Using Soils, Plants, and Water to Take a Deep Look at Nature."
- **Oct 27, 2009** – Rick Gardner, "Cedar Glades: Islands of Biodiversity"
- **Sept 22, 2009** – Damon Greer, ODNR Div. of Wildlife, "Peregrine Falcons - Then and Now."
- **June 23, 2009** – annual picnic at Bath Nature Preserve – Dr. Bruce Cushing, University of Akron Biology Department - 6:30 pm (see [map](#))
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- **May 26, 2009** – Metro Parks naturalists Maureen McGinty, Pat Rydquist, and Meghan Doran will talk about their favorite birding locales within the Metro Parks.
- **Apr 28, 2009** – (Shady Hollow Pavilion) Lauren Hierl, Alaska Policy Associate for National Audubon Society, "Alaska".
- **Mar 24, 2009** – (Shady Hollow Pavilion) Wild Ones - native plants
- **Feb 24, 2009** – Bridget McDaniel, Audubon Ohio Grassroots Coordinator, "Great Lakes initiatives & Global Warming"
- **Jan 27, 2009** – Ann and Dwight Chasar, "Birding Central Kenya"
- **December 14, 2008** – Annual Christmas Bird Count Chili Dinner – Coventry Oaks Pavilion, Firestone MetroPark, Coventry Township, 4:30-6:30
- **Nov 25, 2008** – Professor Keith Tarvin, Dept of Biology at Oberlin College, "Why Are Goldfinch Bills So Colorful?"
- **Oct 28, 2008** – Dr. Andy Jones, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, "Splitting and Joining of Bird Species"
- **Sept 23, 2008** – Rich Ruggles, Aurora Astronomical Society, "Shedding Light on Light Pollution"
- **June 24, 2008** – Annual Picnic hosted by Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association – details:

Who

A joint event for GAAS and Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association (PLPMA).
Canton Audubon will also be invited.

When:

Tuesday, June 24. Fun with Purple Martins starting at about 6pm; potluck picnic starting at about 7pm

Where:

Martins: Portage Lakes State Park, North Reservoir Boat Launch, on State Mill Road, just off of Manchester Road.

Picnic: Kiwanis Civic Center, 725 Portage Lake Drive. (a very short drive from the martin site)

There is plenty of parking at both locations.

See [map](#) for more detailed information.

What

First, we'll do some feeding of the adult birds -- flipping scrambled egg bits into the sky for the swarming birds to nab. Then, we'll lower some nest boxes, observe the eggs & chicks, and kidnap some of them for banding, which will be done by Tom Henry of ODNR.

We'll then drive over to the potluck picnic site. All attendees should bring a food item to share. Larry is going to provide ham & buns. GAAS will provide plates, napkins, utensils, cups, beverages, and ice. As dinner winds down, we can discuss Audubon business, if any, and Larry Hunter will address any questions about martins and PLPMA. The picnic site is indoors, with a kitchen, electricity, & bathrooms.

- **May 27, 2008**- Matt Shawkey, Univ. of Akron, "Sexual selection in birds as a function of feather color"
- **Apr 22, 2008**- Mark Shieldcastle, Ohio Division of Wildlife, "Spring Bird Migration"
- **Mar 25, 2008**- Dr. Todd Blackledge, University of Akron Department of Biology, "Research on Spiders"
- **Feb 26, 2008**- Clyde Witt & Susan Jones, "Trinidad & Tobago"
- **Jan 22, 2008**- Larry Rosche, "Dragonflies & Damselflies"
- **Dec. 16, 2007** - Annual Christmas Bird Count Chili Dinner, 4:30-7 pm
- **Nov 27, 2007**- Dr. Adil Wadia, University of Akron's Wayne Campus, "Birds and Dinosaurs"
- **Oct 23, 2007**- Greg Miller, "The Big Year"
- **Sep 25, 2007**- Andy Jones, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, "Ornithology at the Museum"
- **June 26, 2007** - Annual Picnic at BNP - Greg Smith (Univ. of Akron) - Kestrels - 6:30 pm (see [map](#))

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- **Apr. 24, 2007** - Mark Purdy - "Adventures in Namibia" (originally scheduled for May)
- **Mar. 27, 2007** - Ann McClain Roher - "Mr. Picky and Me: Lessons from a Master Chickadee"
- **Feb. 27, 2007** - Jen Brumfield - "What Birds Have Taught Me"
- **Jan. 23, 2007** - Mark Shieldcastle of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Wind turbines and birds
- **Dec. 17, 2006** - Christmas Bird Count and Chili Dinner (Seiberling NatuRealm)
- **Nov. 28, 2006** - Jim McCormac, President of Ohio Ornithological Society - Ohio's Birding Hotspots
- **Oct. 24, 2006** - Tim Krynak of Cleveland Metro Parks - Bats
- **Sept. 26, 2006** - Leo Boes - Leo's Ark
- **June 27, 2006** - Annual Picnic - Bath Nature Preserve Field Station - bird walk at 5:30; potluck dinner around 7; Speakers: Dr. Brian Bagatto and graduate student Misty Ayers speaking on how oxygen levels affect fish development; rain or shine. For directions, see [map](#)
- **May 23, 2006** - Dan Petit - "Keeping spring from becoming silent: How Ohioans are putting their birding skills to good use"
- **Apr. 25, 2006** - Damon Greer, Division of Wildlife - "Black Bears in Ohio, Something's a Bruin"
- **Mar. 28, 2006** - Tom Henry, Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Bald Eagles
- **Feb. 28, 2006** - Dave Swanson, ODNR - Ohio's breeding birds
- **Jan. 24, 2006** - Fran Kitchen, Operation Orphan Wildlife Rehabilitation - Wildlife Rehabilitation
- **Dec. 18, 2005** - Christmas Bird Count followed by Chili Dinner in Seiberling Naturealm
- **Nov. 22, 2005** - Chris and Chad Saladin, Medina Raptor Rehab Center - Peregrine Falcons
- **Oct. 25, 2005** - [Cynthia Drukenbrode](#), Conservatory Manager at Cleveland Botanical Gardens - Praying Mantis
- **Sept. 27, 2005** - Jim McCormac, Ohio Division of Wildlife and Ohio Ornithological Society - Carnivorous Plants -- Important news: This meeting will be held at the Seiberling NatuRealm
- **June 28, 2005** - picnic at Univ. of Akron's new field station in Bath Nature Preserve - 6:30 pm (see [map](#))
BNP, owned by Bath Township, consists of over 400 acres, and contains a variety of habitats, including grasslands (with good populations of Bobolinks and Meadowlarks), wetlands, scrubland, deciduous forests, riparian corridors, ponds, and a remnant tamarack bog. UA has an agreement with the township for using the preserve for research and teaching. In addition, UA is responsible for the preserve management plan.

Members of the UA biology department (faculty and/or graduate students) will provide a tour of their facility and give a presentation on their research activities at the preserve.

There will no formal nature walk, but we encourage interested parties to bring their binoculars and go for a walk. The potluck picnic will be at about 6:30pm, so there should be time for a walk beforehand or possibly after the picnic.

For the picnic, GAAS will provide beverages and accessories (plates, cups, napkins, etc). Attendees only need to bring a potluck dish for sharing.

- **May 24, 2005** - (Change in Schedule) Joyce Pelz - Spring Bird Calls
 - **April 26, 2005** - Mark Purdy - Galapagos
 - **March 22, 2005** - Dr. Todd Blackledge - Spider webs and evolution
 - **February 22, 2005** - Wendy Weirich - Winter Survival
 - **January 25, 2005** - Casey Tucker - Audubon at Home
 - **December 19, 2004** - Christmas Bird Count and Chili Dinner
 - **November 23, 2004** - Jim McCormac - Neotropical Birds of Ohio
 - **October 26, 2004** - Tom Henry - Barn Owls
 - **September 28, 2004** - Ben Fambrough - Thrush Migration and night monitoring
- If you are interested in using the links that Ben mentioned in his presentation, they are:

Intellicast.com

Radar Ornithology

Oldbird.org

- **June 6, 2004** - Annual Picnic - our annual picnic will be a joint activity with Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society at the Horseshoe Pond area of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Horseshoe Pond is located on Major Road, 0.7 miles west of Riverview Road. The nearest major intersection is Riverview Road and Rte 303. For more information on the site, check at [CVNP](#). We will start at 8am with a morning bird walk, followed by a brunch/lunch at the pavilion. Each participant should bring a food item to share with the group, plus their own accessories (beverage, plates, forks, napkins, etc.) There is a grill on site; charcoal and grill utensils will be available. Additional activities will include a plant exchange and short talks about what the two chapters have been doing recently.
- **May 25, 2004** - Dr. Lauchlan Fraser - University of Akron research activity at Bath Nature Preserve
- **April 27, 2004** - Stanley Stine - The new MetroPark in northeast Summit County
- **March 23, 2004** - Laura Jordan - Medina Raptor Center
- **February 24, 2004** - Damon Greer - Coyotes in Ohio
- **January 27, 2004** - Shannon Ehlers - Adventures in Ghana
- **December 14, 2003** - No meeting but we will have the Christmas Bird Count followed by our Chili Dinner at the Mingo Shelter - details to follow.
- **November 25, 2003** - Mark Purdy - Birding in Chile
- **October 28, 2003** - Larry Hunter - Purple Martins in the Portage Lakes

- **September 23, 2003** - Ohio Bird Sanctuary - 'Guess Hoo's coming to dinner?', a presentation on owls
- **June 24, 2003** - Annual Picnic and Chapter Elections to be held at Wolf Creek Winery on Cleveland-Massillon Road. Bring your own food or call a local restaurant to have food delivered there. Meeting starts at 6:30.
- **May 27, 2003** - We will have a bird walk through the Sand Run Park and a short meeting with refreshments afterwards. We will meet at the Shady Hollow Pavilion starting at 6:30 and split into groups. Groups will leave until roughly 7:00. Bring your binocular
- **Apr. 22, 2003** - Larry Rosche - dragonflies & damselflies.
- **Mar. 25, 2003** - Beth and Steve Cagan - a presentation on their trip to Venezuela in conjunction with a conservation project involving the Cleveland Zoo.
- **Feb. 25, 2003** - Julie Zickefoose - nature artist & writer - creating a wildlife paradise in your own yard (artwork for sale also)
- **Jan. 28, 2003** - Dwight & Ann Chasar - nests and nest habits of birds
- **Dec. 15, 2002** - Christmas Bird Count & Chili Dinner (Mingo Shelter)
- **Nov. 26, 2002** - Steve Frantz, Northern Ohio Association of Herpetologists - Snakes of Ohio
- **Oct. 22, 2002** - Michael Johnson, Davey Resource Group - Bats!
- **Sept. 24, 2002** - Jim White, Executive Director of Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan -- status, threats, & plans for the Cuyahoga, impact of urbanization, local activism, what we can all do.
- **June 25, 2002** Annual Picnic and Chapter Elections to be held at Wolf Creek Winery on Cleveland-Massillon Road. Bring your own food or call a local restaurant to have food delivered there. Meeting starts at 6:30.
- **May 28, 2002** William Rich of the University of Akron will give the presentation "Images of Nature in National Parks". Mr. Rich is an accomplished nature photographer.
- **April 23, 2002** Dr. Courtenay Willis and one of her interns will discuss her on-going avian research which is partially funded by Greater Akron Audubon Society.
- **March 26, 2002** Dr. Peter Niewiarowski of the University of Akron will talk about salamanders and his research at the Bath Nature Preserve.
- **February 26, 2002** Mark and Claire Purdy will give a presentation entitled "Birding at the Center of the Earth -- Ecuador."
- **January 22, 2001** - Clyde Witt and Susan Jones will give a presentation on the Kapiti Island Nature Preserve in New Zealand.
- **December 16, 2001** - Christmas Bird Count followed by Chili Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Mingo Shelter in the Sand Run Park starting at 4:30 and continuing until 7:00. You can find more information about the MetroParks Serving Summit County including maps and directions by going to [MetroParks](#)
- **November 27, 2001** - Tom Henry, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, will give a presentation on Wild Turkeys and other Ohio Game Birds.
- **October 23, 2001** - Jeff Wenstrup, Associate Professor of Neurobiology at NEOUCOM, will present "Listening in the Dark: Bats and Sonar."

- **September 25, 2001** - Fran Kitchen of Operation Orphan Wildlife Rehabilitation, Inc. will talk about wildlife rehabilitation and also present some of the residents in her facility.
- **June 26, 2001** - Chapter picnic starting at 6:30 at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. See the newsletter for details and directions.
- **May 22, 2001** - Dr. Londrville of The University of Akron Biology Department will speak on sharks and his research on the Great White Shark.
- **April 24, 2001** - Margy Siebert and Alice Phillips will present "Butterflies for Birdwatchers" with additional slides from chapter member and photographer Trudy Beal.
- **March 27, 2001** - Dr. Courtenay Willis and one of her interns will discuss her on-going avian research which is partially funded by Greater Akron Audubon Society.
- **February 27, 2001** - Mark and Claire Purdy will make a presentation on Iceland, concentrating on seabirds, with additional information on other birds and geography.
- **January 23, 2001** - Wendy Weirich, a naturalist with the Cleveland Metroparks, will present "Panama, the Land Between the Seas."
- **December 17, 2000** - after the Christmas Bird Count, we will have our annual Chili Dinner at the Mingo Shelter of Sand Run Park starting at 4:30.

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