



## Upcoming Programs and Events

**January 26, 2021 7 p.m. GAAS Virtual Program: A New Primer on Backyard Bird Feeding**  
**Speaker: John Barber**



How can we best feed birds in our yards? The accepted wisdom of many feeders brimming with commercially-grown seeds is increasingly seen as one of the lowest priorities for helping both nesting and migrant birds. Are we supporting birds that are relentless predators on open-cup nesting species? The answer lies in designing and planting a wide array of native trees, shrubs, and perennials to host the widest possible array of native insects, while avoiding the temptation to plant non-native and potentially invasive plants sometimes sold as "bird-friendly". Recent research suggests the highest probability of success for nesting Black-capped Chickadees results from yards planted with more than 70% native plants. We'll talk about turning yards of any size into truly bird-friendly habitats.

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAsfuqurjsrH9L4O-Tf0IGwL-EbdPh1NXC>

After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email with a zoom link to join the meeting.

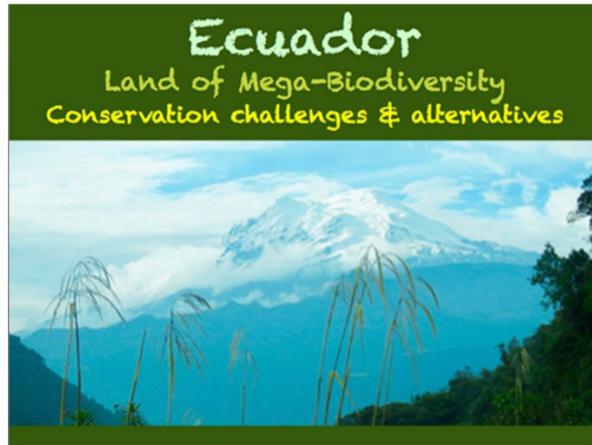
**Please note:** Please register by Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. There are handouts for this presentation that will be emailed to each registered participant on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

And, if you'd like to learn more about native plants and why they're so important in our personal landscapes, please view this webinar that was recorded January 15, 2021 as part of *The Living Landscape Series* offered by OSU Entomology and several co-sponsoring organizations: [https://osu.zoom.us/rec/play/Znl5TTXlmxljZEDyUt8l9hee91H5r5J6DL8o-ESVCbVThXovE8ERfL9WoCLq4FEpsU\\_lpkE5CnEYsYUc.H7a0mvzZNTECNyKp?continueM ode=true](https://osu.zoom.us/rec/play/Znl5TTXlmxljZEDyUt8l9hee91H5r5J6DL8o-ESVCbVThXovE8ERfL9WoCLq4FEpsU_lpkE5CnEYsYUc.H7a0mvzZNTECNyKp?continueM ode=true)

In this first of four presentations in the series, **Dr. Doug Tallamy** talks on **Restoring Nature's Relationships at Home**.

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**Next month, Paul Greenfield Presents to GAAS live from Ecuador  
February 23, 2021 7:00 p.m.**



The Tiny South American Republic of Ecuador is home to a surprisingly exceptional natural bounty due in no small part to its location and geography. Conservation International has named Ecuador the most biodiverse nation on earth. But this reality faces challenges that, sadly, pose serious threats to the sustainability and long-term survival of the wealth of ecosystems, habitats and species that are found within this nation's reduced territory. Beyond its impressive numbers of resident species, Ecuador hosts many boreal and austral migrants. So how do we confront and combat these threats, that not only affect this country, but also impact our North American partners, like Ohio? A number of successful concepts, ideas and strategies have been put into practice by the Mindo Cloudforest Foundation.

Registration information will be coming in early February.

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**National Audubon Society's Webinar series, *I Saw a Bird*** program will continue in 2021 on the last Wednesday of each month through June! Register for Episode 16 (January 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.): <http://ow.ly/8WCS30rp65i>

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### **Order your Native Plants now:**

Portage Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD) Tree Sale: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, PSWCD will offer a limited number of species of native trees and shrubs and evergreens. Order online at <https://www.portageswcd.org/tree-sale> Order now through April 9, 2021 for pickup on April 22 and 23rd at Portage SWCD, 6970 State Route 88, Ravenna OH 44266

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### **Summit Metro Parks Centennial Celebration**

Greater Akron Audubon Society is a partnering organization with Summit Metro Parks and we'd like to help them celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 2021 will be packed with ways to get involved with the centennial events. Visit the centennial website to find out what's being planned: [www.summitmetroparks100.org](http://www.summitmetroparks100.org)



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