

Title: “Lights Out Akron

Speaker: Shane Good, Animal Curator, Akron Zoo

Abstract:

Shane will be speaking about local efforts to initiate a “Lights Out Cleveland” program. Sponsors of the program include Akron Zoo, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland Metroparks, the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative, and others. Every spring and fall, millions of birds migrate through Northeast Ohio on their way to or from their breeding grounds. Many birds migrate at night, and lights on tall buildings or aimed at the sky can disorient them and draw them into the buildings. This causes many birds to strike windows or circle buildings until they fall from exhaustion. Building collisions are a leading cause of bird fatality during migration in North America, estimated to kill 550 million birds each year. The goal of Lights Out Cleveland is to reduce the number of birds killed by flying into buildings and windows in Cleveland. Similar programs in cities across the country have proven to be very successful in reducing bird/window collisions. Shane and the “Lights Out” partners have set a goal of introducing “Lights Out” to Akron in the near future.

Biography:

Shane has served as an Animal Curator at the Akron Zoo since 2012, managing the Zoo’s avian collection. Before coming to the Akron Zoo he spent 20 years working as an Animal Keeper at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. He serves on the Association of Zoos and Aquariums’ (AZA) Passerine Taxon Advisory Group (TAG). Akron Zoo boasts a large North American Songbird Aviary and in recent years Shane has been working closely with fellow zoo curators toward advancing North American Songbird conservation initiatives. Shane is a national member of Audubon and locally he has helped coordinate Akron Zoo’s participation in the Greater Akron Audubon Society’s Annual Christmas Bird Counts and Summer Bird Counts.