



Upcoming Programs and Events

Welcome 2022! May birding, and being out in the natural world, bring us some level of peace and harmony in a time when uncertainty and fear seem to surround us.



**Northeast Ohio Pollinator Symposium:
"Important Trees, Shrubs and Vines to Attract Beneficial Insects and Birds" presented
by Field Biologist and Naturalist Judy Semroc
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

(Sponsored by The Ashtabula County Master Gardeners, The Ashtabula County Beekeepers Association, The Ashtabula County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Ohio State University Extension – Ashtabula County) [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

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### **OSU Partners for Pollinators: Tending Nature Speaker Series**

*Native Plants and Every Gardener's Role in Fostering Biodiversity*

This 6-session webinar series will focus on the ecological roles of native plants and some of the creatures that depend on them. It will meet virtually at **10:00 a.m.** each Friday for 6 weeks January 7<sup>th</sup> through February 11<sup>th</sup>. Register once to attend any or all live sessions or check back at website (<https://u.osu.edu/certify/tending-nature/>) to view a recording of the webinar.



Friday, **January 14, 2022**: Doug Tallamy: [Bringing Nature Home: The Importance of Native Plants](#)

Friday, **January 21, 2022**: Lisa Olsen: [Cultivating a Community of Support for Native Plants](#)



**Summit Metro Parks Virtual Program: Winter Bird ID**  
**Wednesday, January 19, 2022 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Learn what resident birds call Ohio home throughout the year and what other birds migrate south to Ohio to escape Canada's colder weather. Bring questions and sightings to share. <https://Zoom.us/join> Enter Meeting ID: 485 730 2450



**GAAS January (Virtual) Program**  
**Tuesday, January 25, 2022 7:00 p.m.**



Dr. Laura Kearns, wildlife Biologist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, will present ***Tracking Trumpeter Swans***. Ohio is currently participating in a multi-state project evaluating the movement ecology of the Interior Population of Trumpeter Swans and what factors determine migratory behaviors of the swans throughout the region. This talk will provide an update on the current status of Ohio's trumpeter swan population and a preliminary report of 20 swans tracked in Ohio compared to other trumpeter swans in the Great Lakes region.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkd-6qqjwoE9LxD8hLYsbFf5uWpGDoexXp>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing a link to join the meeting. Hint: when registering, you may want to note the date and time of the confirmation email so you'll be able to find it on the evening of the program.



## Bird Walk

### Birding for Beginners in Cuyahoga Valley National Park Saturday, January 15, 2022 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

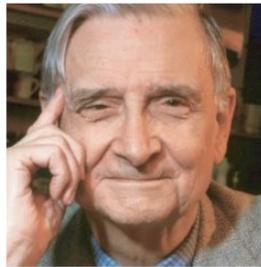
Location to be shared upon registration: [Saturday Adventure: Birding for Beginners Tickets, Sat, Jan 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

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Other News and Concerns



Thomas Lovejoy



E.O. Wilson

Doug Tallamy on Recent Loss of Thomas Lovejoy and Edward O. Wilson **“Lovejoy and Wilson have spoken; now it’s time to act.”**

In a year-end message to Homegrown National Park enthusiasts, Doug Tallamy celebrated the lives of two great conservationists and strengthened his message to every one of us to... “coexist with nature before the life support systems provided by the natural world fail... But we need more people to hear it, and we need them to hear it soon. Let’s convince 10 times more people to build their own part of Homegrown National Park in 2022 and 10 times more than that in 2023. It’s fun, it’s rewarding, it’s vital, and above all else, it works!

Though it might be tempting for some to see the loss of Lovejoy’s and Wilson’s leadership as a signal to give up on conservation, this is not an option, particularly now with such a clear path to success in sight. Instead, let’s view their passing as a transfer of responsibility for the future of conservation, from them and many other leaders like them, to us. Humanity has entered a race, perhaps the most important race humans have ever been challenged to: a race against time; a race to curb our own destructive habits, a race to change our culture from one that exiles Mother Nature to the most uninhabitable places on earth to one that welcomes Her into all human-dominated spaces. As E. O. Wilson famously said, “Conservation is a discipline with a deadline.” The deadline is approaching, so please help spread his important message!”



Bird-Friendly Winter Tips

Did you know that on the coldest winter nights birds can lose 75 – 85 percent of their fat reserves? They then switch from using bird feeders as *supplemental food* to their *primary*. If you don't normally feed birds, consider putting chunks of suet on the ground or on top of frozen snow during the freezing temperatures. Or try putting a stick in a suet contained in a wire cage for robins and other birds to use as a perch. High fat food such as black oil sunflower seed and hearts are also rich sources of fat and calories to help combat low temperatures and severe storms.

If possible, consider adding a heated water feature to your space—especially when there is no snow. A rock placed in the middle of the water that sticks up past the water level lets the birds access the water without getting wet. Water is as big of an attraction in winter as bird feeders.

Remember to keep both bird feeders and baths clean on a regular basis.



2021 In Retrospect at National Audubon Society

While we may not think of our Akron chapter as a wheel of change, let us be encouraged by all that was accomplished in 2021 by our flock – from dedicated members, chapters, volunteers, and staff across the country. Have a look at [Top Wins for Birds and People in 2021 | Audubon](#) Our February chapter program will take a closer look at the above-mentioned role Audubon is playing in the Great Lakes region when Senior Policy Director Marnie Urso presents ***Audubon's Vision: Restoring the Great Lakes for Birds and People.***



Sad News!

Bird Watcher's Digest has just closed its doors, effective immediately—a victim of the pandemic. Please see the announcement at <https://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/bwdsite/>



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