



Upcoming Programs and Events

Medina County Park District Program

Turkey Tales

Saturday, November 18, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Oenslager Nature Center

6100 Ridge Rd.

Sharon Township (use Wadsworth, OH 44281 for GPS).



**Medina County
Park District**

There is no better time than late autumn to tell tales of turkeys and explore natural areas for this iconic bird. Join a naturalist for a short hike in search of resident wild turkeys! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free

Medina County Park District Program

Bird Retweet

Saturday and Sunday, November 18 – 19, 2023

Saturday and Sunday, November 25 – 26, 2023

12:00 – 5:00 p.m. (all days)

Susan Hambley Nature Center

1473 Parschen Blvd.

Brunswick, OH 44212



What kinds of birds visit our feeders during late fall and winter? What types of bird feeders and birdseed work the best? Stop in anytime between the hours of Noon and 5 p.m. to discover the answers to these questions. There will be bird information displays, crafts, and games. All ages are welcome.

No registration is required. Free

Summit Metro Parks Program

Let's Talk Turkeys

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Visitors Center

1828 Smith Rd., Akron, OH 44313



Join a naturalist for a talk about two types of turkeys – the Wild Turkey and the Turkey Vulture. Gobble up some new facts about these two impressive birds.



Summit Metro Parks Program

Winter Bird Drop In

Sunday, November 26, 2023 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Liberty Park Nature Center

9999 Liberty Rd, Twinsburg, OH 44087



Drop in to learn about winter birds, make a treat for your own backyard birds, then try your luck at hand-feeding the Black-capped Chickadees.



GAAS November Program (Virtual)

Spidering: It Is Just Like Birding

Dr. Sarah Rose

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 7:00 p.m.



Photos courtesy of Sarah Rose

Whether you love spiders, or hate them, they are important members of the ecosystem and vital to many bird species. Join us for a talk by Sarah J Rose, PhD, as she highlights how similar birds and spiders are and discusses some of the specific roles spiders play in our ecosystems.

Please register in advance for this Zoom meeting at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Note: The monthly programs offered by Greater Akron Audubon Society are free and open to the public. We welcome all who are interested to join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month – except for December, when the Christmas Bird Count will be held on Sunday, December 17th. Programs during the months of November, January and February will be held virtually on Zoom.

Decorative Arts Center of Ohio
Exhibit Featuring some Familiar Northeast Ohioans
It's an Honor to Be Here: Ohio Nature Artists in Their Natural State
Now Through December 31, 2023
Wednesday – Friday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
and
Saturday – Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
145 E. Main St.
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

SEPTEMBER 30 ~ DECEMBER 31, 2023



Although this exhibit is not local, it features some northeast Ohioans whose names may be familiar to those in the realm of nature. Dr. Lara Roketenetz and Carrie Elvey are among the artists on exhibit and the show is co-curated by Maria Burke and Madeline Beaumier.

“Exploring the eclectic backgrounds and relationships between artists and the natural world, *It's an Honor to Be Here* inspires curiosity and respect for the natural diversity found throughout Ohio and the talented artists that dedicate their craft to interpreting it. Ohio-based artists from all corners of the state... share their interpretations of the breadth of nature that surrounds us all and share stories that will inspire a new generation of creators and environmental stewards. Using a variety of media, from traditional painting to taxidermy, paper sculpture, video and fiber arts, this exhibition will engage audiences of all ages and backgrounds and highlight the incredible work that Ohio artists offer.

This exhibition has been made possible in part by the Payne Fund; Ohio Humanities, a nonprofit organization that shares stories to spark conversations and inspire ideas; and the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy demands wisdom.”

Admission is free and donations are gratefully accepted. See [Decorative Arts Center of Ohio -- Reese-Peters House - Home \(decartssohio.org\)](https://www.decartssohio.org/).

Bird Walks

As of November 11, 2023, there were no scheduled bird walks between November 12th and November 26th in Medina or Summit County Parks or in Cuyahoga Valley National

News You Can Use

GAAS Seed Sale a Success: Thank You!



Many thanks to all who bought bird seed or peanuts and/or donated to the chapter during our annual fundraiser. A quick look, by the numbers:

\$1413 Net Proceeds to Chapter

50 orders/donations

141 Total bags of sold

5140 Total pounds of product

Over 225 pounds of seed and peanuts donated to UA Field Station at Bath Nature Preserve

American Ornithological Society to Remove Eponyms in Bird Names



After many years of meetings and discussion the group that officially declares the common names for birds, the American Ornithological Society (AOS), announced on November 1st that it will undergo a process to rename birds that are named directly after people (eponyms) “along with other names deemed offensive and exclusionary,” according to the AOS website.

“There is power in a name, and some English bird names have associations with the past that continue to be exclusionary and harmful today. We need a much more inclusive and engaging scientific process that focuses attention on the unique features and beauty of the birds themselves,” said AOS President Colleen Handel, Ph.D., a research wildlife biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Alaska. “Everyone who loves and cares about birds should be able to enjoy and study them freely—and birds need our help now more than ever.”

A statement from Judith Scarl, Ph.D., AOS Executive Director and CEO proclaims, “As scientists, we work to eliminate bias in science. But there has been historic bias in how birds are named, and who might have a bird named in their honor. Exclusionary naming conventions developed in the 1800s, clouded by racism and misogyny, don’t work for us today, and the time has come for us to transform this process and redirect the focus to the birds, where it belongs... I am proud to be part of this new vision and am excited to work in partnership with a broad array of experts and bird lovers in creating an inclusive naming structure.”

AOS commits to establishing a new committee to oversee the assignment of all English common names for species within the AOS’s jurisdiction; this committee will broaden participation by including a diverse representation of individuals with expertise in the social sciences, communications, ornithology, and taxonomy. The AOS [also] commits to actively involving the public in the process of selecting new English bird names.

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**Fish and Wildlife Service Delists 21 Species  
From the Endangered Species Act due to Extinction  
Action signals a ‘wake-up call on the importance of  
conserving imperiled species before it’s too late’**



The Hawaiian po’ouli (*Melamprosops phaeosoma*) or black-faced honeycreeper, now declared extinct, ...  
Hawaii DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife via the Center for Biological Diversity

News outlets from around the world heralded the news recently that 21 species have been confirmed as extinct. The list of 21 species includes 10 birds, 8 mussels, two fish, and one mammal. Once it was published on October 17, 2023, the declaration becomes effective 30 days later, on November 16, 2023. Of the birds now officially declared extinct, eight were endemic to Hawaii. Unlike previous extinctions in earth’s history, these are caused “solely by human destruction in the form of habitat loss, shooting and other forms of exploitation, the introduction of invasive species, particularly cats, rats and pigs, and diseases.”

The USFWS indicated that it will continue to analyze and review the information about the Ivory-billed Woodpecker before deciding whether to delist it.

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News from Homegrown National Park

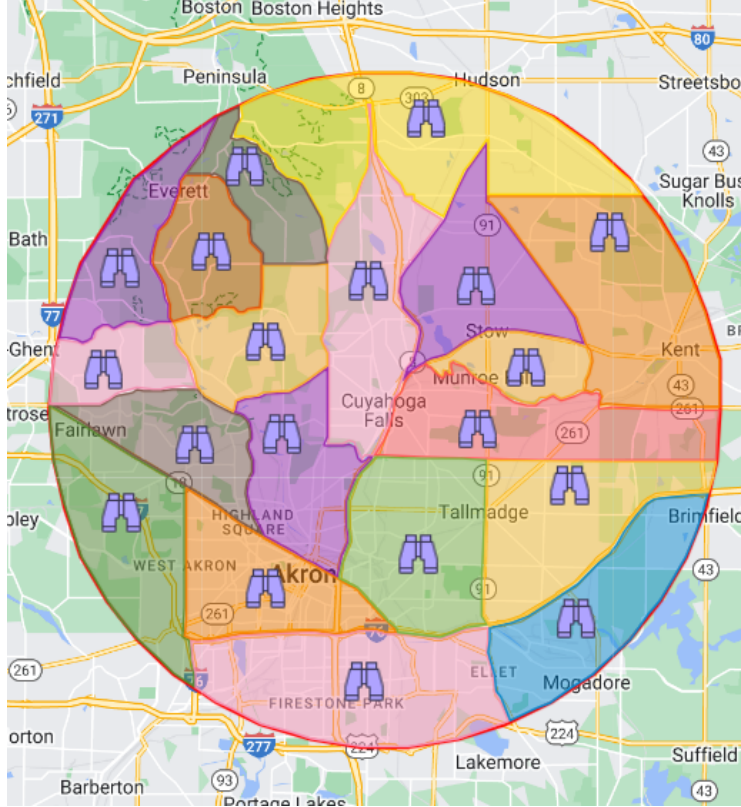


Moderated by: Michelle Alfandari, co-founder Homegrown National Park®

Read time: 19 minutes

Also in October, exciting news was received that Homegrown National Park has a new collaboration with PBS in a series entitled, **Wild Hope**. Sean B. Carroll, an evolutionary developmental biologist, author, educator and executive producer, heads up HHMI Tangled Bank Studio, whose most recent production is **Wild Hope**, a documentary film series on biodiversity. You can now view current episodes on the [PBS Nature YouTube Channel Wild Hope Playlist](#), and watch for new inspiring episodes released every two weeks. The transcript of Sean B. Carroll's talk with Dr. Tallamy and HNP co-founder Michelle Alfandari as moderator can be read here: [A Conversation with Doug Tallamy and Sean B. Carroll - Homegrown National Park](#)

Save the Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023
GAAS Participates in National Audubon Society's
124th Christmas Bird Count (CBC)



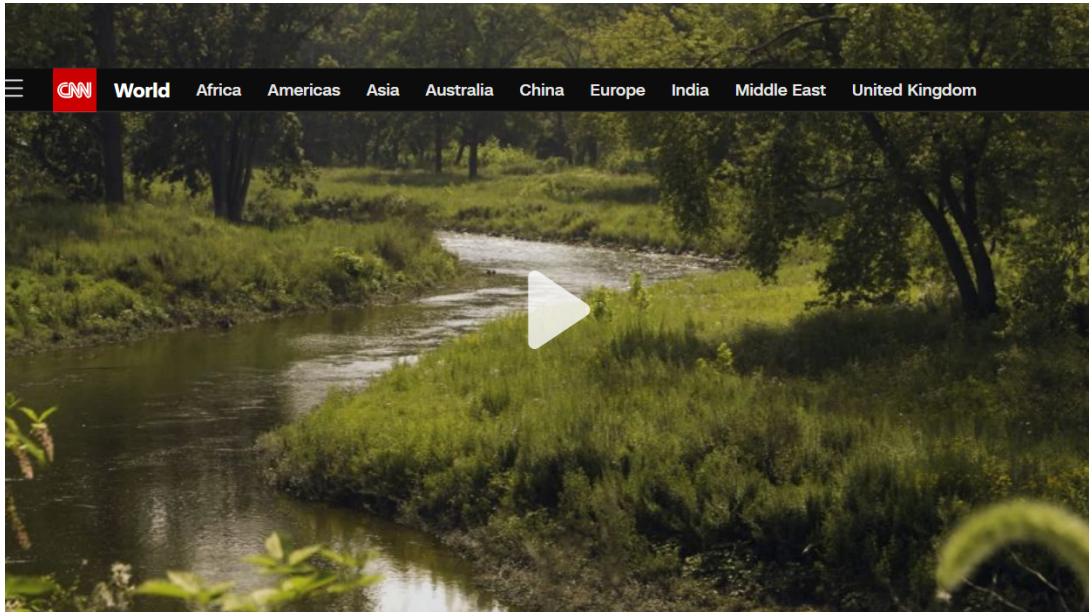
GAAS Website: OHCF Circle ID: 56496

The CBC for our chapter's circle, centered in Cuyahoga Falls, began in 1939 and, with the exception of 1949 (due to heavy rains that rendered the count incomplete), has been held every year since, making this the 84th year of participation. Daniel Toth is our official compiler and he has asked for the chapter's assistance with birder assignments to territories. As long-time sector leaders and their loyal counters age, some new leaders may need to be re-assigned to newly-open sectors in order to effectively conduct the count in all 19 sectors.

If you've never participated in the count (but would like to) or you'd like to be assigned to a different area than you had been previously, please send a message to info@akronaudubon.org and indicate your level of birding ability, phone number, area you'd prefer to be assigned and any info you'd care to share about physical ability (i.e. by foot or in car), time commitment, etc. Anyone who resides within the geographic bounds of the circle may also participate by doing a feeder count during the count day. For more information, including an interactive map of sector boundaries and sector leaders, please see [CBC-Territories - Greater Akron Audubon Society](#). Details have been submitted about the coverage in some, but not all, of the sectors and these notes can be accessed here: [CBC Territory Details - Greater Akron Audubon Society](#). More details about open sectors and territories that need better coverage will be forthcoming. Look for updates here on November 26th.

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# Valley View Golf Course Restoration Featured on CNN's Call To Earth Series



Screen shot of video featuring Valley View Golf Course restoration in Akron, Ohio

As part of its series about rewilding golf courses around the world titled, “**Abandoned golf courses are being reclaimed by nature.**” CNN featured this short video featuring Summit Metro Parks’ effort to restore the former Valley View Golf Course in Akron, Ohio. Read the article and/or watch the video: [Abandoned golf courses are being reclaimed by nature | CNN](#)

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**An Invite from Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society**

**Olympic Birdfest April 11 – 14, 2024**



For those thinking ahead for birding trips next year, the folks at Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society in Sequim, Washington wanted us to spread the word about their 2024 Olympic BirdFest. Discover the spectacular landscapes of the Olympic Peninsula. Enjoy guided birding trips with local experts in varied habitats, from bays and estuaries along the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the forests of the Dungeness Recreation Area. Join a boat tour around a protected island bird sanctuary or for a longer trip to the San Juan Islands or join a car caravan to the Makah Reservation for extraordinary bird-watching and the Makah Cultural & Research Center Museum. Explore the shoreline, woodlands and prairie adjacent to Olympic National Park. Add on 3-day San Juan Island expedition, daytrip around Protection Island Nation Sanctuary, and 3 days to Makah Indian Reservation at Neah Bay, WA. Registration opens on January 1, 2024 at [Olympic Birdfest](http://OlympicBirdfest) and fills up fast.

For more information, contact the River Center at [360-681-5636](tel:360-681-5636) or [Info@OlympicBirdFest.org](mailto:Info@OlympicBirdFest.org).

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### More Updates on the Audubon Name...

In mid-September, NPR One hosted Christian Cooper on the program *Going Wild With Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant*. Christian, who grew up with birding and National Audubon Society, helped explain his thought process about the Audubon name during this discussion during the 39-minute audio. He recounts his early experiences as a young black and gay birder and finding a mentor who took him “under his wing.” As a gay, black birder who loved science fiction, comic books and birding, he grappled with who he was and realized that nature was where he felt comfortable and it gave him the strength to rationalize his emotions as only a Vulcan mind would. Hear the thought-provoking narrative of Christian’s

life and realization that, as a board member of the New York City Audubon Society, he voted to change the name of the organization to help the birds he's come to love: [Fight And Flight: Christian Cooper's Story : NPR One](#)



In late September, Madison Audubon Society announced the results of its member vote and introduced its new name, Badgerland Bird Alliance. In the process of informing its members prior to the vote, they created a video that explains why they felt the change was necessary and they've invited other members of Great Lakes chapters to view the five-minute long video. Have a look: [We have some exciting news for our members. - YouTube](#)



We have some exciting news for our members.

Later in October, Chicago Audubon and Detroit Audubon Societies announced that they too were officially changing their names: [In Move Away From Namesake's History, Chicago Audubon Society Announces New Name: Chicago Bird Alliance | Chicago News | WTTW](#); [Detroit Audubon will become Detroit Bird Alliance after dropping racist namesake | Culture | Detroit | Detroit Metro Times](#); [Detroit Audubon rebranded Detroit Bird Alliance \(planetdetroit.org\)](#).

As we face an uncertain future, we must change the signals that a man's name evokes and welcome ALL people into nature and birding. It's not enough to notice birds; we must actively draw all people in and make them feel not only welcome, but SAFE. When we all have choices with what to do with our time, we need EVERYONE on board to focus on the mission of protecting birds and securing a future.



## Exciting Opportunity for Birders in the Peruvian Amazon



# MANU BIOLODGE BIRD VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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**Bioacoustics**  
**Surveying**  
**Science Communication**

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[manubiostation@gmail.com](mailto:manubiostation@gmail.com)



For those who travel with birding in mind, Brodie Hopkins, volunteer coordinator at the Manu Biological Station, sent a direct invite to Greater Akron Audubon Society members who may be interested in helping with their mission of understanding and protecting the birds of one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet. More than 650 bird species have been recorded on [eBird](#) at Manu Biolodge!

Participants in the Manu Biolodge Bird Volunteer Program will take part in a range of activities related to building a bird haven, bioacoustics, surveying and science communication – all while living at our 3,000-hectare conservation area surrounded by pristine tropical jungles.

This is an excellent opportunity for birders who want to do more than just list, whether they be budding ornithologists or simply passionate bird-lovers wanting the chance to

contribute to avian conservation. See their website for much more information and pricing:  
[Bird Volunteer Program | Manu \(manubio.org\)](#).

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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 \(kirtlandbirdclub.org\)](#).

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.

Please direct questions or comments to [info@akronaudubon.org](mailto:info@akronaudubon.org)

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