



Upcoming Programs and Events

The Aldo Leopold Foundation, in Baraboo, Wisconsin is inviting us to view the sights and sounds of 10,000 Sandhill Cranes as they congregate along the Wisconsin River behind Leopold's Shack before they head south. Register for a **free** virtual program at **8:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, December 15th**

Dr. Stan Temple will give a behind-the-scenes look at the conservation work the foundation does to protect these majestic birds as we witness the captivating sight of thousands of cranes flying in to roost for the night. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss!



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Update on Eastern Population Whooping Crane Tom Leiden sent the following information as a follow-up answer to a question asked of him during our November program: <https://www.savingcranes.org/whooping-crane-eastern-population-update-nov-2020/>

Sunday, December 20, 2020 - Annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

Greater Akron Audubon's 82nd Christmas Bird Count (part of National Audubon's 121st) centered in Cuyahoga Falls, will take place with established social-distancing guidelines. Want to participate? Please contact the CBC organizer Mike Edgington

at greatgray08@gmail.com or GAAS
at info@akronaudubon.com



Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7 PM EST - A New Primer on Backyard Birding - Zoom presentation hosted by the Greater Akron Audubon Society.

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 migrating 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.

Registration for this meeting is required:

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

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

NEW BIRDERS:

Are you interested in learning more about birds? Leaders from Greater Akron Audubon Society will meet outside in small groups with social distancing in the Akron area. No prior knowledge needed. Contact us at info@akronaudubon.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY

Riverwood

A 76-acre parcel that was formerly a golf course at 1870 Akron-Peninsula Road was recently purchased by Petros Development. It is currently zoned "Light Commercial/Athletic," but Petros is seeking to have it rezoned to "Residential" in order to build 197 high-end housing units. Akron's Planning Commission recommended by a vote of 3-2 to approve the plan and it now goes to the Akron City Council Planning Committee on Dec. 14th and then to a vote by the full Akron City Council. Calls and letters to Mayor Horrigan and Planning Committee members and At-large Council reps are very important:

<https://www.akroncitycouncil.org/council-members/>

For more information and to get involved, please see <https://www.preservethevalley.com/about-riverwood>

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Mail a Letter!

The Bureau of Land Management has issued a “call for nominations” to invite oil companies to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. In an attempt to discourage public input, they will only accept mailed-in or hand-delivered comments (no electronic comments). Individuals and chapters are encouraged to mail a letter today to tell the Bureau of Land Management that there’s no place for oil development in the Arctic Refuge. Comments must be received in Anchorage by December 17.

Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office

Attn: State Director Chad Padgett

222 West 7th Avenue, Mailstop 13

Anchorage, AK 99513

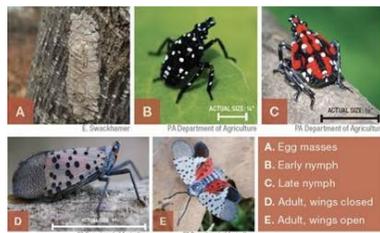
Drilling activities would disturb Snow Geese during the vulnerable time when they stage in the Arctic Refuge before undertaking long distance seasonal migrations.



Snow Geese. Photo: Elizabeth Acevedo/Audubon Photography Awards

The invasive **Spotted Lanternfly** has been found south of Steubenville, Ohio along the Ohio River as of October 19, 2020. This invasive pest could potentially devastate the grape and wine and orchard industries. It thrives on fruit trees, hops, vines, blueberry, oak, pine, poplar and walnut trees. As birders, we need to be on the lookout for them and report sightings to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Plant Pest Control Division: 614-728-6400

What to Look For: Egg masses (Present September-May). Egg masses contain 30 to 50 eggs and stick to flat surfaces. Freshly laid egg masses have a grey, waxy, mud-like coating, while hatched eggs look like brownish, seed-like deposits in four to seven columns about an inch long. Egg masses measure about 1/2 to 3/4 inch wide.



GAAS WEB PAGE EVENTS UPDATES

We regularly update our web page (<http://www.akronaudubon.org>) with new events and upcoming event details. Kindly stay in touch!

Interested in a volunteer opportunity?

Opportunities available for the following and more:

Out-reach and Partnerships

Membership

Program Committee

Please contact us at info@akronaudubon.org for details.