



Upcoming Programs and Events

GAAS February (Virtual) Program: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Audubon Great Lakes: Restoring the Great Lakes for Birds and People



Nat Miller, Director of Conservation for National Audubon Society's Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi Flyway, will present **Audubon's Vision: Restoring the Great Lakes for Birds and People**. The loss of and degradation of our coastal habitats from urban and agricultural development, invasive species and a changing climate pose the greatest threats to Great Lakes birds. A recent study found that North America has lost more than a quarter of its bird population in the last 50 years. The time to act is now. Audubon has developed a cohesive strategy to engage communities across the region to address these threats. With more than 10,000 miles of shoreline, Audubon has identified twelve nearshore watersheds of the Great Lakes that most need our help. The projects and programs highlighted in this report are critical to helping the region recover from current threats and will directly benefit key bird species that have seen dramatic declines, while setting the region on a path to long-term environmental health and resilience. Nat will also touch upon some of the H2Ohio projects that are making headlines and making big impacts on Ohio's water quality and wetland habitats.

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltde6tpjkiHdYEWAPxuU-tbq8ENOFZg8Uq>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing a link to join the meeting. 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.



The Value of Vacant Land as Bee Habitat (Virtual Program)
Wednesday, February 23, 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 The Ohio State University Extension – Ashtabula County, the series welcomes **Dr. Mary Gardiner**, Professor, Department of Entomology at The Ohio State University as she delves into her experiences in Cleveland and other cities in Ohio to make the vacant lots productive habitats for bees. If you have not previously registered for this series, registration is required:

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



Virtual Programs, Thursday, February 24, 2022

Join an online program with a naturalist to discover the joy of experiencing the winter birds in our neighborhoods and their adaptations and migratory lives. To join: <https://zoom.us/join> and key in appropriate meeting ID code.

Winter Birds for Kids: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Zoom ID Code: 849 8525 3779
Winter Birds for Adults: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Zoom ID Code 841 8380 6888

Live Program, Friday, March 04, 2022 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Early Spring Tree ID: Cascade Valley Metro Park, Oxbow Area
1061 Cuyahoga Street, Akron, OH 44313**

As birders, we need to better communicate to others where a bird is and if it's in a tree, what that tree is. No leaves? No problem! Join a naturalist to learn why trees matter and the basics of tree identification using bark, buds and twig arrangement.

**Leopold Week (Virtual): Explore Your Sense of Place
Friday, March 4 – Sunday March 13, 2022**

Join the Aldo Leopold Foundation for a week of virtual programming! Each year around the first week and weekend of March, organizations and individuals across the country come together to celebrate Aldo Leopold and a land ethic through community readings, film screenings, outdoor activities, and more. From the first planned event in Lodi Wisconsin in 2000 to the plethora of events held today, Leopold Week has been going strong for over 20 years now, bringing people from every corner of the United States and across the globe together in celebration of Aldo Leopold's lasting legacy. This year's speaker series is designed to connect us with the natural landscape through food, history, writing, photography, recreation, and land care — the same tenets the Leopolds used to connect to their Shack and farm. Join thousands of individuals across the globe in a week of virtual programming that will leave you reflective of your own relationship with nature, inspired to learn more, and connected to others that care for natural and human communities alike. For more information and links to register, see [Homepage - The Aldo Leopold Foundation](#)

Bird Walks

Join Summit Metro Parks naturalists, dressed for the weather and with binoculars and a bird guide (if you have one) at this upcoming bird walk. The focus will be on hearty winter birds and special rarities along the Celebration Trail. Hot cocoa will be available back at the lodge when the bird list for the day will be reviewed.

**Monday, February 28, 2022 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
At Valley View area of Cascade Valley Metro Park
1212 Cuyahoga St., Akron, OH 44313**



Coffee with the Birds walks are leisurely bird walks at Summit Metro Parks nature centers where you can bring birding questions and take shorter walks to identify the birds that are out and about. At the end of the programs attendees are also welcome to handfeed the chickadees. If you care to bring your own mug, coffee and/or hot chocolate will be provided.

Other SMP activities may be found or confirmed online: [Programs & Events Calendar | Summit Metro Parks](#)

Thursday, February 24, 2022 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
(Coffee with the Birds) at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm
1828 Smith Rd., Akron, OH 44313

Saturday, February 26, 2022 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
(Coffee with the Birds) at Liberty Park Nature Center
9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg, OH 44087

Other News You Can Use

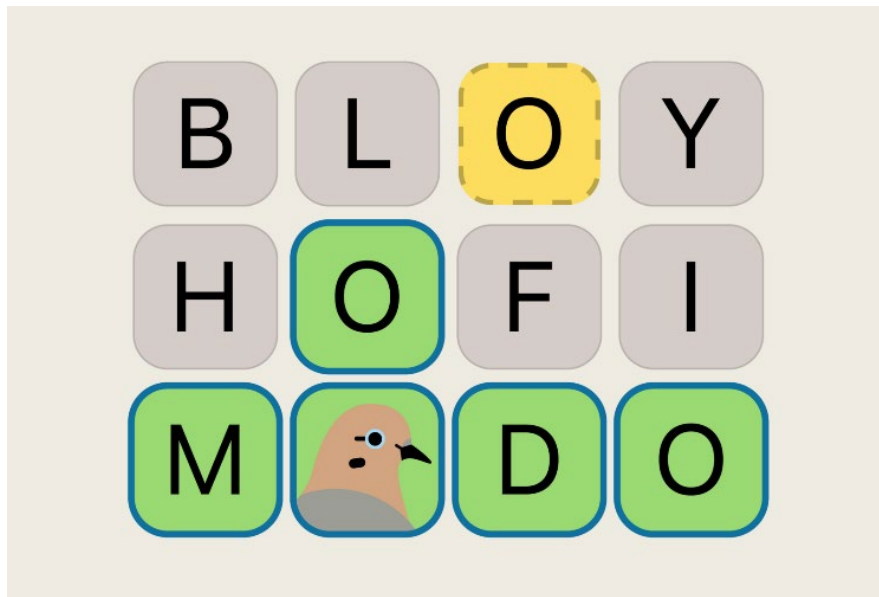


Following up with Rodney Stotts in the News

In case you missed Cornell Lab's Zoom session with Rodney Stotts earlier this month, this more recent article from [Treehugger.com](#) presents an adjunct story about one of the few Black master falconers in the U.S. and how he's realizing a dream to use his love of animals and falconry to work with at-risk young people on a seven-acre parcel of land in Charlotte Courthouse, Virginia. Named Dippy's Dream, after his mother, he considers it a human sanctuary where people can come to experience nature and interact with his animals to help them heal and realize they do have the power to shape their lives. [Master Falconer Gives Birds Second Chances \(treehugger.com\)](#)

How You Can Help Make Birding More Welcoming and Inclusive

From National Audubon: We must remind ourselves that not everybody feels welcome and included in the birding community and the outdoors. There are concrete actions we can take—as individual birders, members of birding groups, and organizations—to ensure that everybody feels that they belong in the birding community. By being intentionally welcoming and inclusive, we can create environments that others will want to join and avoid inadvertently contributing to ones that feel exclusive. [Birdability](#) Coordinator Freya McGregor thoughtfully put together tips for individuals and leaders of outings to help us all create a friendly and encouraging birding community. [How You Can Help Make Birding More Welcoming and Inclusive | Audubon](#)



BRDL?

Are you a fan of *Wordle*, the word-guessing daily puzzle that gives you six attempts to guess a five-letter mystery word? Now National Audubon’s graphic designer Alex Tomlinson came up with a twist on the game using four-letter banding codes, alpha codes that researchers use as shorthand for species’ names. Recently launched in January, the game has quickly taken off among birders—and it’s a challenge. Once you master BRDL, there is a new British modification that features five-letter British banding codes called “A Ringing BRDL,” referencing the British use of “rings” instead of a “bands.” This link will get you started with a tutorial and full list of banding codes: [Love the Hit Game Wordle? Try BRDL, a Bird-Inspired Spinoff | Audubon](#)

Listen to BirdNote's clip with Rosemary Mosco, creator of Bird and Moon Science and Nature Cartoons, as she explains how she fell into becoming a cartoonist and science writer. [Spark Bird: Rosemary Mosco's Bird and Moon | BirdNote](#). As we enter waterfowl migration, an apropos cartoon from her series is below. Read more about her here: [Rosemary Mosco](#)

The Four Seasons of Bird Watching



birdandmoon.com



The American Birding Association (ABA) has issued a special request to our Audubon chapter members. Can any of our long-time members help?

Can You Help Us Find Old Publications?

The ABA has published five different magazines beginning with the first issue of *Birding* in 1968. Just a third of the issues of these magazines are available online. Volunteers and staff at the ABA are working toward placing all issues of all ABA titles online in a modernized, searchable archive. That's more than a half-century of birding news and information, **over 600 issues**, that will be available to ABA members!

We've made a lot of progress, but we need some help. Our archives are missing clean copies of several issues of *A Bird's-Eye View*, a youth-oriented publication that we published for about a decade in the 1990s and early 2000s. We're hoping that some of our long-time members may have a box of old copies down in the basement that they would be willing to contribute.

We are looking for the following issues of *A Bird's-Eye View*:

1994: Number 1

1996: Numbers 1, 2, 4

2004-2008: All issues (ours have ugly three-ring holes punched in them)

If you would be willing to contribute any of the requested issues, please email jroderick@aba.org. Thanks for your help!

Update From MoSI Station at Los Guatuzos, Nicaragua

Last year, seven Audubon chapters belonging to the Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters in Ohio (COAC) made the decision to collectively partner with a research station in Nicaragua as part of the Institute for Bird Populations' (IBP) program called MoSI (translated into English means Monitoring Neotropical Migrants on Their Overwintering Grounds) because many North American migratory birds over-winter in the northern Neotropics, where little is known about their ecology. To more fully understand the full lifecycles of "our" migrants, IBP connects U.S. birding groups with international partners who operate stations in 15 countries from Mexico to Colombia. To learn more about IBP and MoSI, see [MoSI: Birds Connecting the Americas on Vimeo](#)

COAC's primary station is with Ometepe, located on the flank of a volcanic island in Lake Nicaragua. More news will follow in the future about that station.

A secondary location at Los Guatuzos was chosen to co-partner with Wabash Valley Audubon Society in Indiana. That chapter identified Wood Thrushes that were banded and found to overwinter at Los Guatuzos, a locale on the south shore of Lake Nicaragua that is in a wetland complex that shares a border with Costa Rica. Birds from both Pacific and

Caribbean sides can be found there and it displays such high biodiversity that UNESCO has designated it as an official biosphere reserve. The banding operators and staff train local volunteers each year as part of the station's outreach program. The station has been operating since 2003 and is currently run by Oscar Bermudez. The most commonly species captured there include Wood Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Gray Catbird, Golden-winged Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Yellow Warbler and Chestnut-sided Warbler. Supplies and gear from the U.S. arrived at the site in late December. Oscar recently sent these photos from November and December banding events. From top: The team (Oscar in green shirt), Swainson's Thrush, Hooded Warbler, local youth trainees, work station. See Facebook posts from Los Guatuzos here: (20+) Centro Ecológico | Facebook





Any questions or comments about the collaborative effort are welcomed.

Help Wanted!

From time to time, our chapter receives requests to speak to other groups in our area about who we are and what we do or about other bird-related topics. If you'd like to act as an ambassador for our chapter and would like to use your public-speaking talents from time to time and have the time to do so, please answer this call by replying to info@akronaudubon.org. In case you are interested, we do have some PowerPoint presentations prepared for these purposes that could be used as a base from which to personalize your message.

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 and events, please visit the **Northeast Ohio Bird Calendar**, hosted by Kirtland Bird Club: [CALENDAR \(kirtlandbirdclub.org\)](https://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 (<https://www.akronaudubon.org>) Under the **Participate** tab, find **Meetings** and click on **Meeting Archives** (<https://www.akronaudubon.org/meeting-archives.html>). If a 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.

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