



Upcoming Programs and Events

**Paul Greenfield Presents to GAAS live from Ecuador
February 23, 2021 7:00 p.m.**



The Tiny South American Republic of Ecuador is home to a surprisingly exceptional natural bounty due in no small part to its location and geography. Conservation International has named Ecuador the most biodiverse nation on earth. But this reality faces challenges that, sadly, pose serious threats to the sustainability and long-term survival of the wealth of ecosystems, habitats and species that are found within this nation's reduced territory. Beyond its impressive numbers of resident species, Ecuador hosts many boreal and austral migrants. So how do we confront and combat these threats, that not only affect this country, but also impact our North American partners, like Ohio? A number of successful concepts, ideas and strategies have been put into practice by the Mindo Cloudforest Foundation.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtf-ivpj0uHN0lgaAVv_MZTRGH4FGnmt8a

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with the link to join the meeting. Please refer back to this unique link to join the meeting.

*Note: We have invited Columbus Audubon to join us for this program in exchange for a future program that they will invite Greater Akron Audubon members to in the future. For this reason, our announcements and chapter discussion will be kept to a minimum.

Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp and Pin for Sale Beginning February 22, 2021

The 2021 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp featuring the Northern Cardinal can be purchased through the Wild Ohio

Store: <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/gifts-and-mechandise/wildlife-legacy-stamp>

Proceeds from the sale of the Wildlife Legacy Stamp are used to support endangered and threatened native species, habitat restoration, land purchases, conservation easements and educational materials for students and wildlife enthusiasts.



Additionally, Kendra Wecker, Chief of Ohio's Division of Wildlife, has issued a message to all concerned Ohioans about the RAWA (Recovering America's Wildlife Act):

"...Unfortunately, threats to our fish, wildlife, and their habitats exceed the

resources available to conserve them. Existing federal funding was never designed to meet the needs of all species, particularly those declining but not yet threatened. Currently our state receives approximately \$1.4M a year for these efforts. This funding is insufficient to successfully conserve and manage the more than 400 identified species of conservation need in Ohio. If the Recovering America's Wildlife Act passed, Ohio would receive up to \$30M and that would allow us to protect those species, conserve the full diversity of wildlife, and improve our natural resources. ...”

Ohio needs to be represented and GAAS members can help. Here's a link to ODNR's web page with additional information-

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/wildlife-management/recovering-americas-wildlife-act>

New Series on Native Plants

If you enjoyed the January program by John Barber, take note!



John Barber (speaking March 10) and Dr. Lara Roketenetz (speaking March 30th) have a lot to say about creating a healthy habitat. Seriously!

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and The Doan Brook Watershed Partnership, Friends of Lower Lake, are presenting ***Bringing Nature Home 2021***, a free series of 6 online talks about ecological gardening.

“Garden as if life depends on it.” – Doug Tallamy, entomologist/author

Register at: <http://bit.ly/3cMa5gZ>

Questions? campsandclasses@shakerlakes.org

Tuesday, March 2, 7 pm *Go Wild in Your Own Yard* presented by Peggy Spaeth

A personal story about how someone who wanted to live in the Cleveland Metroparks was inspired by nature to garden with native species in her own green space. Take a walk through her garden.

Wednesday, March 10, 7 pm *Identifying and Removing Harmful Invasive Plants* presented by John Barber

How do you deal with thugs that take over our private and public green spaces? Why are non-native plants undesirable? Where did they come from and why? Learn best practices for removal and replacement to benefit wildlife.

Thursday, March 18, 7 pm *Native Shrubs for NE*

Ohio: What Natives? Which Shrubs? presented by Robin Schachat, certified landscape designer (retired!)

What great reasons are there for choosing native shrubs for our home landscapes? They create a basic framework for our home gardens that simultaneously create form and flow while feeding our pollinating insects, our birds, and the animals who bring life to our gardens.

**2021 WILDLIFE DIVERSITY CONFERENCE: MARCH 5,
2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *THE CARDINAL RULE –
EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED***

Discover the cardinal rule of nature – everything is connected - at the 37th annual Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference. Hosted by the ODNR Division of Wildlife, the conference will be held virtually on Friday, March 5th. The conference is available **free of charge** to all registrants.

The conference will feature three outstanding presenters, who will be available for live Q&A sessions after each talk. Presentations will feature the road to recovering North American birds, as well as the lesser-known world of Ohio's millipedes and freshwater snails.

About the Wildlife Diversity Conference

Ohio's event is the largest single-day wildlife diversity conference in the country. The first Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference was held at The Ohio State University in 1985 with 40 people in attendance. In 2020, approximately 1,000 people attended the daylong event.



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2021 WILDLIFE DIVERSITY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
MARCH 5th, 2021

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| 10:00 AM Welcome KENDRA WECKER Ohio Division of Wildlife | 10:15AM The Sky Is No Limit: The Road To Recovering North American Birds AMANDA D. RODEWALD, PhD Cornell University | 11:10 AM Every Leg Counts: The Millipedes of Ohio DEREK HENNEN, PhD and JEFF BROWN, MS | 11:35 AM Ohio's Freshwater Snails: Connecting Snails To Their Environment and Us MICHAEL HOGGARTH, PhD Otterbein University |
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Register: https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1HI-WzsGQDCm4BVoZTpbdA

Note: While registering, you'll have the opportunity to request that the two newest ODNR field guides (freshwater snails and millipedes) be mailed to you.



Greater Akron Audubon Society is looking to fill a recent vacancy of *Secretary* on its Board of Directors. If you'd like to be on the leadership team to help influence the future of our chapter, we'd love to have you! Please email info@akronaudubon.org or call 330-645-0953

GAAS WEB PAGE UPDATES

We regularly update our web page (<http://www.akronaudubon.org>) with new events and upcoming event details. Kindly stay in touch! Please direct questions or comments to info@akronaudubon.org

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