

Title: Migrating Waterfowl & Winter Birds of NE Ohio

Speaker: Matthew Valencic

Bio:

Matt's 'trigger bird' into birding was the Blackburnian Warbler. While a student at the Cranberry Lake Biological Station in the Adirondacks, he joined other students and a teaching assistant for a 6 am bird walk. He saw a lot of new birds that morning, but the bright orange throat of his first Blackburnian Warbler hooked him.

He has continued watching birds but not in a serious way until about 10 years ago when he bought new binoculars, a spotting scope and a camera. He wanted "a decent picture" of every bird on his life list and so began the accumulation of LOTS of pictures. When he retired in 2015, he met the Audubon folks in Cleveland and found an outlet for those bird pictures. He began creating educational bird presentations like the one we will see today.

Abstract:

Once the pretty summer songbirds have departed for points south, what do birders do? They put on another layer of cloths and go looking for waterfowl – Ducks, Geese, Swans, Loons, Grebes & Gulls. This presentation showcases these hardy visitors along with Hawks, Owls and smaller birds like Snow Buntings, Larkspurs and Kinglets. If you don't like cold weather, ask about 'car birding', a favorite alternative to walking when wind chills plummet!