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The Canton Audubon Society is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to meet our members' varied interests in the field of nature. For some the focus is on birds and animals, for others it's on plants, and still others it's on waterways and diversities of the land. For all it is an interest to enjoy, to conserve, restore, share with others, and to educate both adults and students.

As a member of the **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**, you are also a member of the **CANTON AUDUBON SOCIETY**, and are invited to attend our monthly meetings held at 7:00 p.m., the third Wednesday each month (September thru June), at the **STARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT'S EXPLORATION GATEWAY**, 5712 - 12th St., NW, Canton. You will receive **AUDUBON NEWS & VIEWS** September/October issue with our calendar of activities for the entire year.

Visit our website: www.cantonaudubon.org or phone 330-209-1261 for further information about our activities.

CALENDAR

March 2017

- Sat. 11 10:00 a.m. **CAS Board Meeting**
- Wed. 15 5:30 p.m. **Beginning of CAS Pre-Meeting Bird Walks at Stark Parks EG**
Meet at the south end of the EG on the balcony.
- 7:00 p.m. **REGULAR MEETING, "Ohio's Hidden Birding Gems",**
presented by Kent Miller. See "[March Meeting Preview](#)", page 2.
- Sun. 19 9:00 a.m. **CAS Waterfowl Field Trip**, see field trip on page 7.

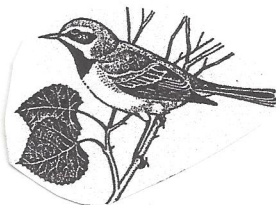
April 2017

- Tues. 11 12:00 p.m. **Nature Study Series - The Lives of Insects: Why Does the Praying Mantis Pray?**
Sponsored by The Wilderness Center (TWC), at the David YMCA, Jackson Township. Cost is \$10 for the program payable at the door, or, pay for the 6 part series - \$45. Call TWC to pre-register for the 6 part series..
- Sat. 15 6:00 p.m. **CAS Woodcock Walk**, meet at Stark Parks Exploration Gateway. Leader Scott Watkins
- Tues. 18 12:00 p.m. **Nature Study Series - The Bees Knees**, Sponsored by The Wilderness Center (TWC), at the David YMCA, Jackson Township. See April 11 for cost information.
- Wed. 19 5:30 p.m. **CAS Pre-Meeting Bird Walks at Stark Parks EG**
Meet at the south end of the EG on the balcony.
- 7:00 p.m. **REGULAR MEETING, "Bird Dating Profiles"**
presented by Carrie Elvey. See "[April Meeting Preview](#)", page 2.
- Sat. 22 **Earth Day - All day at The Wilderness Center**, various activities. Call 330-359-5235 for info.
- 8:00 a.m. **Earth Day Bio Blitz**, until 8 p.m. at Fry Family Park. Stark Parks.
Questions? Call 330-477-3552.
- 5:30 p.m. **Earth Day Walk - Jackson Bog State Nature Preserve**, leader is Michael Witt, author of book published to commemorate the 25th anniversary of this Fen located in Jackson Township. Meet in the parking lot behind the big white barn on Fulton Road, just west of Jackson High School.
- Tues. 25 12:00 p.m. **Nature Study Series - The Secret Life of Your Garden**, Sponsored by The Wilderness Center (TWC), at the David YMCA, Jackson Township. See April 11 for cost information.
- Wed. 26 5:30 a.m. **CAS Board Meeting.**

**March 15 Meeting Preview
"Ohio's Hidden Birding Gems"**

Presented by Kent Miller

Kent's program is deliberately avoiding the best, most well-known hotspots in the state and instead focusing on places many of us have likely never been to but are great for birding, scenery, and other unique flora/fauna and general exploring (but especially birding). It will hopefully be an encouragement to explore, discover & break out of the rut of what everyone else is looking for.



Kent will be sharing about 21 different gems from Stark County, the regional Bobolink Area, and then SW, SE, NE, & NW Ohio. He will share photos of each location along with several maps, best time to visit, species to look for and where exactly to look for them. Along with photos of the location there will also be photos of birds (most by Jon Cefus) and a few photos of other wildlife.



While Kent put the power point program together and will be taking the lead, Ben Morrison is going to help present and Jon Cefus may a bit also.

Kent started birding with his father in 1969 at the age of 4 when they went to Wooster to see Red Crossbills and he's birded the area ever since. Some of his favorite life list birding totals are 371 species in Ohio, 274 species in Stark County, and 181 species in his yard near Hartville.

Refreshments for tonight's meeting are courtesy of Linda & Del Nida.

**April 19 Meeting Preview
"Bird Dating Profiles"**

Presented by Carrie Elvey

Celebrate the fact that your 2016 income tax return has been filed, attend the April 19 CAS meeting and explore mating strategies, the cost of catching a female's eye, and the longevity of pair bonds with TWC Senior Naturalist Carrie Elvey. Refreshments for tonight's meeting are courtesy of Jovce & Dave Kuceveski.

Mark these 10 Fee-Free Days in Your Calendar

Kick off the second century of the National Park Service by exploring your national inheritance! For these ten days in 2017, all national parks across the country will waive admission fees, so grab your calendar and start making plans.

The 2017 free entrance days will fall on:

- April 15-16 and 22-23: Weekends of National Park Week
- August 25: National Park Service Birthday
- September 30: National Public Lands Day
- November 11-12: Veterans Day Weekend

There are more than 400 natural, cultural, and historical gems across the National Park System. No matter what your passions or interests are, there's a park that will speak to you! Just get out there, explore as many as possible, and find your park.

Start planning your next adventure!**CAS BUSINESS SUPPORTERS****THE LADY BUG GARDEN CENTER
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4930 Portage St., NW North Canton
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M - F 9 - 8 Sat. 9 - 6 Sun. 10 - 4

We're Headed East!

The American Birding Expo, which has been in Columbus, OH these past two years, is moving to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's Greater Philadelphia expo Center. See more at:

<http://www.americanbirdingexpo.com/about-the-expo/dates-hours/#sthash.e6KwtbNV.dpuf>

CANTON AUDUBON NEEDS YOU!

Laura Dornan, Nominating Comm.

Every year, in May, we have elections for members to the CAS Board of Directors. The number of seats to be filled on the Board varies from year to year, depending on the number of terms that expire that year. There are seven directors, four officers and 1 past president that make up the Board. Directors can serve two consecutive 2-year terms and then must sit out for at least one term before serving on the Board again. So we are always on the look for people willing to serve Canton Audubon by being on the Board. This year there are three seats to be filled. Two of those seats are members currently serving their first term and are willing to serve another term. That leaves one seat to be filled at the May meeting.

The responsibilities of a Director on the Board are simple: come to at least most of the Board meetings. The Board meets only five times a year: usually in September, November, January, March and April/May. In each of those months, we try to schedule the meetings during the week or two before the regular meeting. We try to schedule all the meetings for the year at the September meeting so that the current Directors have input into when the meetings are held. In the past we have been having the fall and spring meetings at 5:00 or 5:30 pm on a weekday and the winter meetings at 10:00 am on a Saturday. The meetings last about two hours. The only other requirement of a Director is that (s)he be a current dues paying member of either CAS or NAS.

If you are interested in helping Canton Audubon continue to be a thriving organization that serves the community with programs, field trips, educational opportunities, research projects, conservation and so much more, please let me know you would like to sit on the Board of Directors. If you have questions about what it is like to be on the Board, I am sure any of our current Directors will be glad to tell you about their experiences. Or you may call me or e-mail me or talk to me at an Audubon meeting. My e-mail address is <tldornan68@att.net>. No questions? Just want to volunteer your services? PLEASE contact me or one of the officers—Linda Chen, Scott Watkins, Denny Lesko, or Myra McCoy.

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT A
GOOSEANDER IS?**

By Laura Dornan

In the last issue of this newsletter I listed some of the names that have been given to groups of birds. That got me to thinking about some of the very strange names I have heard applied to individual species. My quest for learning weird bird names began a few years ago when Tim & I were observing a Great Blue Heron in a neighborhood and shared the view through the spotting scope with one of the residents. She took a look and said "Oh, it's a shitepoke". Having never heard that term, I started to inquire amongst fellow birders and learned that name has been applied to all members of the heron family but especially the Green Heron. It refers to the habit of herons of defecating when startled or flushed. Here are some other great bird names (note to those in the business of naming birds---use these colloquial names to inspire you to use some imagination!)

I have long heard flickers referred to as "yellowhammers". Other great names for them are "fiddler" for the see-sawing motion of courting males and "gaffle", a corruption of the term gaffer which is a talkative old man. I have had a personal fondness for the names "timberdoodle" and "Labrador twister" used for woodcocks ever since I first started leading woodcock watches at Quail Hollow. If you are familiar with the behavior of these birds, you don't have to think too hard to figure out the origin of these names. Some other names that come from bird behavior are "hell-diver" for grebes and "tickle-ass" for Black-legged Kittiwake. Maybe we don't really want to know how that last one came about!

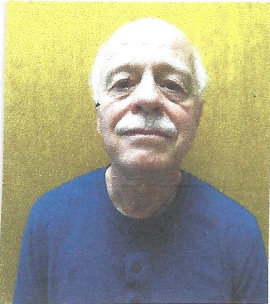
Some birds are named for their appearance. Buffleheads and Ruddy Ducks are called "butterballs", Wigeons are "bald pates" and Mergansers are "sawbills". And some names just leave you scratching your head. Such as "rain crows" for cuckoos; "dooker", "jinger" and "conjuring duck" for Goldeneyes; and "dolphin" for Warbling Vireo.

If you have heard of any other interesting bird names, please tell me about them. Oh, and the answer to the question is: Merganser.

Your "Canton Audubon Society" Board Member Bio's

Since June 1, 2016, Canton Audubon has made many changes to their board makeup. There are new faces, and some have changed positions held. With that in mind, the November/December issue of AN&V, you have been learning more about your leaders – in their own words. We will try to provide two leaders in each issue. With Jim Massie and Kristen Beck, you are meeting numbers 5 and 6 in this series.

Jim Massie



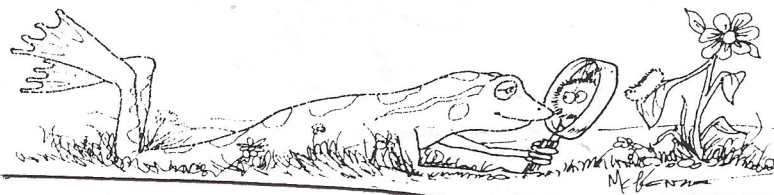
Jim and his wife, Susan, have had an interest in and appreciation of nature from the start of their lives together. They have visited half of Ohio's State Parks and Nature Preserves and

explored approximately 100 of the 413 sites of the National Park System, traveling in all of the 48 contiguous states (Alaska and Hawaii are on "the list") visiting many of their gardens, parks and zoos.

Susan and Jim are supporters of the National Wildlife Federation and Natural Resources Defense Council, are life members of the Canton Audubon Society and Nature Conservancy and contributors to the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

In the 90's Jim served as 1st Vice-President and field trip director of the Canton Audubon Society and as delegate to the Ohio Audubon Council until he went "postal" (USPS) in 1997. After his retirement from the Postal Service in the fall of 2014, the Massies became active in CAS once again.

He looks forward to contributing to our chapter as a Board member, encouraging and supporting a new generation of Audubon members.



Kristen Beck

Although a passive member for many years due to child rearing and foster parenting, I have been a member of CAS since the early 1990s.



My passion for bird watching began when I was a very young girl.

My love of nature was also inspired by annual elementary school field trips to the **Wilderness Center**, which I have been a member of since the 1980s. My life list is well over 400-500 birds.

I began rehabilitating wildlife 20 years ago, becoming a subpermit under 2 different permitted facilities; one specialized in Rabies Vector Species (RVS), and the other (Stark County Park District) did everything else. During this time, I attended every state and national class and training I could, including enrolling in many **International Wildlife Rehabilitation Counsel's** online courses.

I served on the Stark County Park District Wildlife Rehabilitation Center's Steering Committee from 2004-2006 and was hired at the Stark County Park District Wildlife Rehabilitation facility as a staff member in 2006. My specialties evolved into working with RVS and eastern cottontail rabbits.

In 2011, I quit the park district and formed **Clover Field Wildlife Care, Inc.**, a 501c3, and currently admit around 700 animals (primarily mammals) annually. I also maintain an ODNR/ODOW non-releasable state permit for educational ambassadors and my collection currently consist of big brown bats, 6 native turtles/4 species, Virginia opossums, eastern cottontail rabbit, red fox, and coyote. I do not have paid staff, but rely on 10 incredible subpermits and a college intern or two to help.

I have served on **Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association** board of directors since 2010 as secretary, Vice President, and soon since 2010 as secretary, Vice President, and soon to be president. For the past 6 years and throughout the state. I have taught the mandatory 8 hour training that is required by

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Ohio Division of Wildlife for anyone in the state who wishes to obtain their own ODOW wildlife rehabilitation permit, and have also managed the Non-releasable Animal Placement list for the state.

I am an adjunct professor at Malone University and teach in the Natural Science Department (BIO 391 Animal Population Management). In addition,

I am the Malone University Director of Live Animal Collections and oversee the care of the ~50 animals (mammals, Herps, avians, fresh/salt water tanks, inverts) and training of the 70+ students currently enrolled as Zoo and Wildlife Biology majors.

My husband and I have been married for 30 years. We have 3 children (1 deceased, and one adopted through our years as foster parents). We've lived on our farm in North Canton since 1991 and have rescued many animals including cats, dogs, domestic rabbits, horses, goats, and cock fighting roosters. Aside from birding, I LOVE to go kayaking in any spare moment I can find! or explore our newly purchased 74 acre nature preserve!

I am both honored and excited to serve on the board of directors for the Canton Audubon Society.

Governor Kasich Veto's HB554: Anti Clean Energy Bill

Note: Your editor received this email from The Ohio Environmental Council's Trish Demeter, The OEC Action Fund.

December 27, 2016, was a good day! Governor Kasich vetoed one last attempt by extremists in the Statehouse to gut our clean energy progress.

This latest attack would have dismantled our clean energy standards in Ohio, pushed clean energy jobs and investment out of Ohio, and continued our reliance on dirty coal.

But thanks to the public's 2500+ Emails, 2,500+ Calls, and 500 Tweets, Ohio's goal to produce 12.5% of our electricity from renewables and achieve 22% energy savings by 2027 resumed effective January 1, 2017.

This is a big deal, and it's all thanks to you! Please take a moment to thank Governor Kasich for squashing these efforts to hold Ohio back and spread the good news!

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Leave them a Legacy ...

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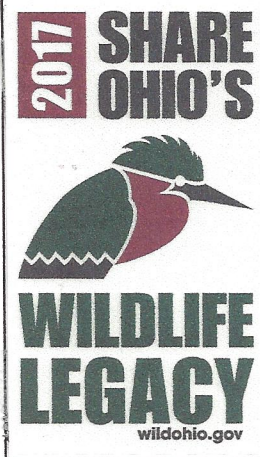
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- ▶ Habitat restoration
- ▶ Research projects
- ▶ Education material such as free field guides



WHAT YOU GET

- ▶ 2017 Collectible stamp
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**Available at the
April 19 CAS
Meeting**

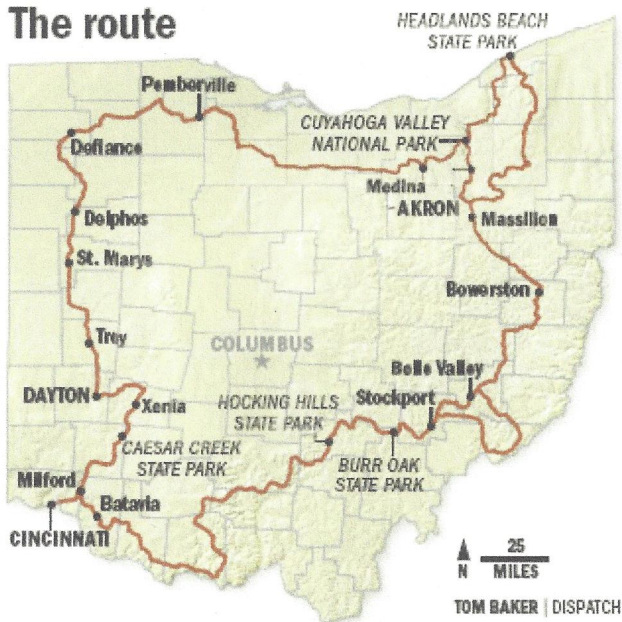
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from each purchase
goes to CAS.**

Questions?? Contact Alan.

Chuck and Beth Hewett: Backpacking the Buckeye Trail

Follow the blue blazes around the 1,444 mile trail that circumnavigates the Buckeye State, with Chuck and Beth Hewett as your guides. This pair of experienced long-distance backpackers are literally writing the book on the nation's longest loop trail. Tales from the trail, stories of misadventure, must see spots and more.

The route



Residents of NE Ohio, Chuck and Beth Hewett have an extensive resume of long distance hiking, including a thru-hike on the prominent Appalachian Trail as well as hiking the John Muir, parts of the Pacific Crest, and the Colorado Trails, in addition to hikes in other countries.

Chuck holds a Master of Environmental Compliance degree and retired from American Electric Power in 2010. Since taking up hiking, Chuck, who goes by the trail name "Kayak," and Beth, aka "Wildflower" have logged 5,000 and 3,000 miles respectively. Beth formerly worked in language translation being fluent in both Spanish and Lithuanian. The pair began hiking as a way to explore nature and stay fit after reaching retirement. The Buckeye Trail, which they hiked for 76 days this past spring and summer 2016, was one more awesome trek through nature including

100 small and historical towns along the way.

Chuck and Beth are both members of the Canton Audubon Society, Chuck being a board member (his board bio will appear in the May/ June issue of AN&V).

You can order a copy of their book "Backpacking the Buckeye Trail" from Amazon.com for \$15 plus shipping.

Who knows, they might be convinced to present a program for the CAS 2017-18 meeting year.



SAVE THE FROGS is an international team of scientists, educators, policymakers and naturalists dedicated to protecting the world's amphibian species: the frogs, toads, newts, salamanders, and caecilians.

Their mission is to protect amphibian populations and to promote a society that respects and appreciates nature and wildlife. Their vision is a world in which not a single amphibian species is threatened with extinction.

SAVE THE FROGS! Is America's first public charity dedicated exclusively to amphibian conservation.

Go to the website listed above to see how you can become involved.

The aim of "Save The Frogs" Day is to raise awareness of the declining frog and amphibian populations, and to encourage conservation and protection efforts. Nearly one third of the world's frog species are on the brink of extinction.

**Celebrate Save the Frogs Day
the last Saturday of April –
April 29.**

NEWS FROM

**Ohio Department of Natural Resources:
Division of Wildlife**

New Field Guide

The ODNR – Division of Wildlife has just released the latest field guide in their series – its 14th

Spring Wildflowers of Ohio

Introduction by Jim McCormac

The ODNR has a long history of promoting wildflower conservation and appreciation. ODNR's landholdings include 21 state forests, 136 state nature preserves, 74 state parks, and 117 wildlife areas. Collectively, these sites total nearly 600,000 acres and harbor some of the richest wildflower communities in Ohio.

In August of 1990, ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves publishes a wonderful publication entitled Ohio Wildflowers, with the tagline "Let Them Live in Your Eye Not Die in Your Hand." This booklet was authorized by the first chief of DNAP, Richard E. Mosely, and was illustrated with photos courtesy of Gul L. Denny, Moseley, and Alvin E. Staffan.

Ten thousand copies were printed, and even though the publication is long out of print, some people remember it fondly and occasional requests for "Ohio Wildflowers" are still received.

The new booklet is a robust update to the original "Ohio Wildflowers" publication.

Ohio's varied geography means great plant diversity. About 1,800 species of native plants are found within the Buckeye State's borders. Another 500 or so species are nonnative but naturalized. This new publication focuses only on native wildflowers.

Other Wildlife Diversity-Funded Booklets are:

- Pub. 5127 - Stream Fishes of OH
- Pub. 5140 - Common Spiders of OH
- Pub. 5204 - Butterflies, & Skippers of OH
- Pub. 5320 - Dragonflies & damselflies of OH
- Put. 5348 - Amphibians of OH
- Pub. 5349 - Warblers of OH
- Pub. 5354 - Reptiles of OH
- Pub. 5414 - Common Birds of OH

- Pub. 5418 - Waterbirds of OH
- Pub. 5423 - Owls of OH
- Pub. 5467 - Moths of OH
- Pub. 5473 - Lichens of OH
- Pub. 5488 - Common Bees & Wasps of OH
- Pub. 5494 - Spring Wildflowers of OH

Waterfowl Field Trip

Laura will be leading this trip, on Sunday, March 19. and we will meet at 9:00 am. We will either do a "western tour" including probably Sippo Lake, Nimisilla Reservoir, Springfield Lake, Wingfoot Lake and Mogadore Lake OR an "eastern tour" of probably Mogadore Lake, Walborn Reservoir, Deerfield Creek Reservoir, Berlin Reservoir and Lake Milton.

She will decide which way to go closer to the date when she sees where the best waterfowl concentrations are. If she does the western lakes, meet at the Marina at Sippo Lake; if she does the eastern lakes, meet at Shady Lane parking lot at Quail Hollow.

So SHE MUST have the name and e-mail address (or phone # if the person does not have e-mail) of everyone interested in this trip. If anyone has not already signed up for the trip, they should e-mail Laura, (tldornan@att.net) that they are interested in going.

USA Today's 10 BEST

The list of the 'Best Birdwatching' contest category for 10 Best Readers' Choice is:

1. Magee Marsh, OH
2. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, PA
3. Bosque del Apache, NM
4. Platte River Valley, NE
5. Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, TX
6. Sanibel Island, FL
7. Dauphin Island, AL
8. Cape May, NJ
9. Lower Rio Grande Valley, TX
10. Southeastern Arizona

Congratulations
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