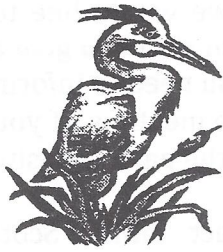


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The Canton Audubon Society is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to meet our members' varied interests in the field of nature. For some the focus is on birds and animals, for others it's on plants, and still others it's on waterways and diversities 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

January 2018

- Thurs. 4 6:00 p.m. **Cocoa & Conversation**, Stark County Park District – Exploration Gateway.
“Book – Hop is a Thing With Feathers.” Pre-registration requested.
Call 330-409,8096, StarkParks.com.
- Sat. 6 10:00 a.m. **CAS Board Meeting**, Perry/Sippo Branch Library.
- Tues. 9 9:00 a.m. **Adventures in Birding**, Stark County Park District – Hoover Trail, East Maple St.
Ball Fields – North Canton. Pre-registration requested. Call 330-409,8096, StarkParks.com.
- 5:30 p.m. **Citizen Scientist: IceWatch USA**, Stark County Park District – Exploration Gateway
Exploration Gateway.
- Wed. 17 7:00 p.m. **CAS REGULAR MEETING: “Saw-Whet Owls”**.
Presented by Adam Zorn and Al Eibel, from Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center, Alliance.
See January meeting preview, page 2.
- Thurs. 18 6:00 p.m. **Cocoa & Conversation**, Stark County Park District – Exploration Gateway.
“Book – Hop is a Thing With Feathers.” Pre-registration requested.
Call 330-409,8096, StarkParks.com.
- Thurs. 25 6:00 p.m. **Frogwatch Volunteer Training**, Stark County Park District – Quail Hollow Park – Nature Center
Pre-registration requested. Call 330-409-8096, StarkParks.com. Also held on February 5 at Quail Hollow,
Feb. 17, 12:30 p.m. at SCPD Exploration Gateway. Call 330-409-8096, StarkParks.com.

February

- Tues. 6 9:00 a.m. **Adventures in Birding**, Stark County Park District – Exploration Gateway
Pre-registration requested. Call 330-409-8096, StarkParks.com.
- Sun. 18 7:00 a.m. **CAS Field Trip to Ottawa NWR Wildlife Drive**. If you are interested, either contact Scott
Watkins, or sign up at December or January meetings.
- Wed. 21 7:00 p.m. **CAS REGULAR MEETING, Member's Night**, presented by CAS members.
See February meeting preview, page 2.
- Thurs. 22 6:00 p.m. **Raptor ID**, Stark County Park District – Quail Hollow Park – Nature Center
Pre-registration requested. Call 330-409,8096, StarkParks.com.
- Sat. 24 All Day **Ohio Bluebird Society Annual Meeting**, Grange Insurance Audubon Center, Columbus.
See Bluebirds, page 3, or go to www.ohiobluebirdsociety.org.

Heads Up for 2018:

* **Shreve Migration Sensation**, March 17, 2018 check shreveohio.com/migration-sensation

January 17 Meeting Preview

“Northern Saw-whet Owls”

Presented by Adam Zorn & Al Eibel
Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center, Alliance

Learn about the Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center’s Saw-whet Owl banding project initiated in 2015..

The Northern Saw-whet Owl is a common, but elusive, species of owl with a range that extends across the northern half of North America. Their small size and penchant for nesting and roosting in dense evergreen forests make them difficult to find. Their migration biology is even more mysterious! Local bird bander Al Eibel and naturalist Adam Zorn will share what they’ve learned about Saw-whets from their banding efforts over the past 3 years.

Al Eibel is a retired Alliance High School biology teacher and coach. He became involved with bird banding in 2003 with master bander Gary Fowler on a First Energy grant that monitored birds in power line corridors in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Al monitors nestbox trails at his home, Molly Stark Park, Quail Hollow Park, Alliance Middle School, and the Castle in Alliance. Al also bands rehabbed birds at the Stark County Park District’s Sanders Center and Fichtner Park.

Adam Zorn is currently the program manager at the University of Mount Union’s Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center. He has been an educator/naturalist for 15 years and enjoys sharing his passion for birds with others. Join Al and Adam to learn more about one of North America’s smallest species of owls.

Refreshments this evening are courtesy of Linda & Scott Watkins.



February 21 Meeting Preview

Member’s Night

Presented by CAS Members

Canton Audubon gives each member the opportunity to present a mini-program to members attending our annual Member’s Night. Have you seen an interesting bird, traveled to an interesting place, or conducted research on your own or with others?

If you can answer “yes”, then we would like to know about it. It is your chance to shine, to give a short presentation. Bring what you need to inform and entertain those present at the meeting. If you have a laptop, you can connect to the park’s on-site digital projector.

If you have questions, contact either Scott Watkins (sawatkin@kent.edu or 330-209-1261) or Alan Dolan (leealandolan@yahoo.com or 330-832-2491).

Refreshments for tonight’s meeting are courtesy of Jackie Hupp.

Beware of the Mantis: Note to Hummers (From NEWS of the Wild – National Wildlife December – January 2018)

Armed with powerful front legs, praying mantises are voracious carnivores that depend on insects and other arthropods as their primary prey. Now research shows that these opportunistic predators also frequently kill and eat small birds like ruby-throated hummingbirds.

In a systematic review of studies conducted in 13 countries on every continent except Antarctica, a team of Swiss and U.S. researchers uncovered 147 cases of mantises catching 24 different species belonging to 14 avian families. Writing in *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology*, the scientists reported in the U.S., where mantises often capture hummingbirds at feeders or at plants pollinated by hummingbirds in residential gardens. “The fact that the eating of birds is so widespread among praying mantises, but taxonomically as well as geographically speaking, is a spectacular discovery,” says University of Basel biologist Martin Nyffeler, the study’s lead author. About 2,3000 mantis species range throughout the world, so bird lovers, watch your feeders.

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Our Greatest Challenge Today Is the Preservation of our Earth's Biodiversity

WOMEN IN SCIENCE

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History is celebrating the contributions of **Women in Science!** From now through April, they'll be hosting events, programs, an exhibit, and multimedia content showcasing the incredible women who blaze new trails of discovery every day.

Women are still vastly under-represented in the sciences, and often gender is unconsciously factored into how talented scientists are identified and supported. Increased awareness of those biases can lead to concrete steps to mitigate their impact.

In an effort to help jump-start that process, CMNH is focusing on celebrating women's contributions to science over the next few months. Please join them in those celebrations by considering making a gift to support women in science. Your contribution helps support their world-class research, including that of their amazing female scientists. It also helps support the Museum's many educational programs and events, like their International Women and Girls in Science Day on February 10. Please visit cmnh.org/donate to help inspire the next generation of female scientists and researchers.

And, don't forget to visit the Museum to see their exhibit between now and April!

Snowy Irruption!

To quote Laura Dornan, "Yep, think this is going to be a pretty good irruption year for both snowys & red crossbills". That was her comment when I emailed her after Lee and I returned from

a weekend Bird Watcher's Digest Reader Rendezvous in the Cleveland area the first weekend of December.

We had seen 4 snowy owls on Friday around the south shore of Lake Erie, and Burke Lakefront airport. Saturday we saw about 6 more to the west, in Erie County. Also had a report from Black Swamp Bird Observatory seeing 10 around the Cleveland area (some were probably duplicates of the ones we had seen). There is a report of one in Holmes County, and we have heard of one sighted in the state of Texas. Also, that state to the north of OH is reporting irruptions also.



So get out there and find those white, fluffy owls!

Laura also finished her email with, "i think we will go crossbill searching in the next few days." So you might want to ask Laura & Tim if they have been successful in finding crossbills.

2018 Ohio Bluebird Society Conference

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 OBS Conference will be held:

February 24th, 2018

**Grange Insurance Audubon Center
505 West Whittier St, Columbus, OH**

This conference will focus on best practices to fulfill OBS's mission to protect and preserve Eastern Bluebirds and other native cavity nesting species.

Speakers Include: **Jim McCormac, Bet Zimmerman, Keith Kridler**

Breakout sessions will address bluebirding basics, house sparrow management, Kestrels and other native species.

Go to www.ohiobluebirdsociety.org for further information.

Chapter Chatter

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of the sister of a CAS member, and a former CAS member with the last month.

Our condolences are extended to CAS member Joe Sommer (former director of ODNR), on the passing of his sister Margaret (Jeanne) Eskola November 11, 2017. Margaret was a business

partner with her late husband with Escola Construction.

We also received a report from Janice Petko that former CAS member Charles Moorhouse passed away from a heart attack, December 2. Charlie is a former Business Partner advertiser, with Black Dog Orchard & Apiary in Jewett, Ohio.

Contratulations Lee & Alan !!!



Former CAS President, Alan Dolan, and his wife Lee - former CAS Treasurer, were honored at the Stark County Park District's Retro Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on November 9, with the Park District's **Lifetime Achievement Award**.

This is the second year in a row that a CAS member has received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Last year's winner was CAS VP, Scott Watkins.

Congratulations to Scott, Lee , and Alan.

Canton Audubon Society Arnold Fritz Memorial Scholarship

The Canton Audubon Society is accepting applications for the **Arnold W. Fritz Memorial Scholarship for Environmental Stewardship** through March 1, 2018, for the fall school year of 2018.

The \$1,000 scholarship is in memory of one of our organization's founders (1962). Dr Fritz was a professor at Malone College (now Malone University) for many years. He, and fellow

Canton Audubon Society members then founded the Stark Wilderness Center (The Wilderness Center) in 1964.

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage college students, through financial support, to study environmental science, conservation, natural history and nature-related subjects, including environmental law.

To be eligible, the applicants must be a junior, senior, or graduate student at the time of the award. They may be a sophomore at the time of application. They should be majoring in any environmental science discipline or in law or business with full intent on pursuing a career in the environmental field.

Applicants should reside in **OR** attend school in any of the following Ohio counties:

Ashland, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Knox, Mahoning, Medina, Muskingum, Portage, Stark, Summits, Tuscarawas, Wayne

The deadline for submitting applications and supporting documentation is March 1, 2018 for the fall 2018 scholarship.

For information about the scholarship and application procedures, go to www.cantonaudubon.org.

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330-832-7080

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4930 Portage St., NW North Canton
330-966-7666

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HUSTON-BRUMBAUGH NATURE CENTER

University of Mount Union
16146 Daniel St., NE Minerva
330-823-7487

M - F 9 - 4 Sat. 1 - 5 Sun. 1 - 5
Mon. - Closed

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to enjoy, even in the heart of winter.*



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Canton Audubon Elections Coming at May 16 Meeting

The Canton Audubon Society will be holding elections at the May 16, 2018 meeting. The officer positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and four board member positions are open for nominations. Each position is a two year commitment.

All current officers are eligible for re-election if they so wish. Board members, Laura Dornan, James Massie, and Connie Rubin are eligible to serve a second two year term. Bob Rohrbaugh is at the end of his second year term and must be replaced. After sitting out one year he will be eligible to run again if he so wishes.

At this writing, Kristen Beck (songbird82566@hotmail.com or 330-499-5788) has volunteered to serve on the CAS Nominating Committee, with help from Laura Dornan (ltdornan68@att.net or 330-875-4321) if needed. If you would like to serve on the committee, or run for one of the officer or board positions, please contact Kristen.

How Lights at Night Affect Pollinators

(From NEWS of the Wild – National Wildlife
December – January 2018)

For the first time, scientists have shown that artificial lights at night interfere with the ability of plants to produce seeds and of moths and other nocturnal pollinators to gather food. "So far, nocturnal pollinators have been largely neglected in the discussion of the worldwide known pollinator crisis," says University of Bern ecologist Eva Knop.

In extensive field studies conducted in a remote area of Switzerland, Knop and her colleagues used night vision goggles to record visits of more than 300 different insect species to flowers of 60 species in dark meadows. Nearby, after illuminating LED lights on poles similar to those used on urban streets in Europe, the scientists found that insect visits to the plants declined by 62 percent.

They also discovered that plants exposed to the lights produced fewer fruits than their unlit counterparts. The effects of such light pollution, the scientists explain in *Nature*, could also affect diurnal pollinators through declines in available food resources.



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_____ Song Sparrow (Student)	\$ 10
_____ Cardinal (Basic individual / family)	\$ 20
_____ Bluebird (Business supporter, 2 years)	\$ 50
_____ Screech Owl (Sustaining)	\$ 75
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