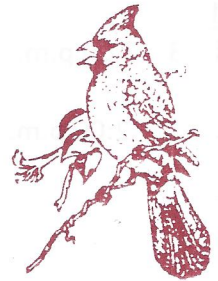


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The Canton Audubon Society is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to meet our members' varied interests in the field of nature. For some the focus is on birds and animals, for others it's on plants, and still others it's on waterways and diversities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

- Tues. 5 8:00 a.m. **Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources Wildlife Diversity Conference**, OSU- Ohio Union, 1739 North High St., Columbus. www.Ohiodnr.gov Cost \$25 thru March 1. \$35 after.
The last presentation of the day, "**Wildlife Rehabilitation: FACILITATING APPROPRIATE AID**", will be by CAS member Kristen Beck, President of the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitator's Association.
- Sat. 9 9:00 a.m. **CAS Field Trip to OH Decoy Collectors & Carvers Show**. Leave from the parking lot in front of the former Wildlife Garden, on Portage St., NW, North Canton. Note, the location has been modified so there is no building where the Wildlife Garden was. Pet Supplies Plus is just to the west of where you meet. The Show is located at Holiday Inn, Strongsville, OH. www.odcaa.net.
- Thur. 14 8:00 a.m. **Bird Banding**, Stark Park's, Sippo West, Wildlife Center. See how certified banders examine, band, and release birds back to the wild. Come any time between 8 am and 12 noon.
- Sat. 16 1:00 p.m. **Astronomy Day**, TWC, from 1 – 8 p.m. Free. Check TWC website, & page 2.
- Sun. 17 2:00 p.m. **"Clover Field Wildlife Care"**, Huston-Brumaugh Nature Center, Alliance.
Presentation by CAS Board Member Kristen Beck, of Clover Field. See Kristen, on page 4.
- Tues. 19 7:30 p.m. **Woodcock Walk**, The Wilderness Center (TWC), Wilmot. Meet in TWC parking lot to start.
- Wed. 20 5:30 p.m. **CAS Pre-Meeting Bird Walk**. Meet at the south-facing balcony overlooking Sippo Lake.
Walk will go to the southeast toward Tyner Ave.
7:00 p.m. **CAS Regular Meeting "Listening In Nature/Amphibians"**, presented by Lisa Rainsong.
See March Program Preview, page 3.
- Tues. 26 8:00 a.m. **Bird Banding**, Stark Park's, Sippo West, Wildlife Center. See March 14.
- Thur. 28 8:00 a.m. **Bird Banding**, Stark Park's, Sippo West, Wildlife Center. See March 14.
- Fri. 29 8:00 a.m. **Ohio Botanical Symposium**, Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Rd., Columbus. Sponsored by ODNR Dept. of Natural Resources, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, TNC, & OSU. To register or for more information, go to www.cmnh.org/Ohio-Botanical-Symposium, or call Rick Gardner . 614-265-6419. Cost is \$45.

Calendar – Continued

March - continued

- Sat. 30 5:30 a.m. **Shreve Migration Sensation.** See Shreve, page 2. New Location.
8:30 p.m. **TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS: for EARTH HOUR.** See Earth Hour, on page 7.

April

- Wed. 3 7:00 p.m. **CAS Woodcock Walk**, at Sippo Lake Park. Meet at Exploration Gateway. Sunset is at 7:50 p.m. Leader is Scott Watkins.
- Sun. 7 2:00 p.m. **Earth Month Celebration**, Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center, Alliance.
Join UMU (Mt. Union) Green Raiders to celebrate earth Month at the Nature Center.
Events include: Earth Day program (2-3 p.m.), Upcycle Craft Stations (2-4 p.m.), Children's Story Time (3-4 p.m.), and guided Hike (3-4 p.m.) Drop in for any or all of the programs.
Great for all ages!
- Wed. 17 5:30 p.m. **CAS Pre-Meeting Bird Walk.** Meet at the south-facing balcony overlooking Sippo Lake. Walk will go to the west toward picnic shelter and across bridge.
7:00 p.m. **CAS Regular Meeting "Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas"**, presented by Matt Shumar.
See April Meeting Preview, page 3.
- Mon. 22 7:30 a.m. **CAS Earth Day Bird Walk**, Jackson Bog State Nature Preserve, Fulton Rd., Jackson Twp.
5:30 p.m. **CAS Earth Day Nature Walk**, Jackson Bog State Nature Preserve.
- Sat./Sun. 27/28 8 a.m. **Bioblitz: City Nature Challenge**, See below.

Bioblitz: City Nature Challenge – March 27 & 28

A bioblitz is an intense period of biological surveying in an attempt to record all the living species within a designated area. Help UMU bioblitz the H-B Nature Center and contribute sightings to the 2019 City Nature Challenge. Scheduled and self-guided activities with instruction will be available during each day. Full details available as the date approaches.

Dumont Seed Company New Audubon Business Partner

Dumont Seed Company is celebrating 150 Years in Business, founded in 1869 in downtown Canton by Louis Dumont.

Dumont is open year round with a large supply of bird seed, grass seed and vegetable seeds.

In the spring season we have four greenhouses that will be full of vegetables, herbs, and flowering plants.

We offer complete line of bird baths, fertilizers an insecticides, potting soils, mulches, and hydroponics supplies.

For your winter needs we stock ice melter, rock salt, and snow shovels. We also have a seasonal Christmas Shop on the second floor.

Our customer base is home owners in the Stark County area.

We carry a large selection of bird feeders that we offer at 20% off year round.

We choose to support the Canton Audubon Society because of the extensive knowledge you have so share on wildlife and bird feeding in our rea, and the conservation of the land and plants.

Thank You, Sherese Streamo.

TWC's Annual Astronomy Day to Focus on Moon Landing

TWC will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing during its annual Astronomy Day from 1 – 8 p.m. , March 16.

The day will include children's activities, planetarium theater programs, displays about the moon and moon landings, and lectures for adults, which will culminate with a presentation by NASA Glenn engineer Jeffrey Woytach. If skies are clear, the day's activities will close with an opportunity to observe the moon through telescopes in TWC observatory.

Food options will be available for dinner. For a full schedule, visit www.wildernesscenter.org.

Shreve Migration Sensation

This year's event has **NEW LOCATIONS**. It will be held at Shreve United Methodist Church Activity Center, and Whispering Hills Jellystone Camp-Resort, on Saturday, March 30, 2019.

Registration is \$15 / individual, \$20 / family. Register at Shreve United Methodist Church starting at 7:30 a.m. or at Whispering Hills starting at noon.

March 20 Meeting Preview

"Listening In Nature/Amphibians"

presented by Lisa Rainsong

Birds aren't the only singers in the spring! From the earliest songs of Wood Frogs and Spring Peepers to the endlessly entertaining songs of Green Frogs, Bullfrogs and American Toads, there's always something to hear from the ponds and wetlands. We'll look and listen to songs of NE Ohio's frogs and toads from the initial ice melt of March through the early summer songs of June. There may be a few more singers that you realized!

Lisa Rainsong holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition from the Cleveland Institute of Music and is a member of CIM's music theory faculty. A soprano as well as a teacher and composer, she sings with the professional early music ensemble Quire Cleveland. Lisa also earned a Naturalist Certificate from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, where her study focused on field experience. She now teaches birdsong classes and does field recording of bird songs and insect songs. In addition, she does field research on crickets and katydids – research work that is done primarily by ear- and has created an online field guide: Listening to insects <https://listeningtoinsects.com/>

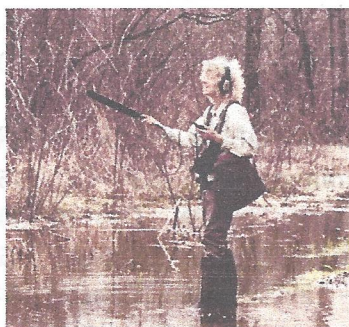
Her recordings and photos can be found on her blog, Listening in Nature at listeninginnature.blogspot.com

She'll also be doing an amphibian call identification program for the Ohio Wetlands Association's Vernal Poolooza science conference at the Ashland University Convocation Center (April 4th-6th), followed by an outdoor listening training walk. Go to the Ohio Wetlands Association website for updates:

www.OHWetlands.org

Pre-meeting bird walk leader: Scott Watkins

Refreshments courtesy of Linda & Del Nida



April 17 Meeting Preview

**"The 2nd Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio:
Uncovering 25 Years of Change in Ohio's
Avifauna"**

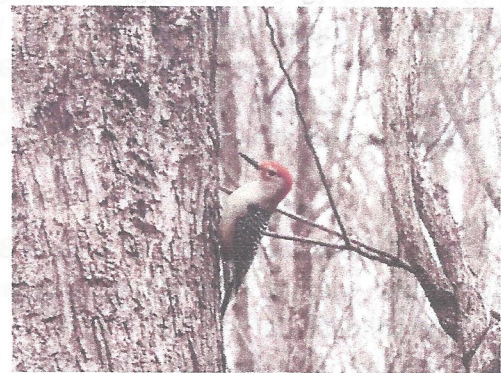
presented by Matt Shumar

Twenty-five years after the publication of the state's first breeding bird atlas, *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio* brings our knowledge of the state's bird populations up to date and provides important new information. The Atlas documents the current distribution and changes in status for more than two hundred bird species in Ohio, including five new breeding species and five species not known to have bred in over fifty years. More than nine hundred dedicated birdwatchers completed surveys of birds across the state from 2006 to 2011. Additionally, trained staff collected new data on bird abundance using point-count surveys. These counts tabulated not only species but individual birds as well, enabling precise estimates of the actual statewide populations for many of the breeding species detected. In all, more than one million bird records were compiled by birders and professional researchers for the second Atlas, providing an unprecedented snapshot of the bird life of Ohio. Matthew will discuss how information generated from the Atlas is providing important insight into factors driving changes in bird populations including changes in land use and climate.

Matthew Shumar is the Program Coordinator for OBCI, a collaboration of non-profit groups, businesses, state and federal government agencies, and citizens working to advance bird conservation efforts including the Ohio Lights Out program. In addition to his work with OBCI, he is in charge of web communications for the Association of Field Ornithologists and is the co-editor of *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio*.

Pre-meeting bird walk leader: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Refreshments courtesy of Lee & Alan Dolan.



Good News:

Eastern Monarch Butterfly Population



IMAGE by ARD - 9/1/18 Davis, WV

The latest numbers for the eastern monarch butterfly population have just been released and posted by Monarch Watch, and there's some good news to report.

The species has experienced a precipitous decline over the last twenty years, but going into 2019 the population is 144 percent larger than last year and higher than it's been in over a decade.

While the **western monarch population continues to decline**, this is an encouraging sign that favorable weather conditions coupled with the work of cities, farmers and individual gardeners to plant native milkweed and nectar plants could be paying off for the eastern population. We still have a lot of work to do — including creating more habitat, reducing the use of harmful pesticides and addressing climate change — but this is a good indicator that our work is starting to show results. The species will remain a focus for the National Wildlife Federation. You can get involved by planting a wildlife habitat garden to help monarchs.

David Mizejewski, National Wildlife Federation

"Kristen"

Learn about the amazing work of Kristen Beck and her non-profit wildlife rehabilitation organization **Clover Field Wildlife Care**.

Kristen is the President of the Ohio Wildlife

Rehabilitators Association, and a board member of the Canton Audubon Society.

Clover Field cares for over 700 injured and orphaned native wild animals each year.

Kristen's program will dispel some of the myths surrounding wildlife rehabilitation, offer suggested ways you can help, and introduce you to a few non-releasable educational ambassadors. Wish List donations are welcomed and much appreciated! Please visit www.cloverfielddwildlife.org to view Wish List items. **Registration is required:** to register or inquire about events, call 330-823-7487 or email naturecenter@mountunion.edu.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Laura Dornan



I have reached out to several of the past Arnold Fritz Memorial Scholarship recipients to find out what their lives are like now. The latest person to respond is Stephanie Jarvis, who was the first person to receive the CAS Scholarship, before it became named after Canton Audubon's first president.

You may remember that Stephanie was attending the College of Wooster and was a major in both geology and biology. She attended our pre-meeting bird walk, even though she was not really a birder at the time. And she said in her letter that she thinks about that walk every time she sees a swift, which she saw on that bird walk. Though, since she is now living in Colorado, the swifts she is seeing are more likely Black Swifts. And she is still trying to identify the birds she sees, though she doesn't have much time for bird outings.

Stephanie is continuing her goal of working towards a career of protecting the environment. After graduating from Wooster, in 2011, she went to Southern Illinois University for her Masters Degree, where she did micro-paleontology research in floodplain deposits. In 2014 she moved to Denver for an environmental consulting job and after a couple of years decided to go back to school for a Ph.D. So she is now in her 3rd year at Colorado University-Boulder, in the Geography Dept., studying the interactions between tree water use and small stream hydrology, with field sites in Oregon (H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest) and Panama (headwaters above the Canal).

All of this study has kept her far from her home in Shelbyville, KY which she is not crazy about, but she loves her work and is excited about her future. Once more, I believe Canton Audubon can be very proud of our scholarship recipients and pleased to have played a tiny part in their education.

The 2019 edition of the Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp will feature a pair of juvenile barred owls, it was announced Aug. 30, 2018, at a meeting of the Ohio Wildlife Diversity Partners at Highbanks Metropark in Columbus.

The owls were photographed by Columbus resident Jayna Wallace in the capital city's Whetstone Park. The 2019 stamp will reproduce in miniature Wallace's photo and will be issued March 1, 2019. The Partners help select the annual winner in a design competition; they are a group of wildlife and naturalist organizations and individuals associated with the ODNR's Division of Wildlife.

Now in its 10th year, the Wildlife Legacy Stamp costs \$15, \$14 of which goes directly to supporting habitat restoration, land purchases and conservation easements for the 85 percent of wildlife species that are not hunted, fished for, or trapped, according to Kendra Wecker, executive administrator of information and education for the Ohio DNR, Division of Wildlife.

The list of such nongame species is impressive, including 56 mammals, 417 birds – 180 of which nest in Ohio, scores of reptiles and amphibians – from timber rattlesnakes to hellbender salamanders, an array of fish and mollusks, and thousands of insects, among others, according to Wecker.

Stamp purchases by the public help keep common species common, protect endangered and threatened native species, provide for educational products for students and wildlife enthusiasts, and help to fund wildlife and habitat research projects. Between 3,500 and 4,000 stamps are sold annually. The subject for 2020 year's stamp competition is caterpillars, and for 2021 it will be cardinals, said Tim Daniel, DOW program coordinator.

The Whetstone Park owls photographed by Wallace come with an interesting side story. A third juvenile sibling fell from the nest and was injured, collected, and shipped to the Ohio Wildlife Center for rehabilitation, according to Stormy Gibson, of the OWC. It was in rehab when the photo was taken, but when the third owlet was returned to the nest, it became the dominant bird among the threesome. Gibson said that the owlet's plight and ensuing photograph of the remaining siblings caused quite a

stir on the blogging network in the Columbus area, with much interest.

Alan will be selling the stamps at the April 17 meeting. The cost is \$15 per stamp. He purchased them from ODNR at a reduced rate. The \$3 per stamp sold is donated to CAS for use in our yearly programming.

This is the 10th year for the OWL stamp, and Alan has an inventory of several of previous year's stamps which can be purchased. They will be at the April 17 meeting also. Questions, contact Alan.



National Audubon Society Opposes Loss of Important Bird Habitat Because of Border Wall

Birds tell us about the health of every landscape.

NEW YORK — As construction is imminently set to begin on a section of a border wall at the National Butterfly Sanctuary in Mission, Texas and that threatens to close Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park in Texas, part of the World Birding Center, which hosts over 500 bird species, National

Audubon Society released its position statement opposing the wall: Along with planetary warming, loss of habitat is a leading cause of declining bird populations. The biological impact of destroying this habitat is incredibly high. The ecosystems along the U.S. border with Mexico are intensely rich in birds and natural beauty. They generate hundreds of millions of dollars in ecotourism and other economic benefits every year, and they support vibrant human communities.

That's no surprise: Healthy ecosystems contribute to healthy bird populations and healthy human communities alike. The wellbeing of birds and of people are deeply intertwined, and that's why Audubon has worked for decades to protect birds and the places they need. Of course, healthy human communities also depend on strong local culture, good jobs, public health, and the rule of law.

As the voice of birds and as a community-builder for 114 years, Audubon opposes the construction of structures along the border that would:

- *destroy or fragment important bird habitat like Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park, iconic National Wildlife Refuges like Santa Ana NWR in Texas, National Parks, National Forests, other public lands, or protected wetlands;*
- *block migration corridors for 111 endangered species, and 108 species of migratory birds;*
- *damage habitat for over 500 species of birds;*
- *create or worsen environmental risks like flooding that would threaten birds and people;*
- *result in waiving or weakening bedrock environmental protections, including the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, or the National Environmental Policy Act;*
- *diminish outdoor recreation or ecotourism opportunities;*
- *sever connections between communities and natural resources; or*
- *harm the communities, landowners, tribes, or organizations with whom we partner and among whom we serve.*

Millions of Americans from all walks of life love birds and understand the connections between birds and people. Audubon believes that conservation doesn't have a party and that bird issues can bring us together. At a time when America needs solutions and understanding, Audubon remains committed to creating more common ground for birds and communities."

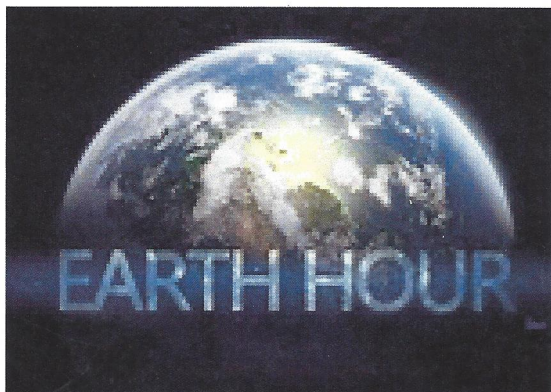
Federal Safe Buildings Act

Representative Mike Quigley (D-IL) introduced the Bird-Safe Buildings Act that promotes bird-friendly materials and design features for federal buildings. The bill has bipartisan support, including Morgan Griffith (R-VA), Lee Zeldin (R-NY) and Steve Cohen (D-TN) as sponsors. You can help advance this cost-neutral, common-sense, bird-friendly legislation by asking your representative to support it.

Ask your representative to support or co-sponsor the bill.,

About Audubon

The National Audubon Society protects birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow. Audubon works throughout the Americas using, science, advocacy, education and on-the-ground conservation. State programs, nature centers, chapters, and partners give Audubon an unparalleled wingspan that reaches millions of people each year to inform, inspire, and unite diverse communities in conservation action. A nonprofit conservation organization since 1905, Audubon believes in a world in which people and wildlife thrive. Learn more and how to help at www.audubon.org and follow us on Twitter and Instagram at @audubonsociety.



**SAT. MARCH 30, 2019 8:30 PM
TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS
FOR EARTH HOUR**

We live in an interconnected world. Every action we take impacts life around us, and increasingly those impacts are harmful. Our ever-growing demand for food, water, and energy is changing the climate faster than predicted—and it comes at a cost for wildlife, wild places, and people everywhere.

This Earth Hour, millions of people around the world will turn off their lights for one hour to show their steadfast commitment to protecting nature. Together we'll speak up for wildlife and forests. We'll show our support for rivers and oceans. And we'll rally around crucial actions needed to curb climate change.

Life is resilient when we give it the chance to bounce back.

Please join us in turning off our lights for one hour at 8:30 p.m., your local time on Saturday, March 30, 2019, to show your support for a healthy planet.



Jan. 20, 2019 Lunar Eclipse coinciding with a supermoon. IMAGE by Alan Dolan in Dade City, Florida.

This eclipse is sometimes called a "Blood Moon". These two words never appeared together in the same sentence before 2013, especially as regards eclipses.

A full moon nearly always appears coppery red during a total lunar eclipse. That's because the dispersed light from all the Earth's sunrises and sunsets falls on the face of the moon at mid-eclipse. For some decades at least, it's been common for astronomy writers to describe an eclipsed moon as blood red. You just didn't until recently, hear the same eclipsed moon called a Blood moon.

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