

Ohio Grassland Birds

Presented by the Ohio Ornithological Society
June 17 & 18, 2016



FRIDAY JUNE 17

Presentation 7-9 PM

Campus Center Conference Room

Ohio University Zanesville

1425 Newark Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 (740) 453-0762

Map: <https://www.ohio.edu/zanesville/facilities/upload/Ohio-University-Zanesville-Campus.pdf>

7:00 PM Welcome and announcements.

7:30 Presentation on Grassland Birds, Speaker Jim McCormac

'While a rather loose term, "grassland birds" covers some of our most charismatic species: bobolinks, meadowlarks, harriers, a host of sparrows, and much more. These are the species that originally occupied Ohio's pre-settlement prairies. With the advent of human colonization, this suite of species has experienced booms and busts, but mostly busts. This program will explore the species that comprise this group, what makes them tick, their importance, and what can be done to conserve them'.



Jim works for the ODNR Division of Wildlife, specializing in birds, education, and wildlife diversity issues. Prior to that, he was a botanist with the ODNR Division of Natural Areas & Preserves. He is past president of the Ohio Ornithological Society, and served for seven years as secretary of the Ohio Bird Records Committee. Jim is author of *Birds of Ohio* (Lone Pine 2004); *Wild Ohio: The Best of Our Natural Heritage* (Kent State University Press 2009); and *The Great Lakes Nature Guide* (Lone Pine 2009). He is the 2009 recipient of the Ludlow Griscom award, given annually by the American Birding Association to individuals who have made

significant regional contributions to ornithology. Jim's popular blog can be found at:

jimccormac.blogspot.com.

LODGING: We have reserved blocks of rooms at two locations. Be sure to mention 'OOS' to get the discount rate.

1. Hampton Inn in Zanesville:

1009 Spring Street, Zanesville, Ohio, 43701

TEL: (740) 453-6511

Group Rate: \$119/Night

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/ohio/hampton-inn-zanesville-ZZVOHHX/index.html>

2. Econolodge in Zanesville

135 North 7th Street, Zanesville, OH 43701, US

Phone: (740) 452-4511

Group Rate: \$69.99/Night

<http://www.econolodgezanesvilleohio.com/>

SATURDAY JUNE 18

The Wilds-Field Trips Begin

Meet at the Wilds Parking lot by 7:30/7:45 am.

With nearly 10,000 acres of grasslands, woodlands, wetlands and lakes, the Wilds is home to a great diversity of bird species. The Audubon Society has recognized the Wilds as one of Ohio's Important Bird Areas, and birdwatchers from near and far have discovered the abundance of bird life here, especially for grassland birds.



Morning field trips will end at noon for a cookout under a shelter at the Wilds. We can continue to scope the area for birds and share our findings

After lunch, we are back in the field to continue more birding in the afternoon. **For directions, visit the Wilds website at:**

<https://thewilds.columbuszoo.org/home/visit/plan-your-visit/directions>. You may email the Wilds at: information@thewilds.org or by telephone: [740-638-5030](tel:740-638-5030).

Grassland Birds Registration Form: (One form per person please)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Total Registration Amount is \$ 75.00

Registration includes Friday night keynote, Saturday guided field trips and a picnic lunch. Please check if you prefer the vegetarian burger for your lunch on Saturday
Yes _____ No _____.

Please include this form along with your check or money order made payable to OOS and mail to:

Ohio Grassland Birds
C/O Kathy McDonald
1912 Devils Backbone Road
Cincinnati, OH 45233

Questions? Email: events@ohiobirds.org

Thank you!