



Breakfast with the Birds & OOS

Meet your friends from the Facebook group Birding Ohio on Saturday morning, September 29 from 6:30-8:00 am at The Pavilion in Lakeside. We'll listen for night flight calls of migrating birds overhead before dawn, then watch the bird life at Lake Erie "wake up". Robert Hershberger from Time & Optics will have scopes and binoculars available and Lakeside will serve a continental breakfast. Afterwards, we'll caravan to nearby Meadowbrook Marsh for some time in the field. Free for OOS members: suggested donation of \$5 for non-members.

Please RSVP, on the BO event page, or send an email to Julie Davis (greenheron58@insight.rr.com) so we can get a headcount.



The Pavillion in Lakeside

The Cerulean

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OOS Eighth Annual Conference and Shorebird Extravaganza: Wicked Cool Shorebirds

Jen Brumfield- Naturalist/Artist for Cleveland Metroparks

Wanna see some wicked cool shorebirds with Kevin Karlson, author and photographer, and a slew of other birders? I'll be helping to co-lead trips and get point-blank looks for you in the scope, of common and rare shorebirds alike. We'll discuss ID tips to help you get a grip with these brilliant brown and gold, and buff and orange and intricately colored birds.

Maybe we'll pick up Buff-breasted, Red-necked Phalarope, or other sweet rarities... upwards of 25+ species are possible. You should really be there. It's going to be a slamming good time. An incredible event where you can meet others from around the state, get in some sweet birding, hear and see some great talks, and find some rarities. And party!



ERNIE CORNELIUS

An Army of People Dedicated to Birds: OOS thanks Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, and Rebecca Hinkle, Visitor Services Manager at Ottawa (and OOS Northwest Regional Director), for hosting our two July 22 field trips. This wonderful photo by Ernie Cornelius, documenting our foray into the refuge, was titled "An Army of People Dedicated to Birds" by OOS board member, and blogger, Cheryl Harner (cherylharner.blogspot.com/2012/07/oos-visits-ottawa.html).

Lakeside has a generous offer for OOS folks! Reserve a hotel room at the Fountain Inn or Hotel Lakeside for \$10 off the current rate per night. This is an "online only" reservation rate. Go to: www.lakesideohio.com and click the tab "Staying At Lakeside". Please enter the event code "shorebirds" in the field provided. This will provide the discounted room rate.



OOS Eighth Annual Conference featuring a Shorebird ID Workshop & Field Trip at Ottawa NWR, Keynote Address, and Indoor Photography class with famed Photographer & Author Kevin Karlson Co-author of *The Shorebird Guide*

Love shorebirds? Want to be better at shorebird identification? Join author and professional field trip leader Kevin Karlson for a Saturday shorebird-intensive session! Kevin will share the simple and effective approach to shorebird ID highlighted in his best-selling book, *The Shorebird Guide*, co-authored with Richard Crossley and Michael O'Brien. With an initial focus on basic impressions of size, shape, and behavior, an effective ID starting point is achieved.

Indoor Class: This short indoor workshop has been formatted to help remove confusion from field identification of shorebirds. Formerly considered a difficult task reserved for experts, shorebird ID will become easier for all levels of birders if a relatively simple approach is taken.



KEVIN KARLSON

Outdoor Field Trip:

This outdoor workshop caters to beginning birders with little or no experience with shorebirds. Kevin and his able assistants will share basic tips for separating different shorebird families, for building a solid foundation to take your shorebird ID skills to the next level. It will include advanced tips that will allow beginners to see what lies ahead in their personal ID evolution. If you have trouble with shorebird ID



Karlson's co-authored books titled *The Shorebird Guide* and *Visions: Earth's Elements in Bird and Nature Photography*.



Comparison of juvenile Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs.

and feel hopelessly stuck in a rut, this is the class for you!

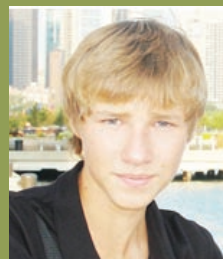
Saturday Night Keynote Presentation: Based on Kevin's new book *Visions: Earth's Elements in Bird and Nature Photography*, this visual and also musical program contains an exciting collection of bird and nature images themed to the elements of the planet: earth, fire, air, and water.

Friday Night Keynote with Lukas Padegimas

What's it like to be a teen birder studying shorebirds for a summer in Alaska? Find out during the OOS conference, on Friday night, in a keynote address by Lukas Padegimas. He'll relate his experience volunteering last year in "The Land of the Midnight

Sun". We'll hear about his adventures studying the breeding ecology of declining species with the Arctic Shorebird Network.

Padegimas, a member of the Ohio Young Birders Club, currently attends Cleveland State University.



Take an "Epic Journey" with our Saturday Night Movie

OOS is honored to share *Epic Journeys: Tracking the Migrations of Shorebirds in the Western Hemisphere* with our members and guests during our fall conference! It's a shorebird documentary by acclaimed East Coast photographer/videographers Shawn Carey and Jim Grady.



Each year millions of shorebirds make an amazing round-trip journey between the Northern and southern hemisphere. Migration Productions' newest video, *Epic Journeys*, looks at three shorebird species—Red Knot, Piping Plover and Semi-

palmated Sandpiper—and the challenges these species face during each of their monumental annual treks.

The film asks burning questions: What is being done to help protect these shorebirds and their habitat? How can the public help with their conservation? And where can one go to best see each of these species enroute to their destinations?

Interviews and footage were shot on Plymouth Beach and South Beach in Massachusetts, the Bay of Fundy in Canada, and Cape May, New Jersey.

The Big Narration of The Big Year

Join OOS on Friday night during our fall conference, for a narrated showing of *The Big Year*, with our special guest Greg Miller. Think of this as a director's cut, birding style!

As you may know, the 2011 movie is based on the acclaimed 2004 book by Mark Obmascik: the book details the all-consuming competition among the top three birders who saw the most species in the ABA area in 1998. One of those three birders was Ohio's Greg Miller, portrayed by Jack Black in the film!

Miller, one of the founding

members of OOS, spent time on the Vancouver-based set during the filming of the movie. Meeting all of the stars, and numerous members of the crew, Miller offered birding recommendations as a script consultant for director David Frankel. Find out how successful, and challenging, the editing process is, as we hear Miller's first-hand account of his experience!



Karlson Sunday Indoor Photography Workshop

On Sunday morning, Kevin Karlson will present an indoor photo workshop, covering a number of basic photographic principles. Photographers of all skill levels will benefit from the varied topics. The introduction covers basic composition and awareness of lighting, with compensation settings for light and dark subjects. Tips for evaluating background scenes and anticipating action in the field are discussed, as well as making use of different perspectives for each field scenario. The emphasis of this workshop is wildlife, but general nature photography is covered.

If time permits, a brief introduction to cutting edge techniques for flight and action photography ends this workshop, with instruction on how to capture the best possible flight or action photo. Different camera settings for a variety of field situations, and hand-held versus tripod telephoto techniques, are explained.

Saturday Box Lunch Option:

Please consider choosing the Saturday box lunch option with your registration. Time between the morning shorebird ID class and the afternoon shorebird group field trip is extremely limited. Of course, you can always brown bag your lunch! Registration details on the OOS website: www.ohiobirds.org/site/index.php



OOS BOARD NOMINEES

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE NOMINEE:

Wendy Clark Eller is the Vice President of Guest Operations at Lakeside Chautauqua, where she has worked since moving to Ottawa County in 2008. For the past two decades, Wendy has managed more than 2,000 events for non-profit and for-profit



Wendy Eller

organizations. In 2008, she began a partnership with *Bird Watcher's Digest* and The Ohio Ornithological Society planning the 2009, 2011, and 2013 Midwest Birding Symposium, which has led to a passion for birding, natural history, ecotourism, and the development of birding/nature events and festivals.

Wendy currently serves on the Board of Directors with Leadership Ottawa County. Her hobbies include birding, theater, tennis, and a variety of other outdoor sports. She has a deep love for and involvement in the arts, especially music. She is an avid writer—and an aspiring songwriter—regularly performing as lead singer and keyboardist with her country-rock band The Rain Crows (featuring OOS Vice-President Bill Thompson III and Julie Zickefoose).

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE NOMINEE:

Ethan Kistler began birding at the age of 10 when he woke up one morning, literally, and decided to become a birder. His skills rapidly progressed, and by age 15, Ethan was a "Tropicbird" with the American Birding Association's youth group, participating in nationwide birding events such as The Great Texas Birding Classic and Cape May



Ethan Kistler

Bird Observatory's World Series of Birding. In 2005, OOS gave Ethan a scholarship to attend the ABA's conference in Tucson. Since then, he's worked field jobs from Alaska to Africa, traveled to nearly 20 countries on four continents, and led birding trips in Canada, United States, and South Africa (where he also lived for two years).

Even when living beyond the Buckeye State borders, Ethan has always had a keen interest in the Ohio birding community and Ohio birds. Whether it's attending birding conferences, leading trips, or chasing rare birds – he's always interacting. As the former spring season editor for *The Ohio Cardinal* and Ohio Statewide Rare Bird Alert compiler, Ethan has now moved forward as the new Ohio editor for *North American Birds* – spring issue.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINEE:

Kathy McDonald owes her love of nature to her dad, who at a young age, took her on fishing trips and nature walks. As an adult, she joined local birding groups, and her appreciation of birds of prey led her to volunteer with RAPTOR, Inc. for over 15 years. In order to learn more about native plants, Kathy became a founding



Kathy McDonald

member of a local chapter of Wild Ones, Natural Landscapers, Ltd, 3,000 member organization where she has served as national treasurer, finance chair, and currently as membership chair.

Kathy credits OOS with providing the education to connect birds with the rest of the natural world. "At my first OOS conference, I attended a spider workshop and a butterfly walk in addition to the many birding walks available. That experience opened my eyes to the diversity present in our natural world." This resulted in her participating in the formation of the Midwest Native Plant Society, a group which hosts an annual conference with a mission of connecting people with nature, and donates proceeds to local conservation groups such as The Nature Conservancy's Sunshine Corridor Project. "With the loss of native habitat, land owners, including the urban homeowner, can play a key role in sustaining local wildlife by providing food and shelter." She hopes to work with OOS to further conservation and education missions.

OOS members will cast their vote for board member nominees on Saturday, Sept. 29, during the annual conference.

Bird Early. Bird Late. Bird In-between.

By Ned Keller—Cincinnati

About 40 people showed up to view the Mississippi Kites at the OOS Third Annual "Spy a Kite" field trip on Saturday, August 11. About half of participants were successful. Those who arrived a little early were treated to killer views of the three kites perched in a tree just behind home plate at Lever Park in Loveland, Ohio. And then the three birds launched themselves into the air and spiraled up, up, and away, delighting the assembled crowd, but disappointing the participants who were still arriving. The group stayed around for another hour or so, but alas, the kites did not return. A couple of people stayed for sev-

eral hours, and did see them later.

The birders dispersed, with about 15 moving on to the Great Miami Oxbow property, located just over the state line in Indiana, to search for a Neotropic Cormorant which had been frequenting that spot. There, the pattern of success and failure was reversed. Most of the group left after fruitlessly scouring the Oxbow area for the cormorant. But a few who stayed until the bitter end were rewarded with a brief, but recognizable, glimpse of our quarry as it lifted off from a remote pond.

And that, my friends, is what birding is about. Bird early, bird late, bird in-between, and you will be rewarded. Sometimes.

Mississippi Kite.



LES HOUSER

Editor's Note:

Ned Keller is one of the founding board members of OOS and a former Southwest Regional Director. A lawyer by profession, Ned serves on the Ohio Birds Record Committee, is the 'owner' of the Ohio list-serv (birdingonthe.net/mailling-lists/Ohio), and is the creator of the website *Cincinnatibirds.com*. He's married to Kathy McDonald.

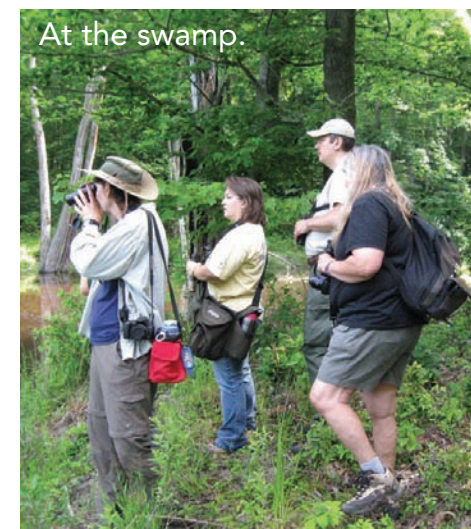
OOS Visits Morgan Swamp

Our June 16 OOS field trip to The Nature Conservancy's Morgan Swamp Preserve, in northeast Ohio, was most enjoyable. It wasn't beastly hot, there were few insects, and there were lots of birds! Karen Adair, TNC's Northeast Ohio Project Manager, guided us through areas not open to the public and told us the Preserve's history. At 1,300 acres, Morgan Swamp Preserve is one of the largest privately protected wetlands in Ohio and plays a key role in keeping the freshwater resources of northeastern Ohio healthy. The preserve, part of the Grand River watershed, includes swamp forest, marshes, sphagnum bog, and sedge meadows.

Karen, organizer Craig Caldwell, and James Cole (TNC Ohio Bird Conservation Program Manager) were joined by 16 participants. We walked a 1 1/4 mile loop through forest and a (mostly) dry cattail marsh, made a brief stop at an open field where we were rewarded with the sight and sound of at least five Bobolinks, and ate lunch under shade while watching Eastern Bluebirds and an Eastern Phoebe. We found 44 bird species, plus about a dozen different dragonflies and damselflies, and many butterflies. Of course we heard, rather than saw, most of the birds, but highlights included four Yellow, three Cerulean, two Hooded, and one

Craig Caldwell—
OOS Northeast Director
Editor, *The Ohio Cardinal*

At the swamp.



CRAIG CALDWELL

Blue-winged Warbler, and an Ovenbird.

Stay tuned for another joint OOS-TNC field trip in 2013.



THE CORNELL LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY: YOUNG BIRDERS EVENT —By Kristina Polk

Seeing the Sapsucker Woods sign for the first time sent a thrill through me—for so long it had been a fabled place I'd wished to visit. Suddenly it was right in front of my eyes; as we turned the bend, there sat the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Walking inside, the beautiful interior design was breathtaking. To our left, floor-to-ceiling windows looked out over a marsh, where Mallards swam under flying Red-winged Blackbirds. To our right, there was a multitude of bird-related wall hangings, artwork, exhibits, and more that dotted the rooms. I was instantly eager to get going with all the activities planned for the Cornell Young Birders event!

The three days were filled with a stunning range of experiences. We had the opportunity to use high-end sound recording equipment at Myers Point and video record with equally high-quality cameras. We birded in spots like Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge and Hammond Hill, seeing Bobolinks, Savannah Sparrows, Pileated Woodpeckers, Caspian Terns, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, and Mourning Warblers. We even saw such incredible birds as Least Bittern, Prairie Warbler, and Blue-winged Warbler! These three were life birds for me, and for many of the other teens as well. Additionally, at the Towpath Road we were able to get incredibly close to a Great Horned Owl

which had an unfortunate eye injury.

Back at the Lab, Irby Lovette led us through the museum collections, including Reptiles, Amphibians, Fish, the skinning lab, and finally, Birds. Cornell's bird specimen collection numbers in the 50,000s, with birds from all over the globe. Before looking around, we played a game to test our knowledge of taxonomy and warbler genealogy. Irby gave us each an identical tray of assorted warbler

specimens and a paper with a "family tree" on it. Our task was to pair up like species with each other on the chart, keeping in mind which were related closer to which. When the answers were revealed, some were surprising—the two Parulas were not grouped together, and neither were the two Redstarts. Irby noted, how-

ever, that we did better and made fewer mistakes than any other group he had ever given the exercise to (and that includes Cornell students).

It was then time to explore the collection, which Irby granted us special permission to look around freely. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the scale of it. Hummingbirds, tanagers, albatrosses, woodpeckers, and corvids of all sorts were seen, along with a few very important specimens.



Kristina holding an Ivory-billed Woodpecker skin

Editor's Note: OOS sponsored Kristina with a scholarship to help her take part in "The Cornell Lab Young Birders Event", July 19-22, in Ithaca, NY.

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Irby opened the drawer labeled for endangered/extinct/special concern species, and what was inside was truly remarkable: Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Kea, Bachman's Warbler, Carolina Parakeet, Passenger Pigeon, Darwin's Finches... all species with almost mythical reverence. He let us hold the Ivory-bill, and when I did, I couldn't fathom that there was, in fact, a skin of a real Ivory-billed Woodpecker in my open palms! It set a huge smile on my face, for it was a dream come true for me. Others seemed to enjoy the Carolina Parakeet and the Kea more than the woodpecker, but I thought holding that IBWO was one of the highlights of the entire event.

We also got an inside look at the genetics lab, where many of the past (and recent) taxonomy changes were made. We had presentations by former young birder Andy Johnson, author of the *Birds of Peru* guide Tom Schulenberg, Cornell grad Tom Johnson, flight-call expert Andrew Farnsworth, Godwit researcher Nate Senner, and others. For our suppers we all ate together; it was amazing to be able to chat with such experts! Overall, the experience was one of a lifetime and truly special. We made important connections, learned about the different career options for birders, and saw some amazing birds with fellow teen birders. There had been a survey upon our arrival that asked, "What are you least looking forward to for the event?" and I had answered "Nothing. I look forward to OWL of it."

My answer remains the same.

Former Ohioan Helps Discover New Species in Peru

Ben Winger, originally from the Cleveland area, was part the Cornell University graduate team recently described a new species of barbet in the July 2012 issue of *The Auk*, the official publication of the American Ornithologists' Union. The team discovered the Siri Barbet in 2008, in a remote, mountainous part of the Peruvian cloud forest. To honor Cornell Lab of Ornithology executive director John W. Fitzpatrick, the scientific name of the species is *Capito fitzpatricki*.

Currently a PhD candidate at the University of Chicago, Winger started birding when he was 12, crediting the Kirtland Bird Club members as "extremely supportive" of him. Additionally, Winger was involved with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History youth programs (Student Naturalists



and Future Scientists), volunteering in Wildlife Resources at CMNH in middle and high school, and working in the Ornithology Department after graduating from college.

Winger says: "The mentorship and encouragement I received from birders of all ages has been extremely important to my career and to my life. I'm also extremely grateful to publications like the *Cleveland Bird Calendar* and *The Ohio Cardinal* for giving me the chance to publish articles and drawings even when I was very young. Being treated like a peer by people of all ages, and being encouraged not only to go birding whenever possible but also to publish, write about or illustrate my bird sightings, had a strong influence on my desire to pursue a career in ornithology."

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Young OOS Member and a Birding 4-H Project

New OOS member Catie Strable, age ten, received an "Outstanding of the Day" for her Ohio Birds 4-H project at the Ohio State Fair. This honor is given to the top ten percent of the class. She competed with nine to eighteen-year-olds, most with more experience. Her display included her OOS cap and *Young Birder's Guide* given to her, and autographed by Bill Thompson III.

4-H "Ohio Birds" can be taken only by nine to eleven-year-olds the first time, only by twelve to fourteen-year-olds the second time, and



Catie Strable

only fifteen to nineteen-year-olds can take it a third time as a self-determined project. Last year 86 of 88 counties sent birders to the Ohio State Fair.

—By Mike Strable, Paulding

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OOS Board Rejects Industrial Activities in Ohio State Parks

Cheryl Harner
OOS,
North-Central
Regional Director
President,
Greater Mohican
Audubon Society

While the state of Ohio is desperate for funding, Ohio's birders are stepping up to say fracking and timbering in our state parks is not an appropriate solution to our monetary short falls. While many Ohioans are unaware of the gravity of this situation, more than a year has passed since the passage of HB 133 (Ohio State's Biennial Budget Bill), which opened Ohio's State Parks to oil and gas drilling and provisions for commercial logging.

Public records show officials have been working to abide by the mandates of this new law: inventorying and classifying state owned parcels; checking titles; and clearing any encumbrances. All of these actions are to move forward on the drilling and logging of state parks and public lands.

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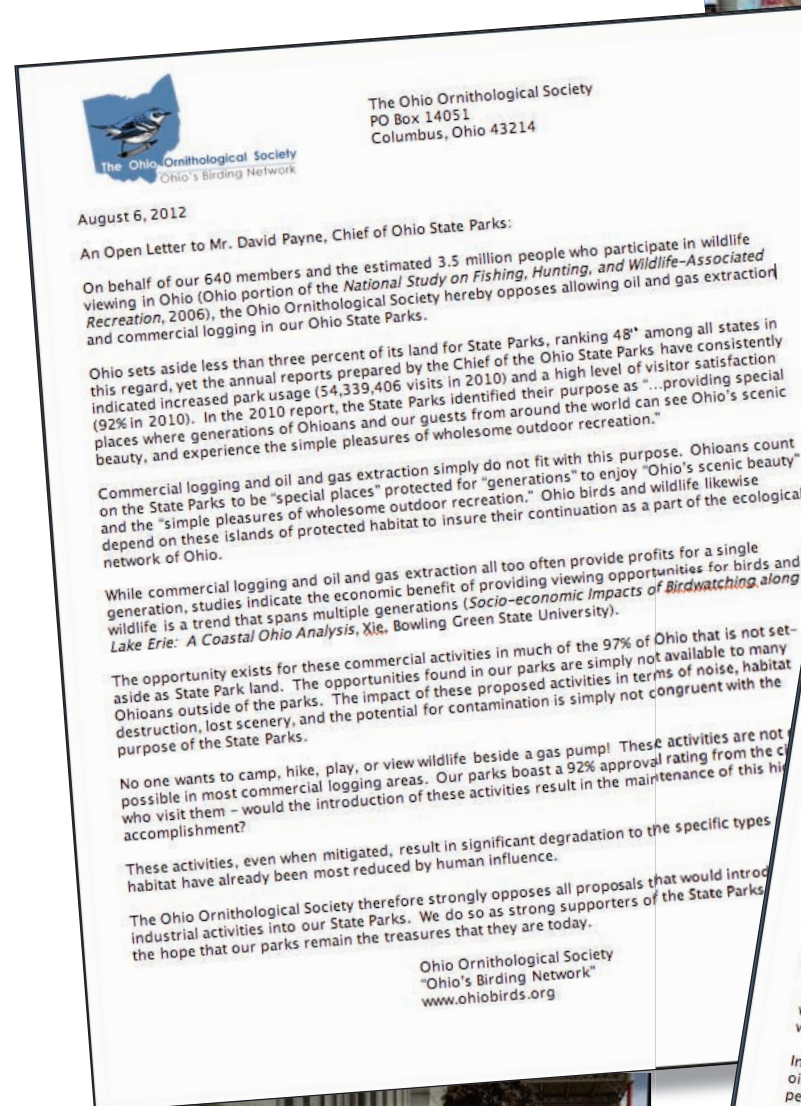
Your Board of Directors of the Ohio Ornithological Society and several of Ohio's Audubon Societies are rejecting these measures as a short-sighted and undesirable solution. Our state parks make up less than 3% of Ohio's land mass, and have been set aside as repositories for bio-diversity, where Ohioans can seek nature and enjoy the scenic rivers and the best wildlife watching Ohio has to offer.

Industrial activities, such as logging and fracking will detract from the inherent value of these quiet places, and the noise and increased traffic are not conducive to the uses for which these parks were set aside. In fact, we deem them to be detrimental to the avian life found within.

We expect the State of Ohio to honor its commitment to our forefathers: to preserve intact the lands and rivers- of the Ohio State Parks.

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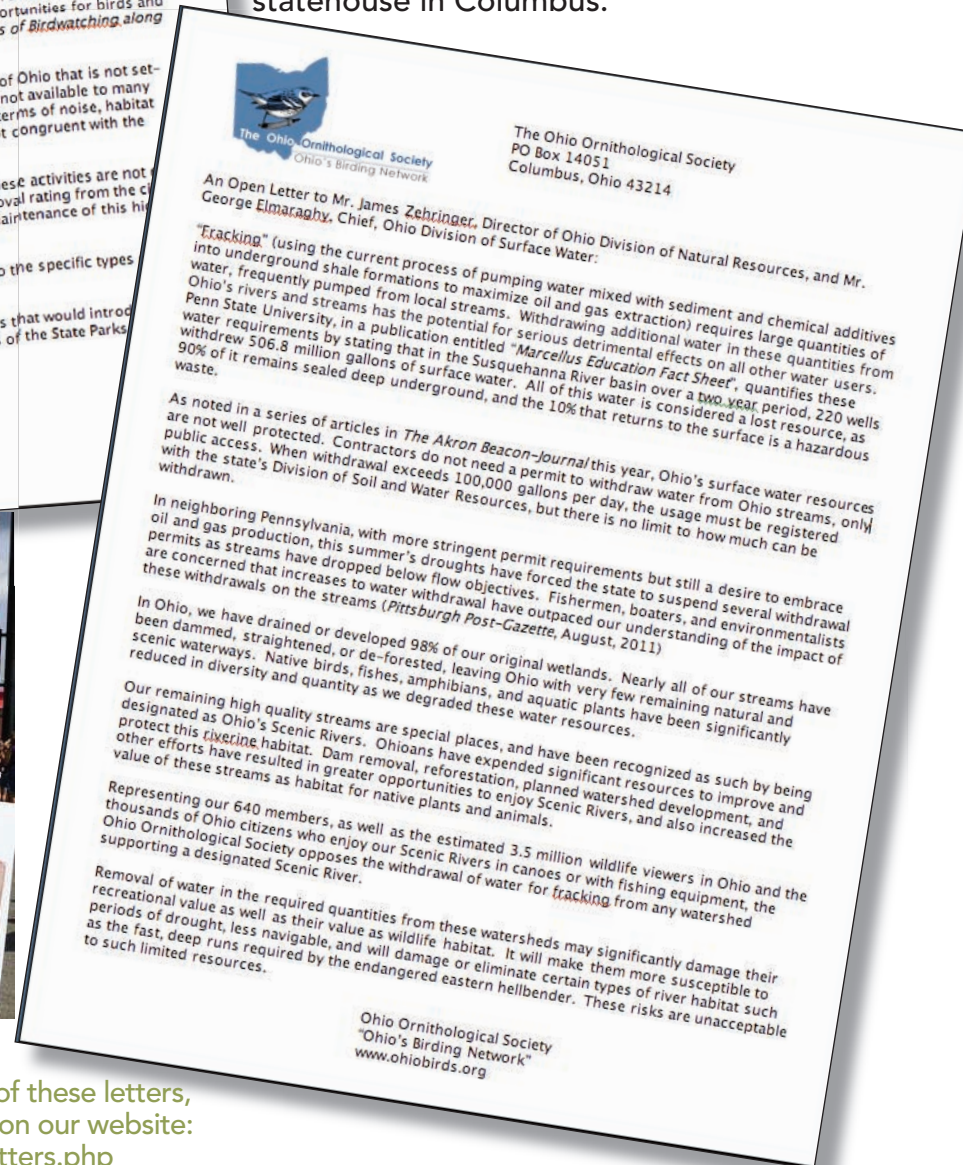


An Anti-fracking demonstrator.

To read or print a larger format version of these letters, please see the OOS conservation page on our website: www.ohiobirds.org/site/conservation/letters.php



More than a thousand participants gathered for an anti-fracking demonstration at the statehouse in Columbus.





Calendar of Events

September 21-22: Caesar Creek Lake Fourth Annual 24-hour Bioblitz. Near Waynesville. Free camping Friday night at Caesar Creek SP is available for participants. Events include Reptile & Amphibian Tracking, Mammal Identification, Bat Detection, Early Morning Owl-ing, Bird Banding, Creek Walking, Insect Identification, Prairie Plant Identification & Collection, Butterfly Trek, and more! Register at (513) 897-1050 or send an email to Samantha.K.Bachelder@usace.army.mil.

September 22-23: Lake Erie Wing Watch - A Family and Beginning Birding Weekend. Variety of activities at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, Ottawa NWR, Old Woman Creek, Erie MetroParks, Kelleys Island, and a special open house at Back to the Wild! Most events are free. Details: www.lakeerieviewingwatch.com/

October 26-27: Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding at the Buzzards Roost Nature Preserve Banding Station near Chillicothe. Join OOS Southeast Regional Director Bob Scott Placier. Details: TBA.

November 3: Sixth Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference. At Aullwood Audubon, near Dayton. Details: ohioyoungbirders.org/news/

2012conferencedate.htm

January 19, 2013: The 2013 OOS Annual Winter Raptor Extravaganza at the Wilds. Free, all-day field trip for OOS members. Details and registration: TBA.

February 15-17, 2013: OOS Owl Symposium at Mohican State Park. Featured speakers include Denver Holt of the Owl Research Institute in Montana, and Dr. Jill Russell and Dr. Dave Russell of the Avian Research and Education Institute. Details and registration: TBA.

September 19-22, 2013: Midwest Birding Symposium. At Lakeside, Ohio, hosted by *Bird Watcher's Digest*, OOS, and The Lakeside Association.



Founding Fathers and Mothers

The Board of the Directors of the Ohio Ornithological Society would like to recognize and thank the founding members and past board members.

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New Editor for *The Ohio Cardinal*

In late July, The Ohio Ornithological Society announced the resignation of Dr. Jill Russell as Editor-in-Chief of *The Ohio Cardinal*. Jill's professorial responsibilities have increased and she feels she can not do justice to both her professional commitments and *The Ohio Cardinal*. OOS is pleased that seasonal editor and Northeast Regional Director Craig Caldwell will take over as Edi-

tor-in-Chief starting with the Winter 2010-11 issue. To ease the transition, Jill will continue to do the publication layout and David Russell will remain as Photo Editor.

The OOS is committed to the obligation to publish the historic records of Ohio bird sightings as well as other interesting content. Both editors, and several other volunteers, from Ohio's birding community will be work-

ing toward the goal of clearing the backlog of issues before mid-summer of 2013 and remaining current thereafter. Currently, Summer 2010 was just mailed to members: Fall 2010 is on track to arrival at the printer by Labor Day.

Craig and the rest of the OOS Board of Directors appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during the transition.

Members' Corner

THE CERULEAN is the official newsletter of the Ohio Ornithological Society (OOS). *THE CERULEAN* is published four times a year. It contains timely information regarding upcoming field trips and meetings, recent bird sightings and current hot spots, trip reports, as well as other pertinent birding information. A subscription to *THE CERULEAN* is included among the benefits of the OOS. Members of the OOS are encouraged to contribute announcements, articles, photographs, drawings, and other birding related information to the newsletter. Seasonal deadlines for contributions to *THE CERULEAN* are as follows:

Spring: March 1
Summer: June 1
Fall: September 1
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Send contributions for the newsletter to cerulean1@ohiobirds.org, or by regular mail to *THE CERULEAN*, c/o OOS, P.O. Box 14051, Columbus, Ohio 43214. For more information see the Publications page on the OOS web site at www.ohiobirds.org. Because the newsletter is sent as bulk mail, subscribers should remember the post office will not forward this newsletter to a new address. Please notify us at oosmember@gmail.com if you have recently moved.

Editor—Ann Oliver
(annieobirder@yahoo.com)



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OOS is proud to partner with the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative on an American Kestrel project. At a recent OOS board retreat, several kestrel nest boxes were constructed for placement in Ohio. Left to right: Julie Davis, Sue Evanoff, Ethan Kistler, Bill Thompson III, Bob Scott Placier.

Welcome New Members!

We would like to welcome our new members who have joined us since our last issue:

Jill Bowers
James M. Coots
Suzanne Crable
Brian Herriott
Dr. and Mrs. Lansing Hoskins
Scott & Teresa Lamantia
Bill Lohnes
Tisha Luthy
Alesia Anne Miller
Michael Monarch
Paul & Bobbi Moser
Constance Sell
Catie Strable
David Tan
Susan M. Walker-Lampe
Christopher Zacharias

Thank you for your donations!

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following members who have given generous donations which have been deposited into the Ohio Ornithological Society's Conservation & Education Fund. Donations are used for promoting conservation, education and research of Ohio's avifauna. Thank you!

Jill Bowers
Ms. Carol F. Bretz
Karen Kassel
Alesia Anne Miller
John O'Meara
Ann Oliver
Bob Scott Placier
Randy Rogers
Jen Sauter
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