



## Let's celebrate 10 years of OOS

Join your fellow OOS members at Shawnee State Park near Portsmouth, Ohio, April 25-27, 2014, for a celebration of our 10th anniversary! Not only will this event give you a chance to head south to meet the first big wave of spring migration, you'll also get to enjoy excellent presentations, the charm of the Shawnee lodge, and the wonderful fellowship of a bunch of fun, avid birders. Speakers include Brian Zwiebel (bird photography), Scott Albaugh (warbler songs), Matt Shumar (Ohio's breeding birds), Jim McCormac (an OOS retrospective), Cheryl Harner (flora of Shawnee), and others.

We'll gather on Friday evening for a social hour, welcome remarks, and a presentation. Afterwards there will be short outings for night birds, including owls and, perhaps, Chuck-will's-widows. Saturday we're up early for morning field trips, lunch in the field, then back to the lodge for concurrent programs. Saturday evening we'll enjoy dinner in the banquet hall, then we'll review the day's sightings and run the checklist, recognize some OOS all-stars, laugh at some stupid jokes, then enjoy the evening program by Mr. Birding Ohio, Jim McCormac. More owl and nightjar trips will be taken and we'll have a mothing station on the lodge's patio. Sunday we'll enjoy half-day field trips, lunch, and our all-too-soon goodbyes.

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## Snowy Owl Invasion!

By Jim McCormac

*At least 158  
Snowy Owls  
visited Ohio  
during the  
winter.*



JOHN HOWARD

***Editor's Note:** The following story is an excerpt from Jim McCormac's blog on Ohio's biodiversity, [jimccormac.blogspot.com](http://jimccormac.blogspot.com). Jim is the founding president of the Ohio Ornithological Society.*

While Snowy Owl reports are slowing, I'm still regularly receiving new ones. Reports come in via

the Ohio Birds Listserv, various Facebook groups, and personal messages. A recent article in *Ohio Outdoor News* triggered receipt of at least a half-dozen new reports, none of which would have probably made their way to the birding community. To date, we're up to at least 158 owls  
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**Don't miss celebrating the OOS's 10th anniversary.**

Registration forms will be available soon on the OOS website, [ohiobirds.org](http://ohiobirds.org).

We'll see you there!



# Letter from the new OOS PRESIDENT

By Bill Thompson, III

It's quite an honor to be elected president of the Ohio Ornithological Society. I'm following in the footsteps of two giants in Jim McCormac and Jen Sauter. I promise to do everything I can to keep the OOS on its path of growth and enlightenment in fulfilling our mission of being Ohio's Birding Network.

Some of the first tasks we've undertaken on the OOS board since I took office involve getting the organization to a more solid financial footing. We're going to accomplish this in several ways ...

## Digital Publications

Because of the increased publishing costs of our two periodicals, and in order to remain cognizant of the environmental impact of both paper and ink, effective March 2014 (after this issue of *The Cerulean*), all OOS members will receive their OOS publications (*The Cerulean* and *The Ohio Cardinal*) as digital publications in PDF form. **Printed copies of both peri-**

**odicals will continue to be provided for those who require them, at an annual subscription rate of \$20.**

Please note: This fee is in addition to membership dues. *It is also exactly what it costs the OOS per member, annually, to print and deliver these periodicals.* We realize that this change may be a bit of an inconvenience to some members, however it is necessary from a fiscal/financial standpoint. The OOS board has done a great deal of research and held many focused discussions prior to reaching this decision. We hope you understand and will support this effort to be both more fiscally and environmentally responsible.

## More OOS Events

We have a full schedule of OOS member events scheduled for 2014 and beyond. We recently held the annual Winter Raptor Extravaganza at The Wilds, which was a great success thanks to the efforts of board members Julie Davis and Wendy Clark. In late April, the OOS will celebrate its 10th anniversary at Shawnee State

Park, near Portsmouth, Ohio. Details on this event and all OOS events in 2014 are at [ohiobirds.org](http://ohiobirds.org).

## Volunteers

We cannot keep the OOS going and growing without the help we get from volunteers. OOS At-large Board Member Wendy Clark is looking for members to volunteer to help with a variety of projects including events, publications, membership, and field trips. Won't you consider making the important contribution of your time and talents to the OOS? Please email Wendy at [wencrowmusic@gmail.com](mailto:wencrowmusic@gmail.com).

On behalf of the OOS board of directors, thank you for being a part of our Ohio birding community.

I'll see you out there with the birds,

Bill Thompson, III  
OOS President

# Former OOS President Steps Down

By Jen Sauter



It is hard to believe that ten years have passed since the inception of the Ohio Ornithological Society.

Birders from across the state and beyond Ohio's borders have joined together to celebrate the beauty and magic of birds. I would like to say farewell by highlighting some of our accomplishments, by acknowl-

edging some very special people, and by thanking each and every one of you that has supported our organization.

Together, we have raised and donated more than \$70,000 to help protect vital bird habitat by partnering with like-minded groups from around the state and beyond. We would not have been so successful without the many generous donations from the Ohio birding community.

As a society we have been instrumental in partnering with the

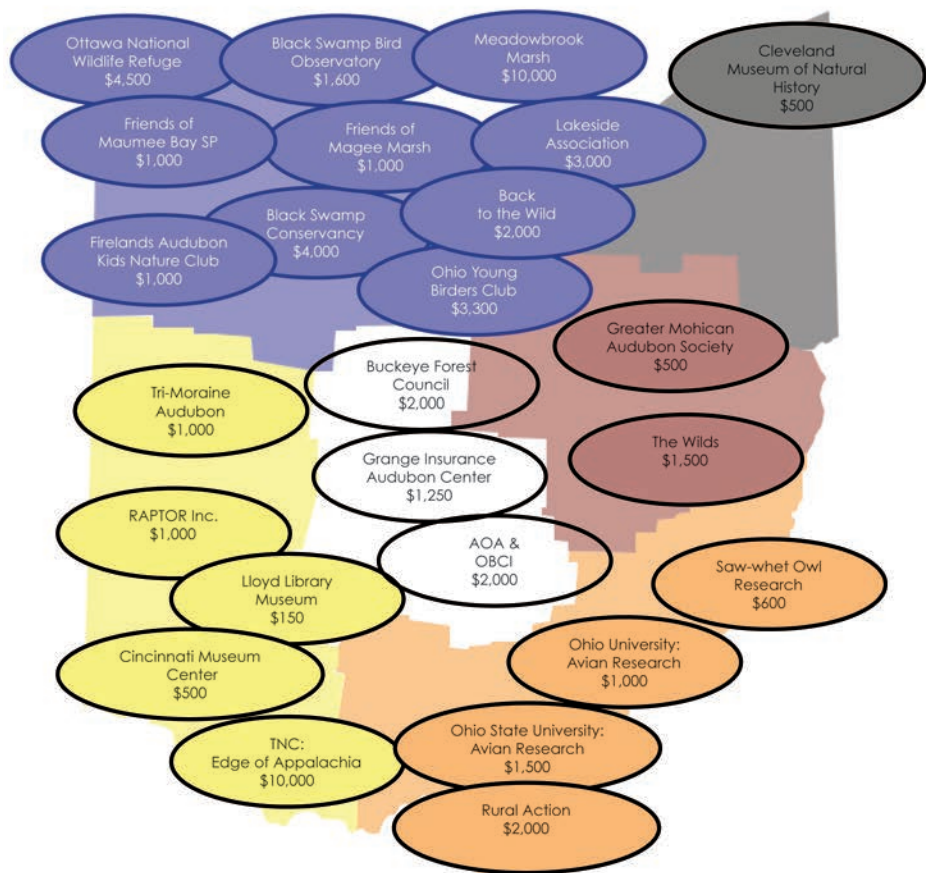
Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas III and the Carbon Offset Bird Project. Since our inception, we have organized, hosted and sponsored more than two-dozen educational symposia and conferences and have shared our success with Ohio's birding organizations.

We will be celebrating our anniversary in the spring of 2014 at Shawnee State Forest, where we first came together as a society. (Be sure to mark your calendars for the weekend of April 25 – 27, 2014!) A huge thanks

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ANN OLIVER

# Our Conservation Donations at Work



## Outside of Ohio's Borders

**Owl Research Institute**  
**\$2,000**

**ABA Birder's Exchange**  
**\$1,000**

**Nature Iraq**  
**\$5,000**

**Indiana Young Birders**  
**\$1,000**

**Saving Birds Through Habitat**  
**\$2,000**

**Ohio Valley Coalition**  
**\$3,500**

**Roger Tory Peterson Institute**  
**\$1,000**

to our event coordinator and director-at-large, Wendy Clark! Wendy, along with the entire board of directors, has created an exciting 2014 calendar of events and field trips.

In 2013, Craig Caldwell took on the challenging task of working on the state's historical records for our publication, *The Ohio Cardinal*. He has spent hundreds of hours working on collecting and producing bird data from the spring of 2010 to current day. Words cannot express my gratitude for Craig's dedication and diligence.

Your new president, Bill Thompson, III, has a deep passion for the OOS and he will be a strong and dedi-

cated leader. Bill has given me the strength and courage to face many hurdles during my term as president and I cherish his words of wisdom and his friendship. Please join me in supporting the efforts of Bill and our new board officers: Scott Pendleton (Southeast Ohio), Erik Bruder (Northeast Ohio), Jason Larson (East-central Ohio), Sue Evanoff (executive secretary), and Mike Edgington (vice-president).

Most importantly, I would like to thank all of the founding fathers and mothers of this amazing organization. They spent hours and hours laying the cornerstones of the OOS. I particularly want to thank

Jim McCormac for introducing me to Ohio's birding community. I am forever grateful for the opportunities that it has afforded me.

I have been honored to serve on this board for nine years and it has brought me great joy. I would like to personally thank each of the current and past members of the board for all of your support, and for sharing your time, talents, and friendships.

See you out on the birding trail,





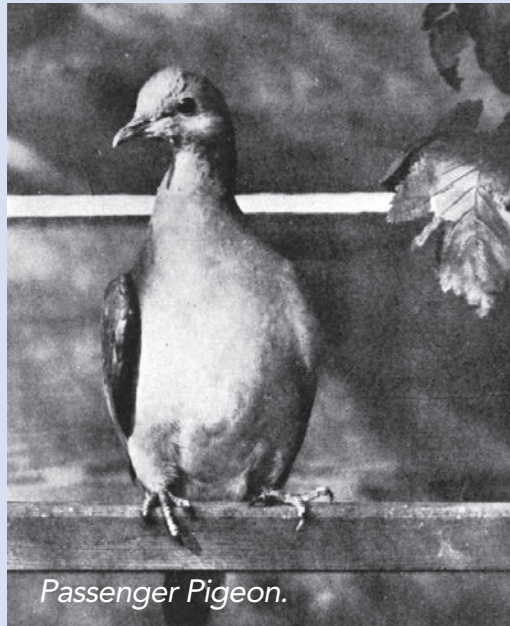
# Weekend to Honor the PASSENGER PIGEON

By Kathy McDonald

OOS and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden are working together to present a fantastic weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 29 and 30, 2014, in honor of Project Passenger Pigeon: Lessons from the Past for a Sustainable Future. For countless centuries, the Passenger Pigeon was the most abundant bird in North America and, possibly, the world. Human exploitation drove this species to extinction over the course of just a few decades. Martha, the last Passenger Pigeon, died at the Cincinnati Zoo in September 1914.

The event will consider species in decline today, what we learned from Martha, and how we can bring hope and help to prevent future tragedies.

Friday night begins with "Martinis with Martha," featuring live music to kick-off the weekend. On Saturday, we will have guest speakers including Dan Marsh of the Cincinnati Zoo, Jim McCormac of the ODNR, and Joel Greenberg of Project Passenger Pigeon and the Zoo's Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife (CREW). CREW is the first of its kind, a state-of-the-art research facility dedicated to saving endangered plants and animals from extinction. We will have tours of the Cincinnati Museum Center's Geier Collections and Research Center and the Taft Museum of Art. Brian Jorg, manager of horticulture, will guide a tour of the zoo's native butterfly garden featuring a bronze sculpture honoring Martha.



*Passenger Pigeon.*

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## 2013 BIG SIT WEEKEND!

By Sue Evanoff

### BIG SIT #1 – GORMAN NATURE CENTER

#### – Richland County

I'm sure there are lots of Big Sit stories from the October 11-12, 2013 weekend, but thought I would share just a couple from the east-central region.

Saturday, October 11, was a beautiful day for a Big Sit as Su Snyder and I headed to Gorman Nature Center in the Richland County Park District to meet their new director, Jason Larson, for his first Big Sit at the facility. (There had previously been only one—back in 2009).

Jason, Gary, Micah and Eric were there when we arrived around 9 a.m. They had been there since around 7 a.m.. First bird of the day was Song Sparrow. The group spent the day between two ponds along one of the nature trails for a total species count for the day of 49 (last of the day was Great Blue Heron). Others joined the group throughout the day for a total of nine participants.

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# Snowy Owl Invasion! (continued from page 1)

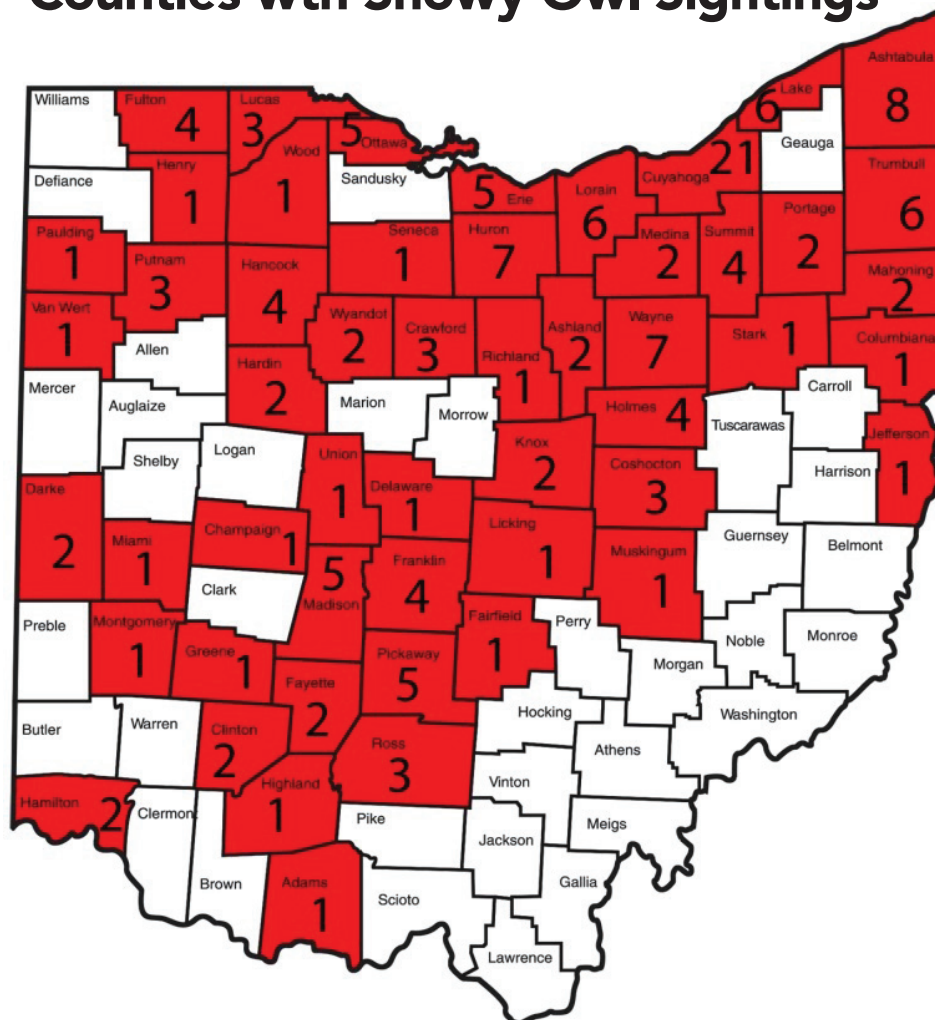
in 52 counties. There will definitely be more. I've heard of a number of injured birds that were taken to rehab facilities, but have not yet run down details on those birds.

An updated map is shown at right. As always, if you know of other owls, please let me know. And of course, if anyone sees errors, omissions, numbers that need to go up, down, or whatever, please do correct me. There will always be some margin of error when trying to tally Snowy Owls, especially at certain Lake Erie locales where it is impossible to know with certainty if the same owl is being counted twice as they shift around. But I stand ready to be corrected by those who know better.

As word of the Snowy Owl irruption has spread through both traditional media and social media, an increased number of reports have come in from nonbirders. Prior to seeing a story or post about the owls, these observers didn't know if anyone would be interested or where to go to report their finds. Most of these reports have either had photos attached, or good descriptions. I am always interested in Snowy Owl reports and you can email me at: [jimmccormac35@gmail.com](mailto:jimmccormac35@gmail.com).

For more information about Snowy Owls in Ohio, and their probable source of origin, scroll down the alphabetized index of subjects on the righthand side of my blog, and click on "Snowy Owl." This is certainly the largest irruption to hit Ohio in decades. The last invasion to rival this one was in the winter of 1949-50 when at least 41 birds

## Counties with Snowy Owl Sightings



were tallied in northeast Ohio, and an unspecified "Sizable numbers... along western Lake Erie and south to Cincinnati" (from Peterjohn, *Birds of Ohio* 2001). One must go back further, such as the winters of 1941-42, when perhaps 150 birds appeared in the Cleveland area alone, to find larger irruptions.

It is reasonable to assume that many more owls dot our landscape that haven't come to light. Keep your eyes open for large white objects in fields, on fence posts,

telephone poles or other prominent perches in open landscapes. A few observers found their owl when it flew right in front of their vehicle. Alas, vehicles are one of the snowies' biggest downfalls, and many get Buick'ed during these irruptions. I know of at least four roadkills so far in Ohio.

To keep up on many of the current sightings, join the Ohio Birds Listserv or skim the Birding Ohio Facebook page.



# New Faces on the OOS Board

## BILL THOMPSON, III President First Term: 2013-2016

Bill Thompson, III, is a founding board member of the OOS. He served two full terms as the Southeast Ohio regional representative and two full terms as OOS vice president. Bill is the editor and co-publisher of *Bird Watcher's Digest* where he has worked since 1988. He lives on an 80-acre farm near Whipple, Ohio, with his wife, Julie Zickefoose, and children, Phoebe and Liam. His favorite bird is the Red-headed Woodpecker.



## MIKE EDGINGTON Vice President

First Term:  
2013-2016



Mike became an avid birder at about age five, when he witnessed his first lifer—an

American Goldfinch. He attended Ohio State University until withdrawing to enlist in the Marine Corps. He is currently employed by Cisco Systems as a project manager. He has lived in several states, allowing him to witness some of the awesome birding sites across the country. He has been proudly married to Karen for 35 years and has had the satisfaction of seeing his two daughters grow to be responsible

and accomplished citizens. Their three grandchildren are all dedicated birders. His three greatest heroes are John Muir, Winston Churchill, and Chief Joseph.

## SUE EVANOFF Executive Secretary First Term: 2013-2015

Although now an avid birder, Sue was first introduced to backyard birding by her late father, Donald, at a very young age, and has been a serious birder for about 15 years. She currently serves as the president and newsletter editor for The Wilderness Center Bird Club in Wilmot, Ohio. She has been instrumental in providing programs at The Wilderness Center to inform children and adults alike of nature conservation by making them aware of our responsibilities to preserve our world for future generations. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Ornithological Society as the East Central Regional Manager for two years. In addition to her birding background, Sue is a member of the St. Nicholas Balalaika Orchestra as soloist and plays the domra.



## RANDEL ROGERS Recording Secretary No Term Limit: 2013-2014

Randy Rogers lives in Colum-

bus, Ohio, and has a B.S. in recreation from Ohio University and has also studied American history and military studies. He

works full time for the Ohio Army National Guard and is a founding member of the OOS. He has been a serious birder since 1998 and supports a number of conservation groups. While deployed to Iraq in 2008-2009, he joined Nature Iraq, establishing their only survey site in western Iraq at that time, and fostering a relationship with the Ohio birding community that raised money and equipment to outfit Nature Iraq's field surveys. Randy is serving his third term as recording secretary.



## ERIK BRUDER Northeast Director First Term: 2013-2015



Erik is an avid birder and can be found in the field every weekend. He is a former board member for the Fond du Lac

County (WI) Audubon Society and the Black River Audubon Society. Erik is a field trip leader for the Cleveland Spring Bird Walk series at Huntington Reservation and for the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society. He also serves as a volunteer for the Cleveland Metroparks supporting a wide range of programs.



REBECCA HINKLE  
Northwest Director  
Second Term: 2013-2015



Rebecca is a Wisconsin native, and has always preferred to be outdoors, growing up roaming the woods and fields. She has a degree in resource management from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Rebecca has worked for the U.S. Forest Service, the Wisconsin DNR, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, moved to Ohio to work at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in 1996, and currently lives in rural Lucas County. Rebecca has two children who keep her busy outside of work and has recently discovered the joy of traveling to bird and the excitement of introducing new people to birds.

JASON LARSON  
East Central Director  
First Term: 2013-2015



We're thrilled to welcome avid birder and native Ohioan, Jason Larson to the OOS board. Jason is well known in both the botany and birding circles of Ohio. He's worked at The Wilderness Center, Brown Family Environmental Center, and at Ohio University. Jason currently serves as director of the Richland County Park District.

SCOTT PENDELTON  
Southeast Director  
First Term: 2013-2015



Scott is a mixed animal veterinarian in Harrison County. He has been actively birding for 10 years and combines it with his love of hiking eastern Ohio, walking and birding over 500 miles last year. His entomological research roots led him to be a data collector and a good fit for eBird, breeding bird atlases, and other citizen science efforts. He is currently compiler and organizer for the Cadiz CBC, the oldest continuously completed circle in the nation, and surveying the northern panhandle for the WVBBA. He has a particular interest in the grassland sparrows of the reclaimed strip mines in his area and Turkey Vultures.

## 10th Annual Winter Raptor Extravaganza



*Rough-legged Hawk.*

KYLE CARLSEN



JASON LARSON

*Birders rejoice after a wonderful day of birding with friends.*

On Saturday, January 18, 2014, more than 175 birders braved frigid temperatures to attend the annual Winter Raptor Extravaganza at The Wilds in southeastern Ohio. That's a record turnout! The birds turned out as well, with fantastic encounters with Golden Eagle, Northern Shrike, Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Harrier, Short-eared Owl, and a decent variety of waterfowl species.

Special thanks to Julie Davis, Wendy Clark, and the dozens of volunteer guides for the time and effort they invested in this event. Special thanks The Wilds for their generous hospitality.



# Mary Warren Retires From Magee Marsh

By Bill Thompson, III

**OOS:** Congratulations on your retirement, Mary! When did you start with ODNR?

**MW:** I started at Magee Marsh in the spring of 1995. Going into the field of Natural Resources was a career change for me.

In 1992, I went back to school at Hocking College to pursue a degree with an emphasis on interpretive services. The year I graduated from Hocking, my youngest daughter graduated from high school! I always tell everyone that it is never too late to go back to school to study something you love. Prior to that time, I worked for Camp Fire Boys and Girls and was the “nature” person who did all of the camps and outdoor stuff. So it was a natural transition.

**OOS:** How many years have you been at Magee?

**MW:** I have been at Magee Marsh since I was hired with the Division of Wildlife, so almost 19 years. After graduating from Hocking, I was offered and accepted a job at my local Metroparks. It was a great learning experience, but when the opening came up at Magee, I thought I would enjoy the less-busy, less-maintained feeling of a wild-

life area over the park setting. So I left a permanent part-time job at the Metroparks to work a seasonal job at Magee Marsh. Luckily, that seasonal job turned into a full-time position after several years!

**OOS:** What was your favorite aspect of your job at Magee?

**MW:** There have been many enjoyable things with the job. After all, when folks come to a place like Magee Marsh, they are happy to be here! Many people from all over the world have come through the doors of the bird center, and I have enjoyed almost every one of them. But I would have to say that working with the wonderful volunteers and the Friends of Magee Marsh has been one of the best parts of my job. They are really dedicated to Magee Marsh and without them, I would not have been able to run the bird center! Another favorite part of my job was working with all of the school groups that came to visit. Young kids inspire and energize me and it was a privilege to teach them and to see them get excited about nature.

**OOS:** What’s your proudest accomplishment from your many years of service at ODNR?



ANN OLIVER

Mary Warren.

**MW:** I would like to think that in some small way I have helped the Division of Wildlife recognize the value of birders, especially here at Magee Marsh. Hunting and fishing have traditionally been the focus of the Division of Wildlife. But at every meeting in Columbus that I attended, whenever I had the chance, I would tell them not to forget the growing population of birders and wildlife viewers who are out there too! We need to pay attention to the birders, to listen to them, and to provide services for them. Another thing that I am proud of is the fact that I was able to gear more of the displays and programs offered at Magee to youth. When I arrived, there was nothing for kids in the bird



center. So I added a Kids Corner and a touch table and programming like Growing UP Wild for preschoolers, BUGFEST! and CBC4kids. I was also able to start up a Leave No Child Inside group for northwestern Ohio and a Kids Nature Club through the local Audubon chapter.

**OOS:** How did you get started in birding?

**MW:** My son bought me a *Golden Field Guide to Birds* in 1984. Although it is worn and well used, I still have that book today. I don't have a spark bird or a special moment that got me hooked on birding as I recall. Starting with my early years as a Camp Fire Girl, I was always comfortable being outdoors. Birds fascinate me, and we have always had bird feeders in our yard. I was always intrigued by birds, as they were everywhere that I went and they weren't tied to the earth. They could fly with a freedom that made me envious. I admired their colors and their songs. I did start to attend the local Audubon events, took a bird ID class with them and went on their field trips. Once I got the job at Magee, I learned a LOT about birds and birders!

**OOS:** What's your favorite bird?

**MW:** I have been asked this question a lot and it's a hard one to answer. Working at Magee



*The Black-throated Blue Warbler is one of Mary's favorite visitors to the marsh.*

Marsh all these years, I would have to say that my favorite group of birds is the warblers. And two of my favorite warblers are the Blackburnian and the Black-throated Blue Warbler. Who could not love the fiery orange throat of the Blackburnian or the striking beauty of a black-throated blue? And if you asked my least favorite, I would have to say gulls.

**OOS:** You travel a bit with some birding friends. What's the favorite birding spot you've visited?

**MW:** Yes, I have some birding buddies who have shared some great birding adventures with me. Many places come to mind, from California to Maine. I'd have to say that North Dakota,

just this past year, was one of the best birding experiences that I have had. The birds were great, and the spaciousness of the landscape was truly unforgettable. But if I had to name one place, I would have to say Costa Rica. I have been there twice and would go back in a heartbeat. Two places on my "bucket list" to bird are Alaska and Papua New Guinea.

**OOS:** Now that you have some time on your hands, what are you going to do next?

**MW:** I love to camp, to travel and to explore new places, so I definitely hope to spend some time traveling — starting in January with the Space Coast Birding festival with some of my birding buddies! Then camping in the Florida Keys with my husband in March. I'm looking forward to more time for birding and may even do a Big Year for Erie County. Also, we just put our house up for sale. We have been there for 35 years, so I have a lot of "stuff" to weed through. And I have eight grandkids and one great-granddaughter who could keep me busy. And I love to write and have saved all of my travel journals and work calendars, so who knows, maybe someday I will write a book! That sounds like enough to get me started! But I will be around, and hope to see many of you out on the trail! Happy Birding!

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# Shorebirds! Shorebirds! Shorebirds!

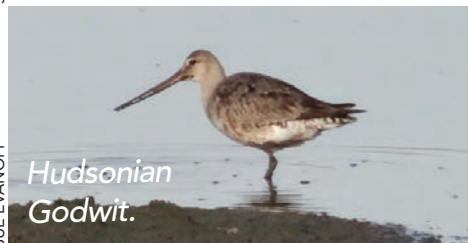
By Sue Evanoff

With the drawdown of water on Wilderness Road (at the peat farm) in Funk Bottoms (Wayne County), the shorebird habitat was stupendous last year (from August into October) and thus lots of varieties of shorebirds were enjoyed by Ohio birders.

Over 100 American Golden Plovers were reported on one day (and different numbers were there from day to day); Red-necked Phalarope; Hudsonian Godwit; American Avocet; Whimbrel; Baird's Sandpiper; Buff-breasted Sandpiper, along with lots of Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, and Least, Semipalmated, and Stilt Sandpipers, among other species.



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People came from all over, since shorebird habitat in Ohio was pretty sparse last year and this was "the place to be" for shorebirds!

As exciting as all these species were, the piece de resistance

was a Loggerhead Shrike on Sept. 9, found by Jen Brumfield and her dad on a daytrip to see shorebirds.

It was definitely an exciting shorebird season in Wayne County!

## Kestrel Monitoring Project Update

The OOS, the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative, the Ohio Division of Wildlife, and the Ohio Department of Transportation are working together to construct and install nest-boxes for American Kestrels on the backs of highway road signs. This project is sponsored by the American Kestrel Partnership that provided funds for the boxes. In December 2012, 21 nest boxes were placed,

and in early November 2013, Tom Bain and OBCI's Amanda Duren hung 19 more along Route 30 in Richland County during the Hoover Big Sit! On October 12, OOS and Columbus Audubon Society members accepted pledges for the project at Mudflats Restaurant in Galena.

Bain, serving as OOS conservation chair, also attended the Wildlife Diversity Partner's

meeting in September at Geneva. He and a partner co-leading the sustainable conservation funding project (from Beaver Creek Nature Center, NE Ohio) presented an update and recommendations in our continuing effort to develop a sustainable funding mechanism for Ohio's biological diversity, wildlife research, and connecting people with nature.

# Upcoming Events...

## Shreve Migration

### Sensation:

March 29, 2014

Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area  
[shrevemigration.org](http://shrevemigration.org)

## BIRDING OPTICS & GEAR EXPO

Birding Optics & Gear Expo  
April 4-6, 2014

Grange Insurance Audubon  
Center

[birdwatchersdigest.com/expo](http://birdwatchersdigest.com/expo)



## OOS 10th Anniversary

### Celebration:

April 25-27, 2014

Shawnee State Park

[ohiobirds.org](http://ohiobirds.org)



## Biggest Week in American Birding

May 6-15, 2014

Black Swamp Bird Observatory

[biggestweekinamericanbirding.com](http://biggestweekinamericanbirding.com)

## 2013 BIG SIT WEEKEND! (continued from page 4)

Jason provided chili and crackers for a tasty lunch break which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

There were other attractions for the day – Autumn Pondhawks, Praying Mantis, turtles and frogs. If you've never had the opportunity, you should really make a trip and walk a trail or two!

### BIG SIT #2 – GREATER MOHICAN AUDUBON SOCIETY –

Charles Mill Lake

On Sunday October 13th at around 9:30 a.m., Su and I joined Gary Cowell and Tim Leslie at Charles Mill Lake

Park for the Greater Mohican Audubon Society 2013 Big Sit.

What a difference a day makes! Temperatures plummeted overnight. The day started out pretty birdy, with moderate temperatures and no wind. However, after about 30 minutes, the winds picked up, the temperature dropped more and the fog rolled in, so the birds were few and far between. It remained like that for most of the day.

People came in and out throughout the day to assist the count, which ended around 4 p.m.

Total species count was 44, with a total of 867 birds for the day. Great birding friends and



SUE EVANOFF

*Birders at the Greater Mohican Audubon Society Big Sit.*

lots of good snacks culminated in a really fun day of sitting on our butts and birding.



# Ohio Ornithological Society Membership Application

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