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Meet the Presenters

Allen Chartier is the Project Director for the Great Lakes HummerNet, a research project created in 2001 and aimed at learning more about hummingbirds with the help of volunteer observers throughout Michigan, and investigating wintering hummingbirds in the Great Lakes region. He has been interested in science and nature since he was 5 years old, and began birdwatching when he was 11. Since he was married in 1979, he has been on birding trips to 28 countries with his wife

Nancy, and they have birded in all 50 U.S. states. Allen has been a photographer since 1979 and switched over to digital in 2005. He has been a bird bander since 1997 and a hummingbird bander since 2000 when he began the Great Lakes HummerNet research project after obtaining his U.S. Federal Master Bird Banding Permit, and Michigan DNR Permit. He was co-editor of "A Birder's Guide to Michigan" published by the American Birding Association (ABA) in 2004 (reprinted in 2010), and has been a contributing author for various projects with National Geographic including "Complete Birds of North America", "Complete Birds of the World", and "Handheld Birds." Allen was lead editor of the "Second Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas" (online 2011) and "Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas II" (print 2013). In 2018, he authored a "Field Guide to Birds of Michigan" published by the ABA. Allen's interests also include Reptiles and Amphibians (especially salamanders), Butterflies and Moths, Beetles, Dragonflies, Spiders, Wildflowers (especially Orchids); and basically any form of life that he can attempt to identify.



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Jeremy became interested in birds while in Alaska serving in the US Navy, while back in Ohio his interest quickly grew to obsession. Jeremy did an "Ohio Big Year" in 2015 to get better acquainted with the birds of his home state. 2016 and 2017 Jeremy started to travel all over the US seeking out birds. In 2018 Jeremy went back to school in Southeastern Ohio, graduating from Hocking College with a degree in Ecotourism and Adventure Travel. In 2020 Jeremy took on his biggest birding adventure yet doing a "Lower 48 US Big Year" and setting the record for it with 724 species seen.

Jeremy has since spread his wings to international travel exploring places like China, S. Korea, Spain, Costa Rica, Mexico and The Bahamas. Since February of 2022 Jeremy has taken the position of Birding Outreach Coordinator and Ornithologist at The Toledo Zoo and Aquarium. As well as his work duties he is also an eBird reviewer for the Greater Toledo area as well as the Northwest Regional Director for The Ohio Ornithological Society.



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