



Warblers & Wildflowers

April 26-28, 2024

Shawnee State Park

Meet the Presenters

Dr. Kelly Williams is an avian ecologist with interest in understanding how birds respond to environmental conditions. Her current research focus is to understand how birds use habitat patches within the human dominated landscape so we can make management recommendations to improve habitat and make our landscapes safer for birds. Her research also includes how food availability, temperature, parasites, and habitat structure affect parental care behaviors, reproductive success, and survival. Kelly earned her Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Ohio University. She is currently an Associate Professor of Instruction and Rush Elliott Professor in Biological Sciences at Ohio University where she teaches Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy, Multivariate Statistics, Ornithology, and Field Ecology and provides training in ornithological research techniques. Kelly is active with the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative and was team lead on the Second Ohio All-bird Conservation Plan (2023).



Leveraging movement ecology research to conserve birds across the landscape

The loss of nearly three billion birds in North America since 1970 emphasizes the need to understand drivers of avian declines and to implement conservation actions. Understanding how birds use habitats and move across the landscape can provide insights to better conserve species. The Motus Wildlife Tracking System (Motus) is an international collaborative network that uses automated radio telemetry to facilitate research and education on the ecology and conservation of migratory animals. Kelly began working with the Motus Network in 2021. Currently, their main research focused on overwinter habitat use, activity patterns, and spring migration timing and routes of the Dark-eyed Junco and the American Tree Sparrow. Kelly will share stories, discuss lessons and challenges, and then provide recommendations on how we can improve habitat quality and make the anthropogenic landscape safer for birds.

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Tim Jasinski began his involvement with the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center in 2007 as a volunteer, was hired as a full-time seasonal in 2010, was hired again as a part-time seasonal in 2011, was hired into a part time position in 2013, and promoted to a full time position in 2014 as Wildlife Rehabilitation Specialist. His exceptional interest in animals has elevated the Center's wildlife rehabilitation outcomes, and has led to the its participation in Lights Out Cleveland bird conservation initiative. Tim is a Board Member of the Ohio



Wildlife Rehabilitators' Association (OWRA) where he has served as a conference speaker about waterfowl, songbirds, fostering rehab patients, Woodcock care and many other topics. The OWRA recognized Tim's work in the field at their 2019 annual conference. Tim has also worked with rehabilitators across the united states teaching specialized skills about hard-to-care-for species. He has received professional training through OWRA, National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association and the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, and shares his knowledge with his colleagues, interns, volunteers, and members of various animal conservation associations across the country. Tim has a great passion for all wildlife rehabilitation but has special interest in waterfowl. His favorite animal to work with is the Canada Goose!

The intricate world of wild bird rehabilitation

Delve into the intricate world of wild bird rehabilitation, where understanding their natural history is key to their recovery. Tim will also share rehabilitation stories from Lights Out Cleveland.

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