



Membership renewal time is here!

It's time to pay annual dues to your favorite Audubon chapter! Your treasurer, Mary Anne Romito, announced this month that now is an outstanding time to renew your chapter membership. The address is WCAS, 4310 Bush Ave., Cleveland, OH 44109.

The WCAS board met on July 1 and decided to leave the dues schedule the way it was last year when we launched the Chapter Member program. The schedule is shown on the **membership application on the back page of this newsletter.** Everyone who renews at the Basic rate will receive the newsletter and

a nametag, and those renewing at the Enhanced rate will receive the newsletter, nametag, and Passport. People who joined as Charter Members last year may renew at the basic rate, however, and still retain the benefits they had last year.

Remember that by renewing as a Chapter Member, all of your dues stay with the chapter – None of them go to the National Audubon Society. This is good for the chapter because we can continue to have outstanding programs, field trips, and other activities. To continue receiving this newsletter join as a chapter member.

Weeders in the Wild program ongoing

If you want to pull weeds, Weeders in the Wild is for you! Program director Terri Martincic has scheduled two "pulls" for you to put on your calendar.

The first event is a **purple loosestrife pull on Saturday, August 7 from 8-10 a.m. at Baldwin Lake in Berea.** Bring a shovel and clippers if you can. Supervised children are welcome. No experience is required – We will teach you! Take I-71 to Bagley Rd., go west on Bagley Rd. to the Valley Parkway, then left (south) on the Parkway to Bridge St. The parking lot is on the left.

The other event is a **Japanese barberry dig on Saturday, September 4 from 9:30-11:30a.m. at Chippewa Picnic Area in the Brecksville Reservation.** Again, bring a shovel and clippers, as we will

be removing a variety of invasive plants. Come learn with us! Take I-77 to Route 82. Head east on Rt. 82 past Route 21. Look for the park entrance on the right. Take Chippewa Creek Dr. past the Nature Center and



look for Chippewa Picnic Area on the right.

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Welcome, New Members!

- Jacqueline Baretta
- Trish Faehnrich
- Jan Holkenborg
- Tim Krynak
- Kim Langley
- John Winters

Take part in Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland's field trip

Join Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland (ASGC) for a walk at **Hickory Creek in the Aurora Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 14.** Wear swamp shoes or rubber boots and be prepared to be in the creek at times. Don't forget insect repellent. Plan to look for sala-



manders, hellgrammites, and caddis fly larvae. Meet at the East Pioneer Trail Aurora Sanctuary parking lot. For more information, call ASGC Field Trips Chair Jim Tomko at (330) 562-5506 or visit the ASGC website at www.clevelandaudubon.org.

August field trip - Conneaut Harbor - shorebirds! August 15

Sunday, August 15, 8:00 a.m., Conneaut, Ohio

See the shorebird migration at Conneaut Harbor on this field trip led by Richard Kassouf. Wear boots because we'll be in mud and water.

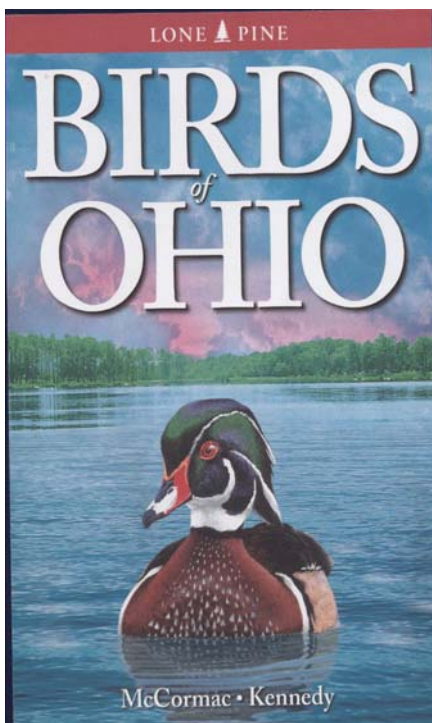
Bring a picnic lunch!

Take Rt I-90 east to Rt 7. Follow Rt 7 north to Broad St. Continue north on Broad St. Follow signs to the marina.

[Larger Map on Website](#)



New bird book is a "must have" for your bookshelf



By Tom Romito, WCAS President

A new bird book, *Birds of Ohio* by ODNR botanist Jim McCormac, has just hit the bookstores! The publisher asked me to review the book in this newsletter. I talked to people I met on the bird trail who also have the book. They made some interesting comments, and I'd like to share them with you.

One birder said, "I like it because it's simple." Each page describes only one bird. One or two drawings of the bird fill a third of the page, and the bird appears in the plumage in which we normally see it in Ohio. A paragraph of interesting information appears above the drawing. Notes that describe the bird are below the drawing, including a range map of Ohio, a list of best sites to

find the bird, and a graph showing when to expect the bird to appear.

Another birder I met said he likes *Birds of Ohio* because he doesn't have to look through pages of birds from other areas of the country to find the bird he wants. In addition, the name of the family of each bird appears at the top of the page, which makes it easy to find a bird by fanning the pages. A guide on the back cover links the families of birds to the pages of the book with color codes and page numbers.

Whether one is a beginner or experienced birder, *Birds of Ohio* has a number of features every birder will like. It's a "must have" for every birder's bookshelf.

September Program—Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 p.m.

Some large species of birds, like Canada Goose, Double-crested Cormorant, Wild Turkey and Ring-billed Gull, have shown significant population increases in Ohio. These large species can sometimes create conflicts with human activities especially around airports. Dr. Richard



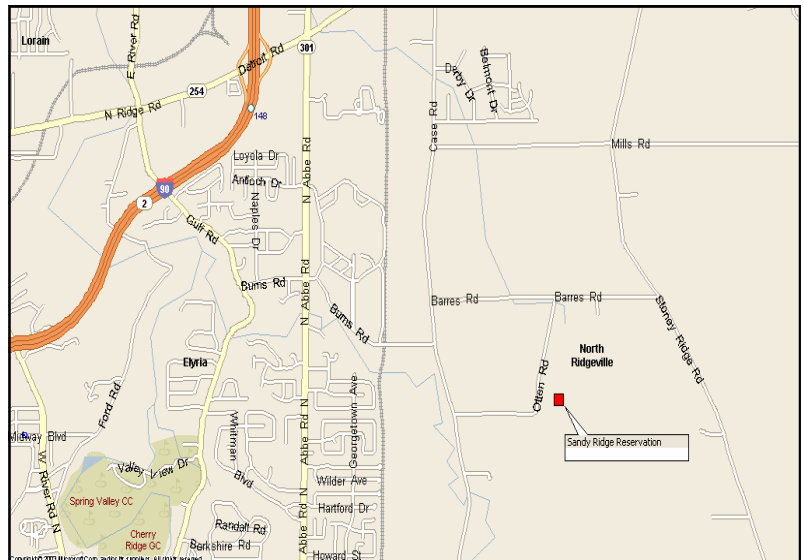
Dolbeer of the USDA/Wildlife Services has been researching methods for resolving the birds around airports concerns. His program, "**Airports are NOT for the Birds - Ecological Solutions to a Growing Problem**", will highlight some of the approaches used to resolve these conflicts.

Program held at Rocky River Nature Center

September Field Trip—Sandy Ridge • Sept. 26

A great place to see the fall migration is **Sandy Ridge Reservation**. Come on **Sunday, September 26 at 7:30 a.m.** and meet field trip leader Terri Martincic to see ducks, cranes, herons, and songbirds.

From the Greater Cleveland area, take I-90 to the Rt. 254 exit, left on Rt. 254 to Rt. 301 (N. Abbe Rd.), right on Rt. 301 past Lorain Community College to Burns Rd., left on Burns Rd., right on Case Rd. to Otten Rd., left on Otten Rd. to Sandy Ridge. Or take I-480 to Clague Rd., right on Clague Rd. to Center Ridge Rd. (Rt. 20), left on Center Ridge Rd. to Case Rd., right on Case Rd. to Otten Rd., right on Otten Rd. to Sandy Ridge. See website for larger map.



Chapter website updates

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October Program, Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 PM

Dr. Sam Marshall, assistant professor of biology at Hiram College loves his tarantulas. With more than 500 living species (who knew there were so many?!) in his lab, Dr. Marshall has the most extensive and diverse collection in the world. Dr. Marshall and his students study the



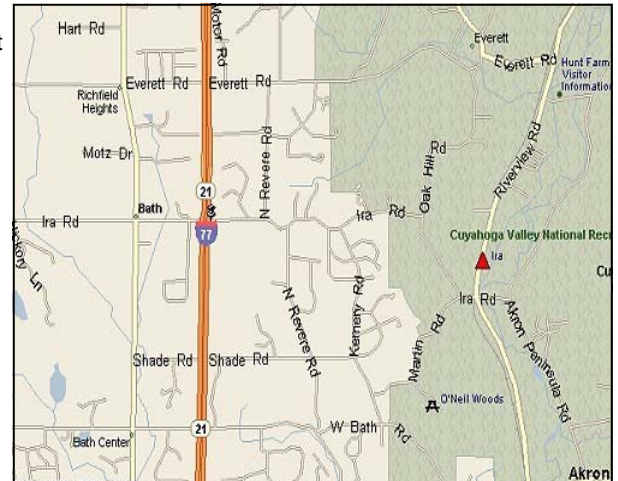
behavior of these arachnids and have been amazed at what they have found. Join us for the program, "**My Friends Have Eight Hairy Legs**". Some of Dr. Marshall's "friends" will join him at the program.

Program held at Rocky River Nature Center.

October Field Trip • CVNP IBA • Oct 9

The Cuyahoga Valley National Park will celebrate its status as an Important Bird Area on **Saturday, October 9**. WCAS will hold a birdwalk starting at the **Ira Road Trailhead at 8:00 a.m.** Some birders will conduct a "big sit," in which they will remain on the boardwalk all morning and count birds. Others will lead walks. **Bring a lawn chair!**

Take I77 South to Wheatley Rd. and turn left. Wheatley turns into Everett Rd. Take Everett Rd to Riverview Rd. Turn right (south) on Riverview Rd to Ira Rd Trailhead Parking Lot



Chapter Membership Application

Why wait! Join WCAS as a chapter member.

Rates: Basic rate \$20 for 1 or 2 people

\$40 for 3 or more

Enhanced \$35 for 1 or 2 people

\$45 for 3 or more

Basic membership gives you our newsletter and a nametag.

Enhanced gives you our newsletter, nametag and our PASSPORT.

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