

Aug.– Oct. 2005

Weeders in the Wild

August 21, Sunday 11:00 am

Arboretum parking lot off Cannon Rd, Cleveland Metroparks, South Chagrin Reservation. Buckthorn is trying to crowd out a rare plant, we will stop it in it's tracks. The weed wrench will be one of our weapons.

September 10, Saturday 2-5:00 PM

West Creek, Parma. West Ridgewood Drive Trailhead, 1/4 mile west of Broadview Road. Join us for a pulling picnic. We'll weed for our supper, pulling Buckthorn and cutting Phragmites and any other invasive plants we sniff out. Hope to see you there!

October 1, Saturday 9:30-11:30 am

Chippewa Picnic Area, Cleveland Metroparks, Brecksville.

"Nothing is a lost cause if you do something about it" (Dave Dvorak, Jr). This area has been heavily infested with Japanese Barberry, one dedicated individual has pulled great piles of Barberry. We will join Joe in his efforts to uproot this surprisingly shallow root invasive.

You can bring your clippers, waterproof rubber knee boots, and maybe rubberized gloves. We have a limited number of clippers and gloves available. All levels of participation and abilities are encouraged to attend work dates. Supervised children welcome.



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The Feathered Flyer

Chapter Supporters, It's Time To Renew!

It's time to pay annual dues to your favorite Audubon chapter! Your treasurer, Nancy Howell, announced this month that now is an outstanding time to renew your chapter membership. An application form and dues rates are located on Page 4 of this newsletter. Please note the new address for this year is WCAS, 19340 Fowles Rd., Middleburg Hts., Ohio, 44130.

Remember that by joining or renewing as a Chapter Supporter, all of your dues stay with the chapter—none of them go to the National Audubon Society. This is good for our chapter because the money allows us to continue to have quality programs, field trips, and other activities. In order to continue receiving this newsletter, you must join as a Chapter Supporter.

Good News from Audubon Ohio

Governor Taft has used his line-item-veto power to remove a harmful provision from next year's budget known as the "Bulldozer Amendment" that would have accelerated destruction of Ohio's wetlands. Thanks to Audubon activists

who generated over 250 messages to help make this happen. You may thank Governor Taft personally by calling 614-466-3555, or via the Ohio@audubon.org.

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Welcome New Members!

Patricia Bonney
Irene Balas
Audrey Kodger

Special August Evening with the Swifts...Sun. Aug. 14, 2004...6:30 pm

WCAS wants to invite you to a special evening field trip. We will visit a chimney swift chimney roost in **Berea**.

To get there take I-71 to Bagley Rd. Take Bagley Road west to Front St. Turn left (or South) on Front St. Take Front St. to W Center Rd. Turn right on W Center Rd.



Giant Eagle's overflow parking lot is on the right. We will meet in the overflow parking lot and then walk to the Chimney Swift Chimney on Front St.

Bring a lawn chair and a beverage if desired. Don't forget your binoculars!

See our website for a map. www.wcasohio.org.

August Field Trip...Saturday, August 27, 2005...8:00 a.m.

See the shorebird migration at **Conneaut Harbor** on this field trip led by Dave LeGallee. Depending on the weather, we may be in mud and water, so you might want to wear boots. **Bring a picnic lunch** and enjoy the day.

Take Rt I-90 east to Rt 7. Follow Rt 7

north to Broad St. Continue north on Broad St. Follow signs to marina. Park in the marina parking lot.



September Program...Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 pm

Along the shores and marshes of Lake Erie the Common Tern is not so common ... why? Mark Shieldcastle, Project Leader at Crane Creek Wildlife Research Station, explains the plight of the Common Tern and innovative solutions for bringing the birds back and having them successfully nest. Join us for his presentation, "**The Common Tern Recovery Plan for Ohio**".

Presentations are at 7:30 PM at the [Rocky River Nature Center](#) located in the Rocky River Metropark. Guests are always welcome to programs and to introduce them to the Audubon mission.

September Field Trip...Sunday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 am

Join us at **West Creek, Parma** to search for fall warblers and sparrows. Without their spring colors this will be a real challenge!

Take Brookpark or Snow Rds. to Broadview Rd (Rt. 176). Take Broadview south to Ridgewood Dr. Turn west and go approx. 1/4 mile. Entrance is on south side of road. Proceed in to parking lot.



Website updates

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October Program...Tuesday, Oct. 4... 7:30 pm

Kristen Stanford loves snakes and has been studying the snakes of the Lake Erie islands. Her program, "**A Look at the Snakes Around Lake Erie**" covers the many species that inhabit the islands, especially the endangered Lake Erie watersnake. Even if you don't care for snakes,

this program will make you think about what certain species need for their survival.

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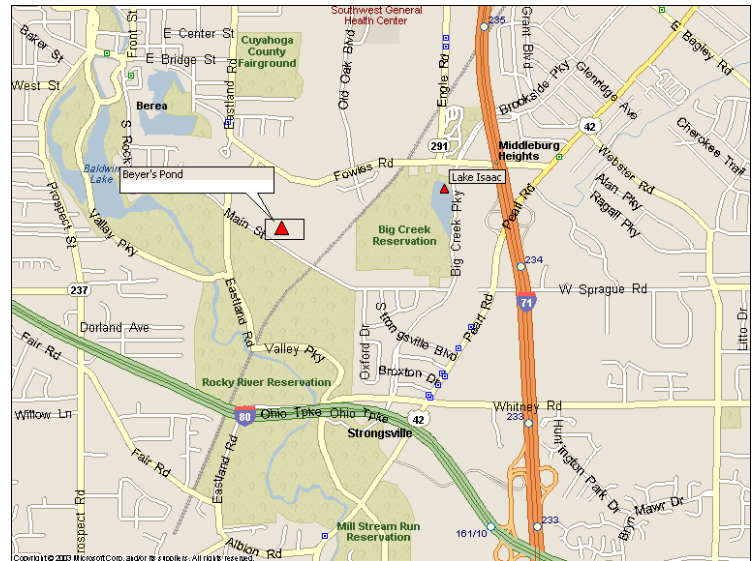
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Larger maps on website

October Field Trip..Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005..8:00 am

To get to **Beyer's Pond**, take Pearl Rd to Fowles Rd. (There is an exit for Pearl Rd from I-71 in Middleburg Hts). Turn west on Fowles Rd to Big Creek Pkwy. Turn South on Big Creek Pkwy. Take Big Creek Parkway past Lake Isaac to Main St. Turn west or right on Main St. Go past the railroad tracks. Beyer's Pond parking lot is on the right.



Chapter Supporter Application

Why wait! Join WCAS as a chapter supporter.

Circle one:	1 or 2 people	Family
Basic	\$20	\$35
Enhanced	\$40	\$55

Basic Dues give you our newsletter and a nametag.

Enhanced Dues gives you our newsletter, nametag and a WCAS patch.

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