

Feb.– April 2006

## Weeders in the Wild

Weeders in the Wild will be having an organizational meeting on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 7:30 pm in the

Rocky River Nature Center conference room. Please join us as we plot further action against invasive plants.



## More Information on the Rocky River IBA

As reported in our last newsletter, WCAS is adopting the Rocky River Important Bird Area (IBA). This is a long-term project with many ways for interested people to get involved. One of the activities we plan to do is monitor the birds of this area. To do this we will conduct a random *survey* using *point counts*. This involves counting all birds seen or heard within a prescribed *distance* from the *observer* during a prescribed *length of time* at a predetermined *location*. These locations need to be randomly selected and are called *point count stations*. If done properly, this data can be useful in determining whether a particular piece of land is worth saving from any kind of development, and whether it is worth purchasing by the Metroparks.

Do you have a favorite spot that you like to visit in the Rocky River IBA? You may

be interested in doing an alternative type of survey. One idea is to adopt your favorite area and identify and count all the birds you see there once a week for one hour; or perhaps monitor just one species, such as crows, cowbirds, chimney swifts, etc.

We will also be doing a formal dedication ceremony in 2007 of the Rocky River IBA. This will generate needed attention to WCAS's efforts and plans.

As you can see, the possibilities are many. We need your help for this to succeed. Don't be shy, nobody is an "expert" in everything. Together we can make this a worthwhile project. Watch for a special mailing to announce our kick-off event and training sessions. Remember, contact any board member; we would love to hear from you!

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The Feathered Flyer

## Congratulations

The Audubon Ohio Advisory Board has welcomed a new member, our very own past president of WCAS and current board member—Tom Romito. He has been elected to a term running through 2007. Great job and good luck Tom!



## Welcome

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| ★ Bill Deininger | Janet Barnard  |
| ★ Joe Hannibal   | Grover Barnard |
| ★ Kathy Farago   | Ruth Evan      |
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### WCAS Chapter Newsletter

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[www.wcasohio.org](http://www.wcasohio.org) is the official Chapter Web Site.

WCAS Board Meetings held at 6:30 pm prior to each program at Rocky River Nature Center. General public and WCAS members welcome.

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## Audubon Adventures

Thanks go out to Paula Lozano for taking the time to contact teachers for the Audubon Adventures program. She did a great job of getting ten classrooms to renew their subscriptions. Many of these educational materials will be used among several educators, reaching even more students. Good job Paula.



## Endangered Species Act

Senate Bill 2110 will weaken the existing Endangered Species Act in many harmful ways. Contact your senator:

Hon. George Voinovich  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
1-202-224-3353

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## Science Olympiad....Saturday, February 25, 2006....8 AM to 1 PM

Once again the staff at Cleveland State University has asked WCAS to set up the Bird Identification portion of SCIENCE OLYMPIAD. In this event students must be able to identify birds by sight, sound and behavior as well as know adaptations, habitats and basic ecological principles. This is fun and challenging to the students in grades 4 to 6 who come from Cleveland Municipal Schools, parochial, suburban and private area schools.

Help will be needed beginning at 8 AM. Our obligations are to set up the test, "grade" the test, submit the results and take down the materials at the end of the event. We meet at the Rhodes Tower (the tall building with the big green CSU on it) on the Cleveland State campus. Paid parking is available right by the building and WCAS will reimburse you. Please contact Nancy Howell at 216-231-4600 ext. 3225 or: [nhowell@cmnh.org](mailto:nhowell@cmnh.org) to volunteer.

## February Program....Tuesday, February 7, 2006....7:30 PM

### OHIO BIRD



### CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

Did you know that Western Cuyahoga Audubon is part of the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative? But what is it? **Stan Searles**, ornithologist at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, will enlighten us about the mission and goals of OBCI in his program, "**The Best of Bird Conservation.**" Our Audubon organization, can play a role in communicating the message about conservation, habitat management and recreational opportunities for and about birds. Come and learn all about it!

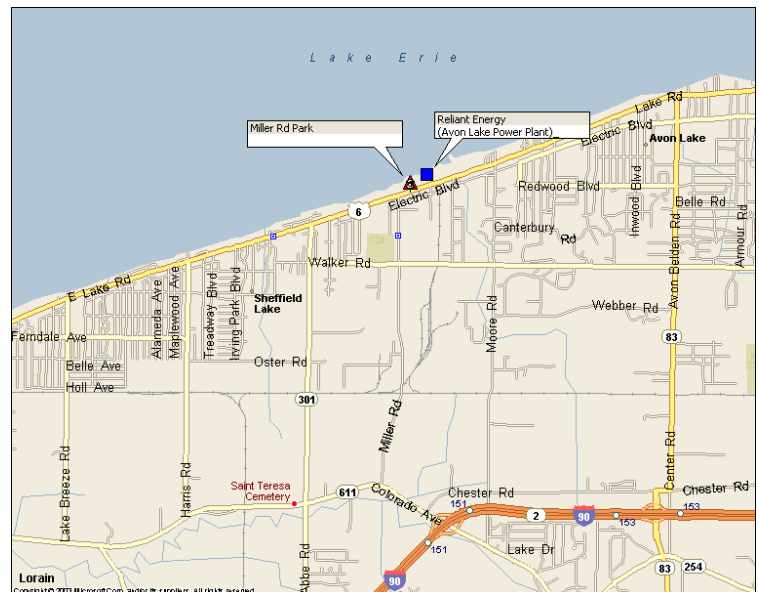
## February Field Trip....Sunday, February 5, 2006....9:00 AM

We will meet at **Miller Road Park** in Avon, just east of Miller Rd on Rt. 6. Larry Rosche will lead us to observe Gulls.

**Directions:** I 90 west to SR 611. Turn right (west) on SR 611 and right (north) on Miller Rd. At US 6 (Lake Rd.) turn right (east) and then turn left into the parking area at Miller Park.

**Directions** to site from nearest town of at least moderate size: Go to the western edge of Avon Lake on US 6 (Lake Rd.). There are two parking areas along the north side of the road in a city park between the plant itself and the stoplight at Miller Rd.

The most frequently used parking area is the more eastern one whose entrance road runs parallel and very close to the power plant.



## February Field Trip....Saturday, February 18, 2006....10:00 AM

Dick Stouffer will be our field trip guide at **Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area** to look for winter raptors and owls.

We will meet in the old K-Mart & Tractor Supply parking lot (behind Applebees), 2250 Claremont Ave., Ashland, OH. Take I-71 south to Route 250. Take Route 250 West to Route 42. Turn left or south on Route 42. Then turn right on Claremont Ave. lot.

Please bring your own lunch as there are no close restaurants near the actual field trip site.



## March Program....Tuesday, March 7, 2006....7:30 PM

Down south, in the sleepy university town of Columbus, Ohio, there is a fascinating laboratory filled with songs and calls of wildlife. The OSU Borror Lab of Bioacoustics, one of the largest bioacoustics labs in the world, has over 30,000 recordings of more than 1000 species of animals.

Curator of the lab, **Dr. Jill Soha**, will share with us information about the lab, research using recordings, and some of the recordings themselves in her program, "**Birds Aren't the Only Ones That Sing**".

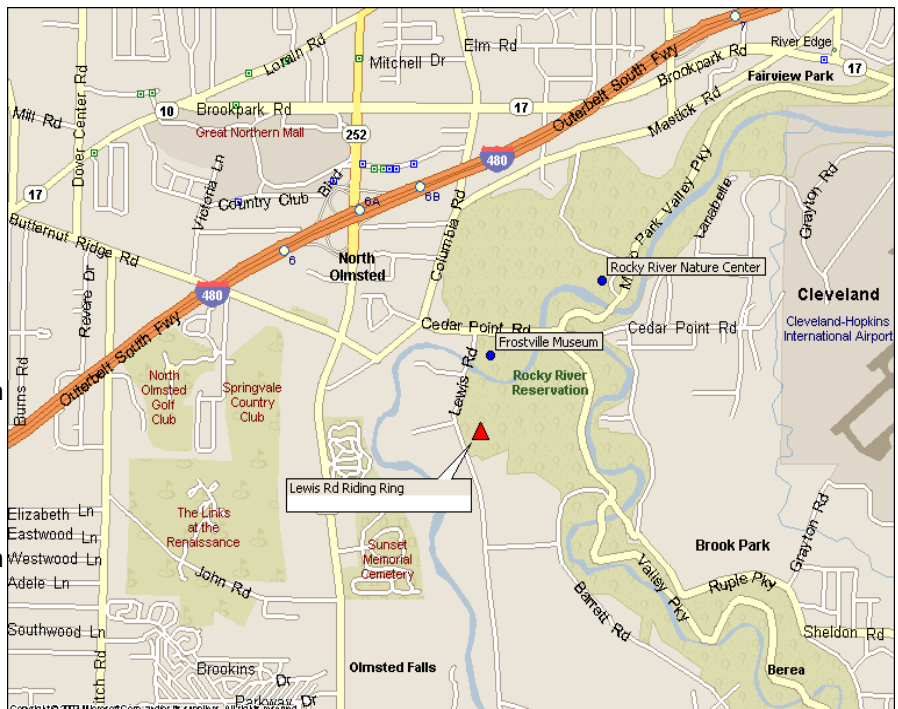
## March Field Trip....Sunday, March 19, 2006....9:00 AM

Terri Martincic will lead a field trip to **Lewis Road Riding Ring**, where a Red-tailed Hawk is residing.

To get to Lewis Road Riding Ring, take Columbia Rd or Valley Parkway to Cedar Point Rd.

From Columbia Rd turn East on Cedar Point Rd. Then turn right or South on Lewis Rd. The Lewis Rd Riding Ring is on the left side of the road.

From Valley Parkway turn West on Cedar Point Rd. Then turn left or south on Lewis Rd. The Lewis Rd Riding Ring is on the left side of the road.



## April Program....Tuesday, April 4, 2006....7:30 PM

What makes a spider different from insects? Do you know what spiders inhabit your yard? Did you know Ohio had a spider survey? All of these questions, and more, will be answered by **Barbara Natterer** in her program, entitled

**"The Mysterious World of Spiders"**. Barbara has been active with the Ohio Spider Survey, president of the Ohio Spider Society, and collects and researches spiders for the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Join us for her amazing presentation.

## April Field Trip....Sunday, April 16, 2006....7:30 AM

Bill Deininger will lead our field trip to the **Rocky River Nature Center** to see spring migrants.

### FROM POINTS WEST OF CLEVELAND:

Take I-90 East; Exit at Columbia Rd; Turn right (south) on Columbia Rd.; Turn left on Mastick Rd., Turn right on Shepard Lane, go down the hill to Valley Pkwy. The Rocky River Nature Center is at this intersection.

### FROM POINTS EAST OF CLEVELAND:

Take I-90 West. Exit at Clague Rd. in North Olmsted (Fairview Park). Go south on Clague Rd. past I-480 to Mastick Rd. \*\*Turn right on Mastick Rd. Turn left on Shepard Lane, go down the hill to Valley Pkwy. Rocky River Nature Center is at this intersection.

### FROM POINTS SOUTH OF CLEVELAND

Take I-71 North or I-77 North to I-480 West. Take I-480 to Clague Rd. Go south on Clague Rd. to Mastick Rd. See above\* \*



To find out about the Ohio Breeding Bird and/or Winter Bird Survey, see our "Whats New" webpage. To find out about current environmental issues, see our "Take Action" webpage. Find them at [www.wcasohio.org](http://www.wcasohio.org)



## Chapter Supporter Application

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Basic            \$20                              \$35

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Enhanced    \$40                              \$55

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