



WCAS to support Science Olympiad

When: Saturday, March 5, 8:15 AM

Where: Cleveland State University Campus - Rhodes Tower

For the past couple of years Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society has participated in the elementary school Science Olympiad. Science Olympiad is for students to use their brain "muscles" on different topics.

WCAS will have an activity on Bird Identification. Students will prepare for and study birds that may be found in the Eastern U.S. and can include bird I.D., nests and eggs, songs, silhouettes, adaptations, and anatomy. Approximately 20 schools, grades 4 through 6, participate and

students rack up points which are added to a final tally at the end of all of their activities.

Help is on Saturday, March 5 beginning at 8:15 AM in Rhodes Tower, the tallest building on campus. We must be ready by 9 AM when the first set of students arrive. Help is also needed in grading the tests, tallying the points and taking down the materials at the end.

This is a fun activity for WCAS members and the students, as well. Please let us know if you are interested in participating by contacting Nancy Howell by February 26 at (216) 231-4600 ext. 3225 or howell@cmnh.org.

WCAS needs officer replacements

By Tom Romito, WCAS President

This article is a formal notice that I intend to step down as president of WCAS in June, which will conclude the end of my second one-year term as president. At the same time, Mary Anne Romito intends to resign from her duties as WCAS treasurer after two years of service. Mary Anne will also step resign as Editor of *The Feathered Flyer*.

These departures from office will leave vacancies on the WCAS board in key positions. In order to ensure

the future of the chapter, the board is looking for replacements now.

If a board member approaches you to consider serving in one of these positions, please do not reject the idea out of hand. We know everyone is busy. If you love Audubon and want to see our chapter flourish, consider stepping up to the plate. If this article piques your interest, call me at (216) 741-2352. We will provide training and guidance on how to be a chapter officer.

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Welcome, New Members!

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| Billie Altemus | Suzanne Forsgren |
| Don Altemus | Lloyd Wygant |
| Liz Clingman | Norma Wygant |
| Lisa Casamatta | Eileen Zimlich |
| Brian Forsgren | |

February Program • Tuesday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The Barn Owl is an elusive bird to find in Ohio ... unless you know the right habitat. In the program, "**Barn Owls in Ohio**", Tom Henry of the Ohio Division of Wildlife will share with us what this species of owl requires to make it in the state. Research



and conservation efforts have increased the Barn Owl's population and with monitoring and assistance by the public, this owl may become more common in the future.

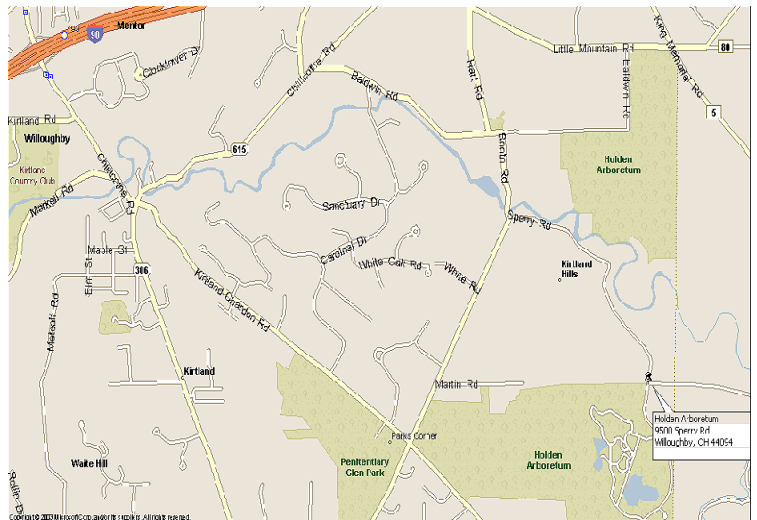
This program will be held at the Rocky River Nature Center.

February Field Trip • Saturday, Feb. 5 • 8:30 a.m. Holden Arboretum

Where: Holden Arboretum Directions: I-90 East to Mentor, Kirtland exit (#193), turn right onto Rt. 306 continue on Rt. 306 to the bottom of the hill. Turn left on to JCT 615. At the first traffic light, turn right on Kirtland-Chardon Road. Travel 3.6 miles to Sperry Road. Turn left on Sperry Road. Travel 1.4 miles, turn left to Visitor Center.

Target Species: Possible wintering finches and Northern Shrike.

Notes: WCAS is doubling with Kirtland Bird Club for this trip. Dress for weather conditions! Non-Holden members must pay an entrance fee of \$4.00. For a larger map go to: www.wcasohio.org.



Wildlife Diversity Conference— Wednesday, March 9-

Ohio abounds with wildlife species and ventures that are big, bold and/or beautiful. The American bald eagle is certainly a big and beautiful raptor but it also commands a bold presence symbolizing freedom and power. On the other end of the scale, individual ants aren't large but their communities can be immense and awe-inspiring.

This year's Wildlife Diversity Conference will take place on



March 9 at Aladdin Shriners' Complex near Columbus, OH. It will feature presentations involving wildlife issues and species. Wildlife Biologist Mark Shieldcastle will discuss the recovery of the American bald eagle in Ohio. Learn how extensive reclaimed surface-mined areas are benefiting birds. Explore the bold behavior of the American bullfrog. Hear details of significant

undercover law enforcement operations protecting native reptiles and amphibians from poachers. Find out the current

status of Ohio's river otters. Learn more about darters that call the Big and Little Darby Creeks home. The day's presentations will wrap up with a stimulating revelation of the beauty of bird and other animal sounds.

Come celebrate some of Ohio's major wildlife players and affairs. The conference will also provide opportunities to ask questions, share ideas and network with others interested in natural resource conservation and management.

For registration information, call 1.800.WILDLIFE, or <http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife/workshops/wildlifediversity.htm>

March Program • Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m.



Hummingbirds, you gotta love them. Anyone fortunate enough to have Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in their yard knows ... so small, so quick, so trusting, so bold.

Dave Kriska loves and studies his hummers too. His program, "**Ruby-throated Hummingbird**

Ecology and Behavior" will bring us more detailed information as to what Ruby-throats need and why they do what they do.

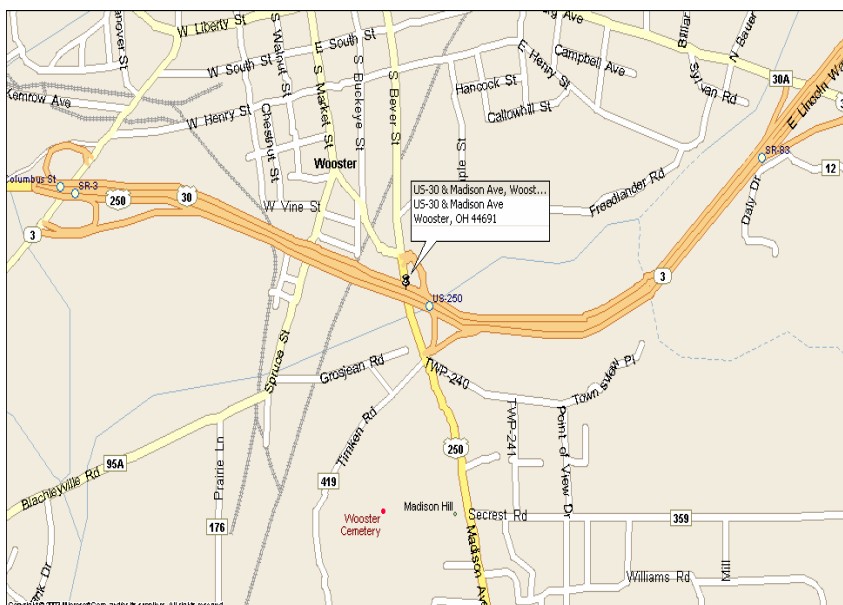
Perhaps the information Dave shares will help attract hummingbirds to your yard.

This program will take place at Rocky River Nature Center.

March Field Trip • Saturday, March 19 • 8:30 a.m. Killbuck Marsh

For this field trip, WCAS will partner with Kirtland Bird Club. Meet at the Bob Evans parking lot on the Corner of Rt. 30 & Madison Avenue-Robinson Road in Wooster at 8:30 a.m. Early birds will have breakfast together there at 7:30 a.m.

Directions: Take 71 south and at exit 204 make a left on SR 83. At the exit for US 30 take the ramp to SR 3. Follow the signs for Bob Evans to 550 Robinson Road. For a larger map, see our website: www.wcasohio.org.



Website updates

Check it out!

www.wcasohio.org

What's New:

- Rocky River Watershed Meeting, Thursday, Jan 27, 2005
- Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 18-21, 2005
- New programs .
- New field trips
- Audubon Adventures section
- Membership section
- Newsletters in full-color

Contact Us

WCAS Chapter Newsletter

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

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Larger maps on website

Lake Erie wetlands once provided habitat for many species of frogs, turtles, and waterfowl. With the loss of those wetlands the loss of aquatic wildlife ensued. Research in Cleveland Metroparks is actively trying to learn more about how to piece those wetlands back together and re-establish wildlife that has been missing. Join Dan

Petit, Chief of Natural Resources to learn of the rare Blanding's turtle in the marshes of the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation in the program, "**From Barren to Blanding's: The Return of a Rare Turtle to the Wetlands of Cuyahoga County.**"

This program will take place at Rocky River Nature Center.

Spring Bird Walks in April and May

Spring Bird Walks

See the spring migrants during the Audubon spring bird walks. The walks will be held each **Sunday from April 10 to May 15, 2005. Meet at 7:30 a.m.** at the following locations:

Big Creek Reservation - Lake Isaac off of Big Creek Parkway in Middleburg Heights.

Brecksville Reservation - Station Rd. Bridge Trailhead off of River-view Rd. south of Rt. 82 in Brecksville.

Hinckley Reservation - Bridge at south end of Hinckley Lake off of State Rd. in Hinckley.

Huntington Reservation - Huntington Beach off of Lake Rd. in Bay Village.

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation - Canal Way Center in Cuyahoga Heights. Take I-77 to Grant Ave. to E. 49th St. entrance.

Rocky River Reservation - Rocky River Nature Center on Valley Parkway north of Cedar Point Rd. in North Olmsted.

Shaker Lakes - Shaker Lakes Nature Center off of Shaker Blvd. in Shaker Hgts.

For more locations • see our website.

Chapter Supporter Application

Why wait! Join WCAS as a chapter supporter.

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 rate gives you our newsletter and a nametag.

Enhanced gives you our newsletter, nametag and our PASSPORT.

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