



## Newsletter gets new name

Thirty-five WCAS members enjoyed the annual potluck dinner, membership meeting, and program at Rocky River Nature Center on December 2. Several initiatives highlighted the meeting, including a new name for the newsletter.

WCAS President Tom Romito presented Passports and nametags to eight people in attendance who joined as Enhanced chapter members. Four others received nametags for joining as Basic chapter

members. All other chapter members later received Passports or nametags by mail.

During the meeting, members got to submit ideas for a new newsletter name. Fifteen people submitted 17 names. At the end of the evening's events, members voted by voice ballot to name the newsletter "The Feathered Flyer." Ed Innocenzi submitted the winning name. Everyone who submitted a name received a door prize.

## Bird count nets 64 species

On Sunday, December 28, 22 WCAS members participated in the chapter's Christmas Bird Count and reported seeing a total of 64 species in Cleveland's West Side count area. The event was part of three-week, nationwide effort to monitor trends in bird population. Don Altemus, compiler for the chapter's count, said the count produced generally what we have seen over the years.

Observation highlights on the day of the count included Virginia Rail, Surf Scoter, Black Scoter, Common Redpoll, Northern Mockingbird, Winter Wren, Rusty Blackbird, and Golden-Crowned Kinglet. Other highlights during the count week included Pine Siskin, Ring-Necked Pheasant, and Wild Turkey.

The complete count list will be available on our website.

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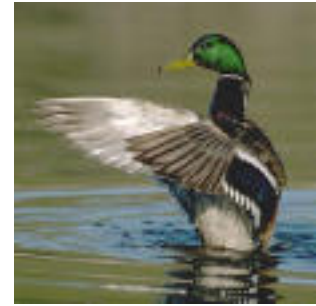
### Welcome New Members

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| Rev Jane Anderson    | Michelle Manzo       |
| Don & Martha Burrows | Mary Metro           |
| Kathleen Eichler     | John Paul Miller     |
| Bob Geither          | Iva Sims             |
| Mary Lou Hura        | Deva Simon           |
| Thomas Kennedy       | Adrian Staeven       |
| Beverly Kenworthy    | Sandra & Glen Stroud |
| Terri Martincic      | Sandra Tuttle        |

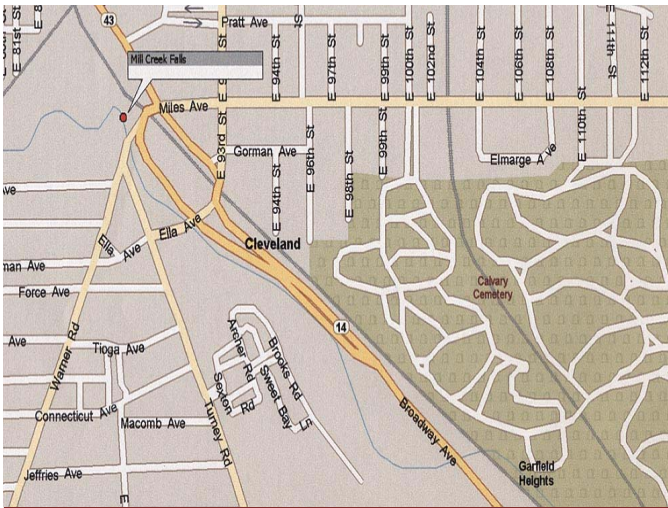
# February Program

Tuesday, February 3 at 7:30 PM

Throughout Ohio, forest living species are having a difficult time due to fragmentation, the introduction of non-native and introduced species, and the abundance of some herbivores. Dave Swanson, of the Ohio Division of Wildlife Forest Research Group, has a method to rank the rarity of birds in forest habitats. His presentation, "**Ranking the Rarity of the State's Forest Birds**", will discuss the methods and discover which species he considers the most rare within the state, which ones are not ... and why.



## February Field Trip February 14, 2004, 8:30 a.m., Mill Creek Falls



**Mill Creek Falls** will be the site of our **Saturday, February 14** field trip. A waterfall that once powered a mill, Mill Creek is part of the Garfield Reservation and opened in 2002. We will tour the site and walk the towpath that connects it to Garfield Reservation. Following the tour, we will go to nearby Calvary

Cemetery to look for wintering birds. Merlins have been observed at the cemetery this winter and last winter. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Mill Creek parking lot off of Miles Ave.

See the map on this page for the location of this field trip. **See our website for a larger map.**

## Science Olympiad • February 28, 2004

Once again Western Cuyahoga Audubon has been asked to set up the "Bird Identification" portion of **Science Olympiad** for students in grades 4 - 6. **Science Olympiad** is a contest that academically challenge students in a variety of science topics.

**Science Olympiad** is being held on Saturday, February 28 at Cleveland State University. Your assistance will be needed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to set up the "Bird Identification" stations, monitor students, grade an-

swers and take down stations at the end of the day.

We may use pictures, external parts of birds, nest, eggs and songs or calls for identification. Questions on ecological concepts as well as interpreting data may also be included.

Consider helping with this activity...and getting points in your PASSPORT? Contact Nancy Howell at 440-891-1710 or nhowell@cmnh.org.

## Audubon Adventures classroom kits still available for nomination

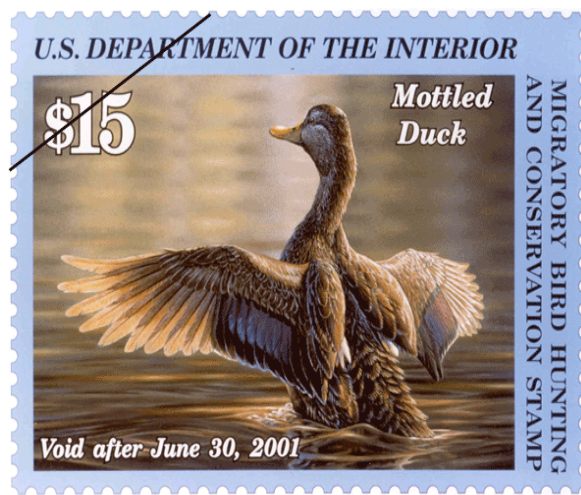
The table to the right shows the names of organizations that have received an Audubon Adventures kit for this school year. You can still sponsor a classroom kit by sending the teacher's name, school, and school address to Paula Lozano, 1291 Granger Ave., Lakewood OH 44107. WCAS will pay for the kit and order it. For more information, see the WCAS website at [www.wcasohio.org](http://www.wcasohio.org).

Alfred A Benesch Elementary School	Cleveland
Charles A Mooney Middle School	Cleveland
Gentle Shepherd	Avon
Madison Elementary School	Lakewood
Metro Catholic Parish School	Cleveland
Rocky River Nature	North Olmsted

## March Program

**Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 PM**

Wildlife artist, Adam S. Grimm, is the youngest artist ever to win the prestigious Federal Duck Stamp competition. His entry in the year 2000 blew away the judges. With an eye for detail, Adam has competed and won in many other wildlife art competitions. How did he get his start? Adam will tell his story and share some of his techniques in his program, **"An Eye for Wildlife"**. You'll agree that with his talents he will continue to go far.



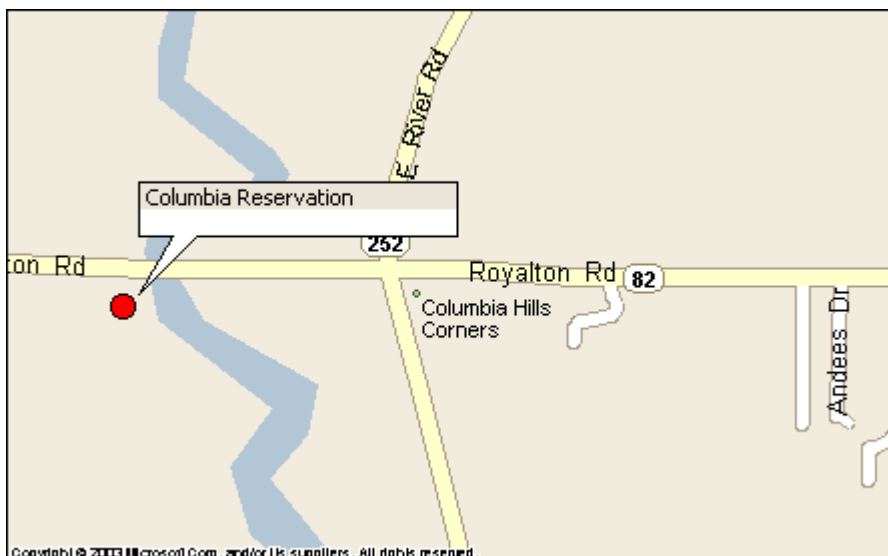
## March Field Trip

### Columbia Reservation route:

Take Rt. 82 west through Strongsville and into Lorain County. Cross Rt. 252, cross a bridge over the Rocky River, turn left into the parking lot of a snack shop. **See our website for a larger map.**

Road work is being done on Rt. 82 to widen the road. You may encounter a detour.

**March 20, 2004 • 8:00 a.m. • Columbia Reservation**



## Chapter website updates

See your chapter website at **www.wcasohio.org** for these exciting updates:

- Clickable links for field trips.
- New birding links
- Audubon Adventures section
- Membership section
- Listing of all programs.

## Contact Us

### WCAS Chapter News

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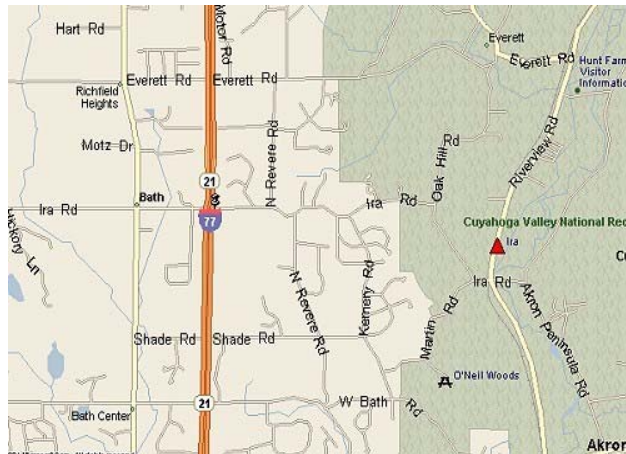
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## April Program

**Tuesday, April 6 at 7:30 PM**

Drs. Heather McDowell and Jamie Lindstrom of Animal Clinic Northview have dedicated much of their time as veterinarians to aiding wildlife that is brought to them. Their program, "***A Bird's-Eye View of Wildlife Rehabilitation***", will concentrate on what they do for birds and other wildlife that come in. While we have heard about the devastation of West Nile Virus to some bird species, there are many "happy endings" to wildlife rehabilitation as well.

## April Field Trip **April 17, 2004 • 7:30 a.m. • Ira Rd Trailhead, CVNP**



**Directions to Ira Rd:** Take I77 South to Wheatley Rd, turn left on Wheatley Rd. Take Wheatley turns into Everett Rd. Take Everett Rd to Riverview Rd. Turn right (south) on Riverview Rd to Ira Rd Trailhead Parking Lot .  
**For a larger map, see our website**

## 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.

NAME	
ADDRESS	
CITY/STATE/ZIP	
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EMAIL ADDRESS	Chapter Membership Amount \$

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