



December Events

Our **December 2 meeting** is the night of our annual potluck dinner. Come at 6:30 p.m. and bring a dish to share with other WCAS members. Then stay for the evening's meeting, which will feature a presentation by local photographer and filmmaker John Winterich. John will show his 25-minute video called "**Northern**

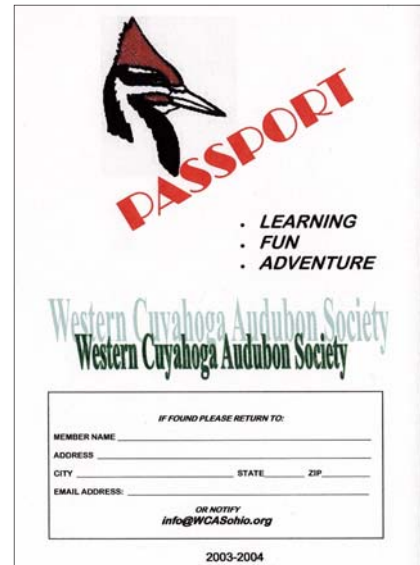
Ohio Nature" and discuss the birds, wildlife, and plants indigenous to northern Ohio.

Sunday, December 28 is the date of our chapter's **Christmas Bird Count**. Our count is part of a two-week, nationwide effort to monitor trends in bird populations. We cover a ten-mile

diameter circle centered in Lakewood. If you wish to participate in the count, contact Nancy Howell at (440) 891-1710 or Don Altemus at (440) 243-3663. You may also monitor your own feeders at home. We will conclude the day with a chili supper at Rocky River Nature Center at 6:30 p.m. and compile the species seen.

Passport Coming

In the near future, WCAS members who have joined at the Enhanced or Charter levels will be eligible to participate in the Passport program. Passport holders will record their participation in WCAS activities and earn points toward recognition. They can win awards for new member recruitment, committee participation, membership activities, and bird sightings.



Welcome New Members

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Up Coming Programs

January 6, 2004 7:30 PM

Mark Purdy, President of Greater Akron Audubon Society, and his wife will present a program at our **January 6** meeting entitled "A Birder's Tour of Iceland." The Purdy's will describe their 2000 trip to Iceland and discuss the birds, wildlife, plants, human history, and geology of the area.



February 3, 2004 7:30 PM

Throughout Ohio, forest-dwelling birds compete with fragmentation, non-native species, and herbivores for their survival. Our **February 3** program will feature Dave Swanson of the Ohio Division of Wildlife's Forest Research Group, who will discuss a method of ranking the rarity of birds in Ohio's forest habitats and share with us the results of his research.

Field trip results

Fifteen people attended our September 13 trip to Canalway, which netted 32 species of birds. Our October 12 field trip to West Creek Preserve had 26 attendees, who saw 28 species. Come to the next trip and see what you are missing.

Audubon Adventures

Audubon Adventures are educational resource kits for teachers of grades 3-6 and are designed to increase youngsters' awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of birds, wildlife, and ecosystems. A WCAS member can sponsor a classroom kit or donate it to a school's library so more than one teacher can use it.

There are four themes in this year's Audubon Adventures series: grasslands, forests, fresh water, and urban habitats. Each kit contains materials for up to 32 students.

To sponsor a kit, send the teacher's name, school, and school address to Paula Lozano, WCAS Audubon Ad-

ventures Coordinator, 1291 Granger Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107. WCAS will pay for the kit and order it from National Audubon Society. Consider it our gift to a child's classroom!

Funds are limited, so send your nominations in NOW.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the following tasks and committees:

Inputters for our AIM program to support the Rocky River IBA.

Assistance with newsletter or website. Do you have Publisher or Front Page knowledge.

Refreshment committee. Need cookie bakers.

Eradication of invasive plants in Rocky River Reservation.

If interested, please contact Tom Romito 216-741-2352



Upcoming Field Trips

We will kick off the new year on **Saturday, January 19** with a field trip to the **Cleveland Environmental Center (CEC)** at 3500 Lorain Rd. The CEC is Cleveland's first "green" building, which means that environmentally-sound materials were used in its renovation. CEC is an office building that houses environmental organizations. We

will tour the building and learn what materials were used to renovate it. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the CEC parking lot.

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. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Mill Creek parking lot off of Miles Ave.

See the maps below for the locations of these two field trips.

Maps for Field Trips

January 10, 2004 10:00 am

Cleveland Environmental Center (The Green Bldg)



February 14, 2004 8:30 am

Mill Creek Falls



Contact Us

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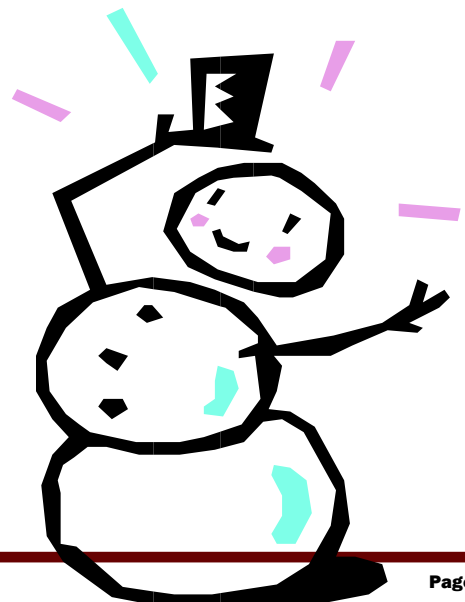
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Reminders:

- Chapter Memberships make great gifts.
- Buy one for a friend.
- Buy one for yourself.
- Memberships are tax deductible.

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We're not your Grandmother's Audubon.

Don't like our newsletter name?

Don't like our logo?

Then come to our December meeting, bring your ideas and join in the fun. We will have a Name the Newsletter contest.

Prizes will be awarded. Don't forgot our potluck dinner too. See page one for time and date.

We're on the Web
WWW.WCASohio.org

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	
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EMAIL ADDRESS	Chapter Membership Amount \$

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