



## WCAS members conduct “big sit” in CVNP

On Saturday, October 10, WCAS members conducted one of several bird walks in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) as part of a weekend-long celebration of the park’s designation as an Important Bird Area (IBA). The WCAS-led walk began at Ira Road Trailhead and continued as a “big sit” of the beaver marsh observation deck for the rest of the morning.



Big Sit © Tony Hess

Participants from WCAS pointed out birds and other wildlife to stoppers-by and answered questions about birding and the park. By noon, the group had tallied 39 species. Photographs on this page of *The Feathered Flyer* show some of the activity that occurred at the event.

Earlier during the weekend, three WCAS

members received recognition at a luncheon at the Environment Education Center (EEC) in the CVNP. The luncheon included a formal designation of the CVNP as an IBA, which recognized the fact that the park because provides critical habitats for breeding and migrating birds.

Lisa Pettit, CVNP wildlife biologist,



Wood Duck © Mary Anne Romito

noted Nancy Howell, Mary Anne Romito, and Tom Romito for their volunteer work in promoting the park as an IBA and participating in point counts that provided data for research on birds in park.

See more pictures and a list of species seen at the “big sit” and other field trips at [www.wcasohio.org](http://www.wcasohio.org). Click on “Pictures & Reports.”

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### Welcome, New Members!

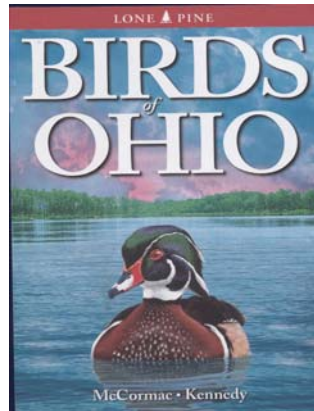
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## November Program • Tuesday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Jim McCormac, ODNR botanist, Ohio Ornithological Society president, and naturalist extraordinaire, will present the program, "Bird Songs 101."

As a beginner or an expert, it is always good to get a different perspective on listening to bird songs and calls. Besides relying on visual cues, listening is the next best way to hone in on birds that you may



have missed seeing.

Jim will also be available to sign his new book, "Birds of Ohio." If you don't already have this book, you can get it at Earthwords. Earthwords will be open the night of the meeting.

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## Pumpkin Pie Squares by Alice Mitchell

WCAS member Alice Mitchell treated the membership to pumpkin pie squares at the October 5 meeting. Everyone at the meeting gave them rave reviews. Alice was kind enough to share her recipe with us and here it is.

### Bottom crust:

3/4 cup flour

1/2 cup quick oats

1/3 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup margarine softened

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

### Filling: Mix all together

1 1/2 cups pumpkin

3 extra large eggs beaten

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ginger

1/2 teaspoon cloves

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1 1/4 cup milk

1 six oz. can or 3/4 cup Pet Milk

Press bottom crust ingredients together in a 9 x 13" pan and bake at 350° for 12 minutes or until light brown. Cool slightly.

Pour in filling. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes or until filling is set. Cool. Refrigerate.

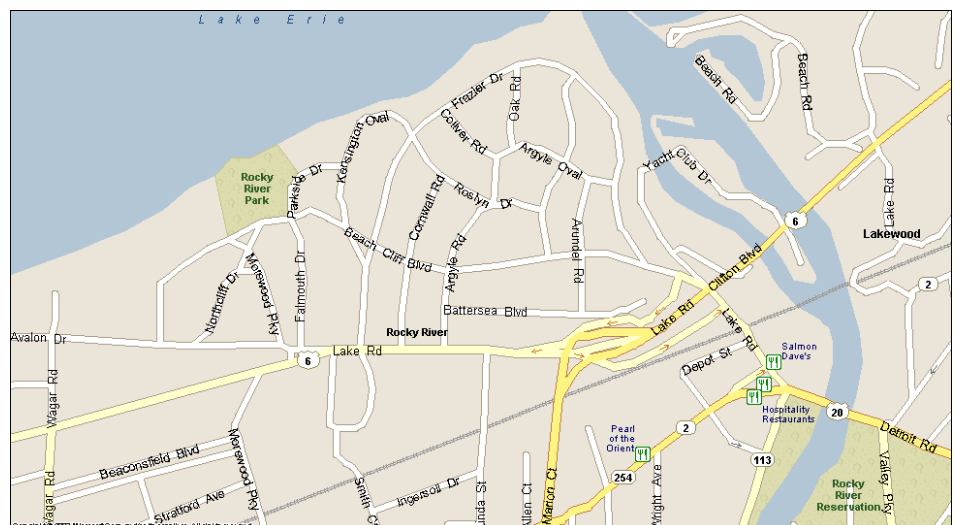
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## November Field Trip • November 14 • Rocky River Park

**Sunday, November 14  
8:30 a.m., Rocky River  
Park**

Directions: Coming from Lakewood on Lake Road/State Route 6: Turn right (north) on Argyle Rd., Cornwall Rd. or Kensington Rd. At stop sign at Beach Cliff Blvd., turn left (west). At stop sign at Beach Cliff Blvd. and Parkside Dr., turn right (north) and make a quick left into the park. Paula Lozano will be our leader

Larger Map on Website



## December Program & Potluck • Tuesday, December 7

**Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 PM (this is Audubon's potluck dinner and we start early at 6:30 PM for dinner, but program runs at usual time)**

"Pale Male" is a film capturing the natural history of a pair of Red-tailed Hawks that nested on a building near Central Park in



the heart of New York City. "Pale Male" is the name given to the male who proved to be so adaptable and a great provider for his mate and the chicks he produced. What is more remarkable were the people, some of whom had never looked at a bird or nature before, yet were touched by these birds. Narrated by Joanne Woodward, winner of many film awards, this movie will make you say, WOW! Come for the program, relax and have a bag of popcorn as you enjoy the show.

## December Christmas Bird Count • Sunday, December 26

**December 26** is the date of our chapter's **Christmas Bird Count**. Our count is part of a three-week, nationwide effort to monitor trends in bird populations. We cover a 15 mile-diameter circle centered in Fairview Park. If you wish to participate in the count, contact **Nancy Howell at (216) 231-4600 ext 3225** 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.

For more details see our website: [www.WCASohio.org](http://www.WCASohio.org)



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#### WCAS Chapter Newsletter

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# January Program, Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, January 4 at 7:30 PM

Author and illustrator, **Lawrence Hohman**, brings to us a different way of looking at wildlife. His books, *Alphabetical Birds in Color* and *Alphabetical Beasts in Color*, will have us viewing whole animals, from their



structure down to their feathers and hairs. During Mr. Hohman's program, "Wildlife by Numbers" we will have the chance to express our own artistic abilities.

Red-bellied WP © Lawrence Hohman

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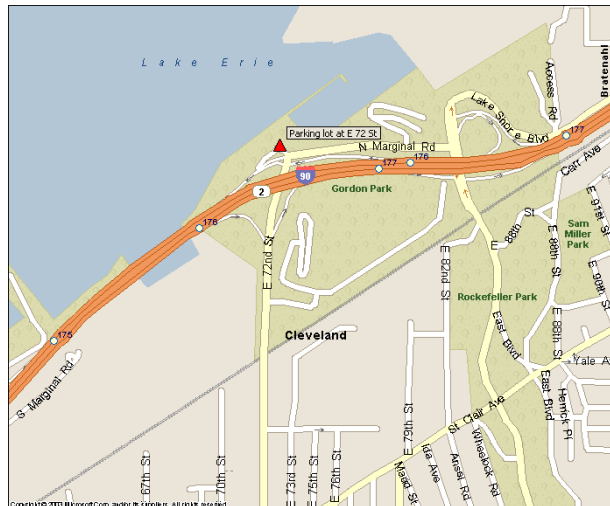
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## January Field Trip • January 15 • Cleveland Lakefront



**Sunday, January 15, 2005 at 8:30 a. m.**

Directions: Cleveland Memorial Shoreway East (I-90 East) to Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Meet in the parking lot at East 72nd Street.

Notes: Dress for weather conditions.

John Pogacnik will be our leader..

## Chapter Supporter

## Application

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\$40 for 3 or more

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