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The Canton Audubon Society is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to meet our members' varied interests in the field of nature. For some the focus is on birds and animals, for others it's on plants, and still others it's on waterways and diversities of the land. For all it is an interest to enjoy, to conserve, restore, share with others, and to educate both adults and students.

As a member of the NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, you are also a member of the CANTON AUDUBON SOCIETY, and are invited to attend our monthly meetings held at 7:00 p.m., the third Wednesday each month (September thru June), at the STARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT'S EXPLORATION GATEWAY, 5712 - 12th St, NW, Canton. You will receive *AUDUBON NEWS & VIEWS* September/October issue with our calendar of activities for the entire year.

Visit our website: www.cantonaudubon.org or phone 330-209-1261 for further information about our activities.

CALENDAR

September

- Sat. 9 10:00 a.m. **Canton Audubon Bird Feeder Cleaning**, The Wildlife Garden. See page 7.
- Tues. 12 7:30 a.m. **Stark County Park District (SCPD) Adventures in Birding**, Walborn Reservoir, Marina. Pre-registration requested. Call 330-409-8096, or StarkParks.com.
- Sat. 16 7:30 a.m. **Bird Walk: Fall Bird Census**, CVNP, NPS Headquarters. Repeated at 2:30 p.m.
- Wed. 20 5:30 p.m. **CAS Pre-meeting Bird Walk**. Meet at Exploration Gateway's south-facing balcony.
7:00 p.m. **CAS REGULAR MEETING: "Wandering Ohio: Birding the Buckeye Trail"**. Presented by CAS members Beth & Chuck Hewett. See September meeting preview, page 2.
- Sat. 23 1:00 p.m. **Be a Stark Parks Ranger for a Day!** Sippo Park North. Finger printing will be available by the Stark County Sheriff's Office. Be rewarded with a special 50th anniversary badge! K-9 Ranger Gunnar will be present to demonstrate his skills. Food & snacks will be available for sale. www.starkparks.com
- Sat. 30 8:30 p.m. **CAS Bird Walk**, Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center, Alliance. Leader: Scott Watkins.

October

- Fri. 6 8:00 a.m. **Bird Walk: On the Wing**, CVNP, Ira Trailhead. Search for migrating birdss. 2-mile walk.
- Sat. 7 TBD **CAS Bird Walk**, Time & Location TBD, CVNP. Leader: John Cefus.
- Sat. 14 8:00 a.m. **Bird Walk: Autumn Birds**, CVNP, Station Road Bridge. 2-mile walk.
2:00 p.m. **Stark Parks FAMILY FALL FEST: Free, Non-scary fall fun!** Petrol Lake Park North. Games, Campfire, Hayrides, Storytime, Inflatables, hike with FeLeap & friends. Costumes encouraged! Rain or Shine! Food and beverages available for purchase. www.starkparks.com
- Wed. 18 5:30 p.m. **CAS Pre-meeting Bird Walk**. Meet at Exploration Gateway's covered picnic shelter.
7:00 p.m. **CAS REGULAR MEETING: "Local Songbird Research: Rising Above the Noise - Challenges of Avian Communication in a Changing World"**. Presented by CAS member Jason Courter. See October meeting preview, page 2.
- Sun. 22 2:00 p.m. **"Bringing in the Birds"**. Program presented by CAS Board Member Laura Dorman at Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center, Alliance. Learn how to create a backyard habitat that will attract birds. It will also cover the birds that might visit good backyard habitat. Also learn about some of the plants that make for good habitat.

Heads Up: Ohio Young Birders 11th Annual Conference, Aullwood Audubon Center, Dayton, OH!
Go to ohioyoungbirders.org

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September 20 Meeting Preview

"Wandering Ohio: Birding the Buckeye Trail"

Presented by Chuck & Beth Hewett

Chuck & Beth have hiked the John Muir Trail through the High Sierra, the 500-mile Colorado Trail, Pacific Crest Trail through Oregon and trails in Wales and Peru. Chuck has also thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail.

Venture with them tonight, listening to their experiences for 75 nights, and birding on the 1400-mile trail that is still young and undiscovered by the masses - Ohio's Buckeye Trail.

Chuck's Board Member Bio was featured in our May-June 2017 AN&V issue. In May he was re-elected to another two-year Canton Audubon term as a director, having just finished his first term as a director.

Beth and Chuck's book, **WANDERING OHIO**, was released earlier this year. You can obtain autographed copies at the meeting. They make great birthday, anniversary, or Christmas presents.

Cali Granger, one of our two scholarship recipients, will be present to accept her scholarship check and update you on what she has been doing this summer.

The pre-meeting bird walks will begin again, starting at 5:30 p.m., at the south-facing balcony of the Exploration Gateway Building.

Refreshments this evening are courtesy of Sharla and Bob Rohrbaugh.

October 18

"Local Songbird Research:

Rising above the Noise: the Challenges of Avian Communication in a Changing World"

Presented by Jason Courter

Jason is an Assistant Professor of Biology at Malone University, Canton, OH, teaching Ornithology, Wildlife Biology, Environmental Science, and Botany courses. Originally from Grand Rapids, MI, his degrees are from Taylor U. (B.S. in Science Education), Eastern Kentucky U. (M.S. in Biology), and Clemson U. (Ph.D in Wildlife ecology).

Much of his research involves birds and seasonal timing of their life cycle events. He is married with three children. He enjoys exploring natural areas in Stark County, travelling, and playing guitar.

The impacts of urbanization on birds are well documented, but one aspect of urbanization that has been largely overlooked is the potential for traffic noise to interfere with vocal communication in birds. His interest in vocal communication began during his Master's Program at Eastern Kentucky where he demonstrated that Tufted Titmouse are able to convey information about predator size and threat to flock members in their alarm calls.



Now, at Malone, his students are attempting build upon his research and asses whether traffic noise interferes with alarm calls of titmice and chickadees. They studied 8 locations in Stark County and used a taxidermic mount of an Eastern Screech-Owl to elicit alarm calls. In half of the trials, we broadcast traffic noise from a portable speaker at 50 decibels, while the other trials received no additional noise. We found that alarm calls of chickadees differed between treatments suggesting that chickadees have the ability to adjust the frequencies of their alarm calls to overcome the impacts of traffic noise. The study contributes to a growing understanding of the acoustical impacts of urbanization on wildlife.

There will be the last of the fall pre-meeting bird walks, beginning at 5:30 p.m., leaving from the covered picnic shelter at the end of the first parking lot when coming into the library/EG.

Refreshments this evening are courtesy of Denise Lesko.

Plastic Trash

From a June 26, 2017 issue of Time Magazine
Environment Report

By Tara John June 26, 2017

The countries in Asia responsible for much of he plastics choking international waters promised at a U.N. summit on June 8, 2017, to clean up their act. The pledge from China, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines is a promising move from a region that produces up to 60% of marine plastic waste. But others are coming up with innovative ways to clear or recycle what already exists:

REPACKAGE IT. More than 86 million metric tons of plastics is thought to be in the oceans right now, clogging reefs, killing wildlife and littering shores. As a response, computer company Dell is beginning to create laptop packaging recycled from litter found on Haitian beaches. The company estimates that it will keep 16,000 lb. of plastics out of the ocean.

WEAR IT. Designer Stella McCartney announced this year that she will use ocean plastic in lieu of woven or recycled polyester in some of her products. She has previously worked with Adidas to create a sneaker made with materials recovered from the sea. She's not alone. In 2014 musician Pharrell Williams worked with Dutch fashion brand G-Star RAW on a denim collection made from plastic waste.

TIDY IT UP. Dutch entrepreneur Boyan Slat has invented a system of floating barriers and an underwater screen to extract plastic and wants to test it on the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a huge expanse in the ocean off California where litter has concentrated. But scientists say there's no quick fix to this ever-growing problem. The real solution lies in better waste policies by nations and in persuading people to cut down on the use of plastics.

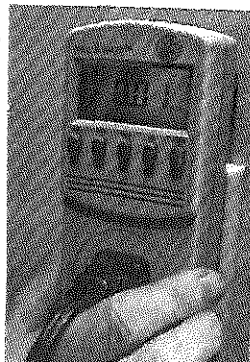
CHECK YOUR APPLIANCES

If you are serious about slashing your energy bill, CAS has a hand-held device, a "Kill-A-Watt" Power Meter, that counts consumption by the kilowatt hour when connected to any appliance.

It is available for members to borrow. Instructions are included for monitoring power consumption and cost of individual devices and appliances. You can monitor anything that plugs onto a regular 120 volt outlet.

We ask for a \$20 deposit, all of which is returned when you return the meter. For more information or to borrow the meter, contact Alan Dolan at 330-832-2491.

There will be also sign-up sheet at the September 20 meeting for you to reserve the meter's usage at your leisure if you do not wish to call Alan.



June 30th, 2017

The Black Swamp Bird Observatory Conservation Committee is thrilled to announce a landmark victory in the ongoing fight to protect birds and their habitat from poorly-sited wind turbines.

After five years of relentless pressure from BSBO and our partners at American Bird Conservancy (ABC), the Ohio Air National Guard (ANG) has backed down from plans to construct a wind turbine at the Camp Perry facility in Ottawa County. The final push in the crusade to halt this project - which posed a grave threat to populations of migrating birds and bats - came in the form of a lawsuit, filed earlier this year by BSBO and ABC. In response to the suit, Ohio ANG has stated it has not approved or authorized plans to install a large turbine at Camp Perry, and that it has no plans to do so. "We are relieved that after a five-year battle to convince them to do so, the ANG made the decision to protect the integrity of this Globally Important Bird Area by halting construction of the Camp Perry wind turbine project," said Kim Kaufman, Executive Director of BSBO. "It is our hope that this decision will send a strong message to others looking to develop wind energy in this area. I'd also like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who supported BSBO and ABC in this effort."

Northwest Ohio—and many areas along the Great Lakes coastline—provide some of the most important migratory bird stopover habitat in the Western Hemisphere. The most recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) radar studies conducted in Great Lakes coastal areas in Ohio, New York, and Ontario recommend that no turbines be built within 5-10 miles of any Great Lakes shoreline, given their demonstrated potential to decimate migratory populations.

The planned Camp Perry turbine, though, would have been located less than a mile from Lake Erie, deep within a Globally Important Bird Area. Undoubtedly, this would have set a dangerous precedent, paving the way for further disregard of the FWS recommendations. "This reaffirms the Department of Defense's record on wildlife conservation," said Dr. Michael Hutchins, Director

of ABC's Bird-Smart Wind Energy Campaign. It "sends a message to other wind energy developers who have their eyes on the Great Lakes."

While the entire BSBO team is savoring this opportunity to celebrate a win, we recognize that the fight for responsible wind energy is far from finished. With more plans for wind projects popping up all around the Great Lakes Region, there is little time to relish this victory. While we are satisfied with the ultimate outcome, the fact is, it took a lawsuit to make our voices heard. Clearly, the system is broken, and we have a lot more work to do. As we look forward to the next project looming on the horizon, we hope you'll continue to support us in whatever way you can.

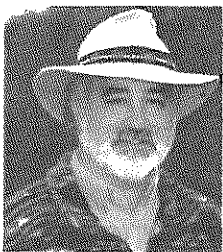
We share this victory with and express our most sincere gratitude to all the organizations and individuals who have stood alongside us and supported us in any way. We could not have affected this change without the partnership from the ABC. We could not affect *any* change without the generous support of our members and supporters - like you.

Black Swamp Bird Observatory has a voice, but when it is joined by the voices of all our partners, volunteers, members, donors, and supporters, the resulting chorus that demands justice for birds becomes impossible to ignore.

The BSBO Conservation Committee

Good News For Monarchs

By Dr. Scott Shalaway



Over the last 20 years monarch butterfly populations that overwinter in the mountains of central Mexico have fluctuated wildly. Some years the species' survival has been in

doubt. The news this year, however, is good.

Dr. Chip Taylor, director of Monarch Watch at the University of Kansas, monitors the status of monarchs each year, and he just issued his status report for 2017.

Before getting to Taylor's expectations for the fall southbound migration, it's important to

understand how he arrives at his predictions. He begins with the numbers of monarchs measured at the overwintering sites in Mexico.

Next he analyzes winter survival. Then he monitors the environmental conditions that monarchs experience as they move north from Mexico into Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Kansas. Then he assesses conditions during the breeding season that permit (or don't permit) first-generation monarchs to reach the northern breeding grounds. Summer temperatures and rainfall also factor into Taylor's predictions.

Based upon this year's conditions, Taylor predicts a great fall season for monarchs.

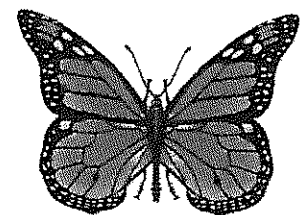
Though monarch populations are usually highest in the Midwest and plains states, Cape May, N.J. is also known for its impressive fall monarch migration. Taylor expects numbers there to be much greater than in recent years. A September or October trip to Cape May to see monarchs should be worthwhile.

Taylor also predicts a great fall season for the Upper Midwest from the Dakotas east to Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio. And I'm expecting a good fall season here in northern West Virginia. I've been seeing lots of monarchs since early June.

Given his positive forecast, Taylor expects this fall to be a great opportunity for citizen scientists to tag monarchs. Much of what we know about monarch migration originates with the citizen science program called Monarch Watch. Participants can purchase self-adhesive tags (25/\$15) to place of the hind wings of captured monarchs. During the winter, tags recovered in Mexico help biologists understand the complexities of monarch migration. For more information and to purchase tags, visit www.monarchwatch.org.

For monarchs to continue a strong comeback this year, a variety of factors must converge. Weather along the migratory path must be favorable. An abundant crop of nectar-bearing flowers to fuel the migration is required.

toxic herbicides applied by farmers along the migratory path must not have exterminated wildflowers, particularly milkweed.



beginning their return migration. Under ideal conditions, that's not a problem, but cold temperatures and freezing rain in fir forests where monarchs winter can be catastrophic. Under adverse conditions, millions of monarchs can die.

So we cross our fingers and hope for the best. Until we have a sense of how many monarchs made it to the winter grounds, we must wait. The more important number, however, is how many leave the winter grounds and head north in February.

In the meantime, here's what we can do to help monarch butterflies. 1. Plant milkweed. It's the only host plant upon which monarchs lay eggs. 2. Plant more milkweed.

Scott is a freelance writer from West Virginia. He presented a program to Canton Audubon at our December 19?? Holiday Dinner. This article appeared in the August 13, 2017 issue of the Wheeling Intelligencer/Wheeling News Register.

Audubon's Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

The weekend of August 11-13, 2017, three people were killed in Charlottesville, Virginia, and our nation was roiled once again by conflict rooted in one of America's oldest and most pernicious sins: racial prejudice and resentment.

The National Audubon Society completely and unequivocally rejects white supremacy, racism, and all other assaults on human dignity and equality. Audubon's vision for the world includes justice and equality for all people, and as Audubon, we have a unique role to play in bringing people together in communities across racial, party, generational, gender, and religious lines.

You've heard David Yarnold talk about respect and compassion during other difficult moments over the last few months. Today, we encourage you to keep leaning in on those values in your work and your communities. As David said to all of us in November, "We are a durable, respected, trusted, centrist conservation network with a deep and credible presence in communities all over the nation and the hemisphere." We know that you take seriously the responsibility you have to bring

people together in your communities, and we encourage you to continue to do so.

Here is Audubon's statement on equity, diversity, and inclusion (along with a video), which you may want to review yourselves and share with others today and in the days ahead:

<http://www.audubon.org/about/equity-diversity-and-inclusion-audubon>

It's a privilege to work alongside you during these challenging times. We will continue building the world we want to see.

Please let us know what ideas, questions, and advice you have. Thank you for all that you do.

**David J. Ringer, Chief Network Officer
Deeohn Ferris, Vice President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, National Audubon Society.**

Audubon's statement on equity, diversity, and inclusion:

Just as biodiversity strengthens natural systems, the diversity of human experience strengthens our conservation efforts for the benefit of nature and all human beings. Audubon must represent and reflect that human diversity, embracing it in all the communities where we work, in order to achieve our conservation goals. To that end, we are committed to increasing the diversity of our staff, board, volunteers, members, and supporters, and to fostering an inclusive network of Audubon Centers and Chapters in all kinds of communities, from rural to urban.

Equity, diversity and inclusion is not only a best practice for business, it's a strategic imperative. Our business and conservation strategies are enriched and made stronger by the contribution of the experiences, perspectives, and values of diverse individuals and communities. Protecting and conserving nature and the environment transcends political, cultural and social boundaries, and so must Audubon in order to expand our network's reach and engage more people in protecting birds and habitat

We are dedicated to providing a work environment that prioritizes fairness and respect. At Audubon, all employees are treated equally and are encouraged to achieve their full potential.

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At Audubon, all employees are treated equally and are encouraged to achieve their full potential. We respect the individuality of each member of our community, and we are committed to a workplace free of any kind of discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, national or ethnic origin, politics, or veteran status.

With a plurality of voices, Audubon will inspire more people and conserve more habitats. Respect, inclusion, and opportunity for people of all backgrounds, lifestyles and perspectives will attract the best ideas and harness the greatest passion to shape a healthier, more vibrant future for all of us who share our planet. The birds we are pledged to protect differ in color, size, behavior, geographical preference and countless other ways. By honoring and celebrating the equally remarkable diversity of the human species, Audubon will bring new creativity, effectiveness and leadership to our work throughout the hemisphere.

Your "Canton Audubon Society" Board Member Bio's

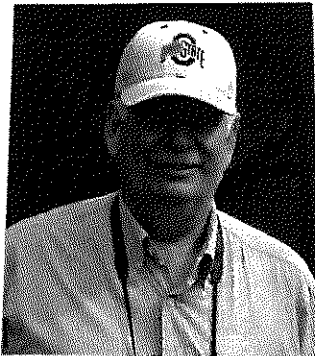
Since June 1, 2016, Canton Audubon has made many changes to their board makeup. With Chris Lamb and Bob Rohrbaugh, you are meeting the last two board members, numbers 11 and 12 in this series.

Bob Rohrbaugh

I grew up in Louisville on my father's dairy farm located diagonally across from what is now Metzger Park. I remember almost daily exploring the fields and woods around our farm. From a stream I collected shells, dragonflies, and tadpoles, and from our pasture and plowed fields, I collected arrowheads, butterflies and rocks.

However, my earliest recollection involves collecting colorful leaves in the fall including poison ivy which resulted in me being covered with blisters and my mother wrapping me up in torn up sheets like a mummy so I would not scratch myself to death.

Getting my first microscope and later a telescope



from Edmund Scientific provided me with countless hours of enjoyment exploring the microscopic world of our stream, viewing the moon, planets, and stars.

My high school biology teacher, Mr. Moffit, instilled in me a love for learning science and pursuing a career in science. From high school I went on to The Ohio State University where I earned a BS Degrees in Natural Resources and in Biological Science Education.

While attending college working as research assistant I spent an entire summer in northern Michigan capturing and marking crayfish. I also worked on a DDT study analyzing the amount of DDT in earthworms. Then I worked as an animal aide at the OSU Veterinary Hospital. But, what had the most profound effect on my appreciation of our natural world, was a five week biological science backpacking expedition with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) into the rugged wilderness of the Wind River Mountain Range of Wyoming.

After college I was hired as science teacher for the Jackson Local Schools where I had the privilege and honor of teaching seventh grade science for 35 years. Shortly after starting my professional career I earned my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Ashland University. For my practicum project I established the seventeen acre Jackson Land Laboratory and spearheaded the dedication of the Jackson Bog State Nature Preserve.

I love to travel and have been to all 50 states and was fortunate enough to visit many of our nation's beautiful national parks and monuments. I've also traveled to Australia (to study kangaroos as part of an Earthwatch Expedition), England, Kenya (a Sierra Club photo expedition), Egypt and most recently a Nat. Geo expedition to the Galapagos Islands.

My love and fascination for the natural world started when I was child and has stayed with me my entire life. I am a life member of the Canton Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, The Ohio Academy of Science, the The Wilderness Center, and the Ohio Natural Areas and Preserves Association. I work part time for the Stark County Education Service Center as science equipment specialist. I live on small hobby farm in Wayne County with my wife Sharla.

I'm very proud to be a part of the CAS. I have served on our board for many years and just retired from The Wilderness Center Board of Trustees after serving as a Canton Audubon representative for nearly 30 years. Our field trips and service projects such as the annual bird feeder cleaning, the up-coming construction of a chimney swift tower at Sippo Park, signage at

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environmental organizations such as The Wilderness Center, and most importantly our members make the CAS a great organization!

Chris Lamb

Outdoor adventures were a big part of my early life. Growing up as somewhat of a "free-range" child in North Canton, I spent many hours playing in our yard, neighborhood and parks, as well as camping with my family and the Girl Scouts. The outdoors is part of my family's part of my family's history, too. My mother's ancestors moved to Ottawa County, Ohio, in 1821,

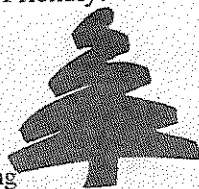


and later to Kelleys Island. They hunted, trapped and fished, and I can only imagine the birds and other wildlife they must have seen.

My own early memories include walking with my great-grandfather to a tiny beach on Sandusky Bay to look at the ducks and watching to see the "cranes" as we drove past the marshes. After high school I headed to the southeast end of the state and studied business and French at Marietta College. I've worked as a retail clothing manager and done basic translation work for a used clothing exporter. About half of my working years have been spent in the newsrooms of business newspapers in Columbus, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky. In 2010, I came full circle when my husband, Alan, and I moved to Stark County, not far from my parents and where I grew up. Birding is a favorite activity for me now, although I got off to a slow start. Melanie Shuter, an outstanding birder and friend from church when I lived in Central Ohio, invited me on my first bird walk about 30 years ago. We parked at a gas station and joined a group led by Tom Thomson, an expert on the area. It was warm, humid and the mosquitoes were biting as we inched along a ditch or stream and back to a clearing in the woods. Using loaner binoculars I managed to locate three or four birds high in the trees. The next spring Melanie invited me birding again, this time at Crane Creek/Magee Marsh. I jumped at the chance to see the lake and a beach where I had gone swimming years earlier. We saw the lake and beach, but even better were the bright colorful birds known as warblers. Some were even easy to see and I saw more than three or four. It was awesome and I've returned as many years as possible. More recently I've started looking at birds other months of the year and keeping a record using eBird. And now I'm looking forward to learning even more and helping out on the CAS board.

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