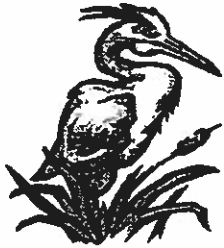


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The Canton Audubon Society is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to meet our members' varied interests in the field of nature. For some the focus is on birds and animals, for others it's on plants, and still others it's on waterways and diversities 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. 8 10:00 a.m. **CAS Bird Feeder Cleaning**, Wildlife Garden. CANCELLED DUE TO RAINY WEATHER.
Sun. 16 2:00 p.m. **Prairie Safari**, The Wilderness Center (TWC), Wilmot.
Wed. 19 5:30 p.m. **CAS Pre-Meeting Bird Walk**. Meet at the EG's south-facing balcony. Will walk east.
7:00 p.m. **CAS Regular Meeting "Lights Out Ohio"**. Presented by Shane Good.
See [September Meeting Preview](#), page 2.
Sun. 30 2:00 p.m. **Wilderness Walk**, The Wilderness Center (TWC), Wilmot.

October

- Sat. 6 **Field Trip to Hach-Otis Sanctuary & Preserve (A.S. of Cleveland Nature Preserve)**
Sat. 13 **Participate in the Mill Creek (Mahoning County) Big Sit.**
9:00 a.m. **Breakfast With the Birds**, TWC, Wilmot.
Wed. 17 5:30 p.m. **CAS Pre-Meeting Bird Walk**. Meet at the EG's south-facing balcony. Will walk west.
7:00 p.m. **CAS Regular Meeting "Restoration of Sippo Lake & Cottonseed Wetland"**
Presented by Nick Moris. See [October Meeting Preview](#), page 2..
Sat. 20 **2018 Fall Color Tour - ODNR Division of Forestry - Hocking State Forest Headquarters**
For more information visit forestry.ohiodnr.gov or fallcolor.ohiodnr.gov
Sat. 20 **6th Annual Ohio Avian Research Conference**, at Dennison University, Granville, OH.
Early registration open until Oct. 14.
Sat. 27 2:00 p.m. **Wilderness Walk**, TWC, Wilmot.



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September Meeting Preview “Lights Out Akron / Canton” Presented by Shane Good

Shane has served as an Animal Curator at the Akron Zoo since 2012, managing the Zoo’s avian collection. Before coming to the Akron Zoo he spent 20 years working as an Animal Keeper at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. He serves on the Association of Zoos and Aquariums’ (AZA) Passerine Taxon Advisory Group (TAG). Akron Zoo boasts a large North American Songbird Aviary and in recent years Shane has been working closely with fellow zoo curators toward advancing North American Songbird conservation initiatives. Shane is a national member of Audubon and locally he has helped coordinate Akron Zoo’s participation in the Greater Akron Audubon Society’s Annual Christmas Bird Counts and Summer Bird Counts.

Shane will be speaking about local efforts to initiate a (“Lights Out Akron/Canton” program. Sponsors of the program include Akron Zoo, Stark Parks, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative, and others. Every spring and fall, millions of birds migrate through Northeast Ohio on their way to or from their breeding grounds. Many birds migrate at night, and lights on tall buildings or aimed at the sky can disorient them and draw them into the buildings. This causes many birds to strike windows or circle buildings until they fall from exhaustion. Building collisions are a leading cause of bird fatality during migration in North America, estimated to kill 550 million birds each year. The goal of Lights Out Akron/Canton is to reduce the number of birds killed by flying into buildings and windows. Similar programs in cities across the country have proven to be very successful in reducing bird/window collisions. Volunteers in Akron and Canton concluded their first season of monitoring in 2018.

know how many to prepare for.

Refreshments for tonight’s meeting are courtesy of Denise Lesko.

2018 Arnold Fritz Memorial Scholarship

James Feller, from Clinton, Ohio and is attending Ohio State University, where he is working toward his PhD in Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology.

James began his research career in the medical field, using molecular biology to study cancer, kidney disease and heart defects. But he loves the outdoors, is an avid backpacker and runner, and found that he wanted to use his knowledge to protect the wild places he so enjoys.

He attended CAS’ June 20 annual picnic at the Stark Parks’ location. Below is a picture of James and the CAS Scholarship Committee at the picnic – Joyce Stevens, Bob Rohrbaugh, James, Lee Dolan, Linda Chen, Laura Dornan, Rose Ann Carper.

Congratulatio James!



October 17 Meeting Preview “Restoration of Sippo Lake and Cottonseed Wetlands” Presented by Nick Morris

Nick Morris is the owner of Kestrel Community Solutions; a consulting firm working with public, non-profit, and community-based organizations and an instructor of conservation, sustainability and environmental education at Kent State University. Prior work includes multiple roles at Stark Parks, all focused on education. He earned a B.S. in Biology from Muskingum University, a M.Ed. from Walsh University, and a Ph.D. in Cultural Foundations of Education from Kent State University. His research interests focus on parks, environmental/place-based education, and education for sustainability. Nick lives on a small farm with his wife, children and a menagerie animals.

The cottonwood wetland restoration at Sippo Lake Park is now a healthy wetland with abundant wildlife. However, only a few years ago, the wetland was almost completely dry and overrun by invasive species. Nick Morris will cover the background of the problem, the problem-solving procedure, and the on-going monitoring that make the wetland what it is today.

Refreshments for tonight’s meeting are courtesy of Jacki Hupp.

**Happy 90th Celebration for
Alice Rini, Joe Sommer, Nickie Wingert**

At our chapter's Annual Summer Picnic on June 20, at Quail Hollow Park in Hartville, 15 Canton Audubon members celebrated and honored 3 members who have reached their 90th year on earth within the last two years.

Alice Rini, Joe Sommer, and Nickie Wingert have been active and contributing members to this chapter's efforts to educate and entertain our meeting attendees.

The picture below shows all three honorees, along with CAS past president Alan Dolan, current CAS president Linda Chen, and current CAS VP, Scott Watkins.

In addition to picnic food, the honorees were also treated with a birthday car. As full disclosure, if you cannot already tell, Joe was edited into the image since he was in California attending a grand daughter's wedding.



**Visit Your Local Tiny Green Space
Time Magazine – October 2, 2017**

Getting outside is a reliable way to feel better. Nature can offer stress relief, a more active lifestyle and a salve for mental illness. But this effect isn't limited to forests or beaches that may be miles away. Growing research suggests that any kind of green space – backyards, neighborhood parks, dog walks – can make you happier.

You don't even need a lot of it. One study in the Netherlands found that people who think of their local green spaces as more accessible and unable felt more satisfied with their neighborhood, regardless

of the amount of green space they had. Neighborhood satisfaction was also linked with happiness and better mental health.

Green spaces seem to be at their most healthful when they're functional, easy to get to, clean and well lit. "If it's a social space, where people meet and chat and go on walks, that kind of contact and interaction builds social networks," says Dr. Andrew Lee, a public health researcher at the University of Sheffield in England. – **Abigail Abrams** -

CANTON AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP

Laura Dornan, Membership Chair

As we begin a new year of meetings and activities I encourage those who have not yet done so to support our Audubon chapter by renewing their membership. Chapter supporter memberships provide funds for our yearly operations, including programming, newsletter, support for other environmental organizations, conservation projects, annual college scholarship and operating expenses. While all National Audubon members are automatically members of the local chapter, we do not receive any of the National level dues after the first year of National membership.

There are still quite a few people who have not yet renewed their annual membership. If you are uncertain about your membership status, you may call or email me, either by phone or email or through the CAS email at cantonaudubonsociety@gmail.com. We will always welcome those who prefer not to or are not able to make a financial donation.

Be sure to check out the membership levels on the form on the back of this newsletter to find one that best suits you. You may send your dues to Canton Audubon Society to the address on the form or you may bring your dues, along with the filled out form to the next meeting.

Nature Unites Us

Everyday, everywhere, our connections to nature are infinite. Healthy forests capture and slowly release rainwater into rivers and aquifers – providing reliable water that farmers use to grow the food we eat. Working together, we can build a planet where people and nature thrive.

**Explore the infinite ways you can connect
with nature at nature.org.**

2019 Audubon Convention



Join us in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 26–28, 2019, for Audubon’s biennial convention designed to bring together Audubon’s vast network of dedicated chapter, state, center, national, and international leaders from across all four flyways.

This can’t-miss event will feature an array of inspiring speakers, in-depth workshops and discussions, exciting field trips, and the camaraderie and networking opportunities that only the Audubon Convention can provide.

Situated on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee is a beautiful and historic place to gather, learn, and network. The Wisconsin Audubon Council, Milwaukee Audubon Society, Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, and the Audubon Great Lakes team are excited to welcome the whole Audubon network to Milwaukee.

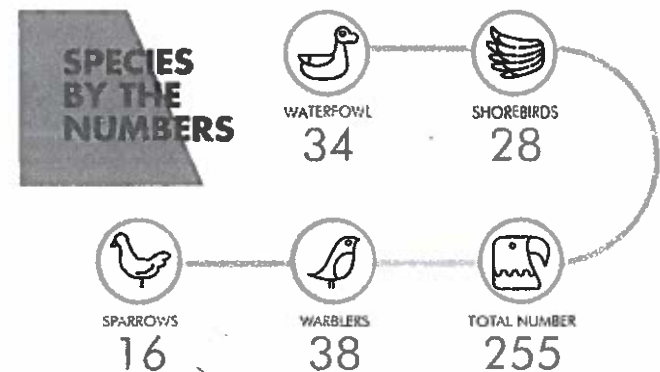
- Hear from inspiring speakers.
- Enjoy exciting field trips and birding adventures (437 bird species recorded in Wisconsin).
- Join conservation, science, and outreach workshops and training sessions led by a variety of experts and Audubon leaders.

The Audubon Convention will take place at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center—a beautiful, historic Art Deco hotel centrally located in Milwaukee and a Travel Green Wisconsin-certified business. All activities will take place

under one roof, and you will be a short walk from Lake Michigan and numerous parks and attractions.

Don’t miss this unique opportunity to learn, network, collaborate, and, bird.

For general queries, email: convention@audubon.org.



Overall, 255 species were seen over The Biggest Week In American Birding May 4–13, 2018, including 38 warbler species. Highlights / rarities include: Black-throated Gray Warbler, Red-throated Loon, Neotropical Cormorant, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Black Rail, and Curlew Sandpiper. Black Swamp Bird Observatory would like to offer their heartfelt thanks to Tom and Paula Bartlett for another successful BIG SIT for BSBO’s education programs! This year’s BIG SIT raised more than \$12,000, and throughout the 24-year history, the BIG SIT has raised more than \$100,000 for BSBO education programs!



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Eagle Optics – Gone

Some of you may be as surprised as I was when Dawn Hewit of Bird Watcher's Digest (BWD), in her July-August 2018 "What's Happening at BWD" column reported that Eagle Optics has closed its doors.

With their closing, it left bird watchers with no place quite like it to turn for expert advice on optics. BWD decided to fill the empty niche. They hired former Eagle Optics store manager, Ben Lizdas, to make Redstart Birding into the place for birding optics expertise and customer service.

Redstart Birding is part of Bird Watcher's Digest. You can explore online at redstartbirding.com. If you have questions, call them at 8330262-1568 (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST). Or, use the only chat feature (same hours).

Whenever you are in need of new birding optics, gear, or assistance, visit redstartbirding.com.

"CHAPTER CHATTER"

Our heartfelt, and sincerest sympathy, are extended to CAS President Linda Chen, whose brother passed away on August 24. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to you and your family Linda....Lee and Alan Dolan made it safely back from celebrating their 49th anniversary – for 35 days yet – in Alaska, Washington and Oregon. What will 2019 see when they hit 50 years together? While in Alaska, at Copper River Lodge, they were given an award as the "best guests at the lodge!"...If any other CAS members has something that would be of interest to CAS membership, please email it to you're AN&V editor, Alan Dolan. We always want to know what is happening with our members.

Canton Audubon – Adaptable When Necessary by Alan Dolan

Canton Audubon's May meeting showed how adaptable we can be. Our program presenter did not show up for the meeting.

No worry, our members stepped up to make an hour-long program for those present.

First, Chris Lamb talked about an Audubon program she is spear-heading for Canton Audubon –

Climate Watch. . Chris gave us the background for the program, what the objective is, how we can get involved, and answered questions we had. She has chosen two 6 square mile sites for CAS to participate.

Next, Chuck, who teaches wood carving for the park district in the lab, the first and third Wednesdays each month, talked about the Lewis' Woodpecker he has been working on for several months. He just stuck his head in the door, motioned to me, and said he would be willing to talk about wood carving, especially birds, and how you have to get to know the subject as you work on it. There were many questions for Chuck.



Last, Marlene Bolea pulled a computer stick from her purse and proceeded to do a program of bird pictures.

By the time Marlene was finished, it was about 8:35, still time for socializing until 9 p.m.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the May 16 meeting. A good way to end our 2017-18 meeting year. We look forward to 2018-19 with great anticipation.

On 5 May, more than 30,000 eBirders went out as a global team. In a single day, they reported sightings from 171 countries, finding 2/3rds of the world's birds in 24 hours: a new record!

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Chapter Supporter Membership Application
Does not include National Audubon Society Membership

_____ **Song Sparrow** (Student) \$ 10

_____ **Cardinal** (Basic individual / family) \$ 20

_____ **Bluebird** (Business supporter, 2 years) \$ 50

_____ **Screech Owl** (Sustaining) \$ 75

_____ **Bald Eagle** (Life) \$ 300

_____ **Other** (Name your amount) \$ _____

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CANTON AUDUBON SOCIETY

2018 - 2019 Monthly Programs

Our 57th Year



All Programs begin at 7:00 p.m. Unless otherwise stated, our meeting location is Stark Park's Exploration Gateway (EG), 5712 - 12th St., NW, Canton - Downstairs in Room C.

2018

June 20

SUMMER "PICNIC IN THE PARK" at Stark Park's Covered Pavilion, 4 p.m.

Eat about 6:00 p.m. Bird Walk before & after picnic. Bring covered dish to share, personal utensils. CAS will provide meat and beverage.

September 19

PRE-MEETING BIRD WALK, 5:30 p.m.

Leaving from south-facing balcony of the EG building and heading **EAST**.

REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m., "Lights Out Ohio" presented by Shane Good.



October 17

PRE-MEETING BIRD WALK, 5:30 p.m.

Leaving from south-facing balcony of the EG building and heading **WEST**.

REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m., "Restoration of Sippo Lake & Cottonseed Wetlands" presented by Nick Morris.

November 14

REGULAR MEETING, 7:00 p.m., "Magnificent Seven" presented by Jeff Hall.

Note date change because **November 21** would be Thanksgiving Eve.

December 12

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER, 6:30 p.m., "Famous People & Their Fowl

Obsessions", presented by Dwight Chasar - CVNP bird Walk leader.

At the First Christian Church, 6900 Market Ave., North Canton.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED for the dinner, but not for the program. Cost for program only \$2 each.

2019

January 16

REGULAR MEETING, 7 p.m., "Veery Song Research" presented by Courtney

Brennan, Collections Manager, Dept. of Ornithology, Cleve. Museum of Natural History

February 20

REGULAR MEETING, 7 p.m., Member's Night.

March 20

PRE-MEETING BIRD WALK, 5:30 p.m.

Leaving from south-facing balcony of the EG building and heading **EAST**.

REGULAR MEETING, 7 p.m., "Listening In Nature/Amphibians", presented by Lisa Rainsong.



April 17



PRE-MEETING BIRD WALK, 5:30 p.m.

Leaving from south-facing balcony of the EG building and heading **WEST**.

REGULAR MEETING, 7 p.m., "Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas", presented by Matt Shumar.

May 15

PRE-MEETING BIRD WALK, 5:30 p.m.

Leaving from south-facing balcony of the EG building and heading **EAST**.

REGULAR MEETING, 7 p.m., "Firefly Program", presented by Ken or Peggy Butler. (AWAITING RESPONSE)

If the weather is questionable or threatening, tune in to WHBC, AM 1480 radio for meeting information & updates, or call Scott Watkins, 330-209-1261.

Canton Audubon Society

2018 - 2019 Field Trips / Important Dates

Field Trips and Important Dates are subject to change. Changes will be announced at monthly meetings, and appear in bi-monthly AN&V newsletter (if known in advance). Contact Scott Watkins (330-209-1291).

May 20th, 2018 Beach City Dam and Wildlife Area Bird Walk & Drive

Meet at the Beach City Dam parking lot 8:30am. Walk begins 9:00am. Followed by Lunch at the Dam (bring your own sack lunch)

June 2nd, 2018 Metzger Park Bird Walk

Meet at Metzger Park in Louisville at 9:00am. Common bird sighting include Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks, Bluebirds and others.

June 20th, 2018 Annual Canton Audubon Society Picnic

Held at the Picnic Shelter at Exploration Gateway. 4:30pm Bird Walk, 5:30pm - 5:45pm Setup, 6:00pm Food. CAS will provide the Main Course of Fried chicken and Drink. Bring a covered dish, plates, cups and cutlery.

July 7th, 2018 ONAPA stewardship cleanup at Jackson Bog

Event runs from 10:30am - 3:30pm.

July 14th, 2018 Field Trip to Norma Johnson Center near Dover, Ohio.

Meet for car pool or drive your own car. Bird Walk to begin at 9:00am. Followed by visit to the Travelling Butterfly Exhibit.

August 19th, 2018 Bird Walk w/Picnic at Quail Hollow Park

Bring your own lunch/dinner, 4:00pm Bird Walk followed by picnic in the park.

September 8th, 10 am - 2 pm, Bird Feeder Cleaning, The Wildlife Garden, Portage & Frank, N.C.

October 6th, 2018 Field Trip to Hach-Otis Sanctuary State Nature Preserve

Meet for car pool or drive your own car. Walk to begin at 10:00am.

October 13th, 2018 Mill Creek Big Sit

Participate in the Big Sit in Mahoning County.

November 3rd, 2018 Bird Walk at Stark Park's Frye Family Park

Meet at 9:00am for Bird Walk.

December 2018 Christmas Bird Counts

December 15th - Quail Hollow

December 21st - The Wilderness Center

January 1st - Tri-Reservoir

January 2019 Saw-whet Owl banding

Date TBD - Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center with Adam Zorn and Al Eibel.

February 15-18th 2019 Great Backyard Bird Count

Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center (Friday - Monday).

March 9, 2019 Field Trip to Ohio Decoy Collectors and Carvers Show

Leave 10:00am. Show is located at the Holiday Inn in Strongsville Ohio. <http://www.odcca.net/>

April 22, 2019 Earth Day Walks, Jackson Bog State Nature Preserve, Fulton Road., Jackson Township.

Meet in the Jackson Bog parking lot just west of Jackson H.S. on Fulton Road. Bring binoculars & Bird field guide book of you have one. Dress for weather. Walk is on trail & partially on boardwalk.

7:30 a.m. Bird Walk with Alan Dolan, leader.

5:30 p.m. Nature Walk with Alan Dolan, leader.

April 2019 Woodcock Walk (Early April)

Date TBD - meet at Sippo Lake Exploration Gateway to listen and watch for Woodcocks and Owls.

May 2019 Trip to Clear Fork Gorge

- Date TBD - meet and take a trip to Clear Fork Gorge during migration. Clear Fork is part of Mohican.

