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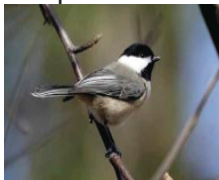
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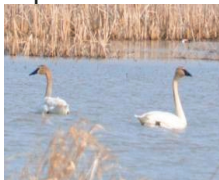
TRI-MORAINES 2013 EVENING PROGRAM MEETINGS are scheduled the first Tuesday of the month, September through November and January through May. Meetings are held in the Visitor/Student Services Center, 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima. (Enter campus off Mumaugh Rd.; first building on left). Meetings and events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Dates and times appear in the calendar write-ups below. In case of bad weather (*level 2 in Allen Co.*), meeting cancelations will be posted on WLIO(NBC/channel35) and WOHL(FOX/channel 25).

March 5
Program Meeting
7:30pm



MORE THAN A LITTLE MIXED UP: HYBRIDIZATION BETWEEN BLACK-CAPPED AND CAROLINA CHICKADEES, Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 7:30pm. Black-capped and Carolina chickadees have been known to hybridize for at least half a century, much to the chagrin of generations of birders who have a tough enough time telling these superficially similar species apart. Stephanie G. Wright, Ph.D. Student, Borror Laboratory of Bioacoustics, Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology at The Ohio State University, will be our speaker describing her research for the last five years. Recent work in Ohio and Pennsylvania has been instrumental in understanding the causes and consequences of this hybridization, but, as is so often the case, such research has generated as many new questions as answers. What a great way to introduce birding to the younger people in your life, everyone loves chickadees!

March 23
Field Trip
Killdeer Plains
10:00am
departure



KILLDEER PLAINS WILDLIFE FIELD TRIP, Saturday, March 23, 2013. Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area, Wyandot/Marion Cos., provides us an opportunity to explore some of the 8,000+ acres of wetlands, prairies, and woodlots as we look for ducks, hawks, owls, woodpeckers, sparrows, and other passerines. Wear warm clothes/bring a lunch/snacks/beverages, field guides/binoculars, etc. Much of the bird-watching will be of the "park and look" variety, but there will be some walking. The chapter's spotting scope will be available for all to use. A car pool will depart at 10am from the Eastgate parking lot behind Wendy's on SR 309, Lima. Participants may also meet the group at 11am at the Upground Reservoir (look on Killdeer Plains website for map and location of Reservoir). Trippers may stay as late as dusk unless a Short-eared Owl turns up earlier in the day. The field trip is free and open to the public, experienced and beginning birders are welcome. Contact Anne Smedley at 419.222.3271 for additional information.

March 26
Board Meeting
7:00pm

TMAS BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 7pm. All are welcome to attend TMAS board meetings held at the Visitor/Student Services Center, 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima Campus.

March 29
Ottawa River
Coalition
Fish Fry

SUPPORT THE ORC! The Ottawa River Coalition's Good Friday fish fry will be held on March 29, 11 am to 6:30 pm, in the Youth Activities Building, Allen County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$8.00 (all-you-can-eat tickets are \$9.00). Allow time to check out the great items available in the ORC's Silent Auction. TMAS is a member organization of the ORC.

April 2
Program Meeting
7:30pm



HIKING THE BUCKEYE TRAIL-a 1,400 mile journey around Ohio, Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 7:30pm. DaytonHikers.org founder and leader, Andy Niekamp, is also the lead adventurer for Outdoor Adventure Connection which specializes in backcountry adventures. In the spring of 2011, Andy set out on a hiking journey from Dayton on Ohio's Buckeye Trail. The goal of his hike was to hike for as long as it was fun. Over 1,400 miles and 88 days later, Andy returned to Dayton on the Buckeye Trail, the longest circular trail in the nation. His presentation will take you on a foot journey around Ohio with beautiful photos and acquaint you with Ohio's backyard trail. Even if you are an armchair hiker, you will enjoy this presentation. Share this information with fellow hikers and bike enthusiasts as this trail is popular with many recreational sport groups.

April 22
Earth Day

Earth Day is every day to an Auduboner! Reduce, Recycle, Reuse

April 21-27
National
Volunteer Week



April 27
Grand Lake/
St.Marys IBA*
Depart 9:00am

National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service. National Volunteer Week focuses national attention on the impact and power of volunteerism. The theme this year is Inspire by Example. Thank you to all Audubon volunteers. Your help is greatly appreciated and without your efforts our programs would not be as successful as they are throughout the eight-county TMAS region.

SPRING MIGRATION GRAND LAKE ST. MARYS REGION FIELD TRIP. Saturday, April 27, 9am. This is a chance to engage with the seasonal return of Neotropical migrant songbirds to their temperate North American summer homes. This trip will yield data on migratory species, but resident Bald Eagles, waterfowl, and shorebirds should be around. Members from the Lima area can meet in the Eastgate parking lot behind Wendy's (SR 309) to carpool-departure at 9am. We will gather at the north end of 40-Acre Pond at 9:30am for the watching to begin; walking along the towpath there is usually productive. We will visit the fish hatchery, state park area, and other sites around the lake, weather, time and enthusiasm permitting. Some of us will likely bird most of the day, anyone available for part of the day is welcome (plan transportation accordingly). Dress appropriately for the weather, bring binoculars and field guides, and either bring your lunch or spending money for a quick stop in town. Field trip is free and open to the public; both beginning and experienced birders are welcome. For more information, contact Eric Juterbock at 419.995.8360 (office) or juterbock.1@osu.edu.

*The St. Marys River/ Grand Lake St. Marys Important Bird Area will be the focus of our birding. TMAS has especially close ties with this IBA and Camp Myeerah, two of the six IBAs in our service area. We are in the best position to keep track of how the birds are doing at these sites because of EEW, The GLSM CBC, and field trips.

April 27
Ottawa River
Clean-up
9am-noon

19th ANNUAL OTTAWA RIVER CLEAN-UP, Saturday, April, 27, 9am-noon. Start at the Allen Co. Red Cross Chapter House, corner of No. Shore Dr. and Collett St., Lima, to register, pick up trash bags, etc. Dress for the weather (old clothes/sturdy footwear). Gloves are mandatory (provided if needed). Youth under 18 MUST have parental permission and be accompanied by an adult. You can register any group and it would be great to have some members representing TMAS. Watch area media for information or call Connie Miller at 419.228.3211.

Volunteer
Opportunity
April, May, June

SAVE THE WILDFLOWERS. Volunteers are needed to pull garlic mustard at Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District's Kendrick Woods, one of the six Important Bird Areas in your chapter's service area. You can set your own pace, your work will be appreciated, and being outdoors has its own rewards. Workdays are scheduled as follows: All Mondays (9am-noon) March 18 & 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, May 6 & 20. May 28, 29, 30, and 31 are set aside as backup days as needed (no hours set to date). For more information and to register as a volunteer, contact JAMPD Naturalist Mark Mohr at 419.223.1025.

May 3-5
EEWeekend

34th ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEKEND, May 3-5, 2013. See enclosed application & detailed info on page 5 of this newsletter. What an excellent opportunity to share your love of nature with family members at an affordable price.

May 7
Program Meeting
7:30pm



TRACKING THE DECLINE, AND CONSERVATION STATUS OF THE GREATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN, Tuesday, May 7, 7:30pm. Juan L. Bouzat, Associate Professor of Evolutionary and Conservation Genetics at Bowling Green State University will speak about how the abundance and distribution range of Greater Prairie Chicken populations across North American prairies have declined significantly in the last century. Genetic studies have provided valuable insights into the long-term evolutionary expansion of the species, the detrimental effects associated with the recent decline of isolated populations, and the potential role of translocations as a management strategy for species conservation. The fate of the species will ultimately depend on our actions toward habitat conservation and environmental protection. Bouzat's research interests focus on the effects of small population size, fragmentation, and geographic isolation on the genetic diversity and extinction probabilities of natural populations.

May 13
Field Trip
Big Birding Day
Depart 6:30am

BIG BIRDING DAY-WESTERN LAKE ERIE IBAs. Monday, May 13. This annual all-day trek by TMAS birders will visit six or seven of Lake Erie's best birding locations during the peak of the spring migration. A car pool will depart at 6:30am from Lima's Eastgate Mall parking lot behind Wendy's on SR 309. Appropriate clothing/footwear, binoculars, sun protection, lunch/snacks/beverages, and field guides are recommended. The group will leave "rain or shine" and return in the evening. The goal is to spot and identify 100 bird species. Open to the public. All interested birders, including beginners, are welcome. For more information contact Eric Broughton at 419.999.1987 or ebroughton@woh.rr.com.

May 28
Board Meeting
7pm

TMAS BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 7pm. All are welcome to attend TMAS board meetings held at the Visitor/Student Services Center, 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima Campus.

Save this Date
June 15
Cranberry Bog
Field Trip

Cranberry Bog Nature Preserve. This unique area was nearly destroyed as the result of building the Ohio and Erie Canal System in 1830, but a fluke of poor design helped a portion remain. The area now called Buckeye Lake has a limited access nature preserve that features orchids and other marsh plants. Plan now as access is limited.

Save this Date
July 2
Summer Picnic

TMAS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC, Tuesday, July 2, 6:30pm, Ottawa Metro Park, SR 81 just east of Marimor School. This is a family oriented event; bring the children and grandchildren. There will be a short program and lots of park exploration time.

2013 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

May 3-5, 2013

For photos of previous EEWs vist <http://www.tri-moraineaudubon.org>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **Early Bird - April 19, 2013** **Regular - April 26, 2013**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail address: _____

List all other members of your family/group that will be attending (**include ages if under 18**): _____

Vehicle Make/Model: _____ License No.: _____

Your anticipated – Arrival date: _____ & time: _____ Departure date: _____ & time: _____

A. REGISTRATION FEE: Due to insurance regulations, the weekend is open to **Audubon MEMBERS ONLY**
(To become a member, please ALSO complete the Supporting (Local) Membership form found below)

Early Bird registration must be postmarked on or before 4-19-13 **\$10.00 late fee due per person** if postmarked after 4-26-13
We reserve the right to limit the total number of attendees due to limited camp accommodations.
NOTICE: ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS EXCEPT FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Qty		<u>Early Bird Registration</u> (On or before Apr 20)	<u>(Regular Registration)</u> (Apr 21 - 27)	<u>Registration Fee</u> (Qty x Fee)
_____	Adults (13 and older) -	@ \$26.00 each	Add \$6.00 each	_____
_____	Children (2 - 12) -	@ \$16.00 each	Add \$6.00 each	_____
_____	Children - Under 2 -	FREE	FREE	_____
Total Registration Fee:				_____

Please indicate any dietary restrictions/preferences: **Veg** _____ (# people) **Other** _____ (# people)

B. LODGING - Please indicate by ☒ (check) a **1st** **AND** **2nd choice** (in case of unavailability of your 1st choice)
(Please indicate the quantity of each desired ONLY IF more than 1 unit is required – i.e. 2 tents)

(1 st Choice)	(2nd Choice)	<u>ACCOMMODATIONS</u> (note quantity available in each category)	
_____	_____	PERSONAL TENT	* We <u>MAY</u> only allow families of 4 or more to reserve these units <u>IF</u> camp accommodations are limited
_____	_____	TREEHOUSE* (sleeps 6) - 4 units	
_____	_____	COVERED WAGON* (sleeps 5) - 7 units	
_____	_____	DORMITORY (bunk beds - sleeps 30)	
_____	_____	PLATFORM TENT (sleeps 4 - 5) – 12 units (2 wheelchair accessible units are available upon request)	

Please make **checks payable** to **TRI-MORaine AUDUBON SOCIETY**, and **Mail registration** form to Eric Broughton, 3167 Clement Dr, Lima OH 45806-1101.

A program brochure will be “mailed” as confirmation of your reservation; please indicate whether you would prefer to receive the brochure via _____ **e-mail** or _____ **regular mail**. (**Please check only one.**)

TMAS CAMP MYEERAH EEW POLICIES

- 1) Parents, grandparents and guardians must supervise the children under their care in a manner which assures the children's safety and that of other persons, as well as the environment.
- 2) No individual campfires are allowed.
- 3) No firearms or weapons of any kind are allowed.
- 4) All participants must adhere to the ***Girl Scouts of Western Ohio*** policies. The Girl Scout policies will be posted at the Camp Myeerah Lodge.

Failure to follow these policies shall result in corrective action that may include expulsion from the campground and may affect future registration for EEW programs.

Become a Supporting Member of TRI-MORaine AUDUBON SOCIETY – ONLY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY NOT NATIONAL AUDUBON MEMBERS

Tri-Moraine, a totally volunteer 501(c)(3) organization, is a chapter of the National Audubon Society (NAS).

TMAS serves Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Shelby, and Van Wert Counties.

All members receive a membership card, eligibility to attend Environmental Education Weekend, the chapter's mailings including its bi-monthly newsletter & a 10% discount on chapter nature store purchases. To report membership issues, contact Bill Askins at 419-339-9751 or e-mail waskins@woh.rr.com.

Name (please print) _____ Telephone _____

Street, PO Box, Apt. No. _____ City, State, ZIP _____ E-mail _____

All dues renew annually at same rates:

- ☐ Individual (18 and over) -- \$10 ☐ Couple -- \$15 ☐ Student (through HS) -- \$5 ☐ Do not share name with NAS
- ☐ Family -- \$20 (Circle one): Parent(s)/children under 18 **OR** Grandparent(s)/children under 18 ☐ Contact me about volunteer opportunities

Please Circle desired newsletter format: Paper or E-mail ☐ Do not send Flight Patterns (newsletter)

Check for \$_____ enclosed (Payable to Tri-Moraine Audubon Society - PO Box 5648 Lima, OH 45802-5648)

2012 Christmas Bird Count Results

At 0730 hrs on Saturday, 15 December 2012, at the McDonalds in Russell's Point, thirteen TMAS birders met in preparation for the Indian Lake CBC (OHIL). John and Ralph Shively (Bellefontaine); Evelyn Prater (Harrod); Don and Mary Rosenbeck (Jackson Center); David Bohla (Lakeview); Jackie Augustine (Lima); Eric Juterbock [coordinator] (Rushsylvania); Bill and Sally Angel (St. Marys); Sophia Braun and Troy Shively (Wapakoneta); and, Stephanie Harpster (Waynesfield) counted as five groups. The water was mostly open, and it was mostly overcast with some sprinkles of rain in the early afternoon. Winds were from the south at 5-15 mph, with temperatures 39-48 F. We covered 310.8 miles in 27.25 group hours by car, and 10.5 miles in 8.75 group hours on foot, between 8am and 5:30pm.

The following OHIL birds were seen (new species or record high numbers over the last 24 years are bolded): Pied-billed Grebe, 4; Great Blue Heron, 4; **Trumpeter Swan, 4**; Mute Swan, **18**; Canada Goose, 179; Mallard, 227; mallard hybrid, 10; No.Shoveler, **41**; Redhead, **21**; Common Goldeneye, 3; Hooded Merganser, 4; Ruddy Duck, 40; No. Harrier, 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 3; Red-tailed Hawk, 16; *Buteo sp.*, 1; Amer. Kestrel, 33; Wild Turkey, 4; Amer. Coot, 75; Sandhill Crane, c.w.; Killdeer, 9; Ring-billed Gull, 1970; Rock Pigeon, 113; Mourning Dove, 78; Great Horned Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, **7**; Red-headed Woodpecker, 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 20; Downy Woodpecker, 44; Hairy Woodpecker, 6; No. (Y-S) Flicker, 2; woodpecker, sp(p)., 4; Horned Lark, 18; Blue Jay, 51; Amer. Crow, 51; Carolina Chickadee, 28; chickadee, sp(p). 5; Tufted Titmouse, 18; White-breasted Nuthatch, 21; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Brown Creeper, 3; Carolina Wren, 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2; Eastern Bluebird, 2; Amer. Robin, 14; No.Mockingbird, 6; Euro.Starling, 5133; Yellow-rumped Warbler, 1; No. Cardinal, 73; Amer. Tree Sparrow, 105; Song Sparrow, 16; White-throated Sparrow, 3; White-crowned Sparrow, 5; sparrow sp., 12; Dark-eyed (S-C) Junco, 96; Lapland Longspur, 1; Brown-headed Cowbird, 5; House Finch, 54; Amer. Goldfinch, 27; and, House Sparrow, 813. This is a total of 55 species, and 9517 individual birds for the day, in addition to 1 Muskrat and 23 Fox Squirrels.

TMAS counters arrived at 0730 hrs at McDonalds in St. Marys for the Grand Lake CBC (OHGL) on Sunday, 16 December 2012. Eight counters, in four groups, started the day, another counted during part of the day: Don and Mary Rosenbeck (Jackson Center); Jackie Augustine (Lima); Allison Brady (New Bremen); Eric Juterbock [coordinator] (Rushsylvania); Bill Angel and Jill Bowers (St. Marys); Jacob Sawmiller (Wapakoneta); and, Stephanie Harpster (Waynesfield). We spent 23.5 group hours in cars covering 301 miles, and 9.75 group hours on foot over 14 miles, between 8am and 5:30pm. The temperature ranged from 49-53 F with 8-16 mph winds, from the SW. Water was open; skies were partly cloudy at the beginning of the day, but mostly cloudy by noon.

We recorded the following OHGL birds (conventions as above): Great Blue Heron, 25; Tundra Swan, 1; Canada Goose, 1594; Cackling Goose, 3; Mallard, 556; Muscovy Duck, 6; No.Shoveler, **200**; duck, sp(p)., 114; Bald Eagle, 3; No. Harrier, 3; Cooper's Hawk, 4; sharp-shinned Hawk, 2; Red-tailed Hawk, 15; Amer. Kestrel, 20; Amer. Coot, 4; Bonaparte's Gull, **43**; Ring-billed Gull, 965; Herring Gull, 12; gull, sp(p)., 4; Rock Pigeon, 75; Mourning Dove, 154; Belted Kingfisher, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 21; Downy Woodpecker, 27; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; No. (Y-S) Flicker, 3; Horned Lark, 89; **Great-crested Flycatcher, 1**; Blue Jay, 45; Amer. Crow, 8; Carolina Chickadee, 8; chickadee, sp(p)., 22; Tufted Titmouse, 23; White-breasted Nuthatch, 26; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Brown Creeper, 11; Carolina Wren, 8; E. Bluebird, 3; Amer. Robin, 27; Euro.Starling, 1564; No.Cardinal, 52; Amer. Tree Sparrow, 36; Swamp Sparrow, 3; Song Sparrow, 14; White-throated Sparrow, 2; sparrow, sp(p)., 2; Dark-eyed (S-C) Junco, 66; Lapland Longspur, **75**; House Finch, 41; Amer. Goldfinch, 54; and, House Sparrow, 888. This is 47 species and 6683 individual birds; I also saw 3 Fox Squirrels, 10 Grey Squirrels and a Cottontail.

Trumpeter Swan was a new species for OHIL for the past 24 years – those four individuals were seen on and off in a field north of Roundhead for a couple of weeks. The Sandhill Cranes for count week marked the fourth time in 24 years – and we have yet to get them on count day! The goldeneye, mergansers and turkey were all seen for only the third time in 24 years; ruddies for only the fifth time. Pied-billed Grebes were at a 13 year high, and Horned Larks a 19 year low. The OHIL total of 55 species ties 1998 for second highest count during these years; we had 57 species in 2005; the total number of birds counted was more than twice last year's count and fourth highest in the 24 years. At OHGL, the only new species was the flycatcher observed at the Coldwater water treatment site, hawking flying insects from the top of a bluebird box! The Shovelers and most of the Bonaparte's Gulls were also at that site - in record high numbers for the count; both species have only been seen in 5 of last 24 years (and gulls not for 18 years). The Longspurs represented another record high for the past 24 years, and both Titmouse and Creeper numbers were the highest in 15 years. For OHGL, both the species total and number of individuals were in the middle of the range for the period. Like last year, I found the generally low numbers and diversity of waterfowl and late season migrants surprising, given the lack of much bad weather prior to the counts. For this reason, it was not surprising to see few of those birds mostly driven to us from up north by bad weather.

Thanks to all of the volunteers! And, don't forget to look for opportunities to bird in the St. Marys River-Grand Lake St. Marys IBA. Bird data from that region can be very useful in monitoring the health of the IBA - keep your binoculars handy!

Eric Juterbock, CBC Coordinator

In case you've mislaid your Annual Appeal 2012-2013 mailing, see the donor form below. Any amount received by May 31 (end of chapter year) will help us meet our anonymous matching grant.

Tri-Moraine Audubon Society 2012 – 2013 Annual Appeal

Name (please print)

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Here is my/our donation of \$ to support Tri-Moraine Audubon Society’s environmental programs and projects.
Please make check payable to: **Tri-Moraine Audubon Society**
Please mail check and this form to: **Treasurer, Tri-Moraine Audubon Society, P.O. Box 5648, Lima, OH 45802-5648.**
May we acknowledge you as a contributor in a future newsletter (no amount listed)? Yes No

AUDUBON ADVENTURES 2012-2013. This National Audubon Society award-winning environmental education program features the natural world and how to protect it for students in grades 3-6. This school year's four-unit edition is titled SHARING OUR EARTH and includes 1) "Caring for Our Planet: Cleaner, Greener Communities for All" 2) "Grasslands: A Prairie Tale" 3) "Sharing Our Shores" and 4) "The World of the Forest." These full-color materials include an educator's guide for each unit, individual newspapers for students, and an educator's toolkit of practical tips and techniques for incorporating nature study into the classroom curriculum. Audubon Adventures (AA) integrates reading with science and other core disciplines and meets science and language arts standards. TMAS has supported the program since its 1984 inception.

The program is free to classroom teachers. The only requirements are that classrooms be located in the chapter's 8-county service area and that materials be used by the teacher with students in the classroom and to facilitate outdoor nature activities. We thank the Celina City Board of Education and the Walter James "Jim" Wright Memorial Fund (in support of Allen County classrooms) for monetary contributions to help fund this outstanding program. The free revised edition of the Audubon Adventures Ohio Series is also being used by many former and new participating teachers. Three units cover forests, prairies, and wetlands past and present. Your chapter was an active partner in the development of these materials made available last year. User response has been most rewarding. "We loved the Ohio stuff. It was just what we were looking for", say 3 area 4th grade teachers.

The chapter is always on the lookout for those teachers interested in our environment and eager to share quality materials with their students. You may contact the education chair with names of potential AA teachers or have candidates contact her directly: Carol M. Bertrand, 419-227-9231 or via the chapter mailing address.

34th Annual Environmental Education Weekend May 3-5

Tri-Moraine Audubon Society will hold its 34th annual Environmental Education Weekend (EEW) at Camp Myeerah, SR 540 near Bellefontaine. EEW provides an opportunity to learn about and experience nature in a truly unique environmental setting. Camp Myeerah is comprised of nearly 500 acres of diverse habitat with meadows, lakes, streams and woodland. Camp Myeerah, one of 66 sites in Ohio, is designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA). www.audubon.org/chapter/oh/oh/ibas.html

The education programs offered will include opportunities to learn about and participate in field trips on bird-watching, wildflowers, stream/pond ecology, woody plants and other nature related programs. Timed to coincide with the spring migration of Neotropical migrant warblers and the spring wildflowers, the weekend will provide a truly unique family oriented educational opportunity.

EEW begins with registration starting at 5:00 PM on Friday, May 3rd and ends on Sunday afternoon, May 5th. All meals are provided for Saturday and Sunday. Camping options include tree houses which sleep 6 people and have sleeping pads on the floor, platform tents which have sleeping pads for 4, and covered wagons which have sleeping pads for 5. You may also bring your own tent to pitch near a small pond. Dormitory accommodations are available if you prefer an option in a heated building with full restroom facilities.

Due to insurance considerations, this opportunity is **available for National Audubon members (or TMAS local Supporting members) and their immediate families only.** For information on joining the Audubon Society, please see the membership form found at the bottom of the registration sheet enclosed or contact Bill Askins at waskins@woh.rr.com or 419-339-9751. To view photos of previous weekends, visit the EE Weekend Photo Gallery on Tri-Moraine Audubon’s website at www.tri-moraineaudubon.org. Or, for further information concerning the weekend contact either Don Rosenbeck at dmrosenbeck@gmail.com or Eric Broughton at ebroughton@woh.rr.com.

The scientist does not study nature because it is useful; he studies it because he delights in it, and he delights in it because it is beautiful. Henri Poincare



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FUNDRAISER RESULTS: **October 13 Wapakoneta Recycle;** a check for \$593.62 (down 29% from 2011) was received on February 7. Aluminum cans were down 65% in quantity and 10 cents per pound. Payment for the plastics PETE - 2 liter and HDPE - Milk was down 8 and 5 cents per pound respectively. We handled approximately 4.25 tons of materials, about the same tonnage as last year, but drive-through traffic was reportedly down from previous weeks. **Winter Birdseed Sale;** a total of \$575.75 was raised at the chapter's Feb. 2 preorder-only restocking sale. All proceeds support local education and conservation programs and projects. The Society thanks those who purchased seed, DeHaven Home & Garden Showplace for the use of both Findlay and Lima store locations for the sale and all the other great backup support, and Northland Quick Print for printing the sale fliers. Thanks, too, to Lima volunteers Bob and Carol Bertrand, Denny Bucholtz, and Birdseed Sales Co-Chair, Anne Smedley, for their work on sale day.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The official time for electing new officers and board members is at the annual meeting in May preceding the program meeting. Nominations are open for vice-president (2-year term), treasurer (2-year term), and member at large (3-year term). Submit nominations to Volunteer Chair Bob Bertrand at 419-227-9231 or via the chapter's mailing address. Nominations must be received no later than Thursday, March 28 as the slate of officers will be presented at the April 2 program meeting. Prior consent of nominees is required.

JOHNNY APPLESEED METRO PARK DISTRICT. Check out the **JAMPD** Cider Press Newsletter for these and many more Spring 2013 activities. Pre-registration is often required.

- Save the Kendrick Woods Ecosystem: 3/18; 25, 4/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 5/6, 20 9 a.m.–Noon KW
- Project WILD / Project WILD Aquatic Workshop: 4/8 & 4/15, 8 – 11 a.m. OSU-Lima
- Nature Photography Workshop: 4/12 - 7:30 pm, MEEC, 4/13 – 3:00 p.m. KW - Cost - \$30
- Wildflower Hike – 4/14 - 2:00 pm – KW

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GREAT AREA PARKS – VOTE TO RENEW THE LEVY!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Please take special note of all our great Saturday field trips this spring, but make plans now to join us for a Monday Big Birding Day on May 13. During this annual all-day trek by TMAS birders we will visit six or seven of Lake Erie's best birding locations during the peak of the spring migration. This is one of my favorite field trips where the goal is to spot and identify 100 bird species in one day. All interested birders, including beginners, are welcome.

This is my final newsletter message as your Chapter President. Starting in June, Dianne Knipp will take over as President. Dianne will do a great job, but will need your support and assistance. For the past three years, I have urged and encouraged you all to spend more time outdoors at one of our many chapter field trips. I do hope that at least once this spring or summer you will make some more time to enjoy and appreciate the wonderful outdoors. I also want to thank all the chapter officers, board members, those of you who led a field trip, brought snacks to a meeting, helped put away chairs after a meeting, represented TMAS at some event, led a program or workshop, or helped in some other way. We have a great Audubon Chapter because we have some very hardworking and dedicated volunteers. I assure you I will remain busy in TMAS projects and I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming activities or program meetings. THANKS, and HAVE A WONDERFUL SPRING OUTDOORS! President, Eric Broughton