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Volunteer Opportunities...

Don't forget the Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 18 and Sunday, December 19 for Grand Lake and Indian Lake. Look on Page 3 for more information.

TMAS Board Meeting - The next TMAS Board meetings will be held in person at 7 p.m. November 30th and January 25th in the Student Services Center on the OSU Lima campus and on Zoom.

My Lamenting...

By Jeannine C. Roediger

Well, I will be a lamenter of sorts for today. Lamenting means weeping, wailing, bemoaning and crying over something we have done or others have done. We all have rued the day about things we have done. We've all been there.

In this column you often find me commenting on the importance of using native plants, trees and shrubs in your plantings. There is good reason for that. Native plants are more familiar to our birds and other animals and are utilized more. Plus, they react and grow in a certain way and seldom grow completely out of hand.

While non-native plants can be a real issue. One of my reasons for my lamenting was planting a recommended windbreak using Tartarian honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*) shrubs almost 50 years ago. I had them circling our homestead on an outside row with lines of conifers on the inside. I had planted hundreds of them. Today, there are several honeysuckle species listed as invasive in Ohio they include *Lonicera japonica*, Japanese honeysuckle; *Lonicera maackii*, Amur honeysuckle; *Lonicera morrowii*, Morrow's honeysuckle; as well as *Lonicera tatarica*.

Little did we know at the time how invasive they would be. Once I realized this it took a couple of years to pull out these mature shrubs with a tractor and skidloader, using chains at their base. Hard work believe me. Then it was dealing with seedlings for over 10 years or more, digging, pulling and cutting them back. I'm still dealing with the residual problems.

Many of our public areas, parks and forests have dealt with this same issue. As I travel I can see honeysuckle's invasions of natural spaces, both in public and private areas, all too clearly. And this is just one species that has caused problems for our natural environment. Think of garlic mustard and the years we have been trying to eradicate it, and other invasive species, such as multiflora rose and kudzu, especially in the South.

At issue is the fact that these non-natives take over, being very aggressive, and subdue or eradicate our natural plant species. They are strong and will grow and establish themselves wherever the seeds are dropped. They shelter other native plants from light, use the available nutrients and moisture, and prevent other native species from growing.

So you can see that in my plantings, nowadays, I stick with native species, and why I expound and recommend that others plant only native species as well. As we all say, I wish I knew then what I know now! That's why I am sharing my lamenting; don't do as I did, but do as I suggest. Go Native!

It will save lots of grief and "lamenting" down the road!



Program Meetings...

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

Nature Preserves of Northwest Ohio – Ryan Schroeder

Ryan Schroeder is a graduate of Columbus Grove High School and The Ohio State University. He has been managing nature preserves in northwest Ohio for 15+ years.

Ryan will be giving an overview of our state nature preserve system within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He will highlight some preserves that are managed throughout northwest Ohio, including rare species found in them, and what it takes to manage them. <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-odnr/nature-preserves/nature-preserves>

Join us in-person at the Visitor and Student Services Center on the OSU Lima campus or by Zoom: Register in advance for this meeting: https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkc-yprD4vHtCrVLg8F7HzJB5o2z_6Ytzv After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. —Photo Safari

Come share your pictures from your travels during the past couple of years. We want to include you as a presenter. Contact Nancy Risner by phone call or text at 419.516.2282 if you would like to share your photos with the group. We look forward to sharing the sites you have visited!

Join us in-person at the Visitor and Student Services Center on the OSU Lima campus or by Zoom: Register in advance for this meeting: <https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwlfuCurD0tH93HXBz2Og4e1CSqSJCAPujl> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.- Water Quality Issues

Clint Schroeder is a biologist with the OSU Extension office in Allen County. Clint will be sharing news about water quality issues or invasive species in Ohio.

Register in advance for this meeting: https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpcuqsrTijEtcBKQILG-4dQV_hXj6sFMeV After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing joining the meeting information.

Submitted by Nancy Risner



Black Capped Chickadee

COAC Update...

Tri-Moraine Audubon is a member of COAC (Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters). The mission of COAC is to aid chapter development in strength, growth and leadership through dialogue and networking between the Chapters, affiliates, individuals and the National Audubon Society; and to provide an independent, collective voice of Ohio chapters and affiliates in all Audubon affairs.

COAC recently sponsored an online fall gathering on October 16, which included presentations from Audubon Great Lakes, Ohio Young Birders Conservation Project, a Columbus Audubon panel on increasing board diversity and a Native Plant Backyard Challenge.

COAC members will meet in person for a planning session in Columbus on Sunday, December 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on this meeting or on COAC, please contact Tri-Moraine Chapter representative Judy Jacomet at 419.236.1744.

Submitted by Judy Jacomet

Former Founding Member Passes...

Jackie Light, founding member and former president of the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society for eight years and a State Audubon Board member, passed away on Nov. 4 in Hood River, Oregon.

A long-time Lima resident, she and her husband, Bill, retired to Oregon in 2010 to be closer to their children. Prior to that she had been very active in community affairs. She started The Environmental Education Weekend over 42 years ago, sharing her passion for the natural world and being hands-on in providing meals and educational sessions. She was instrumental in the purchase of Camp Myeerah as a nature preserve.

Her vision allowed Camp Myeerah to exist. It provides educational opportunities yet today.

Thank You Jackie, RIP! *Submitted by Don Rosenbeck*

New Email for Webmaster...

The new email account for our webmaster, Michael Wildermuth is *Tri-MoraineWebmaster@outlook.com*

The old email account is no longer working, so any communication should be directed to the new account as above.

Unique Calendar Available...

Jamie Cunningham and Dan Hodges are putting together a unique wall calendar for 2022 using photos they have taken. If you want to pre-order one, please let Jamie or Dan know. The cost will be in the \$25 range.

2022 Environmental Education Weekend...

This coming year's EEW is scheduled for April 29 – May 1, 2022. As final plans have not yet been made, you may wish to "reserve" that weekend. When plans are finalized, the event may be a one day, two day or full weekend event. Look for further information in the coming newsletters. We hope to see you there! *Submitted by Don Rosenbeck*

Christmas Bird Count...

The Christmas Bird Count will be held Saturday, December 18 and Sunday, December 19 for Grand Lake and Indian Lake. The CBC checks the populations of local birds and winter visitors.

For more information contact Eric Juterbock at 216.905.8909 or juterbock.1@osu.edu for details on times and meeting places.

Field Trips... WINTER WALK – Haver Ridge—Sat., Jan. 22 – 9:00 a.m. – Haver Ridge: 8335 Bellefontaine Rd.

Harrod, OH Experience nature in winter with a hike at beautiful Haver Ridge Metro Park. Join the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District for a hike encompassing several habitat types including woods, wetlands and prairie. Be prepared for the weather and ground conditions. Haver Ridge offers an approximately 1-mile moderate trail. Register at www.jampd.com by Jan 21.

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT Sat., Feb 19 – 9:00 am – McElroy Env. Ed. Center: 2355 Ada Rd. Lima, Ohio

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Join the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District for a brief presentation on bird ID and then relax as we observe birds at the feeders from the comfort of the indoors. If the weather is nice, we'll take a hike and observe birds in the woods as well. Coffee and tea will be provided. Register at www.jampd.com by Feb 17. *Submitted by Dan Hodges*



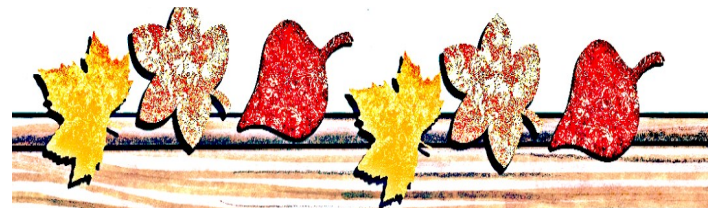
Ban on Bird feeding Lifted...

The ban on bird feeding has been lifted as of September 8, according to the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

We still must maintain cleanliness in our feeders and birdbaths. Reports of sick or dead birds possibly affected with the mysterious bird illness in Ohio have slowed.

There is still no diagnosis on the cause of the mysterious bird illness. Research is ongoing at multiple labs.

It is important to keep alert and keep feeders clean: use a 10% bleach solution (1 part bleach, 9 parts water), rinse, and let dry at least once a week. Take a break (7-10 days) from feeding if you see sick or dead birds. *From Ohio Division of Wildlife*





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President's Message...

Greetings,

Well the holiday season is upon us, as is colder weather. While things may slow down at the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society there are still plenty of things to get us outdoors. First though, I want to remember Jackie Light and the tremendous impact she had on all of us who were fortunate to have known her. What a positive difference she and Bill made in area environmental and environmental education efforts. One of those wonderful things that Jackie started, and Don Rosenbeck continues, is the Environmental Education Weekend.

The pandemic seems to be "winding down" and things are slowly getting back to "normal." I hope that you and your family will join us at a program meeting or field trip, at the Environmental Education Weekend, or one of the many activities sponsored by our friends at local parks and nature programs.

It will be great to see you again, to get outside, to introduce young children and relatives to the wonders of nature. I also want to thank all of you who in small and big ways make this (your) Audubon chapter so active and successful!

Eric

