



The Case for Vultures

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:30 pm
- OSU Lima Visitor Center -

Have you seen a vulture lately? When is the last time you've taken the time to really appreciate them? Come to this exciting talk led by Johnny Appleseed Metropark's **Marie Walton** on one of nature's most important creatures! You'll learn about how they came to be, the very specific niche they fill, more about their behaviors, and how beneficial and fundamental these birds truly are!

Birding: The comic book we get to live!

Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:30 pm
- OSU Lima Visitor Center -

What if birding were a comic book full of origin stories, epic quests, elusive nemeses, and unexpected superpowers? **Killian Sullivan** shares his journey to 700 US species and ABA's Young Birder of the Year as a graphic novel come to life. His path has been shaped by mentors, friends, and a birding community who have taught, inspired, and challenged him. Killian's story shows how birding is more than a hobby – it is a shared adventure where every birder writes their own heroic story!

Killian, recently recognized as Young Birder of the Year by the American Birding Association is a 14-year-old birder from Columbus, Ohio. His birding passion began with a Steller's Jay in Lake Tahoe and his love for birds continues to grow each day. Birding complements his love for travel, adventure, and rock climbing. His favorite destinations are southeast Arizona, New Jersey's Cape May, and any pelagic trip; he is perhaps the youngest birder to see 700 species in the United States! At home, he loves observing one of his favorite birds – the Carolina Wren.

SPRING PROGRAMS

Warblers of Ohio

Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:30 pm
- OSU Lima Visitor Center -

Does Ohio have warblers? If so, where are they and where do they travel? What resources do these birds need while in Ohio? What can we do for Ohio's warbler populations? Learn about the warblers that visit and reside right here in Ohio!



Brittany Leick-Laird leads the TZ Bird Club, which is the bird club of the Toledo Zoo. She coordinates bird walks, day trips, youth camps, workshops and other birding activities.

Brittany earned a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Biology from Unity College and has been involved in many activities such as habitat management, program coordination, and bird rescue.



Killdeer Plains Field Trip

Saturday, March 21, 2026 - 10:00 am

Killdeer Plains Upground Reservoir

Come explore some of the 8,000+ acres of wetlands, prairies, and woodlots at Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area as we look for waterfowl and much more! We'll do some walking, but we will mostly be driving between points of interest. Prepare for the weather and pack a lunch/snacks/beverages.

We will meet at the Killdeer Upground Reservoir at 10 am. Feel free to stay as long as you like, some participants will stay into the afternoon. Experienced and beginning birders are welcome.

Myeerah Nature Preserve - EEW Field Trip -

Saturday, May 2, 2026, 9:00 am

- 7405 OH-540, Bellefontaine, OH 43311 -

SPRING FIELD TRIPS

Enjoy a day for exploration and field study at the Myeerah Nature Preserve near Bellefontaine, Ohio on May 2nd. The bird walk starts at 9am, bring a picnic lunch, and take a wildflower walk afterward! You may extend your personal time both earlier or later, the preserve is open dawn to dusk!

Myeerah Nature Preserve was established in 2014 through the efforts of TMAS and The Trust for Public Land. It was a former Girl Scout camp of Appleseed Ridge Girl Scouts (1963, Lima) which had combined with the Girl Scout camps of Toledo and Cincinnati forming the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. The foresight of the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio made possible this unique 449 acre site (an Audubon Important Bird Area) as a nature preserve which is managed by Bellefontaine Parks Recreation Department for the enjoyment of all.



Big Birding Day!

Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 8:30 am

- Magee Marsh Nature Center -

Come visit some of the hottest birding locations in the world! This is peak migration for our songbirds, and our birding trip will begin at the most popular hotspot first - Magee Marsh. We'll move on to neighboring areas including Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Howard Marsh, and more!

Plan to meet at the Magee Marsh Nature Center at 8:30 am (carpool depart at 6:30, location TBD). Feel free to stay with the group as long as you like, some participants bird until the evening. Prepare for the weather, bring binoculars if you can, and pack a lunch/snacks. Experienced and beginning birders are welcome!

- Become a Member -

To join or renew your membership please visit our website or email davgratz@gmail.com.

Memberships are from July 1st of the current year to June 30th the following year.

Membership forms are available at monthly meetings.

- Donate to TMAS -

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