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SPECIAL PREVIEW
of *Golden-Wings*, our
OYBC Newsletter



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Dear Friends: It's a wonderful feeling when we receive positive and supportive comments from members after they've read our newsletter. Remarks frequently sound something like "BSBO is really doing good work." Or, "We really appreciate all the great work the BSBO staff is doing for young people." Those comments are affirming, but they do miss one very important point: YOU are BSBO, too.

Yes, the staff here works their tail feathers off trying to do as much good for birds as we possibly can. But none of it would be possible without our members. So as you page through this special edition of the newsletter, please take a moment and remember that YOU are part of every accomplishment highlighted here. And I hope you'll share in the feelings of pride and hope that I feel when I consider all that this small but mighty organization is doing.

Now, about this special edition. For more than ten years, BSBO has been a national leader in engaging young birders and connecting them with the birds and the natural world. Our Ohio Young Birders Club (OYBC) has inspired numerous states to form their own version of the OYBC patterned after our model. We were receiving so many requests for help that we spent months writing a Young Birders Club toolkit, and it has become a valuable tool for helping others build their own youth birding programs. Hundreds of young people across the country are now spending more time in nature, away from cell phones and electronics. They're connecting with other young people who share their love of nature, and that helps build a community of their peers that supports, fosters, and nurtures their interest, building a brighter future for these kids and for conservation. YOU made that possible!

The OYBC is a robust program with its own newsletter, GOLDEN-WINGS, a website, and five local chapters across the state helping to provide an impressive range of activities and opportunities. The student members generate all the content for their newsletter, and once a year they gather for their own conference where all of the presentations are given by—you guessed it—the kids. And if you've never experienced the intense feeling of hope and inspiration you get as you watch a 10-year old climb up on a milk crate in order to reach the podium to deliver a PowerPoint presentation on bird conservation, you should mark your calendars for November 4th and join us for the 11th annual Ohio Young Birders Conference.

At the end of the BSBO portion of this newsletter you'll find a special edition of GOLDEN-WINGS. When times are tough, we look to these youth conservation leaders for inspiration and motivation - and we find it every time. We hope you will too.

Yours in bird conservation,

Kimberly Kaufman

BSBO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The YWCA of Northwest Ohio has selected Kimberly Kaufman, BSBO's Executive Director, as the recipient of one of their 2017 Milestone Award in the Sciences category. The award was established in 1996 to honor women from Northwest Ohio who have made significant contributions in the fields of arts, business, education, government, sciences, social services, and volunteerism. The mission of YWCA Northwest Ohio is to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Congratulations on this great achievement, Kimberly!

MEMBERS ONLY FIELD TRIPS

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The BSBO team is so incredibly grateful for the support our members give to our organization. Members are constantly giving to BSBO, and we try to give back to our members whenever we can.

As part of this effort, we've recently held a few exclusive "Members Only" field trips. We enjoyed excellent looks at Magee Marsh's local Northern Shrike and Saw-whet Owls, and were delighted by Woodcocks and all sorts of waterfowl!

We look forward to continuing these "Members Only" events throughout the year.

For timely announcements about upcoming walks, be sure to subscribe to *Words on Birds*, our e-newsletter!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR BSBO'S NEW SUMMER WORKSHOP: CELEBRATING THINGS WITH WINGS!

Saturday, July 15th & Sunday, July 16th
More details coming SOON!

Our summer "Celebrating things with Wings" workshop will feature presentations on Ohio's birds, bats, butterflies and moths! Make plans to join us for a fun and educational workshop. Sign up for *Words on Birds*, BSBO's e-newsletter, for all the latest updates!

Did you know that BSBO offers a monthly e-newsletter, called *Words on Birds*? We'll continue to offer this printed newsletter twice per year, but subscribing to our e-news is a great way to receive more frequent updates, save money and paper, and stay connected with the BSBO team. Visit **BSBO.org** to subscribe today!



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THE BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING

Tour Company Partners

Alongside the greatest volunteers in the world, our Biggest Week Tour Company Partners provide world-class guiding services during the festival. Look for the folks wearing the gold caps with the word GUIDE on the back. They're always happy to help find and identify birds!



Walk-in registration will be available at Maumee Bay State Park Lodge & Conference Center starting on Thursday, May 4th



2017 Visitors' Guide now available!

WHY REGISTER?

1. Score an exclusive festival goodie bag!
2. Attend several "registrants only" events!
3. Have fun at evening socials!
4. Sign up for our awesome slate of workshops and events!
5. Meet new birders!

TRY CANON CAMERAS AND LENSES - FOR FREE

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Back again by popular demand, don't miss your chance to field test some of the finest Canon cameras and lenses 100% FREE OF CHARGE for a full 24 hours during The Biggest Week.

Simply stop by Optics Alley (the big white tent) at Black Swamp Bird Observatory, fill out a simple form, and spend a full day trying out Canon's extraordinary equipment absolutely free.

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BIG WEEK, BIG IMPACT

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Promoting the cause of bird conservation is at the heart of The Biggest Week. 100% of the proceeds donated to the Conservation Fund will be used for improving and expanding habitat for birds. Last year we raised over \$10,000! You can help us reach our 2017 goal of \$15,000! Donate at www.bsbo.org or by visiting the Conservation

Fund tables at Maumee Bay Lodge and BSBO from May 5-14.

2016 Conservation Fund Recipients:

- The Nature Conservancy
- American Bird Conservancy
- Black Swamp Conservancy
- Sandusky County Parks

FREE BEGINNER AND FAMILY BIRD WALKS

Family Bird Walk

Meet at Pearson Metropark
Sunday, May 14
10:00 AM—Noon

Young Birder Walks

Meet at Magee Marsh
Parking Lot (East End)
Saturday, May 6 and May 13
9:00 AM—Noon

Beginner Bird Walks

Meet at Pearson Metropark • 10:00 AM—Noon
Saturday, May 6 • Sunday, May 7 • Saturday, May 13

BIRDING IS FOR EVERYONE

Our unique social events make The Biggest Week about more than just birds — it's about the people who love them, and bringing us together!

BIRDER PROM | TATTOO CONTEST | LGBT SOCIAL

May 12, 7-10 pm

May 11, 6-7:30 pm

May 6, 6:30-10:30 pm

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RESEARCH UPDATES

Fall migration was near average (Ave. 4,847) for the season. Many species were above average, but high volume species such as White-throated Sparrow, Myrtle Warbler, and Ruby-crowned Kinglet were well below average. The Northern Saw-whet Owl was the second capture for the station and the Green Heron was the second fall capture ever. Prothonotary Warbler set a record fall capture rate while Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, and Hairy Woodpecker equaled record captures for the fall season. There was a good movement of Purple Finch and Red-breasted Nuthatch this fall. Low captures were noted in White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Slate-colored Junco, Swamp Sparrow, Warbling Vireo, Nashville Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and American Robin. While details of this season need to be analyzed (especially age ratios) it has been reported from the Mississippi River to the east coast that migrant numbers appear to be down this fall.

We offer heartfelt thanks to our amazing volunteers for all the time, energy and skill they bring to this and all of our projects. Without these dedicated people, our work would not be possible. We also offer sincere gratitude to Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge for their support of our research efforts. This fall, the lodging they provided made it possible for us to bring on two seasonal research technicians, which made an enormous difference for us.

2016 fall banding season by the numbers:



Pictured Clockwise: Northern Saw-whet Owl, Purple Finch, (possible Western) Wood-Pewee, and Red-breasted Nuthatch.

4,275 birds banded
91 species banded
28 warbler species recorded

Top ten species banded:

Blackpoll Warbler	781
Swainson's Thrush	486
Gray Catbird	343
Golden-crowned Kinglet	320
Gray-cheeked Thrush	209
Hermit Thrush	170
Magnolia Warbler	165
White-throated Sparrow	158
Common Yellowthroat	137
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	113

The BSBO team offers sincere congratulations to Dr. Auriel Fournier on her successful defense of her doctoral thesis. Dr. Fournier began her research career as a volunteer at BSBO working on our long-term study of rails. She was also a founding youth member of BSBO's Ohio Young Birders Club.

We're very proud of Auriel, and honored that BSBO's research provided a platform for this outstanding scientist.



Watch for daily updates with highlights from our Navarre Marsh Banding Station on BSBO's Facebook page!

BSBO ON THE GO!

Members and guests of BSBO and OYBC had a great time on two recent field trips: the 2016 Christmas Bird Count and the Killdeer Plains field trip.

FREMONT CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The Fremont CBC yielded 73 species including a very rare Cave Swallow!

KILLDEER PLAINS FIELD TRIP

Killdeer Plains produced 58 species, including Greater White-fronted Geese, Snow and Ross's Goose, and stunning looks at three Short-eared Owls!

DATES SET FOR 2017 PELAGIC TRIPS!

November 18 and December 2nd

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BSBO's Lake Erie Pelagics have become legendary! These trips are relaxed and easy-going, and they sell out FAST. Registration will open SOON and we encourage you to jump on board as soon as it opens.

Visit bsbo.org/calendar-of-events for more details on the pelagics and many other BSBO events and activities!

The BSBO Conservation Team has been addressing ongoing initiatives which we hope will ensure the well-being of birds, bats and their habitats as Spring migration approaches.

Camp Perry Wind Turbine

Despite repeated efforts by BSBO and American Bird Conservancy (ABC) to elicit a response from the Ohio Air National Guard on the previously filed Notice of Intent to Sue, no response of any kind was provided. Accordingly, a legal complaint prepared by counsel for ABC was filed March 27, 2017. Presumably, counsel for the OANG will file at least a minimally responsive answer to avoid being subject to a default judgement. We will keep you apprised of further developments.

LEEDCo Icebreaker Project

As previously reported, BSBO's analysis of LEEDCo's draft Risk Assessment raises many questions about the validity of the main conclusion of the document, i.e. that the risk to birds and bats of building wind turbines 7-8 miles of the shore of Lake Erie near Cleveland is very low.

Significant issues raised by BSBO Research Director Mark Shieldcastle were incorporated into comments prepared by BSBO and American Bird Conservancy (ABC) and submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) as part of the public comment period. Those comments can be found in their entirety on the BSBO website. The BSBO/ABC comments also endorsed a separate comment letter submitted to the OPSB by the National Audubon Society. BSBO, ABC and NAS will continue to collaborate as appropriate on this project.

It appears that there will be additional time for that collaboration as on April 3, 2017, the OPSB issued a letter to LEEDCo indicating that its application did not meet the requirements of certain sections of the Ohio Revised Code, specifically the requirements to have Memoranda of Understanding signed by

the appropriate government agency detailing an agreement on pre-construction, during construction, and post-construction measures to be taken to study and mitigate impacts on fisheries and other aquatic resources, as well as birds and bats. At such time as those MOUs are in place the OPSB will re-consider the application. We will continue to closely monitor this project and have input wherever possible.

**All the material
referenced in this update
and all the latest
BSBO Conservation
Committee news is available at:
bsbo.org/conservation-updates**

BSBO Speaks Out In Support of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Opposition continues to build in many quarters to the almost complete elimination of funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) within the overall budget for USEPA. The GLRI is a source of funding for many programs devoted to studying and solving the problems of HABs (Hazardous Algae Blooms) in Lake Erie and conserving habitat used by wildlife along the shores of the lake. Of particular note is the longstanding Lake Erie research program headquartered at Stone Labs and administered for decades by The Ohio State University.

BSBO's Conservation Team prepared a letter to be sent to key state and federal legislators providing what we hope is a valuable perspective on what the elimination of the GLRI funding would have on efforts to conserve birds and bats in the region.

BSBO Continues to Push for Transparency in Disclosure of Bird and Bat Mortality Data

Iberdrola Renewables Litigation

The amicus (friend of the court) brief prepared by ABC and BSBO detailing why bird and bat mortality data collected at the Blue Creek wind farm in west central Ohio is not trade secret information and thus should be disclosed under the Public Records laws of Ohio has been allowed by the Court, but as expected, counsel for Iberdrola has filed a motion for summary judgement which, if allowed, would essentially end the litigation. A decision on the Iberdrola motion may occur as early as April 18, 2017.

EDP Renewables-Timber Road Wind Facility

The bird and bat mortality data secured from EDP Renewables through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources was found to be encrypted and so initially not accessible by BSBO. Communication with ODNR has, with some considerable effort, finally resulted in an understanding of what is needed to access this data. BSBO is seeking university partnerships to undertake a detailed analysis of the data and to apply appropriate statistical techniques to confirm or refute the conclusions reached by EDP's consultants on the significance of the mortality of birds and bats which have occurred at the Timber Road facility.

Conservation Team at The Biggest Week In American Birding

For those who plan to attend the Biggest Week in American Birding in May 2017, members of the Conservation Team will be available at the BSBO booth to answer your questions and provide additional information on BSBO's initiatives on wind energy. We hope to see you there and have a chance to chat in person!

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The 10th Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference was held on November 5th. Hosted by our friends at the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, it was hard to miss the stunning architecture, and the theater venue provided the perfect atmosphere for these remarkable student presentations. Over 100 participants were treated to behind-the-scenes tours of the Zoo's aviary and aquarium. And at the heart of the conference were the presentations given by top-notch young birders, and bird ID quiz assistants that inspired an audience filled with OYBC members, mentors, and supporters. Our Keynote, Phil Chaon, was one of the founding members of the OYBC; it was Phil, back in 2006, who suggested the idea of an annual conference where the students gave all the presentations. The most important message of the day was that everyone was encouraged to follow where their own path may lead and to embrace what they feel passionate about!

(Group photo at the 10th Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference hosted by Toledo Zoo & Aquarium.)

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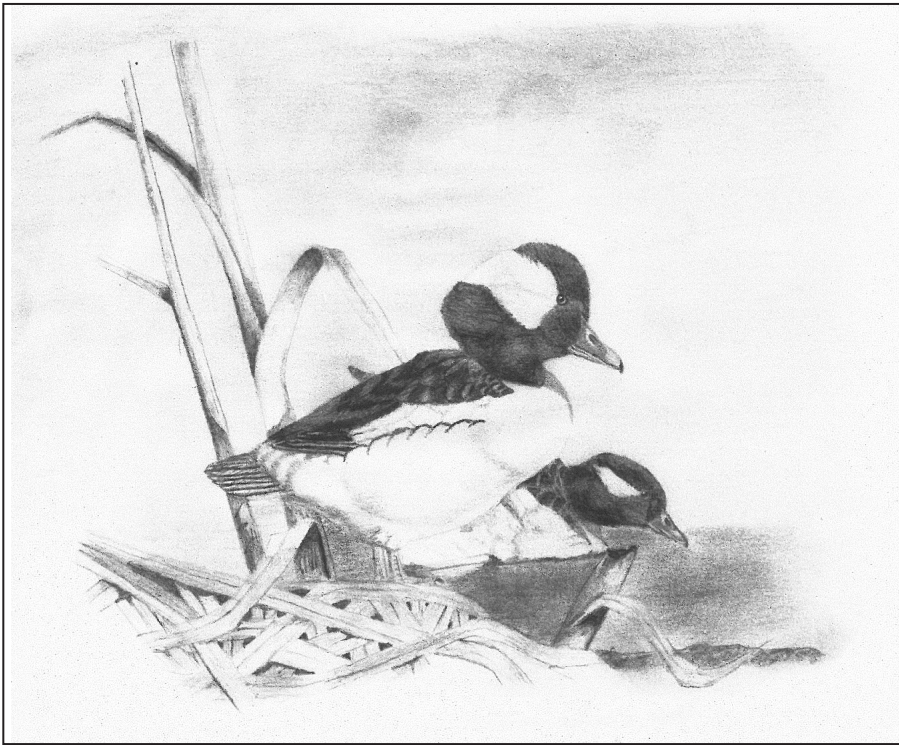
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Check out ebird.org/content/ybn/

OYBC Artwork and Photo Gallery



Buffleheads
Artwork by Jesse Hershberger



Anna's Hummingbird
Photo by Ethan Rising

"You can know the name of a bird in all the languages of the world, but when you're finished, you'll know absolutely nothing whatever about the bird...So let's look at the bird and see what it is doing — that's what counts. I learned very early the difference between knowing the name of something and knowing something."

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Green Heron
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Young Turkey Vultures
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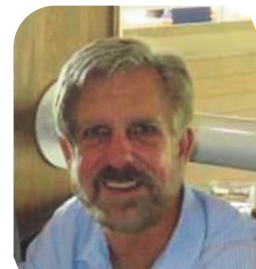
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Sunday Field Trip

Participants enjoyed a bird walk at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and a banding demo presented by the BSBO research team.
Snow Buntings were one of the highlights during the morning walk. Left: Ryan Jacob, BSBO Staff Naturalist, shows molt on a White-throated Sparrow during the banding demo.



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AT THE TOLEDO ZOO AND AQUARIUM



Left to Right: Auriel, Jules, Ethan, Doug, Phil, Tyler, Pres, Anna, Jethro, Nate, Adriana

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- It was hard to miss the stunning architecture all around. It was fascinating to learn about the history of the buildings and how some were built as an effort to put people back to work after the Great Depression.
- The behind-the-scenes tour of the aviary was extremely popular! Participants saw how the staff creates meals for the various species to ensure that the specific nutritional needs of each bird are met—especially since many of the birds are tropical.
- Two of the founding OYBC members held a Q & A with the audience, allowing for younger members to learn from their experiences in birding, education, and their professional careers that incorporate conservation and nature appreciation.
- Fabulous door prizes included a framed duck stamp print signed by the artist, bird feeders, bird guides and novels signed by the authors, optics accessories, and birding gear.
- Raffle drawings for a set of Kaufman Field Guides, Leica Trinovid HD binoculars, and a Vortex Diamondback spotting scope raised over \$1,000 that will benefit the OYBC John F. Gallagher Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- One lucky young birder won a FREE pair of Celestron Nature DX binoculars!

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Young Birder Profile: Katelyn shelton, Age 14

GOLDEN-WINGS (GW) – What got you interested in birds, and in what year did you start birding?

Katelyn Shelton (KS) – I was always interested in animals since I was little. As I got older, I began to pick up the camera and take pictures of what visited my backyard every day: birds. The more I enjoyed this, the more I wanted to know, “What exactly am I taking pictures of?” I think it was early 2015 when I started to actually bird. It was in 2016 that I found out about OYBC.

GW – Have you had birding mentors or heroes who helped you?

KS – Well, I don’t have any birding heroes, but I certainly have wonderful mentors! Tim Daniel and Nina Harfmann are the leaders of my chapter, and they have given me wonderful tips and great inspiration.

GW – Do you have a favorite bird? If so, what makes it your favorite?

KS – I have a lot of favorites, but I’d have to say that it would either be a Red-eyed Vireo, Osprey, or Hairy Woodpecker. Red-eyed Vireos are just so beautiful and I love how they sing in our woods all day long. Ospreys are just majestic to me, and their appetite for fish is interesting. Lastly, Hairy Woodpeckers have such bold personalities. I love to watch the pair visit our suet feeders.

GW – Where is your favorite place to bird?

KS – Besides my backyard, I really enjoy birding in a field near my house. It backs up to a forest and a river so I see a nice variety of birds. If I could travel by car, I would probably go to the Hoover Dam where I could see waterfowl and other birds that aren’t at my home.



GW – What bird would you most like to see, and why?

KS – I would most like to see a Blackburnian Warbler. They have such a vibrant color combination and I would love to witness its beauty in the wild.

GW – So far what would you say is your greatest accomplishment in birding?

KS – Well, I really enjoyed seeing my first Red-breasted Nuthatch, but I

think seeing an Anna’s Hummingbird would be my greatest accomplishment so far. I know I was very lucky to see her, being a rare little hummer in our state. (Above: Anna’s Hummingbird, early December in Miami County.)

GW – Are you interested in any other natural science areas besides birds?

KS – I really enjoy seeing mammals, lizards, salamanders, turtles, and fish. Pretty much anything living! I’ve always been interested in the natural world.

GW – Do you have any other interests or hobbies?

KS – I love to kayak and I’m a flute player in my school’s band. I also love to camp and listen for owls while I’m curled up in my sleeping bag. Hiking on trails or off-road is really fun too. Another thing is that I like to travel.

GW – Are any of your friends or family members birders? If not, how do you handle that?

KS – Sure, some of them get interested, but I don’t think any of them consider themselves birders. This can be frustrating at times, when no one really understands what’s so great about birds. A lot of them don’t have the patience to wait around for a bird or stop to listen. This is aggravating, especially when I think it may be a bird I’ve never seen before. To deal with it, I take lots of pictures and show them to friends and family. They like the photos! Another way was to join OYBC, where I could meet people with the same interests as me. It really turned out!

GW – In your experience, what do most people your age think about birding? And if their view of birding isn’t totally positive, what can we do to change that?

KS – Most the time, if I tell a friend at school about an exciting bird I saw or complain that raccoons broke my suet feeder once again, they either shrug or laugh a little. It’s probably because they don’t know what a Red-breasted Nuthatch is or the thought of seeing a bird doesn’t thrill them. I’m not sure if we can change that;

people will be people and that’s ok. I can’t change what they think is exciting. I just wish I would get a little more feedback.

GW – Do you think the internet can help foster a community of young birders? How?

KS – I believe that the internet can help foster a community of young birders because so many young people spend their time on electronic devices. Social media is a great way for lots of people to see what you can offer them. Some kids don’t have access to nature like we do.



Katelyn with one of her favorite birds, the Red-eyed Vireo.

GW – If you could go anywhere in the world to see a bird, where would you go and what bird would you look for?

KS – I’d like to go to Eurasia to look for a Common Kingfisher. It’d be lovely to see a tiny kingfisher shining like a jewel alight on a flower!

GW – Where do you go to school?

KS – I go to Groveport Madison Middle School South (GMMSS). I know, it’s a mouthful, isn’t it? My school is pretty decent, not too small, not too big. I wish we had recess though. It has a nice habitat of trees and fields, along with a small creek. I saw my first Blue-gray Gnatcatcher there.

GW – What is your dream job?

KS – I’m not sure, definitely something that is related to the outdoors or birds! I would like to work out in the field, actually in contact with birds or in nature. No plain rooms with a desk please!

GW – If your dream job isn’t related to birding, do you think you will still be a birder once you have your dream job?

KS – Absolutely! It would be a very relaxing and wonderful hobby. My backyard would probably be filled with feeders and I’ll still be very active in the outdoors!

GW – Do you volunteer anywhere?

KS – I volunteered at the Grange Audubon Center in Columbus, and so far I’ve been there to clean and care for turtles and their tanks. Once, while cleaning a softshell’s tank, she escaped and I found her near the door of the building. Feeding the snappers is fun too.

GW – Do you keep a life list, and if so, how many birds are on it?

KS – I do keep a life list, and so far, I have 128 different bird species on it, and the number is only growing!

GW – Has becoming a member of the OYBC changed birding for you? If so, can you describe or explain how?

KS – Most definitely. I’ve met so many new, kind people with the same interests as me. I also have had many new opportunities to be closer to birds, physically and mentally. It was the best thing that happened to me.

(Photo Credit: Anna’s Hummingbird by Katelyn Shelton, Katelyn by Adriana Losey)

View Katelyn’s full interview at www.ohioyoungbirders.org

Bird Banding by Mitchell SanGregory, age 13

It was a cool, dark morning on September 4th. I was in the middle of a pleasant dream when my alarm clock blared: *BOOP BOOP BOOP BOOP!!!!* I got up, turned it off, and realized it was only 5:00 in the morning! But I was forgetting that hundreds of cute little shorebirds would soon be in my midst – or more like in my hands. Literally.

So, I drowsily gathered my birding gear and headed off with my Dad to a pre-designated rest area along State Route 2 to meet my fellow young birders. On the way, I tried to focus my birding senses... without falling asleep, that is. Once we got to the rest area, I noticed a promising sign: Wood Ducks. They were in the dozens, flying in pairs out of a nearby stream.



These shorebirds are extremely fluffy. The experience of holding a bird like a sandpiper is un-beatable. They are very, very calm (although one tried to bite my thumb).

My Dad and I had carpooled with another birder from the rest area to the mudflat known as Blausey Unit. The fog on the way was hanging like a sheath in which Barn Swallows flew. About a mile away from the mudflat was another promising sign: two or three little sandpipers were strutting around in somebody's yard!

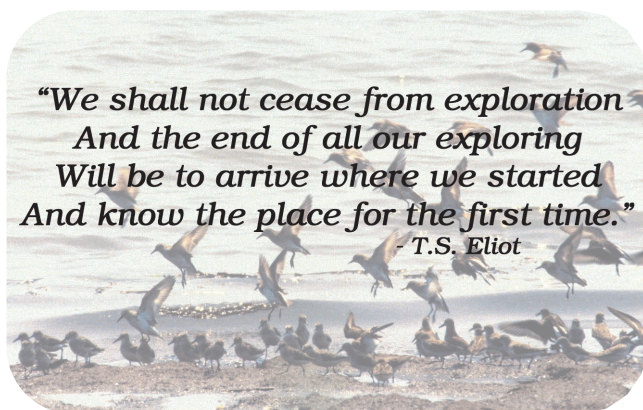
The Blausey Unit is federally owned and managed by the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, so we were really lucky to be granted access. Our main objective was to watch and assist with banding the birdies. When we arrived at the mudflat, I excitedly hopped out of the car and immediately noticed the shorebirds. Soras were scurrying in the reeds and there were birds all over the place!

I then noticed a little table with hooks that were holding up some small cloth bags. I had accidentally brushed into one and it peeped. I thought, "Wait, bags don't peep!" That's when I realized the bags had birds in them. Then the man who was banding the birds, Mr. Tom Bartlett, opened one of the bags; before long he had one very cute Least Sandpiper sitting calmly in his hand. He banded the bird, weighed it, measured the length of its wing, measured its beak length, tried to determine its sex, and then let the bird go. We banded Killdeer, Lesser Yellowlegs, Short-billed Dowitchers, Semipalmated Plovers, Semipalmated Sandpipers, and Least Sandpipers. In all, more than 32 birds were tagged (while we were there) and released happily.

After banding, we went to a place called Willow Point. My Dad and I know this place as a fishing spot, but we had no clue that there was a section jam-packed with shorebirds. We really had to worm our way through the grasses to get to a small sliver of land loaded with sandpipers. There were at least five different species all together in a big group.

On the way to Willow Point, I spotted a Savannah Sparrow flailing around in a corner in the road. We stopped the car to see if we could help it. But the little guy was not hurt; he was just taking a dirt bath! Right when our carpool driver hopped out of the car, the sparrow fluttered away.

Altogether, I got to add 11 new birds to my life list. It was an AMAZING experience!!! I can't wait for our next trip!



*"We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time."
- T.S. Eliot*



Tom Bartlett with a Least Sandpiper before it was banded. Photo by Mitchell SanGregory.

The Life of an Adolescent Birder By Nate Koszycki



It's not always easy. Being a varsity hockey player and an aspiring ornithologist is not something you see every day in the average 16-year-old. Growing up with peers who don't necessarily understand birding creates a challenge when trying to be a birder at this age.

All young birders vary. Some are all-out bird fanatics who chase any rare bird within a fifty-mile radius.

Some prefer to be in large birding clubs and social settings to share their experiences. Others keep to themselves, enjoying birding on their own and creating personal experiences. In school, some may be very athletic, others more involved in their studies, or even into technological interests.

Personally, I can go a few ways. In the field, I love to be on my own at times, collecting data from my local patch and keeping record of what I've been seeing. But I also enjoy leading and speaking to groups, while sharing and gaining knowledge with and from other birders. In school, I would say I am more on the athletic side, yet not as social as most other school athletes. I go to my fair share of football and basketball games, but other than that, my life is devoted to studying bird identification and preparing for hockey.

Regardless of these things, most of us young birders share a common obstacle that can prevent us from enjoying our passion: a fear of being persecuted because of our love for birds. As we all know, the vast majority of adolescents and children are not birders. Stereotypically, birding is pursued by more mature generations. Being surrounded by friends and others my age who may think birding is "nerdy" is something that many birders my age think about daily.

In this piece, I have provided my own personal experiences as a young birder who has struggled at times to pursue my passion while in the classroom. I have also given tips for young birders out there to not only help you survive through school or sports with your birding, but to excel in a greater knowledge of your passion.

Personal Experiences

I started birding at age 6, and really started to express my passion for birds to my acquaintances around 2nd grade, when I would bring all different types of field guides to school. I would always keep a few inside my desk, and I remember getting yelled at by the teacher for having them out when they were going over homework or teaching a lesson.

At that point in my life as a birder, I didn't think too much of hiding it, because no one really cared at that young of an age. I started to feel conscious of my birding around 7th grade, when everybody started to assume that it was abnormal for a kid like me to be a birder. However, not many of my peers confronted me about being a hardcore birder, and I was fortunate to not be ostracized directly because of hockey. I was generally accepted because of the high-intensity, rough-edged sport that I play. Although I was on good terms with my junior high acquaintances, things changed a bit after graduation from my former school.

After graduating from grade school, I started my high school career at St. John's Jesuit High School, where I continue to attend today as a junior. With incredible teachers, faculty, and students, the school continues to create "men for others" on a daily basis. Although I was thrilled and thankful to attend a prestigious high school, establishing myself as a birder to new people in a new environment was a whole

different animal as a freshman. It was incredibly intimidating to be around students five times my size, and it was a struggle to be an open birder at the start of high school. The days of carrying a field guide to class were over, and I kept my birding to myself for a good portion of the year.

My school allows their students to use iPads for studying and taking notes. On my iPad, I have several different birding apps and field guides that I regularly use at lunch or free period. However, I was always very secretive when reading or taking notes on birds, and would turn off my iPad whenever another student would walk by, just to make sure they didn't think I was "nerdy." I would also carry around a monocular, just in case there was an interesting bird at a distance. This too, I would conceal and make sure was out of sight.

Another situation that I faced was that, like most young birders, I could not yet drive. So if there was a rarity within traveling distance, many young birders like me could miss out on opportunities to see something that could be once in a lifetime. This happens to me quite often. This past May, I missed a Curlew Sandpiper, an oriental shorebird species, close to Oak Openings Metropark in Northwest Ohio during the Biggest Week in American Birding. Let's just say that I was not happy. At all.

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The Life of an Adolescent Birder is continued online...

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Ohio Young Birders Club Big Sit Recap

What's a "Big Sit"?

We hang out in a 15 foot diameter circle and try to identify the birds that we see and hear. This year, the NE Chapter held the first OYBC BIG DAY fundraiser and it was a smashing success. Like a walkathon, people can donate to the OYBC by pledging an amount for every species seen during the event. Everyone is welcome to join us and help count birds!

2016 RESULTS

Over \$1,200 Raised!

Central Chapter

Sunday, October 9th

BIG SIT total: 31 species

Northeast Chapter

Sunday, October 9th

BIG DAY total: 57 species

Holmes County Chapter

Saturday, October 8th

BIG SIT total: 60 species

Southwest Chapter

Sunday, September 25th

BIG SIT total: 36 species



Top: Chipping Sparrow at the Central Ohio Chapter Big Sit, photo by Adriana Losey. Bottom: This Ovenbird was the "superstar" of the SW Chapter Big Sit, photo by Kimmy Birrer.



Holmes County OYBC Big Sit Species List

Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Great Blue Heron
Owl sp.
Killdeer
Mourning Dove
Northern Cardinal
Song Sparrow
Mockingbird
Blue Jay
Eastern Towhee
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Canada Goose
Tufted Titmouse
American Goldfinch
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Eastern Phoebe
Turkey Vulture
Cooper's Hawk
American Robin
White-breasted Nuthatch
Black Vulture
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk
Eastern Bluebird
House Finch
European Starling
Carolina Wren
Northern Flicker
American Kestrel
House Sparrow
Downy Woodpecker
Chimney Swift
Rock Pigeon
Peregrine Falcon
Wood Duck
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Cedar Waxwing
White-crowned Sparrow
Ring-billed Gull
Northern Harrier
Gray Catbird
White-throated Sparrow
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Double-crested
Cormorant
Bald Eagle
House Wren
Purple Finch
Orange-crowned Warbler
Pileated Woodpecker
Red-shouldered Hawk
Field Sparrow
Tree Swallow
Hairy Woodpecker
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