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A darkened City of Toledo Skyline. Learn what this is all about—and how it's protecting birds—on page 6.

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We dedicate this issue of BSBO NEWS to the Memory of Delores Cole.

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The natural world lost a champion in May. And I lost a dear friend and mentor.

Delores Anne Cole gained her wings and left her earthly bindings on May 5, 2019, during the peak of spring songbird migration. She is now soaring with the birds she loved and worked so hard for.

Following successful careers with Stouffer Hotels, Marriott Hotels, Cole National, and KeyBank, she retired in December 2012. But slowing down was definitely not part of the equation.

Delores was an organizational genius whose post-retirement volunteer work had an enormous impact on natural resource conservation in Ohio. Delores loved birds and birding, and she contributed countless hours of her time and expertise to dozens of bird—and nature—focused nonprofits, including

Kirtland Bird Club, Kelleys Island Audubon, Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Ohio Wetlands Association, Ohio Natural Areas and Preserves Association, Ohio Invasive Plant Council, and Ohio Prescribed Fire Council, to name a few. She was instrumental in the success of Black Swamp's Ohio Young Birders Club and our internationally recognized Biggest Week In American Birding.

Although she shunned the spotlight and never cared about getting credit, she received numerous **awards and accolades for her volunteer work, including BOTH of BSBO's most prestigious volunteer awards**, Volunteer of the Year and our Conservation Service Award.

I met Delores Cole on May 21, 2006, at the first meeting of what would become the Ohio Young Birders Club. We hit it off immediately. While it was clear that we were *very* different in many ways, I think we both sensed immediately that we would make a great team.

Our first project was getting the Ohio Young Birders Club off the ground, and the fact that we shared the same relentless work ethic resulted in us frequently spending 14-16 hours in marathon work sessions, building websites, newsletters, task lists, and ohmygoodness...the spreadsheets! She served on the BSBO Board, including several years as Treasurer, and her contribution of time **and skill had an enormous impact on every aspect of BSBO's mission--and on my life.**

For nearly ten years I spent about as much time with Delores as I did with Kenn, working on the OYBC, other BSBO projects, and then the BIG project, The Biggest Week In American Birding. We spent so many hours working on major projects that of course there were times when we wanted to kill each other. But we always came back around, and our friendship grew into something more like family.

I had the privilege of being part of her care team for several months, and though I am relieved that her suffering is finally over, her death leaves a void in our lives that will never be filled. She leaves behind an immense legacy of giving that is impossible to measure. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Miss D, I give you my word that I won't let any of the things you taught me go to waste. I'll do all that I can to carry on your legacy of giving. (I would say rest well, but if there actually is an afterlife, I'm sure you're already whipping it into shape!)

Kimberly Kaufman
Executive Director



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Sunday, August 11, Black Swamp Bird Observatory held their annual Volunteer Appreciation Day. Volunteers are so important in carrying out BSBO's mission of teaming research with education to promote bird conservation. Without our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to help birds so THANK YOU!

The day started out with a field trip to Howard Marsh Metropark lead by BSBO staff, members of the Ohio Young Birders Club, and Kenn Kaufman. It was a beautiful day for a walk and the Least Bitterns were abundant.

After the walk, volunteers gathered at Carroll Township Hall in Oak Harbor for a potluck lunch and a volunteer recognition ceremony. For their exceptional service to the organization, Yvonne Thoma-Patton and Kenn Kaufman received the prestigious Shieldcastle Volunteer of the Year Award. Darlene Sillick, Ohio Young Birders Club advisor and longtime conservationist, received the 2019 Conservation Service Award for exemplary service. Also in attendance were Lois and Vic Harder who have been volunteering with BSBO since its inception in 1992 (27 years!).

Below: Shieldcastle Volunteer of the Year Award Winners Kenn Kaufman and Yvonne Thoma-Patton. Right: OYBC member Adriana Losey presents Darlene Sillick with the Conservation Service Award.



BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING

SAVE THE DATE
FOR NEXT YEAR'S
BIGGEST WEEK
May 8-17, 2020



Brought to you by Black Swamp Bird Observatory

10TH ANNUAL BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING A GRAND SUCCESS



*Kirtland's Warbler photo courtesy of
Jeff Bouton of Leica Sport Optics.*

Five Kirtland's Warblers & Other Highlights!

The 2019 Biggest Week In American Birding marked the 10th anniversary of the festival. Here are some highlights:

+ Five Kirtland's Warblers!

- + Birding with Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz
- + Amazing coverage from Matt Markey and The Toledo Blade
- + Special thanks to Zeiss, Time & Optics, Mary & Scott Trumbull, Hunt's Photo & Video, Welltower, Promedica, Block Communications, Inc., Buckeye Broadband, Hylant Family Foundation, and The Nature Conservancy

For more information and to see a complete list of species seen, visit biggestweekinamericanbirding.com.

Flight Path Premieres at 2019 BIGGEST WEEK



On Tuesday, May 7, The Biggest Week In American Birding hosted the world premiere of **"Flight Path: The World of Migratory Birds"** at the Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center.

A collaboration between WGTE and BSBO, the program follows the astonishing travels of migratory birds and the migrations of the people who love them at the premiere of **"Flight Path: The World of Migratory Birds."**

Hosted by award-winning outdoor author and naturalist, Steve Pollick, this unique program guides viewers on a

journey that culminates in northwest Ohio during The Biggest Week in American Birding.

Kimberly Kaufman, Kenn Kaufman, Raul Arias de Para, J. Drew Lanham, Jim Mollenkopf and other experts from throughout the birding world discuss themes of ecology, conservation, ecotourism, technology and migration. (Produced by WGTE Public Media.)

The program can be viewed online at: wgte.org/tv/programs/flight-path-world-migratory-birds-0



Jason Ward's *Birds of North America* features BSBO

Jason Ward, host of *Birds of North America*, a new web series about birds and birding, attended the 10th anniversary of Black Swamp Bird Observatory's Biggest Week In American Birding with his film crew!

Thank you to Jason Ward and his crew at *Birds of North America* for spending time in northwest Ohio during The Biggest Week In American Birding. It was truly a pleasure to have you here.

In Season Two, Episode Two: "Jason Gets His First Tattoo", Jason talks about his spark bird, the Peregrine Falcon, while getting his tattoo to compete in the Biggest Week's annual Tattoo Contest.

To watch *Birds of North America*, you can visit Topic's YouTube page or visit [Facebook.com/ofNorthAmericaTopic](https://www.facebook.com/ofNorthAmericaTopic)

In Season Two, Episode Three: "The Birds Are Happy And So Are We", Jason talks with Kenn Kaufman about birding with Roger Tory Peterson for the first time while Jason birds with one of his bird heroes, Kenn, for the first time! Also in this episode, Kimberly Kaufman talks about her spark bird (the American Goldfinch), empowering women, and Kenn and Kim talk about the secret to their happy marriage.

This episode also contains a lot of Biggest Week footage of bird snuggles on the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area boardwalk, lifer pie from Blackberry Corner, and bird puns with Kenn Kaufman.

And *coming soon: An Ohio Young Birders Episode!*





The BSBO Conservation Committee has been very busy the last couple of months, particularly in the areas of wind energy and collisions.

BIRD-SAFE, BIRDER-FRIENDLY LIGHTS OUT INITIATIVE

As we announced last spring, through the leadership and guidance of BSBO and Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative, the City of Toledo agreed to participate in our Bird-Safe, Birder-Friendly City program. **Phase One: participation in "Ohio Lights Out."** The Ohio Lights Out program seeks to minimize risk of building collisions to migrating birds. Collisions with lighted buildings are a leading cause of bird fatality during migration in North America, and it is estimated that up to half a billion birds die each year in North America from building collisions. The idea behind turning out the lights at night is straightforward: large numbers of birds migrate at night and do so by orienting themselves and their direction by the stars. Lights left on at night in tall buildings disorient the birds, especially in cities. Studies have shown that simply turning off certain lights at night during migration will dramatically reduce the number of building strikes and associated death rates.

In downtown Toledo, beginning in Spring 2019, management of 5/3rd Bank, Hylant Insurance, PNC Bank, ProMedica, and 1 Government Center—with full support from Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz and Toledo City Council—all agreed to participate in the Lights Out program

during spring and fall migration periods.

Fall migration is underway, and the City of Toledo is, once again, doing their part to make the city a safer place for migratory birds. During a recent visit to International Park in east Toledo, BSBO Executive Director, Kimberly Kaufman, looked upon and photographed the skyline of downtown Toledo at 9:30 p.m. This photograph is hers and below she explains her reaction to the sight she witnessed:

"Following a lovely dinner with friends along the Maumee River, I paused to admire and appreciate the scene before us. It was a beautiful summer evening: boats on the river, people walking in the park. And then I looked up at the city skyline. I'm not ashamed to admit that I was overcome with emotion at what I saw. The upper floors of nearly every tall building in the city of Toledo were dark. The culmination of years of effort, an entire city now cares more about birds, and they're proving that through conservation action. I can't tell you how proud I was to be part of BSBO in that moment." ~Kimberly Kaufman.

WIND ENERGY

First is the Icebreaker Wind project, a proposal to put six turbines in Lake Erie near Cleveland, about seven miles offshore. This project has been lingering for almost a decade while trying to obtain a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) from the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB), which would in essence be

permission to proceed with construction and operation. It has reached the final stages of the review process; the next step is to begin testimony and cross-examination before the adjudicatory judge. It is the time when expert witnesses will be called upon to provide testimony for both sides, those in favor and those opposed to the project. It precedes final deliberation by the OPSB.

Black Swamp Bird Observatory has taken the two-fold position that the project should not be approved since the proposed site lies within the Central Basin of the lake, a designated Globally Important Bird Area. The ecological studies that have been performed and that are proposed for the future are not scientifically rigorous enough to be able to evaluate the potential risk to birds and bats. That would be a lethal combination of bad siting and bad science.

In light of this, the former Regional Energy Coordinator for Region 3 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dr. Jeff Gosse, Ph.D., stated in written pre-hearing testimony: **"My professional opinion, to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty, is that neither the Current Record nor the Pre-Filed Testimony sets forth scientifically valid data or identifies validated methodologies sufficient for the Board to make findings and determinations: (1) as to the nature of the probable environmental impact of the Project on birds and bats as required by R.C. 4906.1 0(A)(2); or (2) that the Project represents the minimum adverse environmental impact to birds and bats as required by R.C. 4906.1 0(A)(3)."** In short, he says Icebreaker Wind has not provided evidence to the OPSB, which is required to consider awarding the CECPN. We are hoping that the OPSB takes into account the weight and scientific value of his experience and testimony, and denies the CECPN.

The second project is that of Seneca Wind, a case before the OPSB to which BSBO has been a legal participant. This project would place 77 very tall, 600 feet tall, turbines in Seneca County. In a rather dramatic turn of events, Seneca Wind found themselves with not enough time to gain all the approvals necessary as a prerequisite to the hearings scheduled by OPSB. After the OPSB refused to allow Seneca Wind a postponement in the schedule, Seneca Wind chose to withdraw its application and close the proceedings. If they choose to refile another application to the OPSB in the future, which they have said they would, then the whole process begins over again. For the time being, the Seneca Wind project is over and done. While we

see this as good news, we cautiously do not consider this a victory for birds and bats. We will be in a wait-and-see mode at least until the end of the year, or until further announcements from sPower, the developer behind Seneca Wind.

LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

BSBO's team is delivering our conservation messages directly to lawmakers. We've met recently with U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, a representative from Ohio State Senator Sandra Williams' office, and with Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz.

What better way to impress elected officials with the value of birds and birding than to take them to the Magee Marsh boardwalk during The Biggest Week In American Birding?! Morning birding with Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz. Thanks to the efforts of BSBO Board member, Margy Trumbull, BSBO's Executive Director, Kimberly Kaufman, worked with the Mayor's office to arrange a field trip for the Mayor and several members of his staff. It was a fabulous morning, and the Mayor and his staff expressed their commitment to doing their part to help Toledo be a more bird-safe and birder-friendly city.



Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz (L) poses for a photo with Kenn Kaufman during a field trip to Magee Marsh.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CONSERVATION EFFORTS AT BSBO.ORG

BSBO's OYBC receives \$35,000 grant



Ohio Young Birders Club
FOUNDED IN 2006 BY BLACK SWAMP BIRD OBSERVATORY



The Ohio EPA's Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) awarded Black Swamp Bird Observatory full funding of \$35,000 for our Ohio Young Birders Club (OYBC) expansion. The OEEF grant fund will enable BSBO to achieve measurable objectives that support the overall goal of expanding and enhancing the OYBC and building a brighter future for bird conservation.

The club currently has 225 student and adult sponsor members with six chapters across the state.

Looking to make a difference in the lives of young birders?

- + Become an OYBC Adult Sponsor
- + Share your expertise as a Field Trip Leader
- + Help strengthen your local chapter with a partnership
- + Become an OYBC Advisor and encourage, educate, and empower our youth conservation leaders

For more information about the Ohio Young Birders Club, visit ohioyoungbirders.org or contact Laura Guerard at lauraguerard@bsbo.org.



Wildside Nature Tours creates scholarship for OYBC

During this year's **Biggest Week In American Birding**, Kevin Loughlin and his team from Wildside Nature Tours donated \$1000 to the Ohio Young Birders Club to start a new scholarship. The scholarship will provide financial assistance for OYBC members (age 14-17) to attend Coastal Maine Bird Studies on Hog Island, Session I: June 14-19, 2020, operated by National Audubon Society.

Heartfelt thanks to Kevin and his team at Wildside Nature Tours for supporting young birders with this incredible scholarship fund and opportunity. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2020.

To learn more about this scholarship or to apply, visit ohioyoungbirders.org.

Left: Laura Guerard, OYBC state-wide coordinator, accepts the donation from Kevin Loughlin during The Biggest Week In American Birding.





Save the date!

Ohio Young Birders Conference

November 9, 2019 @ The Toledo Zoo

Ohio Young Birders Club



25 years of **Bartlett's Big Sit**

Each year in May, Tom Bartlett conducts a BIG SIT fundraiser to support BSBO's education programs. 2019 was the 25th annual BIG SIT, and Tom has raised more than \$125,000 for BSBO through this incredible effort!

Tom spent 12 hours (5 a.m. to 5 p.m.) on International Migratory Bird Day, Saturday, May 11, tallying the birds he saw and heard from his count circle near the west end of the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area boardwalk.

This year Tom raised over \$15,500!!

At BSBO, we are committed to connecting young people to the joyfulness of birds and the value of habitat conservation. Our strong focus on youth education is highlighted by our Wetland Investigation Network (WIN) program, which offers students grades K-12 a day-long exploration of the entire marsh ecosystem.

Thanks to Tom's efforts, and all the generous BIG SIT donors, we can offer these programs at no cost to schools.

Thank you for your commitment to education and conservation, Tom! Pictured left is Tom Bartlett conducting his 2019 Big Sit.

To see a list of donors, turn to page 16 of the newsletter.

HOWARD MARSH SURVEY RESULTS

The first year post construction at Howard Marsh has set the bar very high. Extensive avian use exceeded even the greatest hopes. Bird use suggests invertebrate and small fish populations were strong in the restored wetlands and aquatic vegetation showed signs of rapid colonization that bodes well for the future.

Of the 30 avian point count surveys conducted by BSBO in 2018 (equaling 295 individual point counts) a total of 27,906 birds of 134 species were recorded. Of these, 19,259 were recorded on the property and 8,647 as fly-bys. Red-winged Blackbird was by far the most observed species with 7,742 recorded on the property, followed by the next highest, Great Egret and Canada Goose, with 1,091 and 1,073 respectively. 22 species listed as Focal or Priority species by the Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Region Joint Venture were also recorded including Common Tern (58), Blue-winged Teal (702), and American Golden-Plover (668). (Our sincere gratitude to our two intrepid surveyors, Barb and Dan Myers.)

While the overwhelming bird use of the new area made great headlines and generated extremely high use and interest by the birding community, it was the surprise breeding species that set the tenor for birding in Northwest Ohio during the summer season. The first nesting in Lucas County by **Black-necked Stilt** and **Wilson's Phalarope** were both confirmed and successful. At least five pairs of stilts were observed and young from at least three nests confirmed. At least three pairs of phalarope were present with one brood documented.

This first year of post-construction data indicated not only an improved species richness but also increased abundance. In approximately half the survey effort, 2018 had similar species richness and nearly twice the volume of birds when compared to the 2014-15 pre-construction surveys. Spring speciation was slightly down while fall migration and summer breeding species richness were well above pre-construction totals. Data gathered in 2018 showed a considerable change in habitat and

avian response to the Howard Marsh Metropark. The extensive use and variety of bird species diversity was much greater than could have been predicted. Other factors could have influenced unexpected breeding bird species but the degree of richness observed in this first year post construction supports the importance of restoring wetland habitat when possible.

OAKS RESEARCH FORUM & METROPARKS BOARD PRESENTATIONS

While Howard Marsh Metropark has been well represented in birding news over the past year, it has been the BSBO-driven scientific counts that will provide the substance to restoration effort success and fuel potential funding for additional restoration in the region. BSBO was asked to present at the Toledo Metroparks Research Forum in February on significant findings and predictions on the future of Howard Marsh. The presentation documented the **accuracy of the saying "if you build it, they will come."** As a result of that presentation BSBO was requested to repeat the presentation to the Toledo Metroparks Board of Directors. This resulted in huge support for restorations of this type and solidified the strong cooperative bond between the Observatory and Metroparks and could lead to even greater scientific collaboration.

BREEDING BIRD RESEARCH

The BSBO MAPS Station was washed out with the high Lake Erie water levels of this spring and summer. Much of the area around the office was inundated well into June, which made conditions unsafe for netting. We hope that normal conditions return for 2020 and the station will be able to come back on line.



Oak Openings completed its 27th year at the Ostrich Lane site. A prime objective at this site is to monitor changes as the area recovers from the 2010 tornadoes. This area had 308 new birds captured of 32 species, with an additional previously banded Summer Tanager among 27 returning birds. Dominate species banded were Gray Catbird (57), House Wren (29), Field Sparrow (28), American Robin (24), and Indigo Bunting (21). Highlights included a migrant Tennessee Warbler, and breeding species such as Summer Tanager, Yellow-breasted Chat, Lark Sparrow, Red-headed Woodpecker (4 new and 2 returning), and Blue-winged Warbler. This was by far the largest capture of Gray Catbirds since the project started. Common Yellowthroat has been increasing since 2015 with double-digit captures each year.

NABC LANDBIRD CERTIFICATION SESSIONS

BSBO conducted a North American Banding Council (NABC) landbird certification session in late May at the Navarre banding station. The program is designed to test the skill levels of banders and provide a certificate of excellence to those meeting the standards of NABC. BSBO was well represented with four certified trainers performing the duties of testing. Along with established trainers Mark Shieldcastle and Annie Lindsay, newly certified trainers Ryan Jacob and Ashli Gorbet, and visiting trainer Devon Kammerichs-Berke certified one candidate at trainer level, five at bander level, and two individuals at the assistant bander for extraction in the three-day session. Ryan and

Ashli have now completed the required participation in a session and now can lead sessions in the future.

PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

A wide variety of papers have been moving forward in 2019. A paper on the American Redstart x Magnolia Warbler hybrid captured in Navarre and a paper on spring migration of Blackpoll Warblers have been submitted to peer review journals for publishing. Banding Accomplishments in the Inland Bird Banding Association region for 2017 was published in the North American Bird Bander. Annual reports for BSBO research studies have been completed for Navarre Migration, Oak Openings MAPS study, and Howard Marsh Avian Use study. Multiple papers are in the analysis or writing stages with plans on publication in 2019 or 2020.

WINTER BIRD ATLAS UPDATE

The Winter Bird Atlas completed in 2009 finally looks like it will be published by the Ohio Biological Survey. Final preparation of the manuscript is being completed for both electronic and paper publication. The goal is to have a hardbound book and both eBook and iBook versions of electronic publications. Hopefully this will become reality by the end of the year.

Left: Pair of Ruddy Ducks at Howard Marsh, one of the many waterfowl species breeding at the metropark.

Right: A Summer Tanager that was captured on July 15, 2019, at the Oak Openings MAPS station.



HELP US HELP THE BIRDS

In the last year alone, Black Swamp Bird Observatory has received \$6305 from Facebook fundraisers! Administered through Network For Good, these donations are a secure way to show your support for BSBO.

THANK YOU to all of those who have asked for donations to be made on behalf of their birthday and to those who have donated.

Special thanks to Alex Eberts, whose birthday fundraiser exceeded his goal of \$400! Yay, Alex!!

Contact jasminecupp@bsbo.org for information on hosting a Facebook fundraiser.



EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, SOFTWARE

- A passenger van for field trips
- LCD projector HD (1920 x 1080), 40000:1 contrast, 2200 lumens
- Mist nets for our songbird research
- Ink cartridges for our printers
- Bird Food: Sunflower Seeds, Thistle Seeds, Suet Cakes

RETAIL GIFT CARDS

- Staples or OfficeMax
- **Lowe's or Home Depot**
- Gas Cards for the BSBO Bird Bus

Please call us if you're willing to help with any of these items! 419-898-4070



Alex Eberts

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Huge thank you to everyone who has donated! We're almost to \$400. If anyone else would like to donate, there's still a little over a week left.



Alex's Birthday Fundraiser for Black Swamp Bird Observatory

\$445 raised of \$400

While shopping with Amazon or at Kroger, please consider donating to BSBO through AmazonSmile or Kroger Community Rewards!

Many thanks to all of the members who already have made BSBO the recipient of donations through their AmazonSmile or Kroger Rewards accounts. For more information visit bsbo.org!



For the last three years, Pattye Nicolls has thrown an annual tea party. But not just any tea party, a Birder Tea Party! After meeting several women through the Woodlawn Bird Walks and Wednesday Little Sits at Swan Creek Metropark, Pattye decided to join her love of baking and tea parties, and introduced the Birder Tea tradition.

For the first Birder Tea, 16 women gathered at Pattye's house where they drank tea, ate scones, and talked about birds. The next year 23 women attended the tea and it moved to a bigger venue: the Ladies Parlor and Art Gallery at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

This year marked the third annual Birder Tea, and (once again) grew to 40 attendees. To help offset the expense of the Birder Tea, Pattye's friend, Julie Heitz, suggested to raffle off a quilt. One quilt quickly turned into an array of artwork, crafts, and more.

"I suggested that we donate the auction proceeds to the Ohio Young Birders Club," said Pattye. "Julie took that idea and ran with it. She asked and people donated. Due to the generosity of some amazing local artists, we raffled off items that raised nearly \$1300 for the group."

Pattye said that the Ohio Young Birders Club will also be the annual recipient of the fundraiser. "From the Birder Tea, I get an incredible sense of camaraderie. It is a rare day of birding when I don't run into someone I know or have met through the teas. We have birders come from Detroit, Cleveland, Lima, and Pioneer. They share their local birding patches and their stories. It is such an energizing experience."



Pattye Nicolls serves tea to Nancy Bogart (L) and BSBO Board Chair, Karen Fraker.

Our heartfelt thanks to
Pattye, Julie, and all
those who attended
and/or donated their
time and talent!



BSBO Board member George Sydlowski's beautiful Magnolia Warbler painting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area closure dates

The Magee Marsh entrance road will be closed past the **Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center starting September 30** through December 14, except for the following dates.

The entrance road will be open at 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays and will remain open through Sunday at sunset:
 October 12, 19
 November 9, 16, 30
 December 7

The road will also be open from October 26 at 3 p.m. until November 3 at sunset.

These closures allow for a quality and safe hunting experience for waterfowl and deer hunters. Please call the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area Ohio Division of Wildlife Office at 419-898-0960 ext. 21 with questions.



Photo by Chuck Slusarczyk Jr

Lake Erie Pelagics

Lake Erie is a precious resource that provides habitat for birds in all seasons. Join BSBO for a ride on The Holiday, a 60-foot, steel-hulled charter boat with a very experienced crew. She will be sailing from the upper flats of the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland onto Lake Erie.

BSBO's annual Lake Erie Pelagic trips will take place:

Saturday, November 23
 Saturday, December 14
 Wednesday, January 1 (TBD)

Prices are:

BSBO Members \$65

Non-members \$80

Young Birders/Student Rate \$30 (Age 22 or younger)

Trips also include a hot lunch.

All trip departures and itineraries are determined on the day of the trip, based on the weather and lake conditions, by the boat captain. We make every effort to ensure that everyone has a great experience. If the lake conditions do not allow for open water cruising, we will be birding the waters behind the Cleveland break water. While we always hope to get out on to the big lake, we can have excellent birding within the breakwater. Keep in mind that if the lake is too rough for the boat, birds will likely be looking for calm water as well.

For more information on the Lake Erie Pelagics, visit bsbo.org/lake-erie-pelagics or call the office at 419-898-4070.

Registration opens on Tuesday, September 3. These trips sell out FAST! Register promptly to reserve your seat.

SABREWING & BSBO FUNDRAISING TRIP TO GUATEMALA

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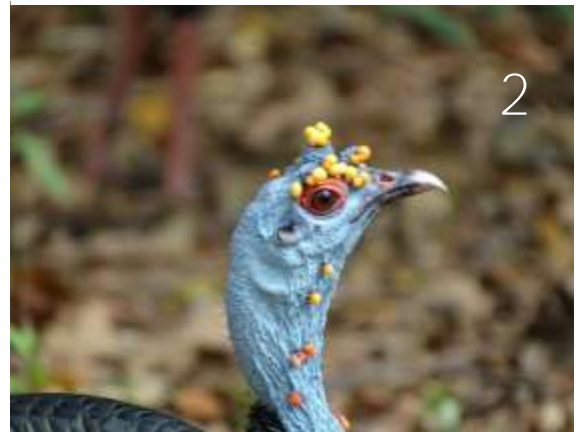
Here are just a few highlight photos from the BSBO fundraising trip to Guatemala with Kenn Kaufman in February and March, organized by the outstanding team at Sabrewing Nature Tours!

The trip exceeded all expectations, and in addition to finding all of the target birds for members of the group, the trip also raised \$5,400 for BSBO's songbird research and education programs!

If you're interested in world birding travel and/or you'd like to organize a fundraising trip for your organization, we highly recommend the fabulous team at Sabrewing Nature Tours. Contact information can be found at their website at sabrewingtours.com.

Our sincere thanks to Jeff Cox and Kenn Kaufman for the use of their photos from the trip.

1) *Gartered Trogons* 2) *Ocellated Turkey* 3) *Resplendent Quetzal*, the National Bird of Guatemala
4) Group photo of participants



The next Sabrewing Nature Tours fundraising trip for BSBO is currently being planned. Stay tuned for details!





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Welcome new Board Members: Clare Hylant and Diane Friedman

As natives of Toledo, Clare and her husband, Richard returned to Ottawa Hills for the schools and to raise their family, after 15 years of living on the western shore of Lake Erie near Monroe. Clare received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan. She is also a graduate of the Concentration in Organizational Marketing J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management - Northwestern University - Masters of Management, Concentrations in Marketing, Finance and Management Policy. Clare excelled in a career in marketing, market research and management at Beatrice Companies/Chicago, General Motors/Detroit and Yark

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CLARE HYLANT



DIANE FRIEDMAN



Diane Friedman (top right) is a retired science educator, serving 35 years with Sylvania Schools. She divides her time between her home in the Toledo area and Estes Park, Colorado. Diane is the President of the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Northwest Ohio, and is a court-appointed special advocate for children in foster care through the Lucas County CASA-GAL program. While in Colorado,

Diane works as a volunteer ranger in Rocky Mountain National Park, having served 1300+ hours there. Diane will serve on the Development Committee on the Black Swamp Bird Observatory Board.

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