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TOM BARTLETT'S BIG SIT FOR EDUCATION!

HELP CELEBRATE THE
22ND ANNIVERSARY
OF THIS IMPORTANT
FUNDRAISER FOR
BSBO EDUCATION
PROGRAMS!

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERCH

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Dear Friends:

As you'll read in the Conservation Report (page 16) we are distressed to inform you that the Camp Perry wind turbine project is back. BSBO and American Bird Conservancy successfully stalled the project back in 2014 with the threat of a lawsuit, based on the Air National Guard's utter disregard for the wildlife reviews required for a project like this on a federal facility. But now it's back, and once again, we're going to do everything we can to stop it.

BSBO is reaching out to a host of partners to support us in this effort. But in situations like these, it's often the voices of the community that have the greatest impact. So, it was encouraging to learn that the billboard (right) had appeared along State Route 2, very near Camp Perry and the Lake Erie Business Park, where one massive turbine is already in place (with NO wildlife review AT ALL).

Of course, I had to drive down to take a photo of the billboard. There's construction on State Route 2, so I pulled off in a safe place and began the short walk to get in a position to take the photo showing the huge turbine in the background. While the idea that someone would put up this billboard was definitely encouraging, being near this turbine--knowing that yet another one is in the works--had me feeling pretty low.

I had my head down, watching where I placed my feet in the wet ditch, when a sound broke through my concentration. Above the din of highway noise came the wild and soulful calls of Sandhill Cranes.



As first I thought it was nothing more than my imagination playing tricks on me. While I've seen large numbers of Bald Eagles, Turkey Vultures, and Tundra Swans moving through this airspace, I never expected to see Sandhill Cranes here. But it makes sense. This is a species that--with lots of effort from the wildlife agencies--is making a serious comeback in Ohio, and a number of pairs are now nesting in the Lake Erie Marsh Region. It also makes sense that they'd be here--behind the Lake Erie Business Park--because there's so much great habitat adjacent to the Park.

Great habitat. There's a lot of that around here. Some, remnants of the past, preserved by historic duck hunting clubs, passed on to the care and protection of wildlife agencies. Others, areas of habitat restored, with millions upon millions of dollars invested in the effort. And while the Lake Erie Marsh region is but a tiny portion of the once vast Great Black Swamp, the habitat impacts the global population of many bird species.

It's hard to imagine it spoiled by massive wind turbines.



Watching those Sandhill Cranes pass through the airspace near that wind turbine was a sobering feeling, and for a moment, I was overcome with a crushing feeling of defeat, as if we'd already failed these remarkable birds.

But that feeling didn't last long. I decided, instead, that this unexpected flock of 27 Sandhill Cranes was a sign that we shouldn't give up. That we should fight harder, because now there's even more at stake. And I seriously doubt that whatever motivates those pushing for the Camp Perry turbine can compete with the sight of a flock of Sandhill Cranes against a beautiful slate-blue, northwest Ohio sky.

As I stood along that busy highway, tears streaming down my face, I sent a little thank you skyward, and watched until the cranes settled down into the marsh and out of sight. And in that moment, I vowed that BSBO and our loyal members and supporters would do all that we can to protect the habitat the birds we love depend on. We owe it to them.

Thank you for being part of our team. Together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Kaufman



*With special thanks to my dear friend,
Kent Glauser, who inspires me to
write from my heart.*

TOM BARTLETT'S BIG SIT FOR EDUCATION!

HELP CELEBRATE THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF
TOM BARTLETT'S BIG SIT FOR EDUCATION!

IT'S A FUNDRAISER THAT'S BECOME A 22-YEAR TRADITION!

May 14, 2016, is International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) and the 22nd anniversary of Tom Bartlett's BIG SIT for BSBO! We hope you'll make your pledge of support to help raise money for BSBO's education programs and help us show Tom how much his efforts mean to us!

HOW WE USE YOUR BIG SIT CONTRIBUTIONS

All proceeds from the BIG SIT benefit BSBO's youth education programs. Because of your past BIG SIT contributions, these programs are able to reach thousands of students each year.

**WATCH YOUR MAIL BOX FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE
TO THE BIG SIT! OR, MAKE YOUR DONATION NOW AT
WWW.BSBO.ORG/BIG-SIT OR BY CALLING (419) 898-4070!**



**Tom & Paula Bartlett:
Our Big Sit Heroes!**

BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING

THE BIGGEST WEEK
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BIRDER PROMGRAB YOUR DATE &
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FIRST-EVER
BIRDER PROM!

The Biggest Week is famous for introducing totally new ideas to the world of bird festivals, and 2016 is NO exception. So, grab your date and migrate to the first-ever BIRDER PROM!

Date: Saturday, May 7

Time: 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Where: Maumee Bay
Lodge Ballroom

Fee: \$5.00 donation

Registration: No Pre-
registration required

Apparel: Deck yourself
out in your favorite formal wear,
sport your favorite bird t-shirt,
or just wear whatever you feel
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your groove on!

We'll provide the DJ, the dance
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bird Hop, the Warbler Waltz, and
the Songbird Salsa!

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Biggest Week Movie Night: The Messenger

Wednesday, May 11 at 7 PM

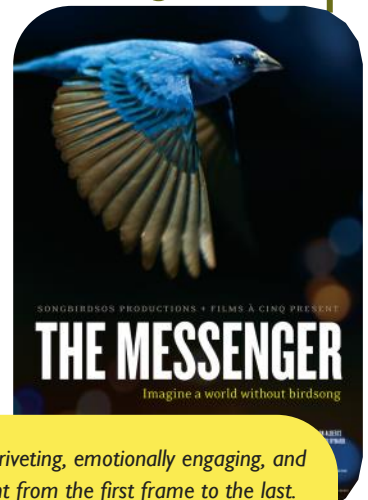
Maumee Bay Lodge

\$10 per person

(No pre-registration required, tickets sold at the door)

Join us for a special screening of **The Messenger**, a wide-ranging and contemplative documentary about our deep-seated connection to birds and the possibility that their uncertain fate might mirror our own. Moving from the northern reaches of the Boreal Forest to the base of Mount Ararat in Turkey to the streets of New York, THE MESSENGER brings us face-to-face with a remarkable variety of human-made perils that have devastated thrushes, warblers, orioles, tanagers, grosbeaks, and many other airborne music-makers.

*Named Best Conservation Film at the
Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival



"The Messenger is riveting, emotionally engaging, and visually extravagant from the first frame to the last. Up-to-the-minute facts on how birds communicate about environmental change are interwoven with gripping stories about the perils faced every year by these amazing world travelers. This is a must-see movie for anybody who values the natural world or wonders about its relationship to humans."

~ John Fitzpatrick

Executive Director, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

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BIGGEST WEEK BIRD TATTOO CONTEST

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DATE: Thursday, May 12

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

LOCATON: Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center

FEE: Free and open to the public!

Bring your bird tattoo (publicly shareable, please!) and prepare to impress our judges for your chance at fabulous prizes! The event is sponsored by our friends at Eagle Optics, so the winner is going home with some great optics - and other great prizes!

BIGGEST WEEK DIVERISTY INITIATIVE

BSBO has put together an outstanding team to bring the excitement of birds, birding, and The Biggest Week to a more diverse audience!

Phase one: The BSBO team will partner with Toledo Metroparks to take hundreds of 4th - 8th grade students from Toledo's urban schools to Swan Creek Metropark for a series of bird walks and programs!

Phase two: BSBO is also working with the Adelante Latino Community Resource Center to provide a series of FREE family bird walks, also at Swan Creek Metropark!

Our thanks to volunteers: Doug Gray, Drew Lanham, Paula Lozano, Meishia Kernahan, Nicole Jackson, and Rob Ripma.

FREE Beginner & Family Bird Walks

Family Bird Walk

Meet at Pearson Metropark
Sunday, May 8 & 15 • 10:00 AM—Noon

Young Birder Walk

Meet at Magee Marsh Parking Lot
(East End)
Saturday, May 14 • 9:00 AM—Noon

Beginner Bird Walk

Meet at Pearson Metropark • 10:00 AM—Noon
• Saturday, May 7 • Wednesday, May 11 • Saturday, May 14

No registration required. For more information, go to www.bwiab.com



SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY NOAH STRYCKER

Friday, May 13th at 7:00 PM

Maumee Bay Lodge

\$20 per person

*All proceeds from this special event will benefit
BSBO's education programs*

In 2015, Noah Strycker became the first human to see more than half of the planet's bird species in a single, year-long, round-the-world birding trip. Birding on seven continents and carrying only a pack on his back, Strycker enlisted the enthusiastic support of local birders to tick an astonishing 6,042 species. This humorous and inspiring presentation about Strycker's epic World Big Year will leave you with a new appreciation for the birds and birders of the world.

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2016 BIGGEST WEEK CONSERVATION FUND PROJECTS

Expand. Enhance. Enjoy.

Promoting the cause of bird conservation is at the heart of The Biggest Week. This year, The Biggest Week Team at Black Swamp Bird Observatory proudly introduces THE BIGGEST WEEK CONSERVATION FUND.

100% of the proceeds donated to The Biggest Week Conservation Fund will be used for improving and expanding habitat for birds. Our 2016 Conservation Fund recipients are American Bird Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, and Black Swamp Bird Observatory.

Visit www.bwiab.com to make your donation today!



Buenaventura Reserve in Ecuador

With support from The Biggest Week Conservation Fund, the ABC team will focus on a reforestation program at the Buenaventura Reserve in Ecuador. This work is part of a project also supported under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act which will ensure that there is substantial match available for funds raised.

With our support, ABC hopes to plant approximately 8,000 native trees on close to 20 acres to restore degraded land recently acquired as part of the reserve. An additional 2,000 native trees will also be planted on five acres of private farmland surrounding the reserve to enhance habitat in the buffer zone. As well as consolidating the reserve for rare endemic species, these activities will enhance habitat for migratory birds such as Broad-winged Hawk, Swainson's Thrush, Blackburnian and Canada Warbler.



Great Egret Marsh Preserve

The Great Egret Marsh Preserve in Ottawa County, Ohio, was purchased and protected by The Nature Conservancy in 2013. Without conservation action, the opportunity to protect and restore important coastal marshland located here would have been lost. Thanks to the dedication of partners and supporters, the 155-acre preserve is becoming a quiet coastal refuge for people and nature, reminding us how precious undeveloped land is along Lake Erie. However, the improvements needed at the preserve illustrate the challenges of restoring lands like these to quality fish and wildlife habitat. We invite you to get involved with the Conservancy's efforts to enhance and expand migratory bird habitat at Great Egret Marsh Preserve and other stops along Lake Erie, and to enjoy the rewarding benefits of their conservation.



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and birding gear? Then you'll want to visit...

OPTICS ALLEY



May 6-15, 2016

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Black Swamp Bird Observatory

13551 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449
(Located inside the entrance to Magee Marsh Wildlife Area)



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binoculars, spotting scopes, and other birding gear to
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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!



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2016 BWIAB Visitors' Guide Available Soon!

This 80-page magazine is jam-packed with festival information, local attractions, and many important conservation messages.

The magazine will be available by late April. Pick up your copy in the BSBO Gift Shop or look for it on news stands in NW Ohio!



2016/2017
Ohio Wildlife
Legacy Stamps are
now available at the
BSBO Gift Shop
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NEW for 2016!

The Biggest Week Magee Marsh Shuttle Line



★ Pick-up/Drop-off Locations

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The Ottawa County Transportation Agency (OCTA) & Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) offer an excellent opportunity for birders visiting Magee Marsh during the Biggest Week this year. We are excited to introduce ...

The Biggest Week Magee Marsh Shuttle Line!

Here's what you need to know:

- The shuttle service is **FREE** and handicap accessible
- Two shuttles will run every 30 minutes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 6 - 15
- 3 pick-up and drop-off points: the Magee Boardwalk East Parking Area, the Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center, and Black Swamp Bird Observatory



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DONATE THE GUIA PROGRAM

Kenn Kaufman's Field Guide to the Birds of North America is the only field guide to the birds of the U.S. and Canada ever to be published in Spanish. Black Swamp Bird Observatory created the **DONATE THE GUIA** program to help get this book into the hands of people who can really use it. We're working with many partners, including Sonoran Joint Venture, Connecting Cultures (a program of Environment for the Americas), and The Biggest Week In American Birding, to help distribute copies of the GUIA to organizations and individuals who are using the books for conservation outreach programs.

For just \$12, YOU can send a copy of this valuable outreach tool to our partners! Call BSBO at 419-898-4070, visit www.bsbo.org, or stop by the BSBO Gift Shop to donate a copy today!



Thank you to our GUIA donors!

- Arizona Fish & Game
- Robert Hinkle (50 copies!)



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or stop by the BSBO Gift Shop to Donate a Guia, TODAY!

BSBO PRESENTS...NOT 1, BUT 2 BIRDING APPS THIS YEAR!



This exclusive Biggest Week app works with BirdsEye and eBird to keep you up-to-date with the latest bird sightings in The Biggest Week area. Available for both Android and Apple systems, the Biggest Week app makes it easy to see where the birds are and when. The hard part is deciding where to go first!

Features:

- Free to download
- Search a hotspot for recent birds
- Search for specific birds
- Track lists: life, county, state, country, etc.

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<http://bit.ly/bwiab-app>

CountDay.org



BSBO teams up with Chuck Anderson and CountDay.org to bring you this exciting new birding tool!

Currently available through the Apple App Store and online, CountDay allows viewers and counters to follow along as birds are seen during their favorite event. Utilized with Big Sits, CBCs, and Big Days, The Biggest Week team will be counting along during Tom Bartlett's Big Sit and The Biggest Week Big Day Van Trips.

Features:

- Free to download
- Follow along live
- Start your own count
- Spark some friendly competition with a Big Day

Download the app from your phone's App Store, or use online at: countday.org

FALL 2015 BANDING SUMMARY

We banded 4,559 new birds at the Navarre research station during the fall 2015 field season (20% below last year's total). The station has several mist nets located along the shoreline, known as the "beach" nets, which are only used during the fall field season. Unfortunately, this entire area was destroyed by an intense June storm, resulting in not using the beach nets this year.

We captured two Blackpoll Warblers that were originally banded in Navarre during fall 2014. Highlights included Eastern Screech-Owl, Green Heron, Pine Siskin, and the station's first records of Wood Duck and Northern Saw-whet Owl.

Our two satellite research stations, Creek Bend and Shaker Lakes, had higher-than-average banding totals in the fall of 2015. Creek Bend had its second highest banding total, with 3,630 new birds banded and Shaker Lakes banded 842 new birds. Creek Bend captured a shocking 110 Pine Siskins and 35 Savannah Sparrows. Highlights at Creek Bend included Vesper Sparrow, Connecticut Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, and Golden-winged Warbler. Shaker Lakes had an exceptional number of Winter Wrens (24) banded during the fall season. Highlights at Shaker Lakes included Belted Kingfisher, Philadelphia Vireo, Northern Parula, and Orange-crowned Warbler.

MONITORING AVIAN PRODUCTIVITY AND SURVIVORSHIP (MAPS)

2015 was the 24th field season completed at the Oak Openings breeding bird banding station. This year a total of 232 birds were banded (250 birds banded in 2014, the station's largest total on record). The singing male Golden-winged Warblers of 2014 were not present in 2015, but one bird was located in Maumee State Forest. Breeding Chestnut-sided Warblers were located in the successional shrub habitat for the second year in a row.

The mature habitat in Oak Openings that was impacted by the June 2010 tornado continues to regenerate. Historically, this area had good numbers of species associated with the deep woods such as Ovenbird, Scarlet Tanager, and Wood Thrush.

Currently, this area has regenerated into shrub-savannah habitat which attracts species such as Yellow-breasted Chat, White-eyed Vireo, Blue Grosbeak, Summer Tanager, and Red-headed Woodpeckers. The data does show an increase in the presence and number of Yellow-breasted Chats, Blue Grosbeak, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, White-eyed Vireo, Summer Tanager, and Red-headed Woodpecker in the tornado-hit area.

BSBO PARTNERS TO PROVIDE IMPORTANT BIRD SURVEYS

The Toledo Metroparks Howard Farms restoration project will create nearly 1,000 acres of wetlands next to Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area.

BSBO has been working in collaboration with the Metroparks on monitoring the habitat use by birds during pre- and post-construction at the site. These surveys will play an important role in evaluating the success of the restoration, an important aspect for obtaining grants to help fund the restoration.



Top ten species for fall 2015 at our Navarre banding station and our two other satellite banding stations

Navarre		Creek Bend		Shaker Lakes	
Species	# Banded	Species	# Banded	Species	# Banded
Blackpoll Warbler	662	American Goldfinch	1,483	American Goldfinch	93
Swainson's Thrush	532	Song Sparrow	321	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	84
Gray Catbird	286	Indigo Bunting	146	Myrtle Warbler	66
Golden-crowned Kinglet	272	Lincoln's Sparrow	136	Magnolia Warbler	63
White-throated Sparrow	257	White-throated Sparrow	120	White-throated Sparrow	53
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	257	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	115	Swainson's Thrush	52
Myrtle Warbler	252	Pine Siskin	110	Golden-crowned Kinglet	41
Hermit Thrush	234	Swamp Sparrow	97	American Redstart	28
American Robin	137	Common Yellowthroat	90	Tennessee Warbler	26
Gray-cheeked Thrush	114	Myrtle Warbler / Magnolia Warbler	75	Winter Wren	24

To keep up with spring migration in NW Ohio:



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Kenn Kaufman's
Birding Blog

BUCKEYE'S BACK!

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Great news, Buckeye's back! Check out the update on Buckeye from this [excerpt](#) from the ProjectSNOWSTORM blog.

Buckeye Bonanza

Just to recap, after Buckeye was radio-tagged and released in 2015 it looked like she was going to make a sprint straight back to Detroit, but she stopped just a mile or so from the Michigan line, doubled back, and spent the rest of the winter in northwestern Ohio. We last heard from her in mid-April, after she'd begun her spring migration up Lake Huron. Her last check was April 15, 2015, on Lake Hubbard, in northern Michigan.

One of the most exciting developments this winter was the unexpected reappearance on Feb. 22 of Buckeye, our first Ohio Snowy Owl, tagged last winter after being relocated from the Detroit airport.

Her transmitter quickly uploaded a new configuration designed to maximize battery power and speed the download of her stored data — and that has worked spectacularly well. In the past week she's sent us more than 7,000 GPS locations that trace her wanderings since she left the upper Midwest last April — and it was a doozy of a trip. The last time we'd heard from Buckeye was April 15, 2015, when she was still in northern Michigan. From there, she rapidly moved north, skirting the eastern end of Lake Superior, then on to the south shore of Hudson Bay by May 11.

Buckeye then turned west and again north, going off the tip of Cape

Churchill (famed for its polar bears) and following the coast of the bay about 100 km (65 miles) inland, then crossing northern Nunavut. She flew another 480 km (300 miles) or so north of the Arctic Circle, onto the Boothia Peninsula, a vast spit of land between the Beaufort Sea and the Gulf of Boothia in the central Canadian Arctic.

On June 21 — the summer solstice, appropriately enough — Buckeye reached her northernmost point, more than 3,380 km (2,100 miles) from where she'd spent the winter. That high-water mark also makes her the most northerly of all of Project SNOWstorm's owls, although Braddock

spent the summer of 2014 only about 300 km (185 miles) south of that point.

Having gone so far north, Buckeye almost immediately reversed direction and started a slow but steady retracing of her tracks. Through July and most of August, she moved in a fairly direct line southeast back down the peninsula, finally lingering along Lady Melville Lake near Cape Colville, where she was on Sept. 6.

After that, there are some major gaps in the return trip; Buckeye's transmitter struggled more than, say, Baltimore's did with the shortening days and low sun angle of the Arctic autumn. By Oct. 16 she'd moved far enough

south to catch up with the fading sun, and for the next three days we have locations as she moved past Cape Churchill once more, speeding along at about 116 kph (72 mph) — one of the fastest speeds we've ever seen from a migrating snowy, which more typically travel at about 64 kph (40 mph). She may have had a good tail wind, or just been in a hurry.

Then her transmitter fell into sleep mode again until March 7, when she was northeast of London, Ontario. Why that happened is a puzzle; unless something's partially blocking the solar panel, it should have been receiving enough power for a

recharge and normal operation over the winter. Whatever the reason, with the new configuration it's steadily gaining

voltage, and we're going to work with our partners at CTT on another tweak to squeeze every amp from the battery.

Buckeye's still on the move. In the past two weeks she moved down to Leamington, ON, near the famed birding hotspot of Point Pelee, then crossed the western end of Lake Erie through Pelee Island and the Bass Islands to the same part of northwestern Ohio where she was released last winter.

She didn't linger. March 20 she had jumped the lake to the Michigan shore, then looped across the Detroit River to Amherstburg, ON, where she was at last report.



PROJECT SNOW STORM

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THE BIRDS.**

Sign up for electronic delivery of BSBO publications at www.bsbo.org

Follow Buckeye's movements at the Project SNOWstorm website at: projectsnowstorm.org/maps-2014-15/buckeye-2/

Learn more about Buckeye and how she was radio-tagged at: bsbo.org/bsbo-and-project-snowstorm

BLACK SWAMP BIRD OBSERVATORY



OHIO YOUNG BIRDERS CLUB NEWS

9TH ANNUAL OYBC CONFERENCE HELD AT ROCKY RIVER NATURE CENTER (NORTH OLMS TED, OHIO)



Photo by Mike Zook

*The
OYBC seeks
to encourage,
educate, and
empower
our youth
conservation
leaders*



The 9th Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference was another fantastic success! More than 130 people participated in a special morning birding field trip to Lake Erie, nest box building, and bird banding before the presentations began. And what dynamic presentations they were!

This year, six young people gave outstanding presentations and three displayed fabulous, information-packed posters. Their presentations were educational, entertaining, and inspiring, and encouraged all of us to do more for birds and bird habitat. Our keynote speaker, Marky Mutchler, inspired us all with her impressive presentation on the importance of getting today's youth interested in birds for the future of bird conservation and enjoyment of birds.

Special thanks to Bev Walborn and all of the Rocky River Nature Center (RRNC) staff & Cleveland Metropark Volunteers that helped us throughout the day! RRNC and Cleveland Metropark were our partners in hosting this year's conference, and the venue was fantastic!

And, our thanks to all of our sponsors! Without their help and support, the conference would not be possible!



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John Gallagher Memorial OYBC Scholarship Fund!
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...OYBC CONFERENCE (continued)

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Ohio Young Birders Conference Speakers:

- May presented on her Student Conservation Association experience during the 2015 summer
- Matt presented on his American Birding Association (ABA) Camp Colorado experience from this past summer
- Adriana shared her unique experience with a Little Gull and other exciting bird adventures
- Anna shared how she became a better birder by using eBird and how it is a fantastic resource for birders of all ages
- Doug shared his experiences and what he learned while volunteering for two months at an eco-tourism lodge in Ecuador
- Izabella presented on her "Big Year", sharing her experiences and tips for anyone that plans to do a Big Year



May Martineau
"Saving the Wilderness One Boardwalk at a Time"



Matt Kappler
"Camp Colorado 2015"



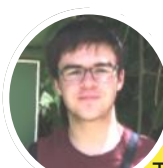
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"Little Gull & Other Adventures"



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"Birding with the Web: Using eBird"



Izabella Little
"My Photographic Big Year"



Doug Whitman
"Toucans, Tourists, & Trashcan Tarantulas: My Summer in Ecuador"

The Ohio Young Birders Club is supported by memberships, sponsorships, and donations.

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For just \$20 a year, you can help support young birders throughout Ohio.

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Do your part to encourage our youth to learn more about birds and the natural world around them.

YOUNG BIRDERS GIVE BACK WITH SERVICE PROJECTS



A big THANK YOU to our Central Chapter Sponsor, Columbus Audubon, for helping us purchase the necessary supplies! And, a THANK YOU shout-out to the parents that helped transport young birders and equipment/supplies to ONWR!

First Tree Swallow Nest Box Grid Installation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

On August 15, 2015, the OYBC Central Chapter completed the first-ever service project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (ONWR) in northwest Ohio. Our young birders successfully installed 16 nest boxes for Tree Swallows in the Stange Prairie area of the refuge. By the end of the day, the Tree Swallows were already investigating the new nest boxes. The nest boxes were built by OYBC students from all chapters at the Annual OYBC Conference. Service projects take a ton of planning and work behind the scenes. Great job, OYBC Advisors and young birders!

Support the Ohio Young Birders Club at one of the following levels:

- \$1,000 – BALD EAGLE
- \$750 – PEREGRINE FALCON
- \$500 – RED-TAILED HAWK
- \$250 – MERLIN
- \$100 – AMERICAN KESTREL

Visit www.ohioyoungbirders.org for a sponsorship form, membership form, or contact BSBO at 419-898-4070 to pay with credit card.



BSB0 Board Member, John Blodgett, attended his first Ohio Young Birders Conference and shares his experience

Last November I had the distinct honor of attending the Ohio Young Birders Conference, held at Rocky River Nature Center. The excitement was electric as participants arrived ready to participate in bird banding, nest box construction, interpretive hikes, or just ready to register for a day full of scientific discovery. It was obvious by simply scanning the conference room that it was filled with passionate, determined, and dedicated young birders and conservationists.

The line-up of young speakers and poster presenters are to be commended for their efforts. Each one crystalized complex information into thoughtful bite-size nuggets for those attending the conference to digest and use to expand their knowledge and understanding of conservation, and to enhance their birding expertise. The speakers were dynamic, poised, knowledgeable, and professional well beyond their years. Congratulations. It is an honor to know that BSB0 is playing a part in fostering their interest in the natural world and developing their exceptional qualities.

Kudos to all who helped make the conference a success. The chapter advisors, parents, mentors, professionals, and young birders seemed to synergize their efforts so the event could stand for the best that Ohio birding has to offer. Our Education Director, Kate Zimmerman, and our Outreach Director, Lester Peyton, are to be commended for their behind-the-scenes actions culminating in this pinnacle event. It is an honor to be associated with BSB0 and so very encouraging to know that the Observatory is having such a positive impact on the lives of our young conservationists.



Adults can support the Ohio Young Birders Club, too! Join today as an OYBC Adult Supporter at the basic level for just \$20, or at the \$100 supporting level!

SAVE THE DATE!

10th Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference

November 5, 2016

8 AM - 5 PM

Toledo, OH

CHECK OUT OUR TWO NEW 2016 T-SHIRT DESIGNS!



See these and MORE BSB0 / BWIAB apparel items in the BSB0 gift shop!

Identifying and Appreciating Fall Warblers



Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25

Registration Fee: \$60 for BSBO members and \$75 for non-members

*Limited to 50 participants

Featured speakers include Dr. Henry Streby, Dr. Andy Jones, Kenn Kaufman, and Mark Shieldcastle

Say the words "Fall Warblers," and a lot of birders fret and frown! Well, BSBO would like to turn those frowns upside down, and by the end of this workshop we promise that participants will be all smiles about the subtle beauty and intrigue of fall warblers!

For more information or to register for the workshop, call BSBO at 419-898-4070 or go to:
bsbo.org/warbler-workshop

Saturday, Workshop Presentations

1:00 - 5:30 PM

* We'll have a brief intermission with light refreshments served

Dinner Break

5:30 - 6:45

* Dinner on your own

Saturday, Evening Presentation

Kenn Kaufman's Extended Fall Warbler ID Program

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Sunday, Field Trip, Magee Marsh

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

* Rain or Shine

Join BSBO for a Lake Erie Pelagic Adventure!



9 AM - 1 PM

November 19th & December 3rd

Registration Fee: BSBO members \$55 & Non-members \$70

Departure is from the Cleveland flats at 9:00 AM (the old Jim 's Steakhouse location) at 1800 Scranton Road. We'll be safe and sound 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. We'll go in search of winter gulls, Purple Sandpipers, Black-crowned Night-Herons, jaegers, loons, grebes, ducks, and MORE!

An idea born from the great mind of Mr. Bob Faber, BSBO's Lake Erie Pelagics have become legendary! BSBO's pelagics are relaxed and easy-going, and so far (knock on wood!) in the 7 years we've been running these trips, not one person has been seasick! We take our time, avoid the rough water, and we always see something good!

The success of our trips has spawned other Lake Erie pelagic trips, offering many birders these special opportunities, and reminding us all that Lake Erie is a precious resource that provides important habitat for birds in all seasons. #ProtectOurLake

For more information or to register go to:
bsbo.org/lake-erie-pelagics



BSBO's efforts to protect birds from improperly sited wind turbines continue. Here's the latest news.

CAMP PERRY UPDATE

We are very troubled to report that the Camp Perry wind turbine (stalled by BSBO and American Bird Conservancy in January of 2014) is back. Here's the latest.

Against the objections of a whole host of organizations and agencies, Camp Perry is making moves to go forward with this terrible project. The Environmental Assessment (not publicly available at this time) has supposedly addressed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) concerns; however, it's important to note that while state and federal wildlife agencies can request voluntary compliance, they lack the regulatory authority to stop this (or any other) project.

So, why does one turbine warrant this much time and energy? Camp Perry officials have made it abundantly clear that they have no interest whatsoever in generating renewable energy with this turbine. The sole purpose is to erect the turbine as an experiment in order to conduct "studies" to determine the impact to birds and bats, with an end goal of proving if the Lake shore is suitable for commercial wind development. Our response to that is twofold.

1) About their "study"

While the wildlife agencies lack regulatory authority (they can't stop projects like these even though they want to!) they make every attempt to urge mitigation efforts. It's the best they can do to protect birds and bats under the current voluntary guidelines. Camp Perry officials have agreed to follow all of the wildlife agencies' recommendations. This includes turning the turbine off every night during spring migration (April 1– May 31), and during fall migration (July 15 – October 31), to protect birds. They also agreed to curtail the turbine at night when wind speeds are less than 6.9 m/s (March 15 and October 31) in order to protect bats.

On the surface, this seems like a great spirit of cooperation and a genuine interest in protecting wildlife. However, if the entire basis for this turbine is to do a study measuring the impacts—but the turbine is never operated during the most sensitive times—the resulting study represents biased data showing little impact. As we've seen many times over the last decade, these corrupt studies are touted by the industry as proof that turbines have little impact.

2) We don't need this study to determine that industrial scale wind development on the Lake Erie shore would have a disastrous impact on birds. We need look no further than the commercial scale wind facilities in Ohio's Van Wert and Portage Counties to assess the impact.

BLUE CREEK UPDATE

Blue Creek is located in the flattest, most open area of Ohio. The facility spans both Van Wert and Paulding Counties. BSBO's battle for the post-construction mortality data from this facility has now entered its third year. While the company refuses to submit data to us (citing "trade secrets"), in a 2014 meeting with Iberdrola executives, they informed us that the facility killed 40 species of birds in 2012, and 41 species in 2013. We have no idea how many total birds were killed, nor do we know the search methodology.

While U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sided with Iberdrola on our Freedom of Information Act request, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has continued to press Iberdrola to allow them to release the data to us. Last week, ODNR attorneys informed Iberdrola that they had just two weeks to file an injunction, or ODNR would release the data to us. This lack of transparency in reporting wind energy mortality prevents the public from making informed decisions about whether wind is a truly "sustainable" source of energy. BSBO will continue to work to pull back the covers on the industry's ability to hide mortality.

EDP RENEWABLES TIMBER ROAD FACILITY IN VAN WERT AND PORTAGE COUNTIES

Not far from Blue Creek, the 99-turbine Timber Road wind energy facility has been in the news recently as Amazon has committed to purchase energy from this facility to power several new data centers they intend to build in central Ohio. Their commitment to purchase the power will result in a major expansion of this wind energy facility to add an

additional 45 turbines. BSBO has submitted requests to both state and federal wildlife agencies for post-construction mortality data for this facility, as well as a letter request for the data sent directly to EDP Renewables.

Our motivation for pursuing the data is this: the Camp Perry turbine is presented as an "exploratory project" to determine the impact on turbines to birds – with the end goal of paving the way for utility scale wind energy development on the Lake Erie shoreline in NW Ohio. If we have the Blue Creek and Timber Road mortality data in-hand, we can prove that we don't need exploratory wind energy projects directly on the Lake shore to know what impact turbines will have on birds. If turbines in the flat, open interior of the state are killing a lot of migratory birds, then one can safely draw the conclusion that turbines here in NW Ohio--on one of the major migratory bird routes on the continent--would be disastrous.

BSBO has been pursuing the post-construction mortality data from Blue Creek--and now Timber Road--to show that, if this facility in the flattest, most open area of Ohio is killing a lot of birds and bats, it's a clear indication of how many birds utility scale wind would kill in an area like the Western Lake Erie Basin.

WHAT BSBO PLANS TO DO ABOUT CAMP PERRY

BSBO intends to take the following actions:

- 1) Provide detailed comments when the Environmental Assessment is posted for public comment.
- 2) Encourage organizations and individuals to post comments, as well.
- 3) Arrange a meeting for key stakeholders to express our collective concerns with Congresswoman Kaptur and Camp Perry officials.

PLEASE HELP!
Sign up to receive
conservation action alerts and
opportunities to help at:
bsbo.org/responsible-wind-energy

SAVING OHIO'S POLLINATORS

*A New State-Wide Pollinator Initiative from ODOT
To Create "No Mow" Areas Along Our Roadways*



BSBO is pleased to participate in a new state-wide initiative established by Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to identify roadside areas for wildflower and milkweed preservation.

The "Saving Ohio's Pollinators" initiative began in 2013 in ODOT District 9 in direct response to the growing loss of bees and other pollinators.

ODOT volunteers are working hard to establish native prairie species along state roads by reducing mowing, improving habitat, and providing pesticide-free food sources for pollinators.

BSBO CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBERS

The BSBO Conservation Committee is looking for members with experience in the following areas: environmental law, marketing and communication.

Please email
Kimberly Kaufman
(kimkaufman@bsbo.org)
or call (419) 898-4070 if
you're interested in being a
part of our committee.

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prior to sunset.**

SONGBIRD BANDING AND MIGRATION PROGRAMS



Date: April 30 and May 21, 28

**Where: Black Swamp Bird Observatory
13551 West State Route 2**

Oak Harbor, OH 43449 (We are located just inside the entrance to Magee Marsh.)

Time: 10 AM

Fee: FREE

These programs offer detailed information on BSBO's migration studies, provide up-close looks at beautiful spring warblers, thrushes, vireos, and other migrants, and share more about the critical stopover habitat that the Lake Erie Marsh Region represents. Basic bird identification will be included, so bring your favorite field guide! The Observatory is proud to offer these educational programs FREE to the public; however, donations are always welcome and help support all the Observatory's research and education efforts! Join us for this unique birding opportunity!

FREMONT CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

TALLIED 66 SPECIES!

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED LAPLAND LONGSPUR
AND ROSS'S, SNOW, & GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE
(FOR COMPLETE LIST, VISIT BSBO.ORG)

OUR THANKS TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO
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FOR OUR POST-COUNT PIZZA PARTY!



BLACK SWAMP BIRD OBSERVATORY



BSBO developed the Birds & Business Alliance program to raise awareness among local businesses of birding tourism in the area and provide business owners with valuable information on offering quality services for the birding audience.

The Alliance is also an important component of BSBO's Conservation Business plan, creating a network that allows us to communicate birding and conservation information to Alliance members.

The benefit to Alliance members is promotion of their business directly to the world-wide birding audience. There is a small annual fee to participate, and we've made a strong effort to make the program affordable—even for small businesses.

*We encourage you to patronize the following businesses that support the Observatory.
Please tell them that BSBO referred you and thank them for their support!*

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WE'RE GONNA FLY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Black Swamp Bird Observatory could not function without the assistance of volunteers. You may choose to help occasionally or regularly, as your schedule permits. No experience is necessary.

Benefits: Opportunities to learn, share with others who have similar interests, and promote the Bird Observatory's mission. Please contact us by phone at 419-898-4070, or email staff@bsbo.org to join the team!

Gift Shop and BSBO Office
Meet people from all over the world. Help BSBO do all the "behind-the-scenes" work that is so vital to the Observatory's success. Answer the phone (that thing NEVER stops ringing these days!). Greet customers in the gift shop, ring up sales, interact with visitors, and answer questions.

Data entry and clerical work
Many of our programs and projects require hundreds of hours of data entry and clerical work. The job might not be all that exciting, but it's an integral part of research. We REALLY appreciate the people who help us out with this task -- like Tracy Marr, for example! :-)

Adopt-A-Highway / Clean Up
Help keep our stretch of St. Rt. 2 clean. We also need help cleaning gutters, cutting brush along our walking trail, and keeping BSBO looking beee-u-tee-ful!

Passerine Banding Station
Volunteers needed 7 days per week during spring and fall migration. The spring season runs from mid-April to early June and the fall season is from mid-August to mid-October. Volunteers must attend a mandatory fall training workshop to participate in this project, which is scheduled in September.



BSBO's work is possible through the support of caring and committed people. The following pages are dedicated to sharing ways to help us accomplish our mission.

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We have lots of bird feeders at BSBO and we need your help to fill our bird seed fund for Anna's Window on Wildlife. The resident and migrant birds (and possibly a squirrel and opossum) around the BSBO grounds will thank you for your support in replenishing our bird seed fund!

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Please indicate "Anna's Window" on the check.

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- Mist Nets for our Songbird Banding Project
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100% of the proceeds from sales in our gift shop support BSBO's research, education, and conservation efforts!

Visit the shop for all the latest regional birding information, free birding area maps, a wide variety of bird-related books, BSBO clothing and hats, bird-friendly coffee, and much, much more! Hours vary by season; please see our spring hours on page one.

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PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO BSBO IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

You can support our research and education efforts by including Black Swamp Bird Observatory in your estate plans. Bequests of any size are gratefully accepted.

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