



Ohio Young Birders Club

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Student members of the Ohio Young Birders Club Central Ohio Chapter receive Youth Conservation Awards from Columbus Audubon for service projects.

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Special Announcements

Summer Birding Camps

Are you looking to make exciting plans for this summer? Every year there are wonderful opportunities to get outside, go on adventures, and spend time in nature with other like-minded youth through summer camps. Both in Ohio, nationally, and internationally, there are a number of great camps for outdoor adventures like backpacking and rock climbing, educational programs for the junior naturalist, and of course, birding! A few of the nationally recognized summer programs for the young birder are listed below. These programs appeal to a large range of ages and take place all over the US, allowing a birder to expand his or her range of birding habitats.

The list accommodates youth from 8 to 18 years old, stretches from coast to coast, and includes sponsorship from organizations such as the American Birding Association, National Audubon Society, and Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Prices range from actually getting paid as an intern to approximately \$1,000. In many cases, scholarships are available from the camp. Additionally, there are scholarship opportunities from the Ohio Young Birders Club and Kirtland Bird Club to pursue an educational summer birding program. More information, including links to each featured camp and scholarships, can be found at the OYBC website, www.ohioyoungbirders.org.

Happy Camping!

| Camp | Organization | Age Group | Location | Dates |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| ABA Young Birders Camp Colorado | American Birding Association | 13 - 18 | Woodland Park, Colorado | June 25 - July 2 |
| ABA Young Birders Camp LGRV TX | American Birding Association | 13 - 18 | ELG State Park, Weslaco, Texas | July 9 - 16 |
| Project Puffin Hog Island Audubon Camp | National Audubon Society | 14 - 17 | Hog Island, Coastal Maine | Jun 19 - 24 |
| Cascades Bird Banding Camp | Seattle Audubon Society | Teens | Cascades | Aug 15 - 19 |
| Family Nature Summits | Craig Tufts Evt'l Ed Fund | 8 - 18 | Ozark Mountain Region, Missouri | Aug 1 - 7 |
| Teen Naturalist in Training Internship | Seattle Audubon Society | 16 + | Magnuson Park, Seattle, WA | June - July |
| Doug Tarry Young Ornithologists' Workshop | Long Point Bird Observatory | 13 - 17 | Port Rowan, Ontario Canada | July 29 - Aug 7 |
| Doug Tarry Young Ornithologists' Internship | Long Point Bird Observatory | 13 - 17 | Port Rowan, Ontario Canada | August |
| Cornell Young Birders Event | Cornell Lab of Ornithology | 14 - 18 | Ithica, NY | Aug 11 - 14 |

Kirtland Bird Club Scholarships Available

The Kirtland Bird Club Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to assist individuals, who are interested in the study of natural science including birds and conservation, to attend classes, conferences, camps and programs. This effort supports the Club's purpose which is the study of birds. More information can be found at <http://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/scholarships.htm>

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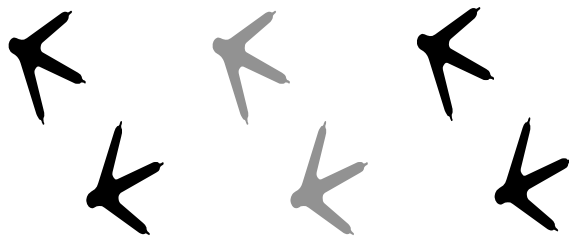
The OYBC Needs Young Birders to serve on the club's Youth Advisory Panel (YAP)

Do you have what it takes to be on the YAP?

YAP members agree to the following responsibilities:

- 1). Attend four meetings per year of the OYBC planning committee
- 2). Serve as a representative and ambassador of the OYBC at all times and conduct yourself accordingly
- 3). List YAP and OYBC membership in your biography
- 4). Serve as a mentor to younger members of the OYBC
- 5). Write one article per year for the club newsletter, *Golden-Wings*
- 6). Be a current member of the OYBC

The OYBC is run by the Youth Advisory Panel with support from BSBO staff and volunteers. Without the YAP - there is no OYBC.
If you are interested in serving on the YAP, please contact BSBO.



OYBC Scholarships Available

John F. Gallagher Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ohio Young Birders Club scholarships are available to help young people who are interested in birds to attend summer camps, workshops, classes, training programs, conventions, and other bird-related activities. Funds for these scholarships come from our partners, private donations, and proceeds from special fund raising events. Applicants must be a current OYBC member between the ages of 12 and 18 to be eligible.

visit www.ohioyoungbirders.org/scholarships.htm for an application form, or call BSBO at 419-898-4070 and we will mail you one.

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Young Birder Profile. . .Spotlight on Robert Reynard, age 15



*Robert Reynard
2010 Lake Erie pelagic trip*

GOLDEN-WINGS—Who or what got you interested in birds, and in what year did you start birding?

Robert Reynard—*My Aunt Marty is the person who got me interested. A male Wood Duck at North Chagrin Nature Center got me hooked in 2006, and I really started birding in 2008.*

GW—Have you had birding mentors/heroes who helped you?

RR—*Yes, I have many people who I look up to, but mainly Kenn Kaufman who has helped me with so much.*

GW—Do you have a favorite bird, and if so, what is it and what makes it your favorite?

RR—*The male Wood Duck because of the colors that make it seem unreal.*

GW—Where is your favorite place to bird?

RR—*I am not 100% sure, probably Magee Marsh Wildlife Area or West Creek Preservation.*

GW—What bird would you most

like to see, and why?

RR—*Great Gray Owl. I've always been a raptor lover and owls are some of my favorites.*

GW—What are some of your greatest birding accomplishments so far?

RR—*Warbler identification by ear. When I first started I couldn't even tell you what a warbler was.*

GW—Are you interested in any other natural science areas besides birds, and what are your other interests and hobbies?

RR—*Amphibians, dragonflies, butterflies, and pretty much anything that is living and moving. My other hobbies include sports, guitar playing, drawing, and video games.*

GW—In your experience, what do most people your age think about birding? If their view of birding isn't totally positive, what can we do to change that?

RR—*Most people see birding as kind of pointless and stupid. I usually try to change that by*

bringing stuff up about birds they probably didn't know.

GW—How could we get more young people interested in nature?

RR—*Firsthand experience gets them hooked I think.*

GW—How do you think the internet can help foster a community of young birders?

RR—*Many ways. Different stories and other things can be shared that way.*

GW—What are some of the most exciting birding destinations you've been too?

RR—*The Wilds and Magee Marsh Wildlife Area.*

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

RR—*I would go to California in search for California Condors.*

GW—Which birding camps, conventions, and/or conferences have you attended?

RR—*I've been to multiple conventions and many walks and festivals near Rocky River. I was also the Master of Ceremonies at the 2010 Ohio Young Birders Conference.*

GW—Besides the OYBC, what other organizations do you belong to?

RR—*Cleveland Metroparks and Black Swamp Bird Observatory.*

GW—Do you plan to go to college, and if so, where?

RR—*I do, and my hope is Cornell.*

GW—What is your dream job?

RR—*Ornithologist.*

Young Birder Profile . . . Spotlight on Robert Reynard, age 15

GW—Are you involved with any birding projects?

RR—I am currently training for bird banding in the spring with the Cleveland Metroparks.

GW—What do you think having the hobby of birding will bring to your career?

RR—Better knowledge of the subject.

GW—What is your favorite book, and what makes it your favorite?

RR—The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain, because Tom reminds me of me in a lot of ways.

GW—What is your favorite movie, and why is it your favorite?

RR—Monty Python and the Holy Grail because of how funny it is.

GW—What is your favorite food, and where is your favorite place to eat?

RR—I don't really have a favorite food. As for place to eat, it would probably be Applebee's.

GW—What are your favorite web sites?

RR — YouTube.

GW—Do you have any pets, and if so, what are they?

RR—I have 4 cats and 1 dog.

GW—Have you conducted volunteer activities anywhere?

RR—Cleveland Metroparks and Black Swamp Bird Observatory. I help with bird banding demonstrations, owl surveys, and amphibian patrols

GW—Have you taken or taught any birding classes/courses?

RR—I often teach during public bird banding demonstrations at the Metroparks and BSBO.

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

RR—I do not keep a life list, but I do keep year lists. For 2010 I had 217 species.

GW—How has the volunteering with Black Swamp Bird Observatory and Cleveland Metroparks changed birding and nature for you?

RR—I think of it as icing on the cake. If I wasn't 100% already into nature, by volunteering I would have been drawn in.

GW—Besides the monthly field trips and annual conference, what else can the OYBC offer members?

RR—Information and friendship. I have learned so much from OYBC. I have also made really great friends.



Robert Reynard
2010 OYBC Conference
Master of Ceremony

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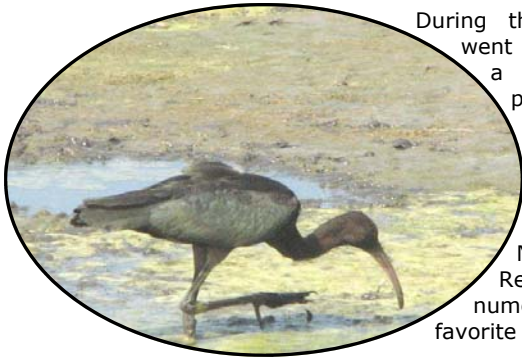
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Glossy Ibis by Kayla Parry, age 12



During the 2010 summer I went on a long vacation to a bunch of different places along the east coast. On the way to Virginia Beach we stopped at Chincoteague Island and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. I got to see numerous birds, but my favorite was the Glossy Ibis.

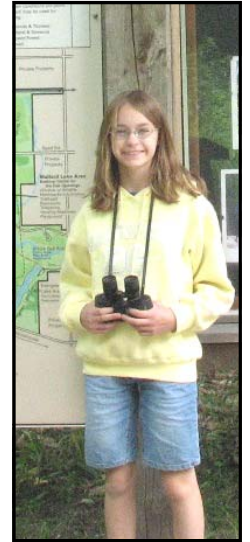
Ibis eat small crustaceans, small fish and insects. Glossy Ibis can be found in salt or freshwater marshes, rice fields, and swamps. Their range tends to be in warm or tropical regions. They can be found in the United States all year round along the gulf and Atlantic coast to the Carolina, and in the summer north to the New England states. The species also regularly strays inland.

Glossy Ibis are about 22-25 inches from tip of beak to tail and a wingspan of 37 inches. If you looked at a silhouette of an ibis you would see a long-legged bird without webbed feet that has a long neck, a round head, and a slender, long, curved bill and a short, square tail.

They fly in lines or in 'V' formations with their neck and legs outstretched. Ibis flap with rapid wing beats between glides. Adults are a glossy, purple-maroon red color with grayish black legs and feet. Their beaks are grayish. Juveniles are browner and do not appear to have any gloss. Glossy Ibis appear to be black when seen at a distance. They are similar to White-faced Ibis and can be separated by more white showing around the eye on the White-faced.

Glossy Ibis are considered common in their range. In the U.S. there are three species of ibis, the Glossy, White-face, and White. The Scarlet Ibis was briefly introduced in Florida but a population was never established there.

Kayla Parry lives in Hamler, Ohio, with her parents, big sister Lindsay, little brother Jacob, 16 chickens and a cat named Milky Way! In 2010, as a member of the Marion Express 4-H Club, she was honored with the Clock Award for Outstanding Ohio Birds Project. This year she is expanding this project into an independent study of birds, their habitats, and the people who observe them.



Winter Wildlife Tracking by Gerry Brevoort, OYBC Central Coordinator



On a frigid day in late January, the Ohio Young Birders Club Central Ohio Chapter (OYBC) defied the extreme temperatures and plunged into the great outdoors! The location was Prairie Rose Farm in North Lewisburg, Ohio, and the focus of the field trip was winter wildlife tracking.

Mime Migliore, Nature Education Coordinator for the city of Dublin, spent the afternoon with 13 OYBC enthusiasts. She shared her extensive knowledge of tracking out in the fields and trails of the

farm. After 1.5 hours in the elements, the group reconvened in a barn to create some bird-feeding crafts, led by Donna Daniel of Wild Ohio TV. Some of the heartiest of the group then continued on to Mad River Mountain for snow tubing on the wintry hills.

New OYBC member Nick Baltutis was one of the hearty bunch on hand that day. He described his experiences at his first OYBC event:

"I had fun with the Ohio Young Birders Club. I learned a lot from it. I learned how to track and classify an animal just by its tracks. I saw lots of tracks, including coyote, mouse, and even bird tracks. Since it was snowy out, it was really easy to find tracks. What was really cool was when I saw wing tracks after a bird took off flying!"


He continued, "animals and humans alike have left and right foot dominance, sort of like if you are left or right handed, but just with feet. I learned that I'm left foot dominant. For humans, 20% of people are left foot dominant and the other 80% are right. With animals, it's 50/50."

"The people were friendly and fun. We all made seed girls at the end and it was very fun to make them. Even though it was a 2 degree wind chill, I felt great exploring, learning, and having fun," Nick summarized.

Check out the photo gallery for this OYBC event!
www.columbusaudubon.org

Gerry Brevoort is co-coordinator of the OYBC Central Chapter, and has been instrumental in the success of this fledgling chapter.





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Winter Blues Blowout by Doug Whitman, age 12



OYBC Student Chapter at Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area

I already knew it would be a good trip when, on the way to Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area, four cars (including mine) pulled over to look at a flock of Horned Lark and Snow Bunting. I jumped out, slipped, and promptly fell on my butt. I had slipped because the road was a solid sheet of ice. Not the best driving conditions, but still great birds.

The Black Swamp Bird Observatory sponsors the annual "Winter Blues Blowout" to Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area. This year, nearly 50 people participated including 17 birders from the Ohio Young Birders Club. Our target birds were uncommon winter visitors like the Northern Shrike, Short-eared Owl, Long-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, and Rough-legged Hawk.

Once everyone got to Killdeer Plains, the first thing that we saw was a Northern Harrier gliding over the field, looking for something to eat. Then Jacob, his mother, my mother and I all stopped to stare at a Red-tailed Hawk. When we turned our attention back to driving again, we had lost the others in our caravan. We had to swallow our pride and call OYBC Advisor Gerry Brevoort to get directions.

Eventually everyone showed up to the Killdeer Plains Sportsmen's Center turning it into our base and cafeteria. In an effort to carpool, many of the students rode in the Black Swamp Bird Observatory bus that had come down that morning with a load of OYBC students. We found some interesting birds with the help of so many eyes. There were American Tree Sparrows feeding, some Rough-legged Hawks (a lifer for me), a Bald Eagle on a nest, a flock of Eastern Meadowlarks, some great views of Northern Harriers, a Northern Mockingbird, and three Red-tailed Hawks in one tree. After that, we went to a pine grove to look for wintering Long-eared and Northern Saw-whet Owls. All of us looked in every pine tree we could find for an hour and a half, but no luck. I bet there were owls laughing at us the whole time, as we tried and failed to see them.

After walking around looking for owls, we were all hungry and headed back to the building to enjoy some sloppy joes and a potluck feast. For about an hour, we all hung out and talked birds, while the afternoon plan was decided on. Some of our group had to depart right after lunch. Those remaining from the Central Ohio Chapter needed to start meandering our way back home too and could not stay for afternoon birding at Killdeer Plains and at the nearby Big Island Wildlife Area. Eventually it was decided that Darlene Sillick, another OYBC advisor, would lead our 4-car convoy. It was very funny with everyone leaning out windows to stare at the numerous Red-tailed and Rough-legged Hawks, as well as a few American Kestrels. The best sighting of all, though, was when a sub-adult Bald Eagle flew within 30 feet of all of us! Everyone got great views.

The convoy drove out of the Wildlife Area after that and everyone peeled off in their separate ways, still occasionally pausing to look at flocks of Horned Larks. Overall, we saw between 30-35 species of birds - not bad. It was the number of raptors that was most amazing! I estimated that we saw 20 Red-tailed Hawks, 10 Rough-legged Hawks, 5 Northern Harriers, 5 American Kestrels, and at least 6 Bald Eagles.

I can't wait to come back to Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area for next year's Winter Blues Blowout.



Doug Whitman, age 12, is an active member of the Ohio Young Birders Club. He has participated in numerous field trips and service learning projects. In November 2010 he won an epic door prize at the Ohio Young Birders Conference, and in March 2011 he presented an update on the OYBC Central Ohio Chapter to Columbus Audubon. He has been birding since early 2009 and has a life list of 186 birds. In addition to birding, Doug enjoys soccer, video games, and keeping his cats indoors (away from bird feeders).

1. Canada Goose
2. Mallard
3. Wild Turkey
4. Great Blue Heron
5. Bald Eagle
6. Northern Harrier
7. Cooper's Hawk
8. Red-tailed Hawk
9. Rough-legged Hawk
10. American Kestrel
11. Rock Pigeon
12. Mourning Dove
13. Red-headed Woodpecker
14. Red-bellied Woodpecker
15. Downy Woodpecker
16. Northern Flicker
17. Blue Jay
18. American Crow
19. Horned Lark
20. Carolina Chickadee
21. Tufted Titmouse
22. White-breasted Nuthatch
23. Eastern Bluebird
24. American Robin
25. Northern Mockingbird
26. European Starling
27. Northern Cardinal
28. American Tree Sparrow
29. Dark-Eyed Junco
30. Snow Bunting
31. Eastern Meadowlark
32. House Finch
33. House Sparrow
34. Song Sparrow
35. American Goldfinch

Check out www.columbusaudubon.org and www.ohioyoungbirders.org for more photos of this trip!



Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area
February 20, 2011
Clare Jusdanis and Jacob Stinnett

OYBC Central Chapter Service Project by Aaron Tayal, age 12

"In the end I felt good because I knew that I had helped a lot of birds, as well as the community, and the kids at Glacier Ridge School who will enjoy the nesting birds."

Aaron Tayal
Ohio Young Birders Club
Central Ohio Chapter

In March 2011, the Ohio Young Birders Club (OYBC) Central Ohio Chapter started a service project to build and set up nest boxes. The project received support from Columbus Metro Parks and funding from a North Face Explore Fund Grant.



Ohio Young Birders Club Central Ohio Chapter pose with nineteen newly

Bluebirds and Tree Swallows. They are called secondary cavity nesters. They cannot make their own cavity to nest in. We were helping these birds by giving them places to nest. We watched a movie showing what happens inside a bluebird nest box, and we got to touch bird specimens that had been preserved and were on loan from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Then we went to the basement to start building. There were seven kids, lots of adults, and seven power drills, so in no time we had nineteen birdhouses. Then we crammed them all into Darlene's car. We had finished the first part of our service project, but we were only halfway done!

Next we needed to put up our nest boxes at Glacier Ridge Metro Park in Plain City, Ohio. The day to put up the nest boxes we had made was March 19th. When we got to Glacier Ridge, we saw a big field in front of us. Then we went over to meet everybody else. There were five young birders, park volunteers, parents, and advisors who were all happy to lend a helping hand. We met Dick Tuttle who is an experienced birder and also experienced at putting up nest boxes. Dick's nickname is "Mr. Bluebird".

Dick taught us to set up nest boxes according to a grid. A grid keeps the boxes far enough apart from each another so that they are appealing homes to the desired birds. Installing the boxes

Building nest boxes was fun. Before we started the project Darlene Sillick, one of the OYBC Chapter Advisors, taught us about the birds we were helping. The birds we wanted in our nest boxes were Eastern

in a grid also catches people's eyes as they move past it because the nest boxes align in many ways. We want visitors to the park to notice the nest boxes, get curious, and maybe learn a little something about the birds that live in them.

The first step in putting up the grid was to set where the first nest box was to be. Then we hammered a tall pole into the ground. Next we put on the baffle. Finally, we screwed on one nest box.

Meanwhile, another group was measuring out where the other nest boxes would go. We learned that the Pythagorean Theorem can help make precise 90 degree angles. We measured 75 feet one way and then 75 feet another way, forming a right angle. Then we used the Pythagorean Theorem to get our right angle precise. From our first right angle we formed a box, and then we added a box onto that, always staking where nest boxes were to go. We had two teams, a measuring team and an assembly team. After a while we started to communicate more and that made the job much easier. We started to see one big square forming that was four boxes long and four boxes wide. Soon we were on our last nest box, we had put up sixteen total. When we had finished it, we stood back to admire our work, and suddenly, in flew two Tree Swallows!



OYBC Central Chapter installs nest boxes at Glacier Ridge Metro Park.

Our nest boxes are next to a Glacier Ridge Elementary School near Glacier Ridge Metro Park's entrance. There is a handicapped accessible paved path along our nest boxes, so anyone can come to see birds. In the end, I felt good because I knew that I had helped a lot of birds, as well as the community, and the kids in school who will enjoy the nesting birds.

Aaron Tayal is a new young birder from the Columbus area. The March service project was Aaron's third OYBC activity.



OYBC to Participate in the Biggest Week in American Birding, May 2011



Canada Warbler
By Brian Zwiebel

Be a Part of Something BIG

OYBC Field Trip May 14
International Migratory Bird Day
8 AM — 12 PM
at the Magee Marsh Boardwalk



Blackburnian Warbler
By Brian Zwiebel

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Northern Parula
By Brian Zwiebel



Black-throated
Blue Warbler
By Brian Zwiebel



Midwest Native Plant Society Conference July 2011



The **Midwest Native Plant Society** will be presenting the *3rd Annual Midwest Native Plant Conference*, to be held July 8, 9 & 10, 2011, at Bergamo Retreat Center in Dayton, Ohio.

The Midwest Native Plant Society mission is twofold: To connect people with nature, and to support conservation projects that have a significant impact on local ecosystems.

By attending, you will learn from the experts! A variety of recognized experts will present informational sessions and field trips to explore native landscaping, forests, wetlands, and prairies—together with the diverse wildlife that depends on these native habitats. Keynote speakers include: Steve McKee, Jim McCormac, Brian Jorg, and Guy Denny. We have breakout sessions and field trips to learn in the field. Visit with vendors who offer native plants, books, artwork and other items to stimulate your enthusiasm and spirit.

For more information and to register, visit: www.midwestnativeplants.org

We are please to offer a limited number of scholarships to attend the conference to young naturalists between the ages of 9-18.

For more information, contact Kathy McDonald - 513.941.6497.

We hope to see you there!

Ohio Young Birders Club Upcoming Events

To register for any of these events, or for more information, please contact the BSBO at 419-898-4070.

Spring Fling

Central Ohio Area—Organized by the OYBC
Central Ohio Chapter

Saturday, April 23, 8:00 AM—4:30 PM

Meeting Location: Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus at 8:00 AM

Cost: FREE

Schedule:

8:00—10:30AM: bird Green Lawn Cemetery.

By 11:00 AM: travel to Grange Insurance Audubon Center; plan to eat lunch there.

By 12:30 PM: travel to Hoover Nature Preserve for a bird walk with Charlie Bombaci.

By 2:30 PM: travel to Alum Creek to see the Osprey platforms and meet with Dick Tuttle.

4:00-4:30 PM: head home.

Columbus Audubon Trustees, Darleen Sillick and Joe Meara, will be with OYBC students all day. Please pack snacks, water, and a lunch.

Birding by Kayak

The Adaptive Adventure Sports Coalition (TAASC)—Powell, OH

Saturday, June 11, 8:30 AM—2:00 PM

Come paddle and bird at Twin Lakes in Powell, OH! The group will receive instruction before launching to paddle for 2-2 1/2 hours. Activities include checking nest boxes set up for Prothonotary Warblers, and keeping a bird list for the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II project.

Those with time should pack a lunch and sturdy walking shoes for a picnic and then to check nest boxes for Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, and Purple Martins.

Cost: \$20 per student. Please bring cash or check payable to TAASC to the event.

Tim Daniel, an OYBC advisor, has arranged for a Wild Ohio TV crew to film the event, so you may even have the chance to be on TV!

Warbler and More Warblers

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area—Oak Harbor, OH

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 AM to whenever

This event will occur during the BWIAB festival. May 14, 2011 is also International Migratory Bird Day.

Meeting Location: near the warbler deck at the west entrance of the boardwalk. Look for Tom "Big-Sittin'" Bartlett on a ladder conducting his BIG SIT fundraiser as part of IMBD.

Target Species: Warblers and more warblers and other neo-tropical migrants.

Bird banding demonstrations will be held near the west entrance of the boardwalk as part of IMBD. Those staying in the area or planning to arrive early can bird the boardwalk starting at 7 AM at the west entrance, and meet the rest of the group at 9 at the warbler deck.

Cost: FREE

BioBlitz

Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve—Port Clinton, OH

Saturday, July 23, Time TBA

Student members of the OYBC, along with BSBO staff and volunteers, and in collaboration with the City of Port Clinton, will conduct this biological study on July 23, during a season when we would expect to find peak biodiversity in the habitat. The group will be documenting all the flora and fauna found on the Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve, which was recently placed under a conservation easement by the Black Swamp Conservancy.

Experts will be brought in from around the state to lead groups into the habitat to explore all aspects of nature, including: butterflies and other insects, birds, plants and trees, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and mammals.

Cost: FREE

More information to come.

**WELCOME TO ALL OF THE
NEW OYBC MEMBERS & ADULT SUPPORTERS**

STUDENT MEMBERS

Nicholas Baltutis
Sam Browning
Emily LeMaster
Landon Links
Aaron Tayal
Emma Warner-Mesnard

ADULT MEMBERS

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