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OF ENCOURAGING, EDUCATING, AND EMPOWERING
OUR YOUTH CONSERVATION LEADERS

"Of all of the birding groups and functions in Ohio, I put the Ohio Young Birders Club at the top of the list. This is the COOLEST thing going on in Ohio birding!"
~ Greg Miller, "The Big Year"



Each year during The Biggest Week in American Birding, the OYBC offers a Young Birders Walk at the famous Magee Marsh and this year's turnout was spectacular! Over 30 young birders from all over the state and the country met up with a team of OYBC leaders, members, and alumni. These walks were fully led by OYBC members themselves who engaged all participants in the wonder of birds and spring migration.

(Group photo at the Young Birders Walk on Saturday, May 13th. See more for The Biggest Week and the Young Birders Walk on page 10.)

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OYBC Scholarships Available

Theodore A. Parker III Memorial Scholarship

The Theodore "Ted" A. Parker III Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by Victor Emanuel Nature Tours (VENT), provides financial assistance for OYBC members ages 14–18 to attend Camp Chiricahua, VENT's flagship summertime youth birding camp. Camp attendees do not need to be expert birders but should have an interest in natural history study and observation.

VENT youth camps present a rare opportunity for young naturalists to be in the field with their peers and with expert leaders. One scholarship will be awarded each year. Funds for the scholarship are provided by an anonymous donor.

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

John F. Gallagher Memorial Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund helps students broaden their knowledge of birds and bird conservation and expand their field experiences through conferences, camps, and workshops. Funds for these scholarships come from our partners, private donations, and proceeds from special fundraising events.

Applicants must be current OYBC members between
the ages of 12 and 18 to be eligible.

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Young Birders Network



Black Swamp Bird Observatory and Cornell Lab of Ornithology have joined forces in creating a national network for young birders! The Young Birders Network (YBN) aims to provide resources and networking opportunities to students as well as adults involved in supporting student birding activities. Though the network is primarily geared for ages 12-18, younger birders and college students alike may also find relevant resources.

The website offers a comprehensive listing of clubs, opportunities, and other information relevant to young birders. You can find information about local clubs, summer jobs and events, college and career ideas, online discussion groups, and so much more.

Check out ebird.org/content/ybn/

OYBC BIRD ID PHOTO QUIZ

Ready to test your Bird ID skills?

Challenge yourself to enhance your ID skills with the monthly OYBC Bird ID Quiz!

Correct submissions are eligible to win birder swag!

*** Must be an OYBC member to be eligible to win a prize**

www.ohioyoungbirders.org or mail in to BSBO c/o: Laura Guerard

2017 JULY/AUGUST BIRD ID QUIZ: "Shorebird Showdown"



Ohio Young Birders Club

Directions:

Identify each numbered species.

[Hint: each of these species can occur in Ohio and aren't necessarily birds photographed in fall.]

Summer may have just started, but soon enough we will start to see shorebirds rolling through Ohio again as fall migration begins. A beautiful group of birds with intricate patterning and stunning tones, shorebirds aren't always the easiest to identify, especially while they're still undergoing molt. While size can be a great clue as to the ID of a shorebird, without a Killdeer nearby, size can be difficult to gauge. Therefore, you must watch the behavior of each bird and look at things such as bill shape and length, leg color, facial patterns and colors, patterns on the back feathers, and markings along the breast and belly to help identify this group of birds.

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- ◆ Trip Reports
- ◆ Species Profiles
- ◆ Creative Stories
- ◆ Book Reviews
- ◆ Sketches & Photos
- ◆ Fun Nature Facts

The next deadline for newsletter submissions is September 1, 2017

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Group photo at the Biggest Week in American Birding OYBC-sponsored Young Birders Walk at Magee Marsh. Photo by Amber Blanco

YOUNG BIRDER PROFILE: OSCAR WILHELMY

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

Oscar Wilhelmy (OW) – I started birding in 2016 when I saw a Yellow-throated Warbler come to the bird feeder at my house. The Yellow-throated Warbler is my favorite because it was my spark bird.

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

OW – My neighbor, Sally Wood, encouraged me when I was getting started.

GW – Where is your favorite place to bird?

OW – My favorite place to bird right now is Eastern Egg Rock (Muscongus Bay, Maine).

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

OW – I can't choose just one – Le Conte's Sparrow, Red-tailed Tropicbird and Williamson's Sapsucker are all amazing.

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

OW – Seeing 300 species in my first year.



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

OW – I enjoy all nature but mainly birding.

GW – Do you have any other interests or hobbies?

OW – Photography, woodworking, travel, and downhill skiing.

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

OW – My family enjoys nature and my parents are supportive of me. It is difficult when I want to go somewhere far away and nobody else wants to go.

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

OW – Most people my age think it is strange. A few people seem interested but don't know where to start.

GW – How can we get more young people interested in nature?

OW – Be supportive of them getting into it.

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

OW – Yes, there are various social media groups that are centered around birding. I have connected with other birders on Flickr and Facebook. Group messaging systems can also give young birders a way to stay in touch and discuss their interests.

GW – Have you taken any birding trips out of state?

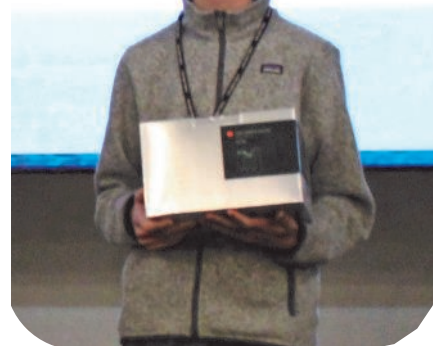
OW – Yes, I have birded Kentucky, Indiana, Utah, Texas, Florida, Maine and California.

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

OW – I would go to Alaska to see Long-tailed Jaegers nesting on the Arctic Tundra.

GW – Have you attended any birding conventions or conferences? Which ones?

OW – I attended the 10th Annual OYBC Conference at the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium last year and visited The Biggest Week in American Birding during May.



Oscar is one lucky birder! He won the Leica Trinovid binocular raffle at the 10th Annual Conference!

(Note the fantastic photos that Oscar took while birding NW Ohio during The Biggest Week! Left: Eastern Screech-Owl (red morph), Maumee Bay boardwalk; Below: Swainson's Thrush, Magee Marsh Estuary Trail; Opposite page: Magnolia Warbler, Maumee Bay State Park; Great Blue Heron, Magee Marsh Wildlife Area causeway)

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

OW – The Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

GW – Where do you go to school?

OW – The Seven Hills School in Cincinnati.

GW – What is your dream job?

OW – To be a tour guide and lead nature tours around North America.

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

OW – One Wild Bird at a Time by Bernd Heinrich. It is very well-written and helped me to get started in birding.

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

KS – The Hobbit because it was very well made.

GW – What's your favorite place to eat?

OW – Mazunte, a local Mexican restaurant in Cincinnati, OH.



...YOUNG BIRDER PROFILE CONTINUED

GW – What are your favorite websites?

OW – I like the Rogue Birders Facebook page and Yve Morrell's Big Year blog "The Dancing Birder."

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

OW – I have a golden retriever named Willie.

GW – Are you involved with any birding projects?

OW – I submit sightings to eBird and post photos on Flickr. I am doing a personal challenge project about birding for school and I am working on creating and selling calendars and greeting cards that feature my bird photography.

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

OW – Yes, I have seen 311 species so far and my goal is to reach 400 in 2017. I'm 3/4 of the way there.



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

OW – Yes, now I know other young birders in my area and get to go on birding trips with them. Also, I won the optics raffle for the Leica Trinovid 8x42 HD binoculars at the OYBC Annual Conference last year. I am looking forward to going to Camp Chiricahua in Arizona this July on the Theodore A. Parker III Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by Victor Emanuel Nature Tours (VENT).

GOLDEN-WINGS is always on the lookout for Ohio Young Birders Club members to interview! If you are interested in being one of our featured Young Birder Profiles, contact the Ohio Young Birders Club at info@ohioyoungbirders.org



YOUNG BIRDER CAMPS

Victor Emanuel Nature Tours (VENT)

Camp Chiricahua • SE Arizona • 12 days • Ages 14-18 • July 10-21, 2018

Camp Cascades • Pacific NW • 12 days • Ages 14-18 • July 28-August 8, 2018

Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Young Birders Event • Ithaca, NY • 4 days • Ages 15-18 • July 2018

Audubon

Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens • Hog Island, ME • 6 days • Ages 14-17 • June 2018

Family Camp • Hog Island, ME • 6 days • Ages 8-13 • August 2018

American Birding Association (ABA)

Camp Colorado • Estes Park, CO • 7 days • Ages 13-18 • Sessions I & II: July/August 2018

Camp Avocet • Lewes, DE • 7 days • Ages 13-18 • July/August 2018

For more information about camps and how to register, go to ohioyoungbirders.org

Looking for a fun summer camp to learn about nature & birds?

Are you interested in exploring new areas & making life-long friends?

Check out the summer youth camps on the

OYBC website and/or the

Young Birders Network:

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Illustration by Nathan Martineau, 2013

For one of our field trips the Ohio Young Birders Club (Central Ohio Chapter) went to the Ohio State University Museum of Biological Diversity. We had a great time hearing the recordings of bird calls and songs. We got to learn about how they make bird study skins and we even got to see one get partially made. At the end of the tour, we got to see their collection of study skins. It was a very nice experience and everyone learned something.

For the first part of our tour, we got to see the machine they use to transfer tapes onto the computer, and to listen to some bird calls. Next we learned about the different tools that can be used to record bird sounds. If you want a good recording, then you need to get the proper tools – not the smaller tools. It was truly fascinating to see the different pieces of equipment that are used.

In the next part of our tour, we got to watch a kind volunteer show us how to make a bird pelt. She had a Broad-winged Hawk that she said was one of the fattest birds that she'd worked on. When making a pelt you have to take all of the insides out, including the brain. The skull is left in because a part of the beak is attached to the skull, and you want to keep the beak. When making the pelt you have to use cornstarch to keep the oils off the feathers. This is because the oil can ruin the feathers, causing the feathers to become discolored faster than normal. The pelt can last thousands of years if prepared properly. It is very important that they last as long as possible for future generations to look at. Different species also have different requirements for preparing a pelt. Waterfowl have much more oil than most other birds, so they need several good cleanings to get rid of all the oil. Almost everyone thought it was amazing to watch.

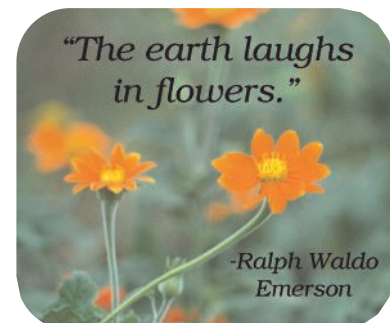


For the last part of our tour, we went to see their collection of study skins. They have so many amazing bird pelts on display! They even have some that have, sadly, become extinct. They had many of one species together to show how a species can change over time. This can happen even if it is the same species and they are from the same area. They had a bird that was melanistic, which means it's all black. Melanistic and albino (all white) are opposites. They are both rare and hard to find, so it was truly amazing to get to see a melanistic bird.

(Photo below shows two Ivory-billed Woodpeckers, now extinct, on the left and a Pileated Woodpecker for comparison on the right. Photos by Hannah Thomas)



Overall, it was amazing to go there and everyone learned something. The trip was a wonderful experience to learn more about how recordings are made and stored and how study skins are prepared and stored. The recordings take time to make, but you end up with something that you will appreciate listening to in the future. Making so many bird study skins takes loads of time, work, and lots of people helping, but you end up having a museum full of amazing work that will last thousands of years. It was definitely a good tour that had something for everyone to enjoy.



Field Trip Notes

FERNALD PRESERVE

SW Chapter

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Field Trip List:

Canada Goose

Mute Swan

Gadwall

Mallard

Northern Pintail

Canvasback

Ring-necked Duck

Bufflehead

Turkey Vulture

Northern Harrier

Red-tailed Hawk

American Coot

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Pileated Woodpecker

American Kestrel

Eastern Phoebe

Blue Jay

American Crow

Carolina Chickadee

White-breasted Nuthatch

Eastern Bluebird

American Robin

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White-crowned Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Eastern Towhee

Red-winged Blackbird

Eastern Meadowlark

Brown-headed Cowbird

TOTAL: 30 Species



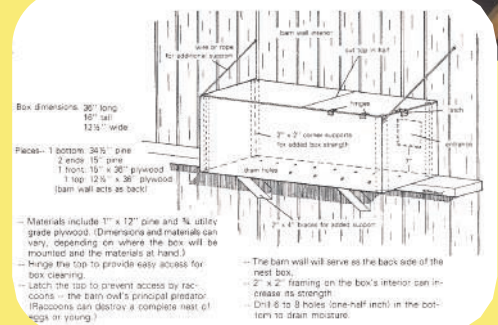
On Thursday evening, April 13, the Holmes County Chapter of the OYBC went to Michael Hersberger's place to build nest boxes. We built 10 Barn Owl boxes, 10 Kestrel boxes, and 15 Bluebird boxes that will be distributed locally for free.

After that we took a short bird walk down to the woods behind their shop. We tallied 38 species, and we also got to see a Mourning Dove nest in their barn's spouting.

Then Ed Schlabach spoke to the group. His topic was: Why bird watching is such a worthwhile hobby, and how birding has changed through the years.

He then gave 10 reasons why we like bird watching:

1. Birds are beautiful.
2. Bird have nice songs.
3. Birds can fly.
4. Birds are easy to identify.
5. Birds are hard to identify.
6. Birds come in an immense variety.
7. Birds have amazing migrations.
8. Birders have a greater awareness of other things in nature.
9. Birding gives us opportunities for games, lists, etc.
10. Birding is as simple or challenging as we want it to be.



Ed Schlabach also had a display of bird books. Then we had a bird trivia quiz and a photo quiz with a Crossly ID Guide. The first prize was 2 checklists and the 2nd prize was 1 checklist.

Stan Searles then talked about the Scaley-sided Merganser nest box (conservation) project in Russia. It was all very interesting.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS AND STRANGE SIGHTINGS

On April 29, 2017, 22 members of the OYBC went to Harrison County to bird around the Harrison County Airport with Scott Pendleton, the local vet of the area.

On the way down one group stopped at Tappan Lake and saw 3 Caspian Terns, Osprey, and a female Common Merganser.

When we got to Scott's clinic he told us that 20 minutes ago he had a Common Raven flyover at that place. Common Raven was one of our target birds.

From the clinic we went to some huge pastures. By the pastures we heard 2 or 3 Henslow's Sparrows singing. At this location we saw Upland Sandpipers and Solitary Sandpiper, and also many Bobolinks and Grasshopper Sparrows. By the pastures, we also found an abandoned Horned Lark nest with one cold egg and an Upland Sandpiper eggshell, meaning that some Uplands must have already hatched.

From the pastures, we drove to a little pond and some fields beside an active mine. This was the place where we were going to look for Ravens. We didn't have any Ravens but we got good looks at a Henslow's Sparrow, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, and Field Sparrow. This was also the only place that we had Savannah Sparrows.

From here we decided to walk back the gravel road until the two vans could turn around. We saw Northern Harrier, Black-billed Cuckoo, and some Spotted Sandpipers.

After that we drove around a bit only seeing some common species. It started raining soon after that; it had also rained on the drive down here and stopped a little before we got there. After it started raining we decided to head home. At this point we split up with the other group, Scott Pendleton, and Hallie Mason, who had also come along. Many thanks to Scott and Hallie as they told us many interesting facts about the birds and made our day enjoyable up to this point.

On the way home we stopped at the Stark County Wilderness

Center as the rain had stopped once more! We decided to do some birding behind the buildings. Not far up the trail we saw and heard Blue-headed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, and an American Redstart. Farther on down the trail we saw two White-tailed Deer. We also heard White-eyed Vireo and Yellow-breasted Chat. Still farther on we saw a Barred Owl (he also saw us), and heard an Indigo Bunting. We also scared a female Wood Duck out of a hollow tree. She scared us pretty badly too when she flew.

We stopped by the marsh, and only heard a Swamp Sparrow and Great Crested Flycatcher. From the Wilderness Center we went to Kidron to look for Eurasian Collared Doves, and we did get to see them.

We then decided that our last stop would be at the Orrville Tile Plant. By the tile plant we saw Short-billed Dowitcher, Black-bellied Plover, and other expected shorebird species. Also at the tile plant we had Common Loon and Ruddy Ducks on the lake.

The final stop brought my group's total of birds heard and seen to 96. The other group stopped and birded around Tappan Lake and their total was 97. The grand total came out to be 111. Again, many thanks to Scott Pendleton and Hallie Mason, and also to our great drivers and our great leader Michael Hershberger.

- Philip Hershberger, Holmes County Chapter

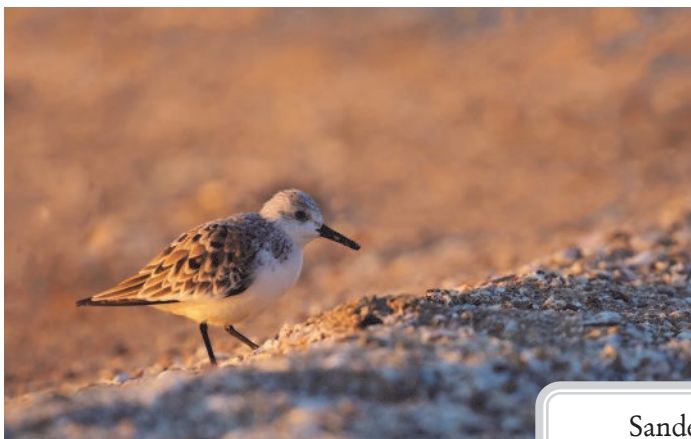


It's a bird, it's a plane it's...

"I took this photo of an eagle near oak openings; we had stopped on the side of the road to look at Grasshopper Sparrows and Blue-winged Warblers. It just so happens that a plane was flying over at the same time. An even bigger coincidence is that the name of the airline is American Eagle! What are the chances of that!? I caught them both in the same photo (without using Photoshop)."

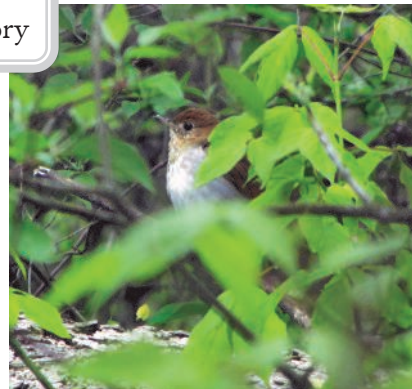
- Oscar Wilhelm, SW Chapter

Do you have bird or nature-themed artwork, photography, creative poem, or story that you would like featured in **GOLDEN-WINGS?** If so, we'd love to share it with the OYBC community! Call, email, or send a letter to share your ideas for field trips, the newsletter, or any other thoughts that you have! BSBO, 13551 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449 info@ohioyoungbirders.org (419) 898-4070 ext.203



Sanderling
by Oscar Wilhelmy

Veery
by Mitchell SanGregory



Avian Trivia

Archaeopteryx had how many primary feathers?

Which passerines have webbed toes?

Which NA hummingbird nests earliest in the year?

What color are the outer tail feathers of a meadowlark?

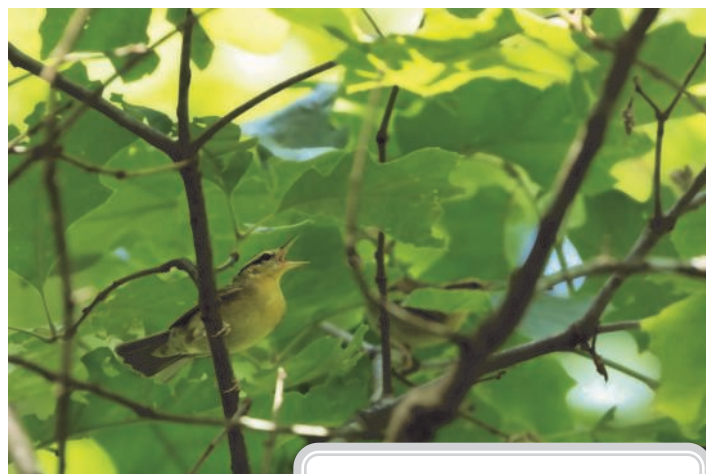
When was the first Marbled Murrelet nest discovered in Canada?

(Answers at the bottom of the page. Source: 10,001 Titillating Tidbits of Avian Trivia by Frank S. Todd)



Left, Warbling Vireo (eating a bug);
Above, American Woodcock,
by Mitchell SanGregory

N. Rough-winged Swallow
by Adriana Losey



Worm-eating Warbler
by Oscar Wilhelmy

Trivia Answers: nine, none, Anna's Hummingbird begins nesting late winter/early spring, white, a single nest was discovered in early August 1990, in British Columbia. Up until that time, only 13 nests had been recorded worldwide.

THE BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING

2017
in Review



Photo Credit:
Ruddy Turnstone by
Oscar Wilhelmy,
Black-throated
Green Warbler by
Adriana Losey

Bird sightings from the OYBC sponsored Young Birder walks at the famed Magee Marsh.



47 species on Saturday, May 6th

51 species on Saturday, May 13th

14 species of warbler



Teenage Bird Expert

St. John's hockey player has another favorite hobby, and that is spotting birds all across the country.



When Pickerington Ponds Metro Park requested that the Ohio Young Birders Club's Central Chapter help park-goers identify birds near Pickerington Pond's Wood Duck Picnic Area, I ran to find my favorite field guide and started to brush up on my waterfowl. The day began chilly, overcast, and drizzly. A few friendly, interested people stopped by and were happy to peek into the spotting scopes and learn some basic facts about the birds, such as how to identify a Hooded Merganser by its striking white crest. When the young birders needed a break from the cold, Mr. Daniels started the car and we piled in to warm up. It was a great opportunity for newer members (like me!) to get to know everybody. We swapped tips for birding at Magee Marsh, an extremely popular birding destination during spring migration, and debated which week we prefer to go. We also chatted about things ranging from chicken shows, to a viral video about a dancing Cockatoo.

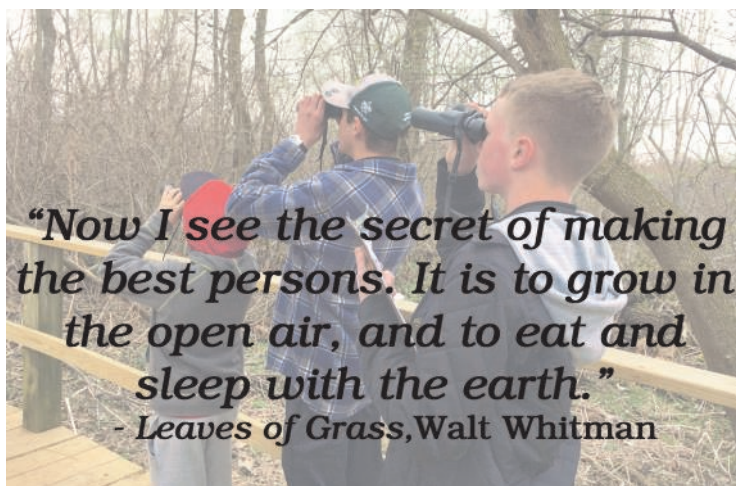
Pickerington Ponds, located in central Ohio, is famous for its waterfowl and occasional rarities such as Sandhill Cranes, which we were privileged to see fly over the pond. We spotted lots of the most common types of Ohio waterfowl including Buffleheads, Gadwalls, Mallards, and Black Ducks as well as Pied-billed Grebes and Northern Shovelers. Some more exciting sightings included a lone Peregrine Falcon perched on a dead tree, a Northern Harrier, and of course, the Sandhill Crane. Sandhill Cranes are very uncommon in Ohio, but they frequent Pickerington Ponds, especially during migration. Thank you so much to Pickerington Ponds for letting OYBC be a part of this program. Following is a complete list of identified birds during OYBC's field trip to Pickerington Ponds.

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- 4 Canada Goose
- 4 Gadwall
- 3 American Wigeon
- 3 American Black Duck
- 8 Mallard
- 12 Northern Shoveler
- 8 Green-winged Teal (American)
- 45 Ring-necked Duck
- 16 Hooded Merganser
- 1 Pied-billed Grebe
- 2 Great Blue Heron
- 1 Turkey Vulture
- 25 American Coot (Red-shielded)
- 1 Sandhill Crane
- 3 Killdeer
- 4 Ring-billed Gull
- 1 Mourning Dove
- 1 Belted Kingfisher
- 1 Peregrine Falcon
- 1 Northern Harrier
- 5 Blue Jay
- 4 American Crow
- 2 Carolina Chickadee
- 1 White-breasted Nuthatch (Eastern)
- 1 Carolina Wren
- 6 American Robin
- 2 White-crowned Sparrow (leucophrys)
- 4 Song Sparrow
- 10 Red-winged Blackbird
- 1 House Finch
- 5 House Sparrow



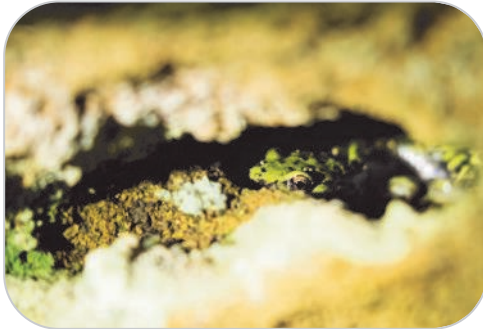
John Watts joined the Central Chapter at Pickerington Ponds.



EDGE OF APPALACHIA PRESERVE BY OSCAR WILHELMY

During June, the Southwest Chapter went to the Edge of Appalachia Preserve in Adams County. We were looking for Chuck-will's-widows, Henslow's Sparrows, Worm-eating Warblers, and Kentucky Warblers. We also hoped to see various species of insects, reptiles, and amphibians. We had a fantastic guide who helped us find our target species.

First, we went to look for Henslow's Sparrows. Our guide, Mark, knew a field where the sparrows had nested in previous years. Mark and I hiked to the field while the rest of the group stayed by the road. After playing an audio recording of the HESP's song, a small head popped out of a bush. Then he came out to sing. We were amazed that this secretive bird was displaying so well. Luckily, he sang long enough for the others to come and see. I got excellent photos, video and scope views. Through the scope, we were able to observe fine details that we couldn't see through our binoculars; this was a real treat. The sparrow sang to us for 25 minutes, and on our way back we flushed three fledglings. This was a lifer for me, and lifers don't get much better than that.



Next we went off to look for Green Salamanders which we found. This state-endangered species likes to hide in small crevices. The Edge of Appalachia Preserve is one of the few

places where they can be found in Ohio. Later that night, we went off to find Chuck-will's-widows and synchronous fireflies. Eventually, we heard Chuck-will's-widows and Eastern Whip-poor-wills. Our next stop was synchronous fireflies. There are many species of fireflies, but this one is unique. The males try to outcompete each other's flashing and end up synchronized. This species can only be found in two places—the Great Smoky Mountains and Adams County. It was amazing to watch. This is a well-kept secret, so don't tell anyone!



We arrived back at the chalet around 11:30 p.m. We were thrilled to see the moth light was crawling with moths. We got to see Luna, Io, and Rosy Maple moths. An added bonus was

the singing Chuck-will's-widow close by. We went to bed at 1:00 a.m. and woke up at 7:00 a.m. The Luna and Io moths were still there, and a Polyphemus Moth had arrived during the night. The moths were very cooperative and we got nice photos. Birding around the chalet produced a Hooded Warbler and a brief look at a Worm-eating Warbler.



When Mark arrived we flipped some tins. A tin is essentially a sheet of metal that reptiles, insects, and amphibians will crawl under to warm up. We

found Black Widow Spiders, Wolf Spiders, an Eastern Hognose Snake, a Black Racer Snake, and a Box Turtle (the turtle was not under a tin). The hognose snake put on an impressive defense display but we knew it was harmless. Along the way we encountered a trio of Yellow-billed Cuckoos. After the tins, we went to look for Kentucky Warblers. We got excellent views and photos of the warblers and also saw a Broad-winged Hawk's nest, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, and an Eastern Fence Lizard. Our final destination was an area where Worm-eating Warblers can be reliably found. Here we quickly found not one, but two Worm-eating Warblers. This was a much more satisfying look than the one I had spotted at the chalet. I also got some great photos of them singing. We finished off the trip with a quick look for the resident Barn Owl, which we failed to find. This hardly mattered because we had gotten all of our target species and more. A huge thanks to Mark and Debbie for making this trip happen! Hopefully we can do it again next year!



Photos by Oscar Wilhelmy. Clockwise: E. Hognose Snake, Henslow's Sparrow, Io moth, Green Salamander

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DATE: Sunday, August 20, 2017

TIME: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

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DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2017

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1st & 2nd weekend in October

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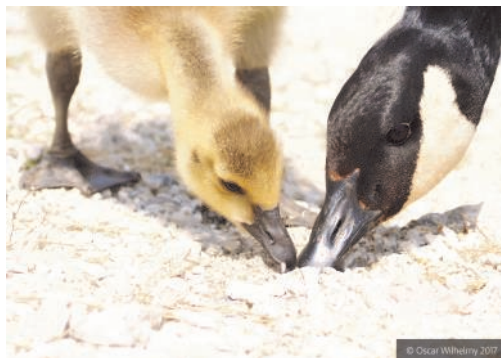
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