



OHIO YOUNG BIRDERS CLUB

WINTER 2017-2018

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"



The OYBC held the 11th Annual OYBC Conference on November 4th at Aullwood Audubon Center & Farm. The nature center provided a perfect venue for offering a morning bird walk, conservation project, bird banding, and a unique art experience. At the heart of this year's conference were the "brilliant presentations" by top-notch young birders and bird ID quiz assistants that inspired an audience filled with OYBC members, mentors, and supporters.

(See more on the 11th Annual Conference on page 10.)

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Ohio Young Birders Club (OYBC)

*"Encouraging, Educating, and
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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
or call BSBO at 419-898-4070, for more information.

The 2018 scholarship recipient will be announced in February!

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.

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



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 for 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 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?

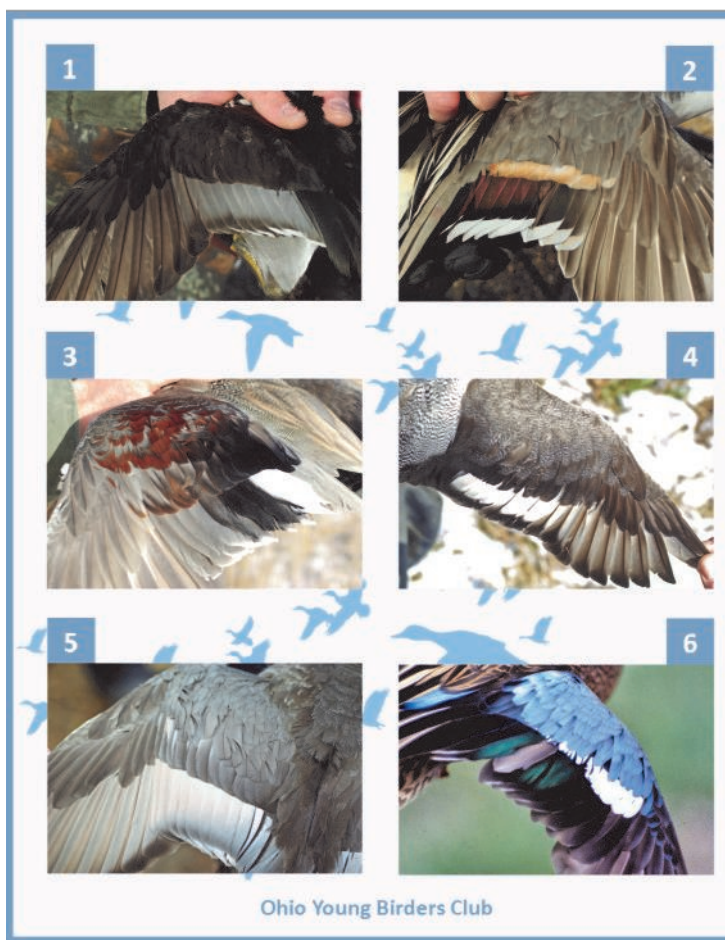
Challenge yourself to enhance your ID skills with the monthly OYBC Bird ID Quiz!

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

2018 JANUARY / FEBRUARY BIRD ID QUIZ: "Wonderful Winged Waterfowl"



Directions:

Identify which species each wing belongs to.
[Hint: All of these wings belong to males.]

As a group, waterfowl exhibit a wide range of diversity in plumage and bill shape. From bold, contrasting colors to bright iridescence and intricate vermiculations, most species stand out as quite unique. But even without a look at the body color or bill, most waterfowl can simply be identified by their wings. Each species has unique patterning to the secondaries and speculum, and amongst the flight and covert feathers. Many of the colors and iridescent hues of the wings can often be concealed. However, a moment's glance at an open wing or a bird in flight can be enough to confirm an identification.

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consideration your

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

**The next deadline for
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Student group photo at the 11th Annual
OYBC Conference at Aullwood Audubon
Center & Farm. Holmes-Wayne County
members are not pictured but were an
integral part of this important day.

YOUNG BIRDER PROFILE: DANIEL A. STUTZMAN

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

Daniel Stutzman (DS) – I've enjoyed birds as long as I can remember. The first year I kept a list of my sightings was in 2012. It included 128 species found within a few miles from my home, including a Snowy Owl.

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

DS – My family members have helped me a lot.

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

DS – I don't really have a favorite bird, but I must always stop and get a closer look at a Cerulean Warbler in a flowering tree or glistening white Tundra Swans against clear blue sky.

GW – *Where is your favorite place to bird?*

DS – My favorite place to bird is at Magee Marsh and surrounding areas.

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

DS – I would like to see a Kirtland's Warbler in Ohio as I think each one has a conservation success story to tell.

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

DS – Seeing 255 species of birds in Ohio in one year, as of November 2017.

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

DS – I recently bought a field guide to butterflies and started keeping a list of my sightings, but so far, birds still come first.

GW – *Do you have any other interests/hobbies?*

DS – I enjoy woodworking, making sketches of birds with colored pencils, and writing stories if I have time.

GW – *Are any of your friends/family members birders? Is birding a popular activity in your community?*

DS – Many of my friends and family members are involved in birding, at least to some level. I'd say birding is a popular activity in our community but still has room to expand.

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?*

DS – Most people at least know what birding is. Some seem interested but don't pursue it; they might have other hobbies such as hunting or fishing, and choose to continue with those. Others think it odd that anybody would even bother to look at birds. Maybe if we could offer encouragement to those that seem interested it would help.

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

DS – I'm not sure, but one way might be to print photos or stories that would cause even non-birders to gaze in awe, causing them to want to know more about these little things with wings, therefore becoming a birder.

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

DS – I have been to Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. However, most were family or business trips and

involved a minimum amount of birding. I have never seen a bird out of state that I have not seen in Ohio.

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

DS – I would go to Ecuador to see the many species of beautiful hummingbirds.

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

DS – I have attended the 11th Annual OYBC Conference in Dayton and have been at The Biggest Week in American Birding seven times since 2009.

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

DS – None yet, but I hope to change this soon.

GW – *Where do you go to school?*

DS – I don't go to school anymore. I attended Green Acres Parochial School where we graduate after successfully completing 8th grade.

GW – *Do you have a job somewhere?*

DS – I work at Yoder Woods Products. Thanks to my employer for allowing me time off to go birding, sometimes on short notice.

GW – *What is your dream job?*

DS – I would like to lead private nature tours across North America.

GW – *What is your favorite book or field guide, and what makes it your favorite?*

DS – My favorite field guide is The Crossley ID Guide. I believe it is easier to get the "feel" of each bird with such a layout, many birds in one picture at variable distances and angles, instead of looking at one bird at a time. I like to take several field guides and compare the information.

GW – *What's your favorite place to eat?*

DS – I really like Golden Corral, but I'm not very particular.

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

DS – I have a horse named Ted.

GW – *Do you volunteer anywhere?*

DS – I have helped on the Wilmot Christmas Bird Count since 2015 and report noteworthy sightings to the *Bobolink*, a quarterly magazine that aids in keeping accurate records of the birds in our area.

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

DS – No, but it would be interesting.

GW – *Are you involved with any birding projects?*

DS – I keep records of our Purple Martin colony and Eastern Bluebirds.

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

DS – Yes, I keep a life list and it includes 291 species of birds. Because I have never seen a bird elsewhere that I have not seen in Ohio, my life list is also my Ohio list, so far anyway.

...YOUNG BIRDER PROFILE CONTINUED

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

DS – Yes, now I know other birders my age and get to go on exciting field trips to places I would otherwise not have seen.

GW – Besides the monthly field trips and annual conference that we schedule, what else can the OYBC offer to their members?

DS – OYBC offers a place for young birders to compete in ID quizzes, photography, story writing, and more. I believe when having to compete with the experts many young birders will think themselves inferior and will therefore not participate.

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



Great Gray Owl by Oscar Wilhelmy

"The Changing Seasons"

*The woods were quiet.
The trees were bare.
No birds were singing
To my despair.*

*The winter has come
And with it comes snow.
The birds head for shelter
When the cold winds blow.*

*When the winter is over
And spring comes along.
The forests rejoiced,
Renewed with birdsongs.*

*Through the summer months
The forest so brave,
Protects the young birds
From the sun's hot rays.*

*The birds lose their bright colors
As fall season starts.
They soon will be ready
From us to depart.*

*All seasons unique
In their own way.
It will be springtime
Again someday.*

- Daniel A. Stutzman

YOUNG BIRDER CAMPS

Victor Emanuel Nature Tours (VENT)

Camp Chiricahua • SE Arizona • 12 days • Ages 14-18 • Session I: July 11-22, 2018
Session II: July 15-26, 2018

Camp Cascades • Pacific NW • 12 days • Ages 14-18 • July 27-August 7, 2018

Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Young Birders Event • Ithaca, NY • 4 days • Ages 15-18 • July 12-15, 2018

Audubon

Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens • Hog Island, ME • 6 days • Ages 14-17 •
Session I: June 11-16, 2018; Session II: June 18-23, 2018

Family Camp • Hog Island, ME • 6 days • Ages 8-13 • August 12-17, 2018

American Birding Association (ABA)

Camp Colorado • Estes Park, CO • 7 days • Ages 13-18 • Session I: June 23-29, 2018
Session II: July 3-9, 2018

Camp Avocet • Lewes, DE • 7 days • Ages 13-18 • July 28-August 3, 2018

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

Are you interested in exploring new areas & making lifelong friends?

Check out the summer youth camps on the

OYBC website and/or the

Young Birders Network:

ohioyoungbirders.org

ebird.org/content/ybn



Illustration by Nathan Martineau, 2013

VERMILION FLYCATCHER BY KAYLIE SIMPSON

I wanted to give everybody a report on a rare bird we saw in late October at Winous Point Marsh Conservancy. One day my dad's friend saw a bird that he had never seen before. Later that day he came back and told everybody about it. They searched for it on the internet; the picture that matched it was a Vermilion Flycatcher. They are from Mexico, so he thought he might have misidentified the bird.

Later that week, my father (John Simpson is the Executive Director of the Winous Point Marsh Conservancy) and his wildlife technician went out to see if they could find it and possibly take pictures. They called it in with just a few bird calls. They took lots of pictures and sent them to people who really know their bird

species, to see what kind of bird it was. They were told that it was, indeed, the Vermilion Flycatcher.

My dad and I were out hunting that weekend, so we went to see if we could find it. We found it sitting on a branch. We took a picture of it, and then he told me about this rare species that is not commonly found in Ohio. He said that this bird is called a Vermilion Flycatcher and that they are from Mexico. We thought maybe he got lost during all of the hurricanes this summer.

It was really cool to be able to see this bird this far north. I hope this rare species is interesting to you. It is an experience I won't soon forget.



OYBC Members 2017 Summer Camp Adventures



Travis and Adriana with fellow young birders in front of the "Egg Rock Hilton" on Eastern Egg Rock during Coastal Maine Bird Studies.



Oscar and Prez are Camp Chiricahua bound!

FIELD TRIP NOTES & PHOTO COLLAGE



OYBC members enjoyed an outing at Winous Point Marsh Conservancy in September. Kaylie Simpson and her father John Simpson shared with us the many historical artifacts on display there like the decoy shown below.



The SW Chapter enjoyed a field trip to Fernald Preserve in October. A Nelson's Sparrow was the highlight of the day.



NW Chapter members worked alongside the Metroparks of the Toledo Area Land Management team to remove invasive species at Blue Creek Metropark in August.



Mitchell SanGregory & Kenn Kaufman (above) co-lead a butterfly and insect walk at Blue Creek Metropark.



MORNING BIRD WALK Holmes-Wayne County Chapter Saturday, September 16, 2017 By Paul Raber, age 14

The morning of September 16th was very foggy. Eight boys along with Michael Hershberger, Paul Hershberger, and Rich Stevick met at Michael's place where we started on a bird walk.

We went through a patch that was grown up with weeds before crossing the road and walking in a hay field that was beside a cornfield. We crossed the road again near an old building. We heard a Pileated Woodpecker and saw a Red-tailed Hawk.

After we crossed the road, we went through a few open fields. Beside the last field which was beside the woods, there was a brushy corner where we found a Lincoln's Sparrow and a Swainson's Thrush.

After that, we went through the woods where we found lots of warblers. We ended up having twelve species of warblers. We crossed a creek in an open space before climbing a small wooded hill. At the top of the hill, we looked down again and one of the boys saw a beautiful Wilson's Warbler. We then crossed a pasture and headed for Paul's patio where we had a tasty lunch.

Our forenoon ended with 55 species of birds and eight species of butterflies. The butterflies were Painted Lady, Clouded Sulphur, Monarch, Least Skipper, Pearl Crescent, Meadow Fritillary, Black Swallowtail, and Questionmark. Thanks to Paul and Mike for making the walk a success.

[Editor's Note: Special thanks to Dennis Yoder, Holmes County Chapter, for his field trip report in the Summer 2017 issue on nest box building and presentation by Ed Schlabach.]

OUR LAKE ERIE PELAGIC TRIP BY DANIEL A. STUTZMAN

December 2 was the day that five OYBC members and our leaders Michael and Paul Hershberger joined many other birders for a fun day of birding during the Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) Lake Erie Pelagic aboard *The Holiday*.

Just as we were ready to leave, four Black-crowned Night-Herons were spotted in some little trees beside the river. After we set out, BSBO guides started "chumming" (feeding the gulls with a special nutrient-dense food) and soon we had a lot of gulls flying around the boat. Ring-billed Gulls were the most abundant, but there were also small numbers of Herring and Bonaparte Gulls; later on, Great Black-backed and Lesser Black-backed Gulls were also seen. A Northern Mockingbird was sitting on a telephone pole beside the river. Several more Black-crowned Night-Herons were seen for a trip total of 13. A Great Blue Heron and several American Robins were also seen along the river.

At the mouth of the river were some more gulls, and our first Snowy Owl for the day was spotted on the breakwall. We stayed close to shore and headed west along the lake. A short time later our second Snowy Owl was spotted sitting on the ground. We then headed east again, passing the first Snowy Owl and a flyby Snow Bunting. We moved outside of the breakwall hoping to see a Purple Sandpiper, but we didn't see any. Soon we spotted our third, fourth, and eventually eighth Snowy Owl before 11:00 am. We ended up with an amazing total of 10 Snowy Owls from the boat.

Some other birds seen flying by or on the water included two Common Mergansers, a lone Horned Grebe, several American Coots, a few Common Loons, Mallards, Canada Geese, lots of Red-breasted Mergansers, Double-crested Cormorants, and another Snow Bunting.

When we got to the other end of the breakwall, we moved inside again and headed back west. A Short-eared Owl was briefly seen by several people and a Snowy Owl was seen chasing a Red-tailed Hawk. Somebody spotted a small brown duck close to the breakwall, and word quickly spread around the boat that it was a Harlequin Duck! However, it was soon correctly identified as a female Lesser Scaup; at least we were excited for a little bit.

All too soon, it was time to head back up the river. As we were passing underneath one of the large bridges, two Peregrine Falcons were spotted peering down at us.

At about 1:30 pm, we were back at the van. We decided to head for Sim's Park to look for scoters and were not disappointed, as we found two Surf Scoters and two White-winged Scoters. While we were looking at the scoters, some other birders told us that a Parasitic Jaeger had been seen just minutes before at Edgewater Park, so we headed back that way.

A short while after arriving at Edgewater, we were rewarded with amazing looks at the jaeger. It flew over our heads chasing after gulls. It soon landed on the water and sat there for some time before it chased after the gulls again. It was sitting on the water when we left.

We headed over to Rocky River Park to look for an Iceland Gull that had been there in the morning, but we didn't find it. Even still, it was a very enjoyable day to remember. The big highlights were Snowy Owls, scoters, and a Parasitic Jaeger. A special thanks to BSBO for giving us such an opportunity and to our great guides and leaders.

Wishing everyone good birding,
Daniel A. Stutzman



Above: A Snowy Owl along the breakwall in front of the Cleveland Harbor West Pierhead Lighthouse.

Below: One of the 10 Snowy Owls seen from the boat!



Do you have bird or nature-themed artwork, photography, creative poetry, or a 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!

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Atlantic Puffin
by Adriana Losey

Indigo Flyers

Swishing, swooping
The swallows fly
Up and down, side to side
Their indigo feathers flashing
in the sunlight

I wish that I,
A mere human,
Could join their dance
But alas, I have no wings with
which to soar.

Instead, I watch as they put on
a show
Just for me, it seems
I revel in their beauty,
They revel in their flight.

-Mariana Thomas



Above: Black-tailed Rattlesnake
Right: Black-footed Albatross
Below: Broad-billed Hummingbird
by Oscar Wilhelmy



Two-lined Salamander
by Ethan Rising



11TH ANNUAL OYBC CONFERENCE



Keynote Presentation:

"The Digital Flock Supports the Birds in Real Life" by Jordan Rutter, M.S.

Master of Ceremony:

Elizabeth Kanzeg



Student Presentations:

Barn Owls - OYBC Nest Box Project by Philip Hershberger
Bugs and Birds: The Fascinating Relationship by Mitchell SanGregory
Coastal Maine Bird Studies on Hog Island 2017 by Adriana Losey
Urban Biodiversity: An Exploration of Local Wildlife by Ethan Rising
The Secret Lives of Neotropical Migrants by Anna Rose
A Biggish Year: Camp Chiricahua, Travel, and More by Oscar Wilhelmy



Oscar Wilhelmy



Adriana Losey



Anna Rose



Ethan Rising



Mitchell SanGregory

Kaufman Bird ID Quiz Presented by: Kenn Kaufman



Bird ID Assistants:

Alex Burke (L)
Helen Willmer (R)
Jason Miller
(not pictured)



Artist Spotlight

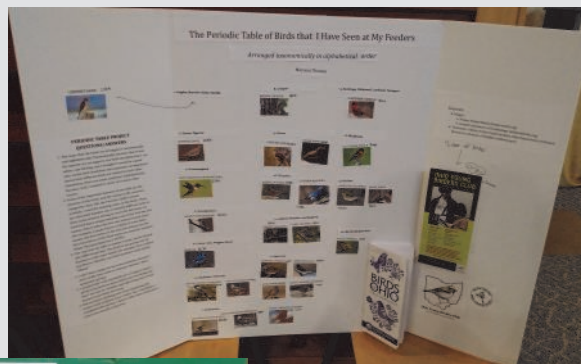
Progression and final product of a Cooper's Hawk by Anna Rose. Anna is a remarkably talented artist and had several pieces of her artwork and portfolio on display during the conference.



"Brilliant presentations on diverse topics. The young birders are very impressive!"

Over 100 young birders, mentors, and adult supporters were in attendance for the 11th Annual Conference on Saturday, November 4th, at Aullwood Audubon Nature Center. Participants enjoyed a full day of activities, stunning presentations, interactive displays, a delicious catered lunch, and even a sing-along! Fabulous door prizes included bird guides and novels signed by the authors, optics accessories, bird feeders and houses, plus birding gear and apparel. Raffle drawings for a pair of Zeiss Conquest HD 8x42 binoculars, a set of Kaufman Field Guides, Nature Song CDs, and carnivorous plants raised over \$1,000 that will benefit the OYBC John F. Gallagher Memorial Scholarship Fund. One lucky young birder won a FREE pair of Celestron Nature DX binoculars! Additional photos and video clips can be viewed on the OYBC website.

Poster Presentations



Clockwise:

"The Periodic Table of Birds that I Have Seen at My Feeders"

by Marianna Thomas,

"Bluebird Conservation"

by Christi Price,

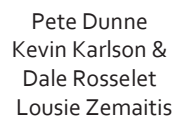
"A Trip to Magee Marsh/The

Biggest Week in American Birding"

by Dani Price.



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Charity Krueger • Kenn Kaufman • Kelli Rule • Cindy Rowe • Debbie Riggs • Bev Walborn • Darlene Sillick
Maura Rawn • Michael Hershberger • Alicia Wilhelmy • Liz McQuaid • Randy Kreager

A heartfelt **Thank You** goes out to all of the parents and mentors who support young birders!



The 11th Annual Conference featured a collaborative art project with Chris Rowlands. The Golden-winged Warbler has been the logo of the OYBC since its inception, and now we have an original piece of artwork that represents the OYBC members and supporters who helped craft it. This project was made possible thanks to a generous donation by Hunt's Photo & Video.

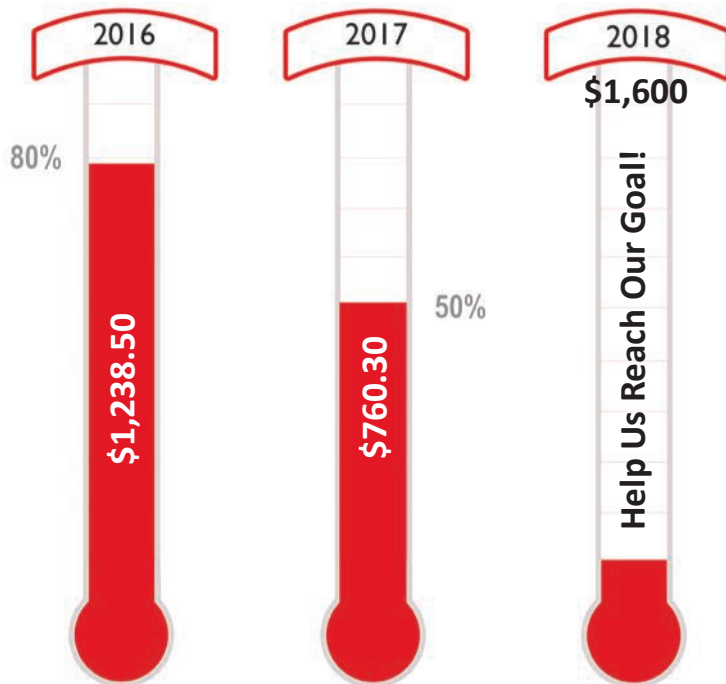
ANNUAL BIG SIT & BIG DAY FUNDRAISER

What's a "Big Sit"?

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

100% of the proceeds from the BIG SIT/BIG DAY benefit OYBC programs. Each dollar that is donated will help educate young people about birds, the joy of birding, and the importance of being good stewards of natural resources.

Thank You to all of our donors; your support makes a huge difference!



SAVE THE DATE!

**ANNUAL OYBC BIG SIT
FUNDRAISER during the first &
second weekend in October**

Help your local chapter get pledges &
donations for our annual BIG SIT

2017 Results

Together we raised \$760.30!

Northwest Chapter

Saturday, October 7, 2017
Wildwood Metropark
20 species

Northeast Chapter

Saturday, October 7, 2017
Emerald Necklace Big Day
82 species

Central Chapter

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Clear Creek Metropark
18 species

Holmes-Wayne County Chapter

Saturday, October 7, 2017
Emery Yoder's Residence
52 species

Southwest Chapter

Saturday, September 23, 2017
Cincinnati Nature Center
37 species

Our Goal in 2018 is to raise \$1,600 to help fund statewide trips and participation in regional young birder events and conferences!

For more information, please visit the Annual BIG SIT fundraiser page at www.ohioyoungbirders.org

OHIO YOUNG BIRDERS CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS



**OYBC field trips listed on the events calendar are open to all OYBC student members. Additional field trip information is available at www.ohioyoungbirders.org. To register for any of these events, or for more information, please contact BSBO at 419-898-4070.*

WINTERING OWLS & HAWKS AT KILLDEER PLAINS

OYBC STATEWIDE FIELD TRIP

DATE: Saturday, February 10, 2018

TIME: 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

RAPTOR MONITORING PROJECT

NW CHAPTER

DATE: Saturday, February 10, 2018

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Secor Metropark

WATERFOWL OF THE LAKE ERIE MARSHES

NW CHAPTER

DATE: Saturday, March 24, 2018

TIME & LOCATION: TBD

BIRD WALKS AT GREEN LAWN CEMETERY

CENTRAL CHAPTER

DATE: Saturdays, March 24 & April 14, 2018

TIME: 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

THE BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING

DATE: Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 13, 2018

Festival HQ: Maumee Bay Lodge

Visit www.bwiab.com for details

YOUNG BIRDER WALKS: BIRDING THE FAMOUS MAGEE MARSH

DATE: Saturday, May 5 and Saturday, May 12, 2018

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

LOCATION: Meet at the east end of the Magee Marsh Parking Lot

****Please bring your lunch!**

Each year, the OYBC offers a young birders walk at Magee and it's always a blast! Join young birders from all over the state and the country and meet some really cool field trip leaders, too! No need to be a member, and young birders of all ages are welcome!



OPTICS FLING

DATE: Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2, 2018

LOCATION: Time & Optics in Millersburg, Ohio

Join OYBC and BSBO staff and volunteers for guided young birder walks during the festival. There will also be optics vendors, raffles, and birding organization booths to explore.

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OYBC STATEWIDE FIELD TRIP

DATE: Saturday, June 2, 2018

TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Coordinated by OYBC Central Chapter

LOCATION: TAASC in Powell, OH

SAVE THE DATE!!!

12th Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference Saturday, November 3, 2018

The revolutionary OYBC Conference provides a unique opportunity for student members to address an audience of their peers with professional presentations on birding and/or conservation topics of their choosing. In addition to the student presentations, the OYBC Annual Conference includes fabulous raffle prizes, lunch, optic raffles, and a bird ID quiz led by noted author Kenn Kaufman with assistance from OYBC members. The OYBC Conference is a great way to meet young birders from all over, and to see what unique opportunities the OYBC can provide!
This is an event for the whole family!

You do not have to be a member to attend, and adults are encouraged to attend too!

Golden-Wings Publication Schedule 2018-2019

Spring 2018
Summer/Fall 2018
Winter 2019

Submission Due Date: March 1, 2018
Submission Due Date: August 1, 2018
Submission Due Date: November 1, 2018

Please email or mail submissions to:

BSBO, 13551 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH 43449
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The famous Holmes County Snowy Owls. Photo submitted by Michael Hershberger.

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

as of January 30, 2018

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Spicebush Swallowtail Caterpillar by Ethan Rising

**Do YOU have a great idea for an OYBC field trip?
If so, we'd love to hear about it!**

Contact Us - info@ohioyoungbirders.org
or call BSBO at (419) 898-4070

to share your ideas for field trips, content for the newsletter, or
any other thoughts, concerns, or great ideas you have.

Thank You!

We would like to see your name here!

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