



OHIO YOUNG BIRDERS CLUB

WINTER 2020

ENCOURAGING, EDUCATING, AND EMPOWERING
OUR YOUTH CONSERVATION LEADERS



The 13th Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference was held at the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium on Saturday, November 9, 2019. OYBC Student members presented to a sold-out venue of over 150 participants! Highlights included behind-the-scenes tours, live animal meet & greet, the new Natural History Museum, and Sunday field trips in the Oak Openings Metropark region. The Toledo Zoo's Great Hall provided a stunning backdrop for the dynamic and inspirational presentations from today's youth conservation leaders. Read more about the conference on pages 8-12 inside this issue.

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Ohio Young Birders Club (OYBC)

*"Encouraging, Educating, and
Empowering Our Youth Conservation
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Welcome New Advisors!



Cassie Crawford, Southwest Advisor

Cassie Crawford is excited to be joining the OYBC as the newest Southwest Ohio Co-Advisor. When Cassie is not teaching students about music, she is traveling outdoors, hiking, birding, photographing, and exploring the natural world. She is an active member of the International Avian Association of Educators and Trainers, Black Swamp Bird Observatory, and is currently working on assisting with research on bird cognition. As a side conservation project, she is working with the Kea Conservation Trust and Wellington Zoo to develop a curriculum to present to school-age children for Summer 2020 about why it is important to

protect and save the endemic parrot species, Kea, a passion of hers. Cassie is looking forward to learning and working with Ohio Young Birders!

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

- OYBC Advisors volunteer their time to encourage, empower, and educate young naturalists to ensure our future has strong conservation leadership.
- Become an OYBC Adult Supporting Member.
- Share your expertise as a Field Trip Leader.
- Help strengthen your local chapter with a partnership.

Contact Laura Guerard for more information: lauraguerard@bsbo.org, or 419-898-4070

BSBO'S OHIO YOUNG BIRDERS CLUB RECEIVES \$35,000 GRANT!

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

A portion of these funds were used to print Golden-Wings in full color and mail copies to our members.



OYBC SCHOLARSHIPS

Ohio Young Birders Club scholarships are to help young people who are interested in birds to attend young birder camps, workshops, and events. Funds for these scholarships come from our partners, private donations, and proceeds from special fundraising events.

Available Scholarships:

Theodore A. Parker III Memorial Scholarship for VENT's Camp Chiricahua

Wildside Nature Tours Scholarship

for Coastal Maine Bird Studies on Hog Island

Application Deadline: January 15, 2020 (email and postmarked date)

Notification of Award(s): February 2020

Black River Audubon Scholarship

for Coastal Maine Bird Studies on Hog Island

Application Deadline: January 10, 2020 (email and postmarked date)

Notification of Award(s): March 2020

Open Scholarships, apply at any time:

Hallie Mason Memorial Scholarship for Young Birders

John F. Gallagher Memorial Scholarship

Thomas Coltman Memorial Scholarship

How to Apply

All applicants are to submit the following:

- ◆ Completed Application
- ◆ Essay
- ◆ Letter of Recommendation

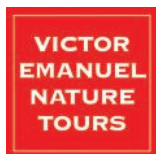
Eligibility

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Current OYBC Student Membership
- ◆ Be between the ages of 12 - 18

The conditions of these scholarships include:

- ◆ Writing about your experience for the OYBC Newsletter, Golden-Wings
- ◆ Willing to speak about your experience at a future event



Visit www.ohioyoungbirders.org/scholarships for more information on scholarship opportunities, application forms, or call BSBO at 419-898-4070, and we will mail you a form.



GOLDEN-WINGS

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The **GOLDEN-WINGS** editors are happy to receive for newsletter consideration your:

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

The next deadline for newsletter submissions is March 15, 2019

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The OYBC held the 13th Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference on November 9 at the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium.

OYBC BIRD ID PHOTO QUIZ: JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

“Try Not to Go A’Fowl Guessing These Fowl”

Created by Mitchell SanGregory, OYBC NE Chapter

We all know ducks and geese fly south for the winter, but some of them will only fly as far as they need to – aiming to keep their return journey in the spring as short as possible. As long as there is an open patch of water, waterfowl will inhabit even the smallest of ponds during winter, providing great views and diversity to chilly outdoor birding ventures.

Directions: Identify each numbered species.

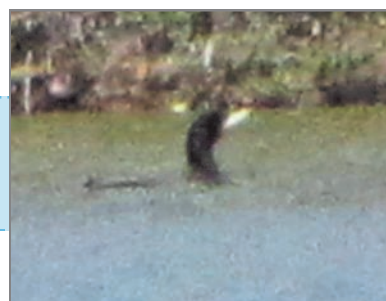
Correct submissions are eligible to win birder swag!

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

Email to info@youngbirders.org, or mail in to BSBO c/o: Laura Guerard



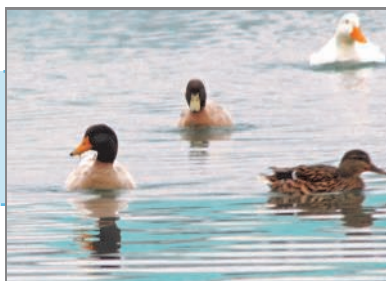
1. The source of this species’ name may be hidden, but look at its golden sides and unique flanks. Also, the back of the head provides a good hint.



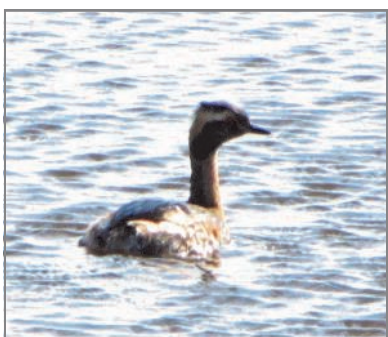
2. Long with a pointy head, this bird is surely a diver. But take a moment to look at this bird's bill structure, disposition in the water, and the lack of spotting on its body.



3. There are two kinds of ducks here that can frequently be seen together in winter and are quite similar in appearance. Be sure to look at the highlights of their bodies and the bill/head shape. And don’t overlook the females!



4. Look at the bill color and shape of each of these birds’ heads, compared to their body sizes and color.



5. Nearing the end of its alternate molt, the tip of this bird's bill is always important in its identification.

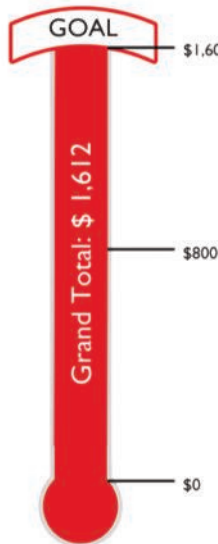
November/December Quiz Answers: “Sweet Sparrows” 1. Lincoln’s Sparrow 2. White-throated Sparrow 3. Chipping Sparrow 4. Swamp Sparrow 5. Song Sparrow 6. Fox Sparrow

ANNUAL BIG SIT/BIG DAY FUNDRAISER

Thank You for Showing Your Support for Nature Education!

Each year, OYBC members seek pledges and donations for our annual BIG SIT/ BIG DAY fundraiser. Our goal in 2019 was to raise \$1,600 to help fund statewide trips and participation in conservation projects and regional young birder conferences. Your support makes a huge difference and we exceeded our goal with a fundraiser Grand Total of \$1,612!

100% of the proceeds will help educate young people about birds, the joy of birding, and the importance of being good stewards of natural resources!



2019 RESULTS

HOLMES-WAYNE CO. CHAPTER BIG SIT

DATE: October 12, 2019

LOCATIONS: Millersburg, OH

SPECIES SUBTOTALS:

Group 1/Yoder Family Property - 38

Group 2/KWA-Wright Marsh - 70

Group 3/Hershberger Family Property - 47

BOBOLINK AREA SPECIES TOTAL: 85

NW CHAPTER BIG SIT

DATE: October 12, 2019

LOCATION: Oak Openings Metropark

SPECIES TOTAL: 38

SW CHAPTER BIG SIT

DATE: October 19, 2019

LOCATION: Grand Lake St. Marys State Park

SPECIES TOTAL: 67

NE CHAPTER EMERALD NECKLACE BIG DAY

DATE: October 6, 2019

LOCATION: Start at Wendy Park

SPECIES TOTAL: 56

CENTRAL CHAPTER BIG DAY

DATE: October 19, 2019

LOCATION: Start at Blendon Woods Metro Park

SPECIES TOTAL: 54

For more information, please visit the Annual BIG SIT/BIG DAY fundraiser page at www.ohioyoungbirders.org/annual-big-sit-fundraiser-for-oybc

2020 YOUNG BIRDER CAMPS & EVENTS

Victor Emanuel Nature Tours (VENT)

Camp Chiricahua • SE Arizona • 12 days • Ages 14-18

Session I: July 1-12, 2020; Session II: July 8-19, 2020

Camp Cascades • Pacific NW • 12 days • Ages 14-18 • July 25-August 5, 2020

Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Young Birders Event • Ithaca, NY • 4 days • Ages 15-18 • July 9-12, 2020

Audubon

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

Session I: June 14-19, 2020; Session II: June 21-26, 2020

Tropical Teen Week in Costa Rica • Ages 15-19 • July 31-August 6, 2020

American Birding Association (ABA)

Camp Colorado • Estes Park, CO • 7 days • Ages 13-18 • July 18-24, 2020

Camp Avocet • Lewes, DE • 8 days • Ages 13-18 • July 30-August 6, 2020

NEW! Camp Zebra Hills • South Africa • June 18-24, 2020

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

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

Check out summer youth camps & events on the OYBC website :

www.ohioyoungbirders.org/youth-birding-camps



Illustration by Nathan Martineau, 2013

YOUNG BIRDER PROFILE: ANDREW HERSHBERGER

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

Andrew Hershberger (AH) – My dad got me interested in birding, and I have been birding with him ever since I can remember. (Andrew's dad, Michael Hershberger, is an OYBC Advisor for the Holmes-Wayne Co. Chapter.)

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

AH – My dad has been my greatest mentor. He has taught me a lot about birds and nature.

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

AH – I don't have a single favorite bird, but some of my favorite bird families are sparrows, cranes, and owls.

GW – Where is your favorite place to bird?

AH – My favorite places to bird are The Wilderness Center and the woods behind my house.

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

AH – I would like to see a California Condor. They are one of our largest and rarest birds. I am hoping to see one this summer in Arizona.

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

AH – One of my greatest accomplishments in birding was helping on the Wilmot Christmas Bird Count and finding 51 species.

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

AH – I enjoy everything in nature; there is so much to see and learn.

GW – Do you have any other interests/hobbies?

AH – I enjoy gardening, hiking, and fishing.

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

AH – Most of my family members are birders to some extent. Birding is definitely more popular in our community than in some areas.

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?

AH – Although a few people I know would say it is weird to go birding, most teens my age that I know would have some interest in it.

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

AH – Do bird-, nature-related activities in school. Have school libraries stocked with good books about birds and nature.

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

AH – Yes, I have been to Michigan, Coastal North Carolina, and the Smoky Mountains.

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

AH – I would like to go to Guatemala or Mexico to see a Resplendent Quetzal.

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

AH – I have attended several OYBC conferences, Shreve Migration Sensation, and the Ohio Bluebird Conference.

GW – Where do you go to school?

AH – I attended South Mt. Hope Parochial School and have been homeschooled since eighth grade.

GW – Do you have a job somewhere?

AH – I am working on our mini farm.

GW – What is your dream job?

AH – I would like to have an organic produce farm.

GW – If your dream job isn't related to birding, do you think you will still be a birder once you have your dream job?

AH – Yes, I would certainly still be a birder.

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

AH – My favorite field guide is *The Sibley Guide to Birds*. It has great illustrations and it shows all the different plumages.



David Sibley, author of *The Sibley Guide to Birds*, served as a Keynote Speaker during the 2019 Biggest Week In American Birding festival. In the photo above, Biggest Week participants enjoy a special bird walk with David at Maumee Bay State Park.

...YOUNG BIRDER PROFILE CONTINUED

GW – What's your favorite place to eat?

AH – My favorite place to eat is at home with the rest of my family. I also like Mexican food.

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

AH – I have several Mottled Cochins Bantams, Kunekune Pigs, and a hive of honey bees.

GW – Do you volunteer anywhere?

AH – If picking up trash along the road is volunteering, yes.

GW – Are you involved with any birding projects?

AH – Our family puts out nest boxes for a variety of cavity-nesting birds. We also try to provide habitat on our property by growing native plants that provide food and cover for birds.

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

AH – I currently have 298 species on my life list, and I am hoping to add more in Colorado and Arizona this summer.

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

AH – It has allowed me to go birding with and get to know, other birders my age.



The Wilderness Center, one of Andrew's favorite places to bird, hosted the 2014 Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference. How many OYBC members can you name?

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

OYBC Unveils New T-shirt



Our exciting new t-shirt features the artwork created by OYBC members during the 11th Annual Conference at Aullwood Audubon Center. Special thanks to Chris Rowlands, Outreach & Environmental Educator at Aullwood, and OYBC conference sponsor Hunt's Photo & Video for helping make the artwork possible.

Available in sizes Adult S – XXXL: \$18.00 and Youth S – L: \$16.00

Call BSBO to place an order, or visit the BSBO Swamp Shop online!
419-898-4070, or www.bsbo.org/bsbo-swamp-shop

Trivia Answers: The Hemlock Warbler, because it often nests in hemlock trees. No, most loon bones are solid rather than filled with air spaces. Some of the albatrosses. The Streamertail, an endemic hummingbird.

13TH ANNUAL OHIO YOUNG BIRDERS CONFERENCE



The conference weekend was complete with friends, nature and, of course, birds! On Saturday, students presented to a sold-out venue at the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium's new Promedica Museum of Natural History. Participants were treated to behind-the-scenes tours and live animal meet & greets with the zoo staff. 100% of the proceeds from the raffle ticket sales during the conference benefited the OYBC Scholarship Funds. This year we raised \$1,851! On Sunday, participants enjoyed a guided bird walk and banding demo with BSBO volunteers and staff at Oak Openings Metropark. The weekend concluded with a private tour of the Cannaley Treehouse Village led by Kelly Milewski, Metroparks Toledo Environmental Education Specialist.



Master of Ceremony: Ethan Rising

Keynote Presentation by Tom Johnson "Learning from Birds"

Birds have so much to teach us. Their feathers carry secrets about their diet and breeding biology; their migrations reveal incredible feats of endurance; and their voices convey not only incredible beauty but also an evolutionary legacy - and there's still plenty left to learn.





Kaufman Bird ID Quiz
Presented by Kenn Kaufman
Assisted by: Josh King,
Mitchell SanGregory & Jessica Decker

Special Guest: Daniel Allard

Daniel is an active outdoorsman, conservationist, and wildlife artist. His artwork has been featured on two state duck stamps and he is a four-time Ducks Unlimited state sponsor artist.



2018-19 Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp



Conservation Teen Advisory Council (ConTAC) Discussion Panel with Helena Souffrant, Katelyn Shelton & Zak Beaver

ConTAC is a statewide network of student-leaders working together to enhance ODNR's youth outreach and program efforts. Three OYBC members have been invited to serve on the 2019-2020 advisory council.



OYBC student members presented to a sold-out venue of over 150 participants! Amish members not pictured.

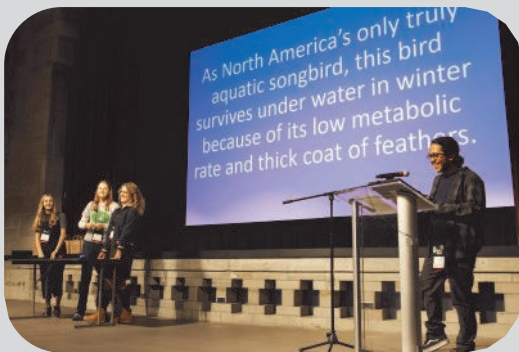
STUDENT PRESENTATIONS



“Quintana Roo - Mexico Birding”
by Matthew Rice



“The Road Less Traveled By” by Kaylee McCaskey



“Camp Colorado Jeopardy” by Raúl Castro-Dean



“Opal Ashcraft: Birder, Artist, and Friend”
by Elizabeth Kanzeg

Credit: Notebook pages, above, are entries in Opal's "Pal Book" from 1950.

THANK YOU AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!



“BWIAB: East Meets West” by Travis Kaye & Adriana Losey

Travis and Adriana co-presented on the miraculous find that occurred when Travis spotted a “weird warbler” while taking a stroll with fellow young birders along the Maumee Bay State Park Boardwalk.

BirdCallsRadio™ Host Mardi Welch Dickinson was on location at BWIAB with the Young Birders who discovered the Townsend’s Warbler at Maumee Bay Lodge, OH. May 10, 2019. Visit <https://bit.ly/3a6UhSq> to read the full blog post “Young Birder Finds Vagrant Townsend’s Warbler.”

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Kenn Kaufman ◇ Tyler Ficker ◇ Kevin Perozeni

Cassidy Ficker ◇ Gautum Apte ◇ Doug Whitman

Amy Downing ◇ Nancy Bogart ◇ Julie Heitz

Nate Koszycki ◇ Jill Noll ◇ Katie Ware

Patty Nicholls ◇ Yvonne Thoma-Patton

Jamie Cunningham ◇ Bev Walborn ◇ Darlene Sillick



Conference photography by Jamie Cunningham & Tyler Ficker.

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THANK YOU! CONFERENCE SPONSORS



A portion of the funds awarded to BSBO by Ohio EPA's Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) were used to achieve the goals of the 2019 Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference.

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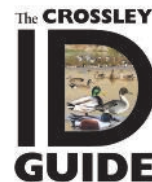
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Dr. Bernard Master





November 23, 2019
BSBO Lake Erie Pelagic

Buster Banish, OYBC
Northeast Chapter Advisor,
with OYBC members
aboard The Holiday.

On November 23rd, 13 of the OYBC Holmes-Wayne Co. members and Michael Hershberger, our Chapter Advisor, went to the numerous parks along Lake Erie. Our first stop was at Perry Township Park. The first remarkable bird was a Lesser Black-backed Gull. We had a total of at least 5 Red-throated Loons there. Also Greater Black-backed Gulls and a flock of 15 Snow Buntings.

Lake Erie Bluffs was our next stop. After a while, we spotted a loon that we thought didn't look quite like a common or red-throated. So finally we came up with the conclusion that it was a Pacific Loon!

We stopped at Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve but didn't see anything special.

At Sims Park we found 5 Black Scoters. From there we went to Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve to look for Northern Saw-whet Owl. We didn't find any of those. We saw quite a few other birds but nothing unusual.

We stopped at East 9th Street to look for Purple Sandpipers on the breakwall. For a little bit, there was some excitement when we thought we saw one. But it was only a small rock.

Our last stop was at Wendy Park to look for uncommon gulls. There were thousands of gulls around there. We had almost given up when we found a first year Glaucous Gull. Sorting through thousands of gulls like that can be a challenge.

I want to thank Michael for all the effort he puts in to get a trip like this together. It was a successful and very special day.

Lewis Miller, OYBC Holmes-Wayne Co. Chapter

Avian Trivia

What was the Blackburnian Warbler formerly called?

Are loon bones hollow?

Which birds feed on the highly venomous Portuguese man o' war jellyfish?

Which Jamaican bird is known as a doctor bird?

(Answers at the bottom of page 7. Source:

10,001 Titillating Tidbits of Avian Trivia by Frank S. Todd)



Darlene Sillick, OYBC Central Chapter Advisor, was joined by OYBC alumnus Stephen Bischoff and his dad Tim while installing a deluxe bird feeder at BSBO. Darlene's friend in Dublin, Charlie Zepp, built the feeder which holds over 20 lbs of seed!



Gary Snyder "PINE TREE TOPS"

in the blue night
frost haze, the sky glows
with the moon
pine tree tops
bend snow blue, fade
into sky, frost, starlight.
the creak of boots.
rabbit tracks, deer tracks,
what do we know.





January 4, 2020

Here are some pictures of our backyard friends having breakfast today, at least until the guy in the photo (right) came into the yard. We had Carolina Chickadee, female Northern Cardinal, male and female Eastern Bluebirds, American Goldfinch, House Finch, Purple Finch, House Sparrow, Downy Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Mourning Dove, European Starling, and a Red-shouldered Hawk.

Dani Price, OYBC Southwest Chapter



Twelve-spotted Skimmer
by Katelyn Shelton, OYBC Central Chapter

Cooper's Hawk with scaup
by Josh King, OYBC SW Chapter



ADVENTURES OF BLUEBIRD BOX MONITORING



My name is Hannah Thomas and I am a junior in high school. I started as a bluebird box monitor at Deer Creek State Park in spring 2019. As a bluebird box monitor, I collect data on the nests in the boxes and watch for invasive species, such as House Sparrows. House Sparrows will kill other birds, take up all the nesting space, and ruin other nests to build their own. By monitoring the nests, we can prevent invasive species from using them to gather information about our native species.

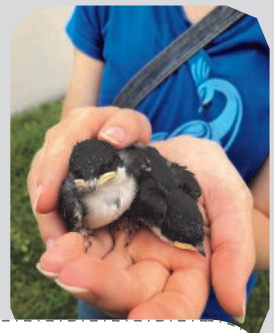
I learned a lot this past year from monitoring the 24 boxes and 2 open nests. At Deer Creek State Park, we get House Wrens, Tree Swallows, and Eastern Bluebirds in the boxes. They all build a different style of nest; House Wrens use sticks and grass, Tree Swallows use coarse grass and lots of feathers, and bluebirds use grass and pine needles. Bluebird and Tree Swallow boxes can also

become mite infested and, if there are young in the nest, the mites can weaken them. The only time a nest had to be replaced was when the cold set in near the end of summer for a bit. The babies are not fully feathered and since they have an insect-based diet they would get undernourished and cold. We lost several boxes of Tree Swallow young, but we had one box where there was still one live young. We had to remove the baby, clean out the nest, use some dried grass, pine needles and feathers we had collected earlier in case something like this happened, and build a new nest. That baby did end up fledging and was the last to fledge from that nest. Many of the feathers in the Tree Swallow nests were Pekin Duck feathers. A pair lives at the pond at Deer Creek State Park.

The House Wrens were the last to use the boxes and know how to protect their nests. We had a nest where the House Wrens had wrapped a snake skin around it to scare off other predators. It works well on people, too, when they're not expecting it.

Collecting data isn't hard to do with the Cornell NestWatch app. NestWatch gives you options to choose from so you enter the data the best you can. The app asks for the date, species, state of the nest, number of eggs/young, if a parent is at the location, any maintenance activity, and any extra notes. NestWatch is a citizen science activity done through Cornell so all the data is available for studies.

I am going to be a monitor at Deer Creek State Park next year and would recommend that others wanting experience also become a monitor. Darlene Sillick is the one who suggested I become a monitor, and I'm glad that I listened. She got me in touch with Bob Kruse, who is the Maintenance Supervisor for ODNR at Deer Creek, and he showed us where the boxes are. Being a bluebird box monitor is not something that you'll ever forget doing and it's worth the time you put into taking care of the boxes.



Hannah Thomas, OYBC Central Chapter



Nestwatch Trail data for 2019

TRES 99 eggs and 84 fledged

EABL 12 eggs and 12 fledged

HOWR 18 eggs and 18 fledged

KILL 8 eggs and 8 fledged

BARS 4 eggs and 4 fledged

Photos by Hannah Thomas and her father, Brad Thomas.

FRONTIERS IN ORNITHOLOGY SYMPOSIUM



The Birdmobile at sunrise.



Middle: BSBO and OYBC were recognized as supporters of the symposium. Above: Young birders and mentors from all over attended the first annual symposium.

The Frontiers in Ornithology Symposium is a new event for youth ages 13-22 and their mentors held at Ashland Nature Center in Hockessin, Delaware. The primary mission of this event is to focus on ornithology, conservation science and related academic pursuits. All proceeds from the Symposium go into The Frontiers Fund. This year the OYBC was chosen to be one of the recipients! Laura Guerard, BSBO's Education Director, and OYBC members connected with the Youth division of the Maryland Ornithological Society (YMOs) and we will be reuniting with them during the Biggest Week in American Birding in 2020!



OYBC members left to right: Travis, Helena, Dani & Christi "O-H-I-O!"



OYBC members won big! Dani and Helena each won a raffle drawing and Travis met Scott Weidensaul.



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.*



FEBRUARY

WINTER WATERFOWL WITH ERIE METROPARKS NW & NE CHAPTERS

DATE: Saturday, February 1, 2020

TIME: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Wyandot MetroPark

We will meet Erie MetroParks' Naturalist Mike Hensley to search for winter waterfowl by exploring the park and bird observation tower. Spotting scopes are welcome; please dress for the weather and bring water, snacks, and your binoculars!

NW Chapter: RSVP to Jamie Cunningham,
jmc200903@yahoo.com

NE Chapter: RSVP to Liz McQuaid,
neoybc@gmail.com

WINTER BIRDS & PHOTOGRAPHY WITH BRIAN ZWIEBEL OF SABREWING NATURE TOURS NW CHAPTER

DATE: Saturday, February 22, 2020

LOCATION: Kensington Metropark, MI

RSVP: Jamie Cunningham, jmc200903@yahoo.com

OHIO BLUEBIRD SOCIETY CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, February 29, 2020

TIME: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

For more information, please visit: obcnet.org

This is not an OYBC field trip but families can register to attend.

MARCH

SHREVE MIGRATION SENSATION

DATE: Saturday, March 21, 2020

OYBC members are invited to attend for FREE.

MAY

THE BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING

DATE: Friday, May 8 to Sunday, May 17, 2020

Festival HQ: Maumee Bay Lodge

Visit www.bwiab.com for details

YOUNG BIRDER WALKS: BIRDING THE FAMOUS MAGEE MARSH

DATES: Saturday, May 9 and Saturday, May 16, 2020

TIME: 9:00 AM - Noon

LOCATION: East end of the Magee Marsh Parking Lot

JUNE

OPTICS FLING

DATE: Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, 2020

LOCATION: Time & Optics

Millersburg, Ohio

EDGE OF APPALACHIA

STATEWIDE FIELDTRIP

DATE: June 18-19, 2020

LOCATION: Edge of Appalachia Preserve

RSVP: Liz Rising, lizrising1@gmail.com

JULY

GROWING UP WITH HOWARD MARSH

KAYAK TRIP

Hosted by the NW CHAPTER

DATE: Sunday, July 19, 2020

TIME: Session I: 9:00 AM – Noon

Session II: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Howard Marsh Metropark

10 Kayaks available per session

COST: \$25 per person

RSVP REQUIRED: Laura Guerard,

lauraguerard@bsbo.org, or 419-898-4070 ext. 203.

NOVEMBER

14th ANNUAL OHIO YOUNG BIRDERS CONFERENCE

November 14, 2020

Location TBA



THE OYBC SHOUT-OUT PAGE

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

as of January 1, 2020

STUDENT MEMBERS

Ki'Mourion Abercrombie
Javion Bryant
Jania Casebolt
Ayana Elder
Elsa Girard
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Angela Gresham
M'Kynzie Hardnett
April Hudson
Aaliyah Jackson
Jess Kowalski
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Megan Packer
Luke Reighard
Desirae' Shaw
Norah Shotwell
Ashton Small
Michael W. Smith
Kimberly Williams
Dai'Kyiah Woodson

SUPPORTING ADULTS

Daniel Allard
Cassie Crawford
James R. Hershberger
April Hudson
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Rachel Shotwell



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TO
RENEW!**

**Encourage your friends &
family to become OYBC
members to support this great
program! You can Join or
Renew Your Membership
using the form on page 20.**

Golden-Wings Publication Schedule 2020

Spring 2020	Submission Due Date: March 15, 2020
Fall 2020	Submission Due Date: August 15, 2020
Winter 2020	Submission Due Date: November 15, 2020

Please mail or email submissions to:

BSBO, 13551 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH 43449
info@ohioyoungbirders.org, subject line: "Golden-Wings Submission"

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~ Greg Miller, The Big Year

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