



The Passenger Pigeon

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Tour of the Ornithology Collection at the Cincinnati Museum Center's Geier Center on Friday, March 19 at 7 pm

Please join the Cincinnati Bird Club at the Cincinnati Museum Center's Geier Center for a tour of their Ornithology collection. Herm Mays, Curator of Zoology, and birder, will be hosting the event. The date for this event is **FRIDAY, MARCH 19 AT 7 PM.**

The Ornithology collection consists of over 20,000 study skins with about 1,700 species represented. Materials date from the early 1800s and include the historical collections of Charles Dury, Frank W. Langdon, Herbert W. Brandt and Ralph Todd Kellogg. More recent names in local birding including Ron Austing, John Ruthven and possibly even your name can be found within the collection. Endangered and extinct species, such as the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Passenger Pigeon, Carolina Parakeet, and Great Auk are included.

Please bring ideas of species you would like to see up close and personal. This will be a good chance to compare field marks of similar species. Methods of storage and preparation of specimens will be discussed and displayed. Have you ever wondered

what the Cincinnati Warbler looked like? This will be your chance. Each bird in the collection has a story that is told by the information on its tag. When salvaging birds it will be evident why collecting *all* possible data is critical in telling each birds story.

This tour will be taking place on Friday, March 19, at 7 PM to accommodate Herm's schedule. **The Geier Center is located at 760 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. This is NOT the Union Terminal building.**

Traveling from the North: take I-75 South to exit 1F for Freeman Avenue towards US 50 West. Turn left onto Gest Street and travel ½ mile where you turn right onto West 5th Street. The Geier Center will be on the right.

Traveling from the East: take I-71 South through Fort Washington Way exiting LEFT onto W 6th Street/US-50 West towards River Road. Take the Gest Street exit and turn left onto Gest Street. Turn right onto West 5th Street and the parking area is on the right.

-Contributed by Bob Foppe, Program Chair

March Birding Field Trip Sponsored by CBC: Auto-tour of Brookville Lake

8 am Sunday, March 14th

Meeting Place: Park & Ride SR 128/I-275
(Miamitown)

Leader: Jay Stenger, (513) 522-8147,
jaystenger@cinci.rr.com

This trip will last most of the day and consist mainly of caravanning by car from spot to spot checking for birds. Bring your lunch, drinks and make sure you have gas in your tank. Spring waterfowl migration should be in full swing and 18+ species of Anatidae (ducks, geese, and swans) should be possible. A variety of loons, grebes, gulls, and eagles and other raptors, early spring migrants and late winter visitors may also be found. A spotting scope is recommended, but shouldn't deter you from coming. Club members are usually generous in letting you look through their scopes if you don't have one.

Directions: We will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Park & Ride lot on SR 128, located at the I-275 Miamitown exit # 7. From there we will caravan to Brookville.

Other Birding Field Trips

In addition to the Cincinnati Bird Club trip to Brookville, other local birding and conservation groups are organizing field trips in March. Details about these trips can be found on the respective group's websites or by contacting the trip leader.

- Owl Prowl at Spring Grove Cemetery with Raptor, INC on Saturday, March 6 at 6pm. Registration required:

<http://www.springgrove.org/SG/Calendar/EventCalendar/owlprowl.shtm>

- Evening Woodcock Watch at Miami-Whitewater Wetlands, sponsored by the Audubon Society of Ohio (Cincinnati Chapter). Date: Saturday, March 20th. Time: 5:30 p.m. Meet at the Miami Whitewater Visitor Center parking lot. Leader: Paul Wharton, (513) 353-3403,
pwharton@fuse.net.

- Waterfowl Caravan to Caesar Creek State Park, sponsored by the Audubon Society of Ohio (Cincinnati Chapter). Date: Sunday, March 21th. Time: 8 a.m. Meet at the Caesar Creek Swimming Beach parking lot. Leader: Bob Foppe, (513) 685-2739,
fopsinc@gmail.com.

- Bird Walk, sponsored by Oxbow Inc. Date: Sunday, March 21st. Time: 8 a.m. Meet at the upper parking lot at the main entrance to the Oxbow. Leader: Paul Wharton, (513) 353-3403,
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March Bird Walks at the Cincinnati Nature Center

Saturday, Mar. 13 at 8 am

Saturday, Mar. 27 at 8 am

Spring is in the air! Come watch for spring migrants. Bring your binoculars and meet in the Rowe Woods parking lot on the grounds of the Cincinnati Nature Center at 8 a.m. for a two-hour walk. Beginners welcome. Dress for the weather. Mar. 13 leader is Bill Stanley, Mar. 27 leader is Lois Shadix. \$5 charge for non-members of CNC.

Tim Tolford Photography Exhibit

March 25-June 20, 2010

Bruckner Nature Center

Troy, Ohio

You are invited to an open house for Tim Tolford and his exhibit of approximately 50 bird portraits, landscapes, and scenery photographs. A special open house from 2-4 pm will be held at the Bruckner Nature Center on Sunday, March 28. You can view the exhibit while enjoying coffee, drinks, snacks and a talk with Tim.

Sale of prints will support Bruckner Nature Center and the group Tim founded: The Hummer/Bird Banding Research Collaborative www.hbrcnet.org. Matted sizes from 4X6 to poster-size framed photos will be available. Also on sale: calendars, magnets, key chains, mouse pads, Also visit Tim's photography website for other photos and his bio: www.tolfordphotography.com

Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp:

The new Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp went on sale March 1: it features a photo of a Baltimore Oriole by Russell Reynolds of Lima. The stamp costs \$15 dollars: \$14 goes to the Wildlife Diversity Fund in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife. The money will be used to fund research, habitat acquisition, habitat restoration, and educational materials.



Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference

Wednesday, March 10 at the Aladdin Shrine Center, Columbus. Sponsored by Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife. 9am to 3:30 pm. Cost: \$35 which includes the new Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp. Topics include: Saw-whet Owls, wind power, signing insects, involving kids in nature. To register: <http://wildlifediversity.com/>

Ohio Biological Symposium

Friday, March 26 at Villa Milano, Columbus. Keynote speaker is Dr. Douglas Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens*. To register: <http://www.cmnh.org/site/ResearchandCollections/Botany/BotSymp.aspx>



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2009-2010 Dues:

If you haven't sent in your dues yet for the September 2009 - May 2010 birding year, please fill out the form below and mail it in along with your membership fees.

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www.cincinnatibirds.com/birdclub/index.php

Bird Club Membership

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Email (Save trees and \$: we'll send the newsletter to your inbox!) _____

_____ Individual \$12.00 _____ Family \$15.00 _____ Student (under 18) FREE

Make your check payable to **Cincinnati Bird Club**, and mail to our Treasurer:
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