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## CALENDAR

Program meetings continue on the first Tuesday of the month in Fellowship Hall, lower level, Market Street Presbyterian Church, 1100 West Market Street, corner Cole and West Market Streets, Lima. Use the courtyard entrance off the rear parking lot or, for those who wish to avoid steps, the elevator entrance on the west side of the church where handicapped parking is available. Follow the Audubon signs. A brief welcome and business update (10 minutes max) precede the program. See write-ups for details. Meetings and other events are free and open to the public unless noted otherwise.

Oct  
24th

**GRANGE INSURANCE AUDUBON CENTER (GIAC) & SCIOTO RIVER--GREENLAWN IBA FIELD TRIP**, Saturday, October 24, free admission to the Center, write-up in last issue. This newsletter is out early so just a reminder. A carpool will depart at 9 am from the Eastgate parking lot behind Wendy's on Harding Highway (SR 309), Lima. Lunch, binoculars, camera, appropriate clothing/footwear, and field guides are recommended. Contact Anne at 419-222-3271 (Lima) for further information. You can also check the GIAC website for more info: [www.grangeinsuranceauduboncenter.org](http://www.grangeinsuranceauduboncenter.org).

Nov  
3rd

**BIRDS OF THE EVERGLADES AND SOUTH FLORIDA**, Tuesday, November 3, 7:30 pm. The Everglades of south Florida are a unique ecosystem to all the earth, a river of grass averaging one foot deep, in some places nearly 50 miles wide and 100 miles long from Lake Okeechobee to Florida Bay. This program will focus on the ecology of the Everglades and the many beautiful birds that live there. Join Tom Hissong, Education Coordinator and naturalist at the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm near Dayton, Ohio, when he presents his beautiful color slides and narrative on the natural history of this most fascinating landscape - the Everglades.

Nov  
7th



**ANNUAL FALL BIRDSEED SALE**, Saturday, November 7, 9 am - 4 pm, DeHaven Home & Garden Showplace in Findlay and Lima. Prepaid orders ensure sufficient stock on sale day. Orders must be mailed by Friday, October 23. If you don't have an order form call Anne in Lima at 419-222-3271 or download one from our website at [www.tri-moraineaudubon.org](http://www.tri-moraineaudubon.org). If you forget you can still purchase seed on sale day at both DeHaven locations. Walk-ins are welcome. Questions? Call Anne. And

remember, birdfeeding brings enjoyment to young and old alike -- therefore making birdseed a wonderful holiday or any-time gift. NOTE: Birdseed prices are down this year except safflower.

**NO DECEMBER MEETING.** Several years ago our membership voted to abolish the December meeting. We aim to make our members happy. A joyous holiday season to all!

Jan  
5th

**ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER AND PHOTO SAFARI**, Tuesday, January 5, 6:30 pm. Note this date on your 2010 calendar and start selecting those favorite pictures to share at this popular event. Details in January/February newsletter.

Sept  
thru  
May

**HANCOCK COUNTY NATURALISTS PROGRAMS & EVENTS.** This group holds monthly program meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month, September through May, at 7:30 pm at Christ United Methodist, 225 West Bigelow Avenue, Findlay. All are welcome. For more information about the organization and details about upcoming programs and events (Christmas Bird Count anyone?) contact Betsy Worden, newsletter editor, at [bworden001@woh.rr.com](mailto:bworden001@woh.rr.com) or Jill Taber, program chair, at 419-423-2415 or my [silvervette@abcgloba.net](mailto:silvervette@abcgloba.net).

**UPPER MAUMEE VALLEY NATURALISTS CLUB PROGRAMS & EVENTS.** All are welcome. Programs are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Van Wert Women's Club, 654 South Washington Street. For more information about the club and details about upcoming programs and events (Christmas Bird Count anyone?) contact Lyn Warren at 419-749-2999 or [wlwval@verizon.net](mailto:wlwval@verizon.net) or Jean Perchalski at 419-232-4108, 419-231-0495 (cell), or [jeperch@roadrunner.com](mailto:jeperch@roadrunner.com).

## DO YOU KNOW?

When you joined the National Audubon Society you automatically became a member of Tri-Moraine, your local Audubon chapter. And, throughout most of Tri-Moraine's history, when you became a member of Tri-Moraine you also became a member of the National Audubon Society. The chapter receives a finder's fee for each dual membership it recruits. In recent years the chapter recognized the need for some type of local membership for a variety of reasons. Some people are only interested in local chapter programs and events and some are only interested in supporting local educational, conservation, and environmental programs and projects. National Audubon now permits local memberships so Tri-Moraine is offering two types of membership, the National Audubon/Tri-Moraine dual membership and a local Supporting Membership. Both memberships share these benefits: a membership card, eligibility to attend the annual Environmental Education Weekend, the chapter's mailings including its bi-monthly newsletter, a 10% discount on chapter bookstore purchases (excluding sale items) at meetings and events, and the satisfaction of giving a helping hand to nature and the environment. National/Chapter dual members also receive Audubon magazine, the right to vote in the annual election of National Audubon Society board members, and free admission to Audubon nature centers and sanctuaries.

If you are a member of Tri-Moraine, you can check your membership expiration date in the upper right-hand corner of the label on this newsletter. A dual membership might read 12/12 M (December 2012 Member). A local membership might read 03/10 SM (March 2010 Supporting Member). Questions or request for a membership form should be directed to Bill Askins, chapter membership data chair: 419-339-9751, [waskins@woh.rr.com](mailto:waskins@woh.rr.com), or the chapter's post office box. Please report incorrect information on your mailing label, upcoming change of address, change of email address, or new telephone number.

Membership information does not appear in the bi-monthly newsletter because it is too lengthy. You can find the information on our website - [www.tri-moraineaudubon.org](http://www.tri-moraineaudubon.org). Membership brochures are available at chapter meetings and events.



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**NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE BY EMAIL.** Contact Bill Askins, chapter membership database chair, at [waskins@woh.rr.com](mailto:waskins@woh.rr.com). State name, mailing address, email address, and your desire to receive Flight Patterns via email. You will receive an email notice of website availability containing a URL you can click on that will take you to the newsletter (in PDF format) on the chapter's website.

**PRESIDENT'S CHAPTER NOTES.....**TMAS board meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 7 pm, John Daley's (Lima).....If you're wondering how to dispose of old jeans here's a solution. Bring them to any chapter meeting or event. Give them to member Mary Hofstetter and she'll get them to an area senior citizen's group that makes quilts and purses out of the salvageable parts.....The chapter is looking for greeters to make new attendees welcome at our program meetings. To volunteer call Carol at 419-227-9231 or see her at the meetings.....In the next issue of Flight Patterns you'll find a listing of our Audubon Adventures classrooms for 2009-2010.....Those who attended the September meeting heard about the chapter's October 17 kick off of a new long-range program to improve the quality of the wildlife habitat at Camp Myeerah. Coverage of this project will also be included.....Remember! Aluminum cans (dry & crushed if possible) may be donated at any meeting or event.

**AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS**

As the temperatures continue their decline and the leaves begin to fall, it is time to start planning for Christmas -- bird counts, that is! The Tri-Moraine Chapter will be coordinating two of the Audubon Christmas Bird Counts in Ohio: Grand Lake St. Marys (Saturday, 19 December 2009) and Indian Lake (Sunday, 20 December 2009).

The CBCs offer an opportunity to participate in a little winter birding, and perhaps see some of the winter visitors to our area - especially those that usually do not hang out in our yards. Most importantly, we are collecting very useful data as "citizen scientists." The data contained in the more than 100 year history of Audubon CBCs is a very valuable source of information about birds. The volume of data obtained during the years of CBCs could not have been acquired in any other way. This could be especially important for the Grand Lake St. Marys count, since the St. Marys River and Grand Lake St. Marys represent one of the Important Bird Areas in the Tri-Moraine region.

The more counters we have participating, the more fun we can have and the more birds we are likely to tally. All are welcome; less experienced birders will flock with more experienced birders, so everyone's eyes and ears will be useful. Although it is okay to show up at the last minute to participate, it is really helpful in organizing the count efficiently if the coordinator knows in advance (at least the night before) how many counters there will be. To sign up for the count (or for any additional information), please contact Eric Juterbock (419-995-8360 (day), 937-468-2606 (evening), [juterbock.1@osu.edu](mailto:juterbock.1@osu.edu) (email), or, surface mail at 4240 Campus Drive, Lima, OH 45804. To be considered an official count, we must be out for at least eight hours, but individual counters need not participate for the full time. In addition to the counters roaming the 15-mile diameter count circle, one may participate by tallying birds that visit a feeder located within the circle. Assigned routes for the mobile counters generally involve both road and foot travel. Remember to dress appropriately and to bring such needed items as binoculars, bird guides, food and drinks, etc. Please note that ODNR apparently has no concern for the CBCs or their participants, since they have again scheduled an additional weekend of deer gun season to coincide with the first (and most popular) weekend of the official CBC count period (the dates of which have been established for years). Except for some park lands, we will need to stay out of the woods. I do have some orange vests available if you wish to wear orange and do not usually wear that color.

We will meet at 0730 hrs. (a.m.) for both counts, in order to finalize the census routes and be counting by 0800. For the Indian Lake count, meet at the McDonald's in Russell's Point. For the Grand Lake St. Marys count, meet at the McDonald's at the mall at the intersection of SR 29 and US 33 in St. Marys

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under  
 whose shade you do not expect to sit."

-- Nelson Henderson