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**TMAS Board Meeting** - Please check the Tri Moraine Audubon website for TMAS Board Meetings; usually held the last Tuesday of the month, as sometimes they are moved to another date. Our next board meeting is scheduled for September 30, in the OSU Student Services Center on the OSU campus at 6:30 p.m.

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## FALL CHANGES NOW HERE...

By Jeannine C. Roediger

Fall is almost here and many changes are occurring. The barn swallows are congregating on the electric lines outside the barn. They are preparing for their migration south to South America. They will be leaving within a week, like clockwork. Now their twitter fills the barnyard with sound but I'll miss them when they leave. Just as I will miss all my other summer visitors, the Baltimore Oriole, House Wrens, the Kingbirds, Cedar Waxwings and all the other birds that nest around my home.

Monarchs are flying around the milkweed, preparing to lay their eggs and hopefully add to their numbers. Sometimes the larva don't survive due to our feathered friends, but some do to head south, again to warmer climates for winter. The Swallow-tails and other butterflies are still fluttering around my flowers. The New York Ironweed is blooming and soon will be joined by many types of goldenrod, all butterfly magnets. The sunflowers are drawing the Goldfinch daily as they feed on seeds and insects.

I hate to think of cold weather coming, but I still have the Cardinals and Goldfinches, the Morning Doves and the myriad of sparrow species that frequent my yard and farmland.

I'm seeing the Horned Larks and enjoy their company all winter with their songs on the wing. With fall, I can also see the migrating birds, such as warblers, as they travel through on their journey to warmer habitats.

With the beautiful fall colors yet to come, it is an enjoyable time of year. I hope you can get out and enjoy the fine fall weather our migrating birds and those who stay with us throughout the winter.



*Barn Swallows gathering to migrate*

## Fall Programs 2025....



### LAKE ERIE BIRDING TRAIL

**Trail Magic: Rediscovering Lake Erie Birding Trail Legacy**

**Guest speakers: Sarah Schott and Jamey Emmert**

**Tues., Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m. – OSU Lima Visitor Center**

The sites included in the Lake Erie Birding Trail are the best of the best, and collectively more than 400 species of birds have been seen in these areas. Join the Division of Wildlife from Ohio Department of Natural Resources to learn more about the recently updated guidebook and how you can participate in the Lake Erie Birding Trail. Birding has the power to connect people to places — and few places are as vibrant, vital, and bird-rich as Ohio's Lake Erie shoreline. Originally launched in 2014, the Lake Erie Birding Trail program just received a major refresh, with 90 featured hotspots, a brand-new guidebook, an app, and a whole lot of heart.

Join Jamey Emmert and Sarah Schott of the Ohio Division of Wildlife for a behind-the-scenes look at the revitalization of this beloved trail. Whether you've birded the trail for years or are just hearing about it for the first time, you'll leave inspired to explore—and share—this iconic Ohio birding experience.

Sarah began working for the Ohio Division of Wildlife in 2020 and is currently a wildlife communications specialist for northwest Ohio. The outdoors has always been her biggest passion and she has been involved in hunting, fishing, birding, hiking, and exploring her entire life.

Jamey is the avian education coordinator for the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Since earning her Wildlife Management degree from Hocking College in 2003, she has been passionately driving conservation and educational initiatives — most notably, the revitalized Lake Erie Birding Trail program. Jamey is often out birding, traveling, hunting, fishing, artifact hunting, and gardening with native plants — often with her husband Greg and their two canine birders. Learn more at [Lakeerieohiobirding.info](http://Lakeerieohiobirding.info)

### BIRDING BASICS

**Guest speaker: Dan Hodges**

**Tues., Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. – OSU Lima Visitor Center**

Did you look out your window and see a bird today? Hear one while running errands? Congratulations! You're a birder. It really is that easy. Of course, you might want to know the name of those species, or where you can find more birds. If you do, join the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society for this program — beginners and experts welcome!

### SANDHILL CRANES

**Guest speaker: Matt Schumar**

**Tues., Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. – OSU Lima Visitor Center**

The Tri-Moraine Audubon Society believes that birds bring people together. TMAS's commitment to high quality birding education and experiences help connect you with our feathered friends and help conserve their habitat so future generations can enjoy them as well! Join TMAS for an education program all about birds!

Why Sandhill Cranes? Did you know that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources monitors numbers of Sandhill Cranes in this state? Did you know that you can participate in the annual Sandhill Crane count? What do Sandhill Cranes tell us about our environment? Join us to find out.

Matthew Shumar is the program coordinator for the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative. He works for The Ohio State University at the School of Environment and Natural Resources in Columbus, Ohio.

## Become a Member / Donate to Tri-Moraine Audubon Society

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To join or renew your membership please visit our website or email [davgratz@gmail.com](mailto:davgratz@gmail.com). Memberships are from July 1st of the current year to June 30th the following year. Membership forms are also available at monthly meetings.

To donate to Tri-Moraine Audubon Society (TMAS) please visit our website. Donations help support programs and projects listed on our website. TMAS is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax-deductible.

## ***2025 Field Trips...***

### **LAWRENCE WOODS FALL WARBLERS**

**Sat., Sept. 20 – 9:30 a.m. – Lawrence Woods**

Perhaps the largest mature woods in the area, this beautiful space is a great spot to find fall migrants, including warblers. While their colors are often more muted in fall, migrating birds in the fall are more numerous and just as exciting.

We'll meet at the main parking lot and enjoy the 1.1 mile boardwalk through the woods.

13278 County Road 190 Kenton, OH 43326

### **BIRDING BASICS FIELD TRIP**

**Sat., Oct 11 – 9:30 am – Bluffton Nature Preserve**

Come work on the basics of birding! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, we'll enjoy community and birds together.

Binoculars and field guides are always helpful, but come as you can! Meet at the main parking lot by the pond, 10625 Augsburg Rd Bluffton, OH 45817

### **BIRDING IN THE LIBRARY**

**Sat., Nov 15– 9:30 a.m. – OSU Lima**

Join an avid birder and librarian for a tour of how to go birding in the books. We'll spend time in the library and, take a short walk in Tecumseh Nature Preserve. 4240 Campus Dr, Lima, OH 45804



*Monarch butterfly on coneflower*



### ***Chapter's Stand on Tribal Homelands...***

Our chapter covers the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Homelands of at least forty-two American Indian and Indigenous Tribes, including the Shawnee Nation, as well as the Seneca, the Mingo, and the Susquehannock Tribes who migrated to Ohio because of European pressure to remove them from their ancestral homelands in the mid-1700s. The land covered by our chapter was stolen through the 1795 Treaty of Greeneville and the forced removal of tribes through the Indian Removal Act of 1830. We recognize, support, and advocate for the sovereignty of historic Indigenous communities in Ohio, for Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now, and for those who were forcibly removed from their homelands.

We celebrate the work and efforts of Indigenous individuals working to conserve nature and protect the birds we care for so much. Individuals like Representative Mary Peltola, who was a leading co-sponsor of the Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act, Dr. Stephen Carr Hampton, who writes on birds, climate change, and native history, and many others. Because colonialism is an ongoing process, our chapter offers this Land Acknowledgement, and in doing so, we affirm and celebrate Indigenous sovereignty and will work to be more accountable to the needs of American Indian and Indigenous peoples.





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### President's Message

While the soundscape has shifted from birds to bugs and we don't hear the same bird songs we heard a few months ago, there are actually more birds around now than at any other time of the year. All those birdy babies are grown up and have left the nest. Now they focus on preparing to migrate south for the winter. We'll see waves of species, warblers then sparrows then waterfowl, all taking cues from nature that it's time to move on. Now is a great opportunity to get outside and take a look. Fall birding can be challenging, with muted colors and muted voices, but our feathered friends are still there for us to enjoy – enjoy them while you can! Hopefully, you are able to join us birding in the fall on one of our field trips.



*This baby Cedar Waxwing is now grown*

As we move into a new year of programs, the Tri-Moraine board of trustees is excited to present our strategic plan for 2025-2030. This represents a great deal of work by the people you've trusted with the leadership of the organization, we hope you have a chance to read it and maybe even participate in some of our projects! Your feedback and involvement is important. We're poised for another wonderful year, ready to take flight!

Naturally yours, Dan Hodges



