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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 May 27, in the OSU Student Services Center on the OSU campus at 6:30 p.m.

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CHANGE...

By Jeannine C. Roediger

I was once told by an elderly friend that life is a series of changes. How true that is. Things do change and we have to make the best of those changes, they are all just part of life. After losing my husband last year I have had to make many changes, including some estate planning. With that, our son will be taking over the building site. Hence comes some changes for me and for my barn swallows which have come back to nest in our barn for over 50 years.

He will be closing the doors as he will be storing machinery and other vehicles that cannot be soiled by baby birds off the side of their nests. So I was faced with a dilemma. How do I help the swallows make a transition to other buildings and structures.

They do have access to a smaller building which they have used for nesting purposes, but needed more space. Looking on the internet I had seen where others were faced with the same problem. Their solution was to build a structure just for nesting purposes, which I considered.

But the more I thought about it the more I wanted a structure that was more multipurpose. So I decided on a shelterhouse which we could also use for our own purposes on occasion. We modified it a bit by putting up rafters across the structure to give higher places to nest and more nesting space and closing in the upper part of the gables. To encourage them to nest, I also glued some old nests to the rough-sawn beams. As of this writing they have just returned and are seeking nesting sites. I am not sure they will use it this year, but hopefully in the coming years they will. Other plans include putting in a fireplace and chimney, perhaps drawing in chimney swifts. Maybe they, like us, can adapt to change. I hope they can. I'll keep you updated on our progress!



EEW Day

The 46th year for Tri-Moraine Audubon's Environmental Education Weekend (EEW), was held on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. Twenty-six people attended the day which was open to the general public. This was the second year in which the format was modified somewhat to allow for more personal time to explore the nature preserve on your own. Guided sessions continued to be an option. All in attendance opted for the guided sessions.

Temperatures were very chilly and there was rain or mist throughout the day. The high temperature was 75 degrees in the afternoon and a low of 66 degrees in the morning.

Unfortunately it was the lowest recorded number of bird species logged since the inception of the weekend only reaching 29 species for the group. Of those bird species only three were warblers.

Held annually at the Myeerah Nature Preserve a few miles outside of Bellefontaine, Ohio, EEW is a great family event and with the new one-day format, is open to all Audubon members and non-members as well. We hope to see you there next year! *Submitted by Don Rosenbeck*

ORC Meeting: May 15

The ORC Good Friday

Fish Fry was back this year and was a huge success. This is the biggest fundraiser for the Ottawa River Coalition each year. The Ottawa River Clean Up also went really well and was the best turn out in over 5 years! Two big city projects are slated for completion this year. The Lima Aquatic Park should be completed by early summer. The Central Avenue project downtown is scheduled to be finished by September with tree plantings completed in October.

The Beth Seibert Environmental Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 to honor her legacy as an environmental steward of the Ottawa River. This scholarship provides merit-based financial assistance to current college students planning to pursue a career related to environmental stewardship. We will be awarding our third round of scholarships this summer. The application can be found on the ORC website (www.thisismyriver.org) and is due July 31. If you know of any students that might be interested and they have questions, have them contact Lydia Archambo (lydia@allenswcd.com). *Submitted by Leslie Riley*



Brown Headed Cowbird

TMAS Big Day

Another year, another trip to Northern Ohio! This year saw a few intrepid birders visit the hottest birding location in the world in May for spring migration. The list included some highlights like Common Gallinule, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler and many more! Here's the list:

American Robin, Canada Goose, Red-winged Blackbird, European Starling, Killdeer, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Gray Catbird, Baltimore Oriole, Barn Swallow, Great Egret, American Crow, American Redstart, Prothonotary Warbler, Palm Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, Warbling Vireo, Tree Swallow, White-throated Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Mallard, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Louisiana Waterthrush, Purple Martin, American Coot, Tundra Swan, Common Gallinule, Gadwall, Trumpeter Swan, Double-crested Cormorant, Osprey, Eastern Kingbird, Bald Eagle.

Submitted by Dan Hodges

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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.

TMAS—SUMMER PICNIC

Tues., July 1 –6:30 p.m. – Kendrick Woods

Join us for our annual summer picnic! With family friendly activities, Tri-Moraine will provide fried chicken and members and guests should bring a dish to share, their own table service and beverages.



invite friends to join the fun. The park playground is available, as well as places to play in the yard (bring a frisbee, corn hole, or bocce ball!) and the restroom facility will be open.

Native Plants Available...

Here are the numbers of plants, types and the cost of native plants left from our plant sale:

10 Common witch-hazel \$10	These are \$5.50 each
15 Yellow Birch \$7	11 sweet flag
7 Coralberry \$9	11 wild columbine
15 Pagoda dogwood \$10	11 blue wood aster
13 American hazelnut \$10	4 blue false indigo
7 Dwarf bush honeysuckle \$12	11 spotted joe pye weed
13 Nannyberry \$10	12 shrubby st. john's wort
14 Maple leaf viburnum \$8	11 northern blue flag iris
11 Winterberry \$9	8 wing-angled loosestrife
15 Fragrant sumac \$9	11 wild quinine
	11 cup plant
	11 Riddell's goldenrod
	13 Ohio spiderwort
	11 hoary vervain
	5 prairie larkspur
	13 smooth penstemon
	13 Virginia wild rye
	7 porcupine sedge
	9 sallow sedge
	12 purple lovegrass



Grow Native Plants so Birds Can Feast

Taken from National Audubon Society website

By Zach Slavin

Birds and native plants are made for each other, thanks to millions of years of evolution.

Large, colorful fruits feed birds and, in return, birds spread the plant's seeds far and wide, supporting whole ecosystems.

Native plants are also important

hosts for protein-rich native insects like butterfly and moth caterpillars, which nesting birds need to feed their growing chicks. For their part, birds have shaped their entire life cycles, including their migrations and feeding habits, around plant communities and the seasonal fruits and insects they serve up.

These bird-plant relationships are often so intertwined that gardeners can attract specific avians to their yards by cultivating the right plants. To help you out, we've selected the native plants that common backyard birds depend on, so you can support them in your yard. For more information, check out our handy native plants database (<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>) to find the best species for birds in your area. And if you're not sure what species is visiting your native plants, download our free Audubon bird guide (<https://www.audubon.org/app>) to find out.





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President's Message

Spring Migration is so exciting, but now the real work of birds begins. Sure, traveling thousands of miles and enduring harsh weather, attacks from predators, human-created obstacles (like cats and lights and buildings) may be tough, but now it's time to raise a family! So many birds have returned home to your backyard to try to raise the next generation.

These breeding birds (those that are nesting here in our area) offer the perfect opportunity to get outside and become a better birder. While some quit singing (looking at you, Baltimore Oriole), many are continuing to advertise their presence. They give us the chance to find them, observe awesome behavior (like nesting!), and become familiar with our local birds without being potentially overwhelmed by all the migrants. You can even set up a nest box and watch them on your porch! Always be sure not to disturb our nesting friends but get outside and enjoy the birds and their babies!

We'll see you for the summer picnic!

Dan



Fledgling American Robin

