

SEPTEMBER



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7

SWIFT WATCH FIELD TRIP 8 p.m.

Kick off our renewed field trip season by meeting Hardy Eshbaugh at Sawyer Smoke Stack behind Peabody Hall on Miami University's Western Details, page 1.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10

EVIDENCE FOR REGIONAL LARK SPARROW EVOLUTION WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR CONSERVATION:

Philopatry And The Migratory Divide

Jeremy Ross, Bowling Green State University

7:30 p.m., Community Room, Lebanon Citizens National Bank, 30 Park Place West, Oxford

Learn more about Ohio's rarest breeding sparrow. Migratory ability is linked to movement capability. In passerines, migrating individuals can quickly cover long distances. However, does this capacity for flight impart an ability to disperse? If not, regional differentiation and reductions of gene flow could occur. To address this question scientists examined

range-wide patterns within the Lark Sparrow. Three putative flyways exist within this species, with populations from the east potentially threatened by habitat fragmentation and isolation. Specifically, in Ohio the species is considered endangered; the remaining population is small, persisting in the Oak Openings region of Lucas County, over 300 kilometers from the nearest populations of this species. Ross will present data from morphology, DNA, and song that have helped resolve the evolutionary relationships and conservation needs of regional Lark Sparrow populations, particularly within the eastern flyway.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

BUTTERFLY FIELD TRIP 9 a.m.

Go with Jo Layera and Tom Klak to see a back yard planted to attract butterflies – and maybe to see some tagged. Details, page 1.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24

AMV BOARD MEETING. Meeting locations change monthly. Contact someone on the board for details. See page 8 for a list of members.



OCTOBER



MONDAY OCTOBER 8

BIRDS, BEARS, AND THE BOREAL REALM:

An Alaska Wildland Safari

Casey Tucker, Audubon Ohio

7:30 p.m., Community Room, Lebanon Citizens National Bank, 30 Park Place West, Oxford

Join Audubon Ohio Education Specialist Casey Tucker on a journey into the land of the midnight sun as he presents the natural history of some of Alaska's wildlife and flora through slides and stories. In the summer of 2005, Tucker traveled to Alaska as part of an Audubon Odyssey trip that ranged from the southern Coastal Forest habitats of Marbled Murrelets to the Boreal and Tundra habitats of Grizzlies and Ptarmigans.

(This program is sponsored by several Miami University departments and Audubon Miami Valley. It will start at 8 p.m. The location not yet known.)

“Polar bears and climate change are in the news these days, with retreating ice pack and thinner polar bears causing concern.” Dr. Stirling notes “The climate has been warming quite a bit in the western Hudson Bay, and it's causing the ice to break up a little bit earlier. So it shortens the time that bears have to feed on ringed seals, at the very best time of the year, which is late June and early July. So the bears over the last 20 years have lost approximately 15 percent of their body weight.”

Stirling has done research on polar bears and polar seals (Arctic and Antarctic) for 38 years, particularly in the areas of ecology, behavior and evolution.

CORRECTION:

The summer AMV newsletter gave the wrong day of the week for Oct. 18. We apologize for any inconvenience.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

OCTOBER 19 AND 20

THE 29TH ANNUAL AMV BIRD SEED SALE AT THE WHISTLE STOP

Details, page 2.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20

BIRD BANDING FIELD TRIP 6:45 a.m.

Join Dave Russell at Hueston Woods banding site for this great opportunity to talk about bird identification, migration and conservation. Details, page 1.

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 18

HEFNER LECTURE:

AN EVENING WITH POLAR BEARS

Dr. Ian Stirling, Senior Research Scientist, Canadian Wildlife Service and Adjunct Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

MOVE YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

MONDAY NOVEMBER 12

THE REBIRTH OF FERNALD:

A Unique Educational Opportunity

Joyce Bentle, President, and Graham Mitchell, Fernald Community Alliance
7:30 p.m., Community Room, Lebanon Citizens National Bank, 30 Park Place West, Oxford

The Fernald site is a former uranium processing plant that has been undergoing a massive cleanup effort. Now that the environmental cleanup is nearly complete, land restoration has begun. The rebirth of Fernald allows a unique environmental education opportunity as many species of birds and animals return to repopulate the area. Come and learn about this success story and the incredible site tours and other activities now available and being planned for the future right in our backyard.



DECEMBER

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

BIRD COUNT WARM UP 7 a.m.

Dave Russell will help you warm up for the Christmas count with an excursion to Brookville Lake. Details, page 1.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

OHIO BIRD CONSERVATION CONFERENCE Deer Creek Resort and Conference Center (southwest of Columbus)

Join the Ohio Ornithological Society and The Nature Conservancy for a day-long conference featuring presentations about the conservation of Ohio's birds.

Featured speakers include:

- Amanda Rodewald: Ohio State University
- Dave Ewert: The Nature Conservancy
- Paul Baicich: Author and Naturalist
- Chris Bedel: The Edge of Appalachia
- Scott Weidensaul: Author and Naturalist

www.ohiobirds.org or www.tnc.org

MONDAY DECEMBER 10

AULLWOOD R.E.A.C.H.E.S.

Chris Rowlands, Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm

(This program will be at The Oxford Community Art Center, 10 S. College Ave., at 7:30 p.m.)

