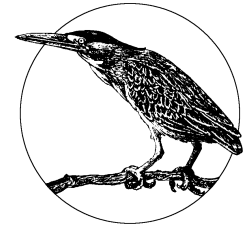


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OCTOBER RECAP

23 people attended the October meeting, featuring Scott Carpenter from the Toledo metroparks. Scott explained that a 10-year land levy and some matching grants have helped the metroparks grow from 7,500 acres to 12,000 acres, with 4 new parks created in 4 years! They are closing in on their goal to have a metropark within 5 miles of every Toledo resident—wow! Check out metroparkstoledo.com or stop by a park and pick up a pamphlet about this amazing park system!

During the business portion of the evening, Board members were elected, Jerry Jourdan talked about the upcoming Christmas Bird Count, and Carolyn presented the Treasurer's report (balances will not be reported in the newsletter for security reasons, but charitable contributions will be). Jerry recommended [Noah Strycker's](#) new book about Noah's Big Year, *Birding without Borders*, and Bob Pettit recommended the book *Warblers and Other Songbirds*, by [Paul Sterry](#).

Two motions regarding charitable contributions were made and carried at the meeting; two organizations will be receiving donations from the ESBA by the end of the year. A \$500 donation to the [Michigan Nature Association](#) will be matched dollar for dollar; Rachel Maranto, regional stewardship organizer, spoke to us in the past. Gene Naujock inquired if they try to connect properties, and the answer is yes, they connect small and large properties when they can. A \$100 donation will also be made to the [Bird Center of Washtenaw County](#).

Raffle Winners: Darlene Wahr won a calendar & bookmark donated by Mollie Wood, as well as kitchen towels, made and donated by Marigail Stubleski; Theresa Pritchett won the framed hummingbird photo, donated by Jackie Copeland; Jackie Copeland won the Halloween plate and candy, donated by Dick and Carolyn Boellner.

Hospitality: Thank you, Anne Smith and Jackie Copeland, for providing the cider and donuts for this meeting, and also thanks to those who donated to the refreshment fund for this autumnal treat!

Bird Sightings: Hummingbirds were still showing up to the feeders at the Janssen household in Maybee as late as Oct. 8.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Speaker: The Volkens return yet again to regale us with tales of their worldwide adventures! Join us for their presentation, "Japan in Winter," in which Jack and Janet enjoy beautiful scenery, native mammals, and of course, birds! Sorry, sushi not included.

Raffle: Chickadee night light, donated by Jackie Copeland; Holiday basket, donated by Carol Boellner; Glass jar with cardinal lid, donated by Anonymous.

Semi-annual Raffle: Pyrex cutting board with chickadee design, donated by Len and Nancy VanDaele.

Hospitality: Jim and Rita Montague and Jackie Copeland will provide refreshments for this month's meeting. Volunteers are needed for February and March; please sign up on the sheet in the front of the room.

Meeting Info: Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 pm; room 201 Life Science Building, Monroe County Community College.

Have a story to share? Want to let people know where you've been birding and what birds you've been seeing? Email content ideas to Karen (for the ESBA website) or Terri (for the newsletter). See page 2 for contact info!

FROM THE BOARD

- *Congratulations* and *thank you* to our re-elected Board members: Karen, Rita, and Bob; and a big *Welcome* to Theresa Pritchett, our newest Delegate and Board member!
- **Individual dues are \$20 and family dues are \$25.** Keep yourself on the mailing list by paying your dues *before the end of the year*. Otherwise, you'll miss out! Pay at the meeting or send a check to the PO box.
- Thanks, Marge Kohler, for your donation of a book of stamps!
- There will be no Board or membership meetings in December; our activity is the annual Christmas Bird Count.
- **We are still looking for speakers for next year!** Please contact Rita with your ideas. Thanks for your help!
- LIKE the ESBA Facebook page! You can report your bird sightings, share pictures, and receive notices about upcoming field trips and meetings.
- Carolyn is happy to accept raffle donations at each meeting (please, no books).

Things to Do, Places to Go

Belle Isle Field Trip

Bridge is located at intersection of Jefferson Ave and East Grand Blvd.; Michigan Recreation Passport /state park pass required for entry if booth is staffed.
www.belleisleconservancy.org

Saturday, Nov. 25, 9 am. Join Anne, Karen, & Jackie on this Detroit Audubon field trip to Michigan's 102nd state park. Meet at the Nature Center. Pre-registration requested: please email Staff@DetroitAudubon.org with your name, phone number, and number of people in your party.

Huron Clinton Metroparks

metroparks.com
810.227.2757

Daily park pass is \$10; annual pass is \$35, \$21 for seniors

13 parks in southeastern Michigan, covering over 25,000 acres throughout Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, & Wayne counties. Provides a huge variety of recreational, educational, and volunteer opportunities. You can also post your park photos on their website, subscribe to receive email notices about upcoming events, and have your wedding or reception at a metropark! Golf, bike, fish, bird, hike, snow shoe, canoe, and learn about flora, fauna, and history! Find them on social media via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube.

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH
(419) 898-0014; www.fws.gov/refuge/ottawa/
www.friendsofottawanwr.org

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex lies on the southern shore of Lake Erie between Toledo and Port Clinton, Ohio. The complex consists of three refuges and two divisions, totaling about 9,000 acres. The refuge has marshes, open water, wooded wetlands, coastal wetlands, shrublands, grasslands, cropland and an estuary; this habitat provides homes for a wide variety of plant and animal species and is a critical migratory bird resting area. ONWR has 10 miles of hiking trails, monthly bird surveys, and numerous events and activities.

Metroparks of the Toledo Area

metroparkstoledo.com
419.407.9700

16 free parks plus the Toledo Botanical Garden, providing access to horse trails, archery, camping, paddling sports, nature exploration, and so much more! Visit their website to learn about their National Center for Nature Photography, raptor monitoring project, prescribed burns, and deer management.

Find them on social media via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Vimeo.

FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Back around Memorial Day, from May 25 through the 30th, Bob Pettit, Len, Nancy, & Philip VanDaele, and Ross & Anne Smith birded the Whitefish Point area in the Upper Peninsula. They recorded 100 species, including Ruffed Grouse, Rough-legged Hawk, and Merlin. Their tally for the trip included 18 warbler species.

On June 5, Bob and his wife Gail and various ESBA members traveled to Oak Openings Metropark. Highlights included Red-headed Woodpecker, Prairie Warbler, and Lark Sparrow. In all, they tallied 33 species that day.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Our esteemed Madame Secretary, Karen Potts, will be compiling and distributing members' names and contact information so we can more easily reach one another.

Please let Karen know if you DON'T want your name and contact information shared with other ESBA members.

- A new Wild Birds Unlimited store has opened on West Road, just east of Allen Rd. Stop in and say hi to owner Phil Barraco. Also, Bob Pettit will be speaking there on Friday, Nov. 9 at 1 pm, and Sunday, Nov. 12 at 11:30 am.

LIMERICK

*There once was a man from Leek
Who instead of a nose had a beak.
It grew quite absurd
'til he looked like a bird.
He migrates at the end of next week!
~ Comedy Central Jokes Website*

Welcome New Members

Be sure to say hello to the Brockman family: Mary Amanda and Robert, and their children Elisabeth, Ephraim, Isaiah, & Sylvia!

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