



## Giving a Whoop about Whooping Cranes in Indiana

by Lizzie Condon, Whooping Crane Outreach Coordinator

If you visit Jasper Pulaski or Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Areas in the fall and winter, you will see thousands of Sandhill Cranes. If you are lucky, you may also see their close relative, the five-foot tall and ultra-rare Whooping Crane. Today, there are still only 650 Whooping Cranes in the world, which is an increase from the species population low of about 20 individuals in the 1940s and 50s. This year, the International Crane Foundation is helping to release 12 Whooping Crane chicks in Wisconsin. These chicks were raised in captivity, some by captive Whooping Cranes, some by costumed human caretakers. They will socialize with the wild flock of cranes in Wisconsin, and will follow them on their migration south. They also will be joined by two wild-hatched chicks, the offspring of captive-raised Whooping Cranes. You may even see one of this year's chicks in Indiana this winter.

The eastern migratory population of Whooping Cranes spends both migration and wintering periods in Indiana. The population currently stands at about 100 birds. In 2016, 55 individual Whooping Cranes were reported in the state of Indiana. Unfortunately, one of those birds was shot in January 2017. Whooping Crane #4-11 was found dead in an agricultural field on private property near Goose Pond FWA. She was found by one of our volunteer monitors.

This is not the first such incident in Indiana. Since 2009, there have been five cases of Whooping Crane shootings, more than any other state in the eastern migratory population (EMP) flyway. Gunshot accounts for 20 percent of known mortality in the EMP. In an effort to address this problem, the International Crane Foundation is partnering with Amos Butler Audubon Society on a new project in Indiana.

The International Crane Foundation has worked with experts in the fields of wildlife criminology, criminal justice, and social marketing to develop strategies that address the threat of shootings. One of our strategies is an awareness campaign. One of our goals is for people to hold Whooping Cranes in the same regard as they do Bald Eagles — as symbols of hope and sources of pride in their own communities. Indiana DNR has funded a social science project at Purdue University that will assess the current level of knowledge and awareness about Whooping Cranes in parts of Indiana where Whooping Cranes regularly occur, including the area around Goose Pond. Dr. Linda Prokopy at Purdue will help us strategize and prioritize the best activities for our campaign, and we will use funding from Amos Butler Audubon Society to implement these activities.

Although we need to wait for the results of the surveys to do some of this work, we have hired a full-time employee for the winter season. His name is James Kawlewski and he came

to us after working for a season at Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge. James grew up on farm, is an avid duck hunter, and loves speaking to rural audiences about conservation and the value of rare species. We are confident that with training from the International Crane Foundation, and with guidance from the researchers at Purdue University and local people such as the members of Amos Butler Audubon Society, we can successfully change attitudes about this species. To learn more about Whooping Cranes, Sandhill Cranes, and our efforts to conserve all crane species, visit [savingcranes.org](http://savingcranes.org).

*James Kawlewski during a training event at the International Crane Foundation. Courtesy of James Kawlewski. Whooping Crane photos courtesy of Ted Thousand.*



# Upcoming Audubon Programs, Events, and Workshops

All programs are held at the Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis, at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. They are free and open to the public.

## Banding Saw-whet Owls in the Indiana Dunes!

**Tuesday, November 14, 7:30–8:30 p.m.**  
**Holliday Park Nature Center**

**Presenter: Brad Bumgardner**



*Photo courtesy of Brad Bumgardner.*

The Indiana Dunes began banding owls as part of Project OwlNet in 2009. The area is a gateway for migrating owls traveling along the shores of Lake Michigan and into the rest of Indiana. Since its inception, the volunteers and staff have banded hundreds of migrating

Saw-whet Owls. More impressively, the banding station at Indiana Dunes serves as one of the largest sites for public education and viewing due to the facilities near the banding sites. Learn about the secretive migration and opportunities to view Saw-whet Owls in the Indiana Dunes with Brad Bumgardner, the executive director for the Indiana Audubon Society and previously an interpretive naturalist for the Indiana State Parks.

## 30 Years of Birding for Bucks

**Tuesday, December 12, 7:30–8:30 p.m.**  
**Holliday Park Nature Center**

**Presenter: Donna McCarty, ABAS Birdathon Chair**

This evening, we will take a look back at where the Birdathon started in 1987 and where we are today. Learn how our chapter's mission has been promoted through our partnership with the highly-respected American Bird Conservancy and the projects we have supported over the years. Find out what it takes to make a Birdathon team and some of the unexpected adventures they have encountered. Ever wonder what are some of the most unusual birds seen by our teams? Come and find out!



*Birdathon chair Donna McCarty presents Wes Homoya, of the Horned Grebes team, with the coveted High Count Champs trophy.*

## Exploring the Incredible Country of Ecuador

**Tuesday, January 9, 7:30–8:30 p.m.**  
**Holliday Park Nature Center**

**Presenter: Rob Ripma, ABAS President**

There may be no better country in the world for birding than Ecuador. The massive species list, over 1700, combined with a country only the size of Colorado makes this the perfect place to see a wonderful array of our beautiful feathered friends in just a short time. Typically, a two-week trip finds well over 500 species.

Join Rob Ripma, President of Amos Butler Audubon Society and owner of Sabrewing Nature Tours, as he shows us the birds and wildlife that you can expect to find while exploring the northern part of Ecuador. As we travel from the high Andes to the tropical rainforest, you're sure to learn about some exciting birds!



*Turquoise Jay, photo courtesy of Sabrewing Nature Tours.*

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## Celebrate the Holidays with Annual Christmas Bird Counts

by John Schaust

Whether you are a first-time birdwatcher or an experienced pro, your help is needed during National Audubon Society's 118th annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) scheduled between December 14, 2017 and January 5, 2018 at more than 2,000 locations across the nation. The CBC is the longest-running citizen science project where birdwatchers compile and report a list of birds seen and heard on their count.

To participate in a Central Indiana CBC, the Amos Butler Audubon Society recommends that you contact one of the following leaders in your area. If you are a beginning birder, you may join a group that includes at least one experienced birdwatcher. If your home is within the boundaries of a count circle, you can also stay home and report the birds that visit your bird feeders.

Learn more about the annual Christmas Bird Count by visiting [audubon.org/bird/cbc](http://audubon.org/bird/cbc).

The first Indianapolis CBC was held in December 1910 making this year the 107th anniversary. To participate, please register by December 13 so that count plans can be made in advance. The Indianapolis CBC takes place within a 15-mile-diameter radius covering the northeast corner with its center point in Fort Harrison State Park. Our birding teams will gather for lunch at a nearby restaurant to tally our morning count total. If needed, teams may cover additional areas after lunch.

### Indianapolis CBC

**Saturday, December 16**

**Contact: John Schaust, (317) 208-4021 or [schaust@gmail.com](mailto:schaust@gmail.com)**

### Eagle Creek Valley CBC

**Sunday, December 17, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center**

Plan to meet at the Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center to pick up an information packet for your assigned area before heading out to bird. The Ornithology Center will open at 8 a.m. A pitch-in lunch for all participants will be held there at noon to tally the bird count and to reorganize groups to head back outside to cover additional areas if needed.

To participate in the Eagle Creek Valley Christmas Bird Count, please register prior to December 13 so that birding teams can be formed and count plans made in advance.

**Contact: Will Schaust, (317) 327-2473 or [william.schaust@indy.gov](mailto:william.schaust@indy.gov)**

### Cool Creek Nature Center

**Saturday, December 30, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Lunch for participants will be provided by the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department. Pre-registration is required.

**Contact: Amanda Smith, (317) 774-2500 or [amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)**

### Hancock County CBC **Saturday, December 30**

Since part of Hancock County is within an official National Audubon Society CBC circle, there are areas we must avoid. Contact Gail McNierney so as not to overlap other count territories.

**Contact: Gail McNierney, (317) 501-4175 or [jgmac@comcast.net](mailto:jgmac@comcast.net)**

### Johnson County CBC **Saturday, December 16**

Contact Mike Clay for territory assignment. We meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. at Johnson County Parks (2949 E. North Street, Nineveh, Indiana 46164) to tally results.

**Contact: Mike Clay, (317) 682-8884 or [mpclay@comcast.net](mailto:mpclay@comcast.net)**

### Zion Nature Center

**January 6, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Have you ever done a Christmas Bird Count and thought it would be more fun if my kids could participate? Wanted to introduce your kid to birding, but didn't know where to start? Well, join Amos Butler Audubon Society as we host our second annual Christmas Bird Count for Kids.

**Contact: Jessica Helmbold, (317) 327-7580 or [jhelmbol@indy.gov](mailto:jhelmbol@indy.gov)**

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## More Beers with Birders

By Joanna Woodruff, Recording Secretary

ABAS has enjoyed sponsoring our Beers with Birders events over the course of this past year. Our events offer an informal and fun opportunity to gather together at various breweries across the city and to share in birding experiences and adventures. The events are open to the public with RSVPs through our website and social media.

Our last event was at Indiana City Brewing Co. on September 14. We've also held events at Metazoa Brewing Co. and Ash and Elm Cider Co. Beers with Birders events are held quarterly and we plan to continue this trend. We've had between 10-35 people in attendance, including a mix of members and non-members, but we hope to gain more ABAS members through these events. Indianapolis breweries have kindly offered donations in which a portion of proceeds from the night come directly back to ABAS.

We hope that you can join us for our next Beers with Birders event in December. Keep an eye out on social media or the ABAS website for the date and location. We look forward to seeing you!



Photo courtesy of Joanna Woodruff.

## Local Bird Hikes

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### Cool Creek Park

2000 East 151st Street, Carmel

2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and every other Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

November 8, 12, 15, 22, 29

December 3, 13, 17, 20, 27, 31

Birds are fascinating and watching them can be an awe-inspiring experience. However, catching a glimpse of these gorgeous creatures can be frustrating and learning how to identify all of them can be overwhelming. Join our naturalist staff and other guest leaders (when available) Sunday and Wednesday mornings and we will learn together. This will be a great opportunity for bird-watchers of all levels. You may begin anytime during the season and come as often as you like. Preregistration is not required. Don't forget your binoculars!

Meet in the parking lot at the bottom of the road by Cool Creek, past the Nature Center. For more information, call 317-774-2500 or visit [myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://myhamiltoncountyparks.com).

### Eagle Creek Park

6519 Delong Road, Indianapolis

Every Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

November 5, 12, 19, 26; December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Meet at the Ornithology Center. For more information, call 317-327-2473.

### Thornwood Nature Preserve

1670 Morristown Pike, Greenfield, IN

8:00–10:00 a.m., November 11

Join the Greenfield Birders for a bird hike! Beginners are welcome. These walks will be opportunities to meet other birders, hopefully see new birds, have new experiences, and learn from each other. Stay up-to-date with any changes, rescheduling, or local bird happenings at [facebook.com/groups/GreenfieldBirders](https://facebook.com/groups/GreenfieldBirders). For more information, contact Adam Wilson at [NikonBirdHunter@gmail.com](mailto:NikonBirdHunter@gmail.com).

### Holliday Park

6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis

The third Tuesday of the month

November 21, 8-9:30 a.m.

December 19, 8:30-10 a.m.

Meet in front of the nature center. For more information, call 317-327-7180.

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## ABAS Logo Gear

We recently set up an account with local apparel company, Concept Prints, to provide embroidered logo gear for our members and events. Ordering is easy. Simply visit [conceptprints.com](http://conceptprints.com) and click the "Featured Catalogues" link to browse the wide variety of apparel offered. For pricing details, questions, or to place an order, email our account manager, Shiron Miller, at [shiron@conceptprints.com](mailto:shiron@conceptprints.com). Orders usually arrive within two weeks and can be paid for when received.

### Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab

3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis

Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m., November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

The Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab at Marian University is a wonderful place to bird watch, with over 165 different species sightings being recorded since 2002. No experience is necessary, and the hike will be led by one of our very own bird experts at Marian. The only things that are necessary are binoculars and a little bit of patience! Bring water to drink and wear comfortable shoes. No reservation is required.

Meet at the St. Francis statue next to Allison Mansion on the north end of campus. For more information, contact David Benson at [dbenson@marian.edu](mailto:dbenson@marian.edu).

### Southeastway Park

5624 South Carroll Road, New Palestine, IN

Mondays at 9:10 a.m., November 6, 13, 20, 27

Are you looking for a way to jump-start your mental and physical well-being when school starts this year? If so, join Theresa Wilson every Monday beginning August 7 for a nature walk! Drop your kids off at school or bring them with you! This is a family friendly, beginner to intermediate nature walk. We will explore the local birds, enjoy migrating birds, and meet weekly until the weather is no longer amenable. All you need to do is grab your binoculars, bug spray, and sunblock and join Theresa for some exploring.

Meet at the Nature Center at Southeastway Park. For more information, call 317-327-2473.

### Strawtown Koteewi Park

12308 Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville, IN

First Wednesday of each month, 9:00 a.m.

November 1, December 6, January 3

Meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History. For more information, call 317-774-2574 or visit [myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://myhamiltoncountyparks.com).

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## A Recap of Our Fall Warbler Workshop

*By Scott Enochs, Field Trip Chair*

On Saturday, September 23, I was joined at Holliday Park by six birders for an Introduction to Fall Warbler Identification workshop. We enjoyed an energetic discussion on warbler species in their fall plumage. Most of the effort centered on the species that molt into non-breeding or basic plumage, while only touching on those that do not molt. Participants shared their success stories in learning fall warblers from phone apps to Facebook groups. After the classroom session, we braved the heat to seek out some fall migrants. Given the heat and time of day, we had modest success, but did manage to see Scarlet Tanager, Swainson's Thrush, and Yellow-throated Warbler. The group was also treated to up-close looks at Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Nashville Warbler. Thanks to all who attended the workshop!

# ABAS and Holliday Park: A Great Collaboration

by Adam Barnes, Executive Director, Friends of Holliday Park; ABAS Volunteer Coordinator

ABAS has enjoyed another great year partnering with Holliday Park to enhance educational programs and projects at the park. While our two organizations have had a fantastic working relationship for over fifteen years, we recently decided to expand and improve ABAS activities at Holliday Park. In addition to our monthly public programs, this year ABAS has led ten morning bird hikes at the park and will continue to offer bird watching activities the third Tuesday of every month. Holliday Park also hosted a Fall Warbler ID Workshop on September 23, organized by Jessica Helmbold (ABAS Education Chair) and led by Scott Enochs (ABAS Field Trip Chair).

Beyond programs, ABAS has used several collaborative funding grants available from National Audubon Society and Birdathon funds to support conservation projects in the park. Past projects have included the construction of a Chimney Swift tower; installation of nest boxes for Eastern Bluebirds, Wood Ducks and Prothonotary Warblers; and signage for educating park visitors on how they can enhance bird habitat in their own yards.

This year, ABAS funded the taxidermy of a Northern Cardinal, American Robin and Barred Owl, and the purchase of other bird-related resources for park naturalists to use during education programs for over 10,000 students, scouts, and public visitors each year. Funds were also used

to install nest boxes for Barred and Screech Owls. In total, ABAS has installed thirteen boxes benefiting six species of birds in Holliday Park.

All of these programs and projects help to offset the free use of the nature center for our programs and board meetings, and helps keep the building staffed after hours for monthly ABAS meetings and programs. It's a great partnership that not only benefits ABAS and Holliday Park, but also the birds!



Photos courtesy of Holliday Park.



# Finding Friends in Nature: Adventures in Starting a Local Birding Walk

by Theresa Wilson

I have been part of the local birding community for one year. I live on the south side of Indianapolis and noticed that there were no weekly nature walks nearby, so I decided to take the lead and provide a walk at Southeastway Park. I encourage all ages and all skill levels to join me. I have loaner binoculars available for people to borrow. The walk is also great for retired people and homeschool families.

So far, I have tried to teach attendees how to use their binoculars while providing encouragement. I have enjoyed seeing the diversity in my local patch over the course of several weeks, starting the walks in August so we could see the birds that nest in the area. We were rewarded with many views of Eastern Wood-Pewees, Yellow-throated Warblers, and American Goldfinches feeding their young. We also enjoyed seeing the fledged Eastern Bluebirds and hearing the song of Wood Thrushes. As August turned to September, we commented how we missed the Indigo Buntings and Common Yellowthroats only to be surprised by a singing male Common Yellowthroat in late September!

I have two goals for a weekly nature walk. Firstly, I hope the community finds that taking a walk in the woods with a group of strangers one day turns into spending quality time

with friends. The second goal is to spark the love of nature in all attendees, especially children. The first step in creating a generation of conservationists is to introduce them to nature and to show them what lives outside, even the spiders and the snakes. When we see a tiny, colorful, warbler feasting on the bugs and berries in our native trees, we understand that we need to play a role in protecting nature.



Photos courtesy of Theresa Wilson.



# 2017 Donna McCarty Volunteer Award Winner: Ted Meyer

by Donna McCarty, Birdathon Chair

Throughout the history of the Amos Butler Audubon Society there are periods when the chapter is running on all cylinders and periods when, for whatever reason, it becomes difficult to find a president, officers, and committee chairs. In the year 2000, the chapter was on life support with few board members and no one willing to take the position of president. A call was made to all members to attend a special meeting to revive the chapter. Approximately 40 individuals attended this meeting and from that group the chapter was reborn.

In the period since then, the chapter never descended to that low point, but there have been times when it has been difficult to fill some key positions. One of these vital positions is that of treasurer — a big job with lots of responsibility. We've had some notable individuals in the past like the late Carl Weber. We now have another notable individual — Ted Meyer.

Ted grew up in Brookfield, Wisconsin. He graduated from University of Wisconsin with a civil engineering degree and pursued an MBA at Northwestern University. He is currently retired, but has held many managerial positions. His most recent work was with a private equity firm. His Uncle Bob had Ted start a bird list while visiting his parents in Arizona. This started his passion for birding. Indianapolis has been his home since 1995, but he enjoys time in North Carolina with the grandchildren and summers at his family lake cottage in Northern Wisconsin. He is a world traveler — climbing Kilimanjaro in 2000. More recently he has enjoyed birding trips with Sabrewing Nature Tours to Latin America.

Ted accepted the responsibility of treasurer in 2010. He began his tenure by reviewing all the chapter's financial records, including Birdathon records. It turned out that my unique style of keeping a financial database was not far off the mark, but he did find a few errors which were subsequently corrected. Since then, each month we compare notes to make sure we are on the same page and I am no longer allowed to round off figures. Although this service to the chapter alone might be worthy of an award, it doesn't begin to describe the scope of Ted's contributions.

For instance, in 2013 no one could be found who was willing to be ABAS president. Even though he was the treasurer and



*Donna McCarty and Ted Meyer display his volunteer service award certificate presented at the October 10 program meeting.*

often out of state, Ted stepped up to the plate and took on the additional position, presiding over board meetings and making decisions critical to the functioning of the chapter as interim president until the first half of 2015. Last year, a webmaster could not be found so, once again, Ted stepped in learning the ropes of administering a webpage and using his skills to facilitate updates. He was most accommodating in keeping the Birdathon page current.

Just what else would he be willing to do? How about membership chair? He took on this position this year when the previous chair moved out of state. Since a replacement is still being sought, he is currently taking care of all membership matters. This includes all the troubleshooting involved in membership issues, plus developing the mailing and email lists.

But evidently, all of this was not enough to suck up all his free time, so he formed a committee to plan the content of the *Audubon LifeLines*, greatly improving the chapter newsletter. He even hosted a meeting at his home where he treated everyone to a fabulous homemade lasagna. Next thing you know, he may even develop a position as chapter chef!

## Meet the Board: Brian Cunningham

Brian Cunningham has a love for the outdoors, nature, and birds. His greatest passion is helping others experience nature, opening their eyes to the wonder and beauty of birds. As a young boy, Brian imitated the calls of various birds in his backyard. It grew into an initial career in environmental education, and led to a position with Wild Birds Unlimited as the franchise's product and hobby education manager. Brian has a vast knowledge of the backyard bird-feeding hobby throughout North America, and incorporates this knowledge while leading bird walks and programs for local park, youth and adult groups.

## ABAS Post-its: Why Should Birders Use eBird?

"There so many reasons for a birder to use eBird. The scientific data that is being collected through this program is remarkable and the public access of this data is amazing. Some of the reasons I tend to talk about it with new birders is the scientific significance of their sightings, the ease of keeping a life list, and the ability to search others' sightings to help find birds. Plus, my favorite feature of eBird is the ability to see sightings from all over the world. I travel for birding a lot and these tools help me prepare for all of my trips."

—Rob Ripma, President

Share your thoughts or submit a question for Rob at [info@amostbutleraudubon.org](mailto:info@amostbutleraudubon.org).

# Stepping Out of Your Comfort Zone

by Adam Wilson

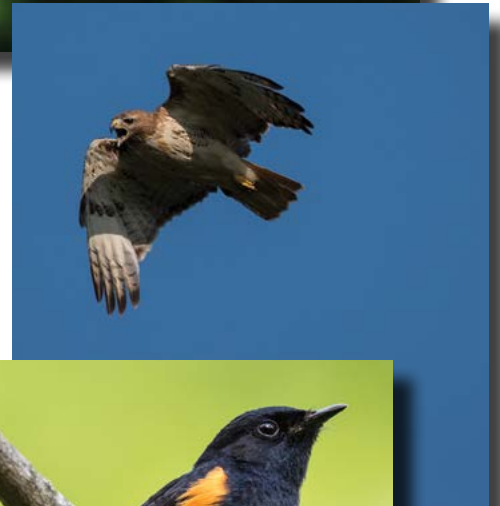
I tend to think of myself as an introvert. I very much enjoy birding alone, but I'll never forget my first organized bird walk. Some close friends invited me to Fort Harrison for a walk with Don Gorney, which was my first interaction with the birding community. What a wonderful sight – people from different areas and ages meeting to learn and watch some of nature's wonders. After this, I started exploring parks close to me more often and claimed my favorite three Greenfield Parks as my patch.

In 2016, I found a newly formed birding group in my town of Greenfield and joined. Not much time passed before I was approached by the founding members and asked to help organize and lead monthly bird walks. I was thrilled and humbled by the opportunity, but initiating contact with new people was outside my comfort zone. That, and I'm far from an expert birder.

I accepted the opportunity with the Greenfield Birders and can't imagine the past 18 months without being a part of my growing local birding community. The core group continues to grow and we often have visitors stopping by to see what it's about. Everyone in the group has varying experience, so we enjoy learning from each other and connecting with other birders. I feel fortunate to have that to look forward to, at least twice a month. I have quickly found that the birding communities in Indiana are welcoming and happy to share their knowledge and favorite locations. My wife, Sara, and I have had the pleasure of meeting scores of birders from all over the state thanks to local and regional bird groups, walks, and events (like Beer's with Birders).

Before all this, I created a "Birds of Indiana" calendar using photos from my birding adventures as a fundraiser for the City of Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department. I'm in my second year selling the calendar, which is available for pre-order at [nikonbirdhunter.com](http://nikonbirdhunter.com).

You don't have to be an expert birder to start, grow, or support your local birding community. Being passionate, thoughtful, and always willing to learn will get you a long way.



*Top: Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Brandywine Park.  
Center: Red-tailed Hawk, Brandywine Park.  
Bottom: American Redstart, Thornwood Nature Preserve. All photos courtesy of Adam Wilson.*

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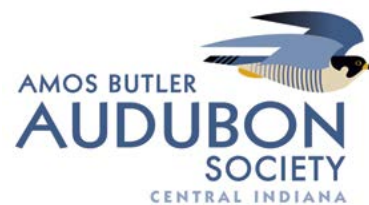
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