

Can You Spare 5 Minutes?

Important Amos Butler Audubon online survey

Go to our online Survey and tell us what YOU like, don't like, and what we should improve at Amos Butler Audubon. YES, WE REALLY WANT TO KNOW!

FIVE MINUTES to answer nine short questions, plus you have two opportunities to write in your own comments and ideas.

Tell us what you think so we can serve you better!

Go to our website (www.amosbutleraudubon.org) to find the active link, or go directly to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L2G68DB>

Of course you can always send your comments to ABA at info@amosbutleraudubon.org.

Thank you for your support! The survey results will help us develop our next strategic plan, so we can offer you better programming in the future.

The Board of Directors at ABA

In Appreciation of Donations Made to Amos Butler Audubon

In memory of Jean Woerner

by Michael and Maureen Surak: Your friends, Donnie, Traci, Joe, Gil, Mike, and Maureen

By Jane Bruhn: "She loved the birds and the out of doors. She will be missed."

By Helen Mutch (Hooverwood) and her three children: Marilyn Weiland, Bill Mutch, and Bob Mutch

Employees through the UnitedHealth Group Giving Campaign

The State Employees' Community Campaign

A matching grant from the ExactTarget Foundation

Indiana Audubon May Bird Count Hamilton County; lunch for participants at Cool Creek Nature Center 2000 East 151st Street, Carmel Saturday, May 10 at 8 a.m.

Volunteer to help Hamilton County Parks & Recreation and the Indiana Audubon Society as we count birds throughout our county. This annual count takes place on International Migratory Bird Day. The results are a valuable tool in tracking bird populations throughout the United States. Bird watchers of different skill levels will be paired together and assigned to various areas of the county. After the morning festivities, an optional lunch will be provided in the Cool Creek Nature Center.

Pre-registration by calling 317-774-2500 or email amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Hamilton County Rookery Preserve

25440 Scherer Ave., Arcadia

Saturday, May 3, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 31, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11, 11 a.m.

Join a naturalist at the Great Blue Heron rookery in Hamilton County. We will meet and stay at the Stoops Observation Deck and discuss details about the park. We will spend the majority of the time watching and talking about the Great Blue Herons, which should be busily courting and tending their nests. You are encouraged to bring binoculars, spotting scopes, and photography equipment. Some equipment will be available to borrow.

Pre-registration: Preferred, by calling 317-774-2500 or email cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov



Spring visitor to Eagle Creek Park, a Red-necked Grebe.
Photo by Robert Williams



See page two for details on the ABA field trip to see spring migrants at Morgan-Monroe State Forest. Photos of Protonotary Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, and American Redstart by Donna McCarty.

This will be the last issue of Audubon LifeLines until the September/October 2014 edition

Audubon Program

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. They are free and open to the public. Information: Email Brittany Davis Swinford at bluemoosey8@yahoo.com or call (812) 340-0824.



May 6: Mounds Reservoir— What's at Stake

Presenter: Kevin Tungesvick, Heart of the River Coalition

The Heart of the River coalition is a grassroots organization formed in 2013 in response to the threat of a planned dam on White River in Anderson, Indiana and a reservoir that would affect Anderson, Chesterfield, Daleville, and Madison and Delaware Counties. Restoration Ecologist Kevin Tungesvick will present on the impact the proposed reservoir would have on the natural plant and wildlife communities.

Amos Butler Audubon opposes the proposed Mounds Reservoir because the plans call for the destruction of significant acreage of natural areas and habitats, including the loss of a state-protected nature preserve that cannot be replaced. See <http://tinyurl.com/owcq7v> for details.

ABA Field Trip

Spring Migrant Field Trip to Morgan-Monroe State Forest

Saturday, May 17, 7 a.m.

Marsh supermarket, 6965 West 38th Street, Indianapolis

Join Scott Enochs as he leads a trip to Morgan-Monroe State Forest near Bloomington in search of spring migrants. Primary targets for this trip will be warblers, tanagers, thrushes, and grosbeaks. Morgan-Monroe SF is prime location for viewing Worm-eating, Hooded, and Kentucky Warblers and Ovenbirds. We will meet at 7 a.m. at the Marsh supermarket located at 6965 West 38th Street in Indianapolis and carpool to Morgan-Monroe SF. Participants can expect to be back in Indianapolis around noon. Please contact Scott at (317) 850-4801 or email him at msenochs@comcast.net if you have any questions. Registration is not required for this event, and it is open to everyone.

Regularly Scheduled Bird Hikes

Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center

**6515 Delong Road, Indianapolis
Every Sunday year-round, 9 a.m.
Meet at the Ornithology Center**

Information: (317) 327-2473

Cool Creek Park

2000 East 151st Street, Carmel

Meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park, past the Nature Center

Beginning Bird Hikes

**Wednesdays, May 11, 14, 21, 25, 28
June 8, 11, 18, 22, 25; 8:30-10 a.m.**

Some of the most beautiful birds in the world live or migrate through central Indiana, and most of them don't frequent feeders. From American Robins to Scarlet Tanagers, we will try to find them all. Tips on binoculars, field guides, gear, and identification will keep the conversation lively as we look.

Saturday Spring Migration Bird Hikes

May 3, 17, 24, 31; 8-10 a.m.

Catch a peek at some beautiful birds as they return this spring. The hikes are led by well-known birder, Keith Starling. After the hike, stop by the Nature Center's Wildlife Viewing Area for coffee and doughnuts.

For more information, contact Amanda Smith at amandasmith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Strawtown Koteewi Park

**Taylor Center of Natural History
12308 Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville**

**Wednesdays, March 5 and April 2
8:30-10 a.m.**

Meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History

Information: (317) 774-2574

Johnson County Park Bird Hikes

Last Sunday of each month, 8 a.m.

Meet at the McClain Cabin on the corner of Schoolhouse Road and Cabin Street

Lace up your sneakers and come take a peek at our feathered friends. Join Johnson County Parks and Rec naturalists on the last Sunday of each month for an informal bird walk at Johnson County Park, located just north of Camp Atterbury. Take 31 S to 252 W and turn left onto Schoolhouse Road. Bring binoculars or borrow ours. Free, open to all ages, no pets. For more information, call (812) 526-6809 or email jerwin@co.johnson.in.us.

Blackburnian Warbler courtesy ProAves. Blackpoll Warbler and Black-throated Blue Warbler by Barbara Jablonski.



AMOS BUTLER AUDUBON BIRDATHON 2014

Saving Birds Is Our Mission

For over a quarter century, Amos Butler Audubon has been on a mission — a mission to promote the enjoyment and stewardship of the birds of Central Indiana. It has spanned projects from Indiana all the way to Latin America. We have awarded grants to purchase wintering habitat for our Neotropical migrants in Central and South America. Numerous Indiana-focused research projects with Indiana University, Ball State University and Purdue University have stretched our dollars far, adding valuable data to our knowledge about birds. We have worked with Marian University, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, and Central Indiana Land Trust to enhance bird-friendly habitat here in Central Indiana. We have reached out to educate the public about the importance of protecting our birds through grants to the Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center, Lights Out Indy and the Indiana Important Bird Areas program.

Your 2014 Birdathon Donations will support: The American Bird Conservancy's (ABC) Cerulean Warbler Project

We will be building on the success of the previous years' grants protecting high priority wintering habitat for Cerulean Warblers and other Neotropical migrants in Colombia. In this proposal ABC also includes activities in Ecuador.

Eagle Creek Ornithology Center Bird Banding

The ornithology center will add a new dimension with the establishment of a bird-banding station, sure to be a hit with park visitors.

Marian University Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab Bird-friendly Habitat

This project involves a large measure of community involvement with thousands of students participating in planting native plants.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Native Plant Showcase

The development of a native plant showcase on three acres of the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center will restore habitat, providing food and shelter to birds and wildlife.

Cool Creek Nature Center Bird Protection Exhibit

Staff will create an exhibit chronicling the beginnings of important bird protection laws.

Jameson Camp Bird Viewing Area

The project to build a bird viewing area near its learning pond will introduce children to the enjoyment of watching birds.

Birdathon Teams Will Be on a Species Quest

Birdathon teams will be scouring the state during May to count the maximum number of species possible in a 24-hour period and asking donors to sponsor their efforts. If you don't know a team member, you could choose to make a donation directly to the Birdathon. Either way, your dollars will go far to ensure the future of our Indiana birds.

Make a Difference, Make a Pledge!

START PROTECTING OUR BIRDS TODAY! CUT HERE AND MAIL YOUR PLEDGE OR GO TO WWW.AMOSBUTLERAUDUBON.ORG

AMOS BUTLER AUDUBON BIRDATHON 2014 PLEDGE

▶ Name _____
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YES, I'LL SUPPORT YOU WITH MY PLEDGE OF ___10¢ ___25¢ ___50¢ ___\$1 OR _____ per species up to a total gift of _____ for this team;

DNR EcoLab Bud & Carl's Legacy Cool Ponds
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 Walmart Team Bishop Lights Out/Wings Over Indy
 Wild Birds Unlimited UIndy Team with highest count
 Other _____

My gift of \$_____ is enclosed, payable to Amos Butler Audubon. Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law.

Thank you for sponsoring the Amos Butler Audubon Birdathon 2014. Every urgently needed dollar you give will go toward:

- Protection of Cerulean Warbler habitat in Colombia and Ecuador
- Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center bird banding station
- Habitat restoration at the Marian University EcoLab and the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center
- An educational display at Cool Creek Park about the history of protecting birds
- A bird viewing area at the Jameson Camp

Return by May 31 to: Donna McCarty, Birdathon Chair, 7492 Runningbrook Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46254-9770

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- 100% of your dues support Amos Butler Audubon educational programs and urban conservation projects
- *Audubon LifeLines*, the chapter newsletter
- Workshops and entertaining monthly program meetings

One-year chapter supporter \$20

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E-Mail Address, Anyone?

Join with hundreds of other members who have gone green by signing up for the electronic *LifeLines* newsletter and meeting reminders. Send your request, including your name, to Martyn Roberts at info@amosbutleraudubon.org. This shift towards electronic communication continues to save Amos Butler Audubon hundreds of dollars in printing and mailing costs annually.

Are You a Chapter Supporter?

The expiration date of your Chapter Supporter membership is printed on the mailing label on the paper copy of your *Lifelines*, to the right of your name; "N/A" denotes that you have not paid Chapter Supporter dues. To determine the expiration date of your National Audubon Society membership, refer to the address label on your *Audubon* magazine.

If you receive *LifeLines* electronically or if you have any other membership questions, please contact Martyn Roberts at info@amosbutleraudubon.org or call (317) 251-2908.



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*To promote the enjoyment and stewardship
of the birds of central Indiana*

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