

Remembering the World's Last Confirmed Wild Passenger Pigeon

by Wes Homoya

A collection of roughly 60 birders, naturalists, historians, and citizens gathered at the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site in Metamora on April 3 to commemorate one of Indiana's (and indeed the world's) most phenomenally somber stories of ecological loss. The date and location had been specially chosen to mark the 115th anniversary of the last known verified occurrence of a wild Passenger Pigeon, just a few miles away from Metamora near the small town of Laurel in Franklin County. Amos W. Butler himself was the ornithologist who confirmed the identification of the specimen, which had been shot by a local sportsman. An Indiana Historical Marker was unveiled at the ceremony, installed by the Indiana Historical Bureau and funded in part by donations collected via the Indiana Audubon Society. Tears were shed, homage was paid, lessons learned from our past were shared, and reminders of the need for future stewardship were given.

There is not space here to adequately detail the plight of what once was North America's most abundant species of bird, but I'd like to share a few quotes from the commemoration and leave you with directions to some scholarly literature should you desire to acquire additional knowledge.

In a phrase that certainly could be applied to some of today's environmental crises, Chicago birder, museum scientist, and author Joel Greenberg said of the popular opinion leading up to the turn of the 19th century (that Passenger Pigeon extinction alarmists were foolish because the species had always been numerous and thus would be just fine)—“In the face of inconvenient truths, people have a tendency to deny the facts.”

My father, Michael Homoya, relayed two of what must be considered the most poignant of all Passenger Pigeon eulogies. Referring to Martha, the very last of the captive birds, who passed away in the Cincinnati Zoo in 1914, Dr. Robert Shufeldt penned these words during her necropsy—“Coming to the heart, I examined with great care all the vessels entering and leaving its several cavities. I did not dissect them, preferring to preserve in its entirety the heart of the last Passenger Pigeon the world will ever see alive. With the final throb of that heart, still another bird became extinct for all time—the last representative of the countless millions and unnumbered generations of its kind.”

As for the other quotation, who else but Aldo Leopold could provide such soulful eloquence as the following? Seventy years ago he transformed tears into text—“There



(Inset, left to right) Standing next to side one immediately after the unveiling are Michael Homoya (Indiana DNR-Division of Nature Preserves), Casey Pfeiffer (Indiana Historical Bureau), Jeff Canada (Indiana Audubon Society), Joel Greenberg (author “A Feathered River Across the Sky”), Don Gorney (Earth Day Indiana), and Damon Lowe (Indiana State Museum). (Above) Indiana state botanist and author Michael Homoya, who submitted the application for the historical marker, stands next to side 2 after the ceremony.

A Note from the President

In this newsletter, we have decided to start a new feature, a note from the President. Going forward, I'll be highlighting some of the most exciting happenings at the Amos Butler Audubon Society.

Just a few weeks ago, we launched our brand-new website! The board of directors has been working on creating this new site for several months, and we are very excited to see that all of the hard work paid off. I would like to express my gratitude to all those involved in this huge project, especially our Treasurer and Past President, Ted Meyer, for all the time he spent adding content to and testing the new website. Thank you to all those who have helped with its creation, including our partners, Reliable Solutions Corp. You'll now find it much easier to get information about upcoming events, check out the latest newsletter, see updates on our most successful fundraiser (Birdathon), and much more. We hope you enjoy the new site! Visit www.amosbutleraudubon.org to check out our work.

Rob Ripma, President

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Upcoming Audubon Programs, Events, and Field Trips

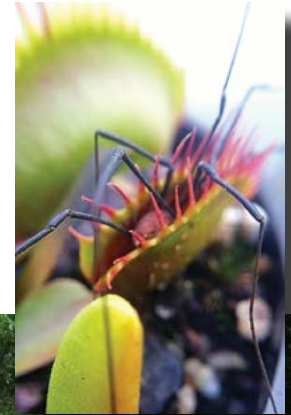
All programs are held at the Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis, at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. They are free and open to the public. Time and place of field trips as noted.:

May 9: Savage Garden: The Demented World of Meat-eating Plants!

Presenters: Chad and Evan Williams

Bring your family and join Chad and his son, Evan, on a fascinating journey into the world of meat-eating plants—Carnivorous Plants! A group of plants so amazing that Charles Darwin wrote of one species, “I care more about Sundews than the origin of all species on earth.” From the amazing and beautiful family of Pitcher Plants to the twisted insect-catching tactics of the Venus Flytrap and Sundews, you won’t want to miss this chance to see how this group of plants defies the natural order. Chad and Evan will bring along a host of plants for show-and-tell, and Evan will wrap up the presentation with the Great Flytrap Giveaway—a chance for three lucky participants to take home their very own Venus Flytrap!

Chad is on the board of the Amos Butler Audubon Society. He has been growing carnivorous plants since he was in fifth grade, starting with a Venus Flytrap purchased by his grandma. His family operates Indiana Insectivores, a hobby business dedicated to sharing the excitement of Carnivorous Plants with others. Evan is 12 years old. He enjoys growing and experimenting with carnivorous and other plants. Come join us and learn all about Carnivorous Plants!



Amos Butler Audubon Society Regional “Big Day” of Birding

Saturday, May 20

Ever wonder what birds are spending their spring days in the Amos Butler Audubon region? We’re seeking to answer that question, and we need your help to do so. We’re calling on birders of all skill levels in Boone, Marion, Hendricks, Hamilton, Hancock, Johnson, Shelby, and northern Morgan counties to “count the birds.” This can be as simple as counting the birds at your feeder, as leisurely as spending a couple of hours walking your favorite park, or as rigorous as spending the whole day searching the entire region. We’ll be counting all of the different species and the number of individuals of each species. There are no organized groups at this point, but if you would be interested in leading a walk or a group in your area on this day, please contact Scott Enochs so he can put similarly interested people in touch with you. We will be counting birds only in the areas listed above. Please let Scott know the area(s) you are interested in birding. After the Big Day, participants will be requested to send their checklists to Scott for compilation. Scott can be reached at (317) 850-4801 or by email at msenochs@comcast.net. Have fun!

Spring Migrant Field Trip—Brown County State Park

Saturday, June 3, 7 a.m.

Meet at Walmart, 1133 North Emerson Avenue, Greenwood

Join Amy Hodson and Brown County State Park Naturalist Kashena Hottinger as they lead you on a hike through Brown County State Park. Target species on the hike will be migrating warblers, vireos, tanagers, and flycatchers. More specifically, we will be seeking Kentucky, Hooded, and Worm-eating Warblers. We will hike 2-3 miles through various terrains that could include steep hillsides, so wear appropriate footwear. Kashena will educate us during the hike on the history of Brown County State Park and other features of the park we may enjoy (besides birding). The gate fee is \$7 per vehicle. We will meet at 7 a.m. at the Walmart located at 1133 North Emerson Avenue in Greenwood. Participants can expect to return to Indy around 1 p.m. Registration is encouraged but not required. There is no charge for this event (other than the gate fee), and it is open to the public. Questions? Please contact Amy Hodson at aehodson@gmail.com.



Beers with Birders

Metazoa Brewing Company
140 S. College Ave.
June 8, 2017 6-9 p.m.

Join the Amos Butler Audubon Society for an evening at Metazoa Brewing Company. We will meet from 6-9 p.m. to collectively share our birding experiences and adventures at this informal gathering. This event is open to the public. Please email info@amosbutleraudubon.org or RSVP to our event on Facebook if you plan to join us so we can be aware of how many will be attending.

10% of all pint and growler sales that evening will be donated to ABAS.

ABAS Logo Gear

Have you noticed the snazzy ABAS logo shirts that many of the board members have been wearing lately? We recently set up an account with local apparel company, Concept Prints, to provide embroidered logo gear for our members and events. Whether it's one shirt to help you show your Audubon pride or an order of 20 for a team representing ABAS at an event, ordering is easy. Simply visit www.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. Orders usually arrive within two weeks and can be paid for when received. A terrific new way to support ABAS!

Check Out Our New Web Site

In April ABAS unveiled a new web site. If you haven't seen it yet be sure to take a peek. You can easily see our upcoming events, and read about what has happened recently. You can even find out who Amos Butler was. Give it a try at:

amosbutleraudubon.org.

Note: This is the last issue of *LifeLines* until September

Greenfield Bird Walks

Avid birders are starting to organize in Greenfield, located about half an hour east of Indianapolis in Hancock County. Greenfield Birders will be conducting bird walks at 8 a.m. on most second and fourth Saturdays of the month (depending on the weather). These walks will be opportunities to meet other birders, hopefully to see new birds, to have new experiences, and to learn from each other. Walks are free of charge, and everyone is welcome! You can stay up to date with any changes, rescheduling, or local bird happenings at www.facebook.com/groups/GreenfieldBirders. For more information please contact Adam Wilson at NikonBirdHunter@gmail.com.

All locations are in Greenfield

May 13: Brandywine Park, 900 E. Davis Road

May 27: Pennsy Trail, East Parking Lot 90 S 400 E

June 10: Beckenholdt Family Park, 2770 N. Franklin St.

June 24: Pennsy Trail, West Parking Lot. 98 S 150 W

July 8: Thornwood Nature Preserve, 1670 Morristown Pike

July 22: Beckenholdt Family Park, 2770 N. Franklin St.

August 12: Pennsy Trail, Cumberland Trailhead, 384 S 600 W

August 26: Brandywine Park, 900 E. Davis Road

Hamilton County May Bird Count

8 a.m., Saturday, May 13

Pre-registration required.

Register by calling 317-774-2500 or emailing amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Volunteer to help Hamilton County Parks & Recreation and the Indiana Audubon Society as we count birds throughout the county. This annual count takes place on International Migratory Bird Day and 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.

Hamilton County Rookery Preserve Programs

Rookery Preserve, 25440 Scherer Ave., Arcadia, IN

Saturday, May 6 at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 27 at 2 p.m.

Friday, June 9 at 3:30 p.m.

Join a naturalist at the Great Blue Heron rookery in Hamilton County. Participants will meet and stay at the Stoops Observation Deck. The majority of the time will be spent 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.

Pre-registration preferred. Register by calling 317-774 -2574 or emailing amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Update: Saving Crown Hill North Woods

By Mary Ellen Gadski

Since my article on Crown Hill appeared in the last issue of *LifeLines*, several developments give reason for “cautious optimism.” After Mayor Joe Hogsett received an outpouring of calls and messages from citizens alarmed about the imminent danger to the forest, he issued a statement on March 8 calling upon the Department of Veterans Affairs to halt its efforts to develop the site. “My dream would be for these woods to become part of the City’s park system—one that is an enduring monument to our fallen heroes and one that preserves sacred ground that has been undisturbed for hundreds of years.” He urged the VA to work towards achieving a lasting solution for our community, one that honors our veterans and preserves the irreplaceable woods.

The company hired to clear the forest began preliminary work shortly thereafter, erecting a construction fence around the 15 acres, cutting a few trees, and laying a gravel road in to the site for heavy equipment. Early on Monday, March 13, a small group of protesters, primarily concerned veterans, occupied the site in peaceful civil disobedience. In a matter of hours, the VA issued a temporary stop-work order, which has held through the date of this writing (mid-April). A few days later, more than 200 people attended a rally at Crown Hill to demonstrate their concern.

On March 22, the Hare Charitable Trust met the VA’s deadline to submit proposals and financial information for alternative sites that suited the VA’s criteria. Since November, the Trust has offered to pay for a land swap as the solution to saving the forest and keeping the columbaria project in central Indiana. Following many months of public outcry, the VA finally agreed to consider other possible sites. The Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs stated, “I promise you we will give them a good, hard look.” We await word on the VA’s deliberations.



Anne Laker stands in front of one of the Crown Hill North Woods giants. Photo by Jeff Stant courtesy of the Indiana Forest Alliance.

Bill Murphy Retires as *LifeLines* Editor



Bill Murphy has decided to relinquish his position as the *LifeLines* newsletter editor to take advantage of more travel time and his increased involvement with the Smithsonian Institution. In 2013 the Board of Directors named Bill as the Donna McCarty Volunteer Service Award recipient. Bill’s contributions to Amos Butler Audubon Society span more than 15 years and include serving on the board of directors, championing the production of the Brock’s Birds of Indiana CD, overseeing website administration, leading out-of-state field trips, and offering his skills in writing and editing.

Upon retirement in 2007 after 37 years of federal service, Bill returned to one of his first loves, insects. Snail-killing flies, to be exact. Bill serves as Research Collaborator, an academic appointment, with the Smithsonian Institution and has become one of the world’s leading authorities on snail-killing flies. His passion for knowledge and science has led him to discover nine new species of snail-killing flies (including one known only from Indiana), author or co-author more than 50 scientific publications (including the Birder’s Guide to Trinidad and Tobago), and identifying tens of thousands of previously undetermined specimens of snail-killing flies in the insect collections of major museums in the USA and Canada. Amos Butler Audubon Society is indebted to Bill for his service. We hope to continue to see him at the monthly program meetings.

Amos Butler Audubon Society BIRDATHON 2017

Saw-whet Owls
are the focus of a
research project
supported by a
Birdathon grant



Saving Birds is Our Mission

We are especially enthusiastic about the projects to be funded by Birdathon 2017, all of which relate to our chapter's mission — to promote the enjoyment and stewardship of the birds of Central Indiana.

Saving Winter Habitat in Central America

The American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is in its second year of financing the purchase of a 556-acre core property of the Sierra Santa Cruz. This area of Guatemala, near its Caribbean coastline, is in the process of becoming the eighth protected area of a biological corridor and important flyway. An illegally built road, which allowed poachers and loggers to enter, was a threat. The tract provides high-quality habitat for wintering migratory birds as well as stopover habitat for at least 40 species of neotropical migrants. This land costs less than \$300 per acre!

Vital Research on Our Migratory Birds

The 2017 Birdathon will be supporting four research projects. Through the years ABAS has always believed donors are receiving maximum "bang for their bucks" through scientific, data-gathering projects.

Two of the projects focus on the Cerulean Warbler, one of the most rapidly declining species in North America. Ball State University and the Indiana Forest Alliance will both conduct projects in Morgan-Monroe and Yellowwood State Forests. Data could determine what management practices might be necessary to maintain viable populations.

The Northern Saw-whet Owl is the target of a Purdue University research project. Scientists will investigate

migration and stopover habitat use in west central Indiana for this tiny owl. Another Purdue study will gather data on a poorly understood critical period — the end of the breeding season, when young birds are gaining independence from their parents. From this research, recommendations can lead to better preservation of their habitat.

Educating the Community about Birds

Four of our projects involve local youth in a hands-on way. This exposure will give them a stake in protecting our birds. Jameson Camp will install two nest boxes with video cameras to post footage on its website and Facebook page. Utopia Rehabilitation will conduct a week-long summer camp, where students will learn about habitat, endangered species, conservation and wildlife careers. Groups attending field trips at Marian University's Nina Mason Pullman EcoLab will be the primary participants in activities to restore bird-friendly habitat. The Indiana Raptor Center is upgrading housing for its resident Barn Owl, providing enrichment for the owl and visitors.

Birdathon Teams Will Be Out Counting

Birdathon teams will be scouring Indiana 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 the birds of Central Indiana.

Make a difference, make a pledge!

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

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☐ Other _____

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

☐ Free ABAS Chapter Supporter membership. **First-time members only. \$20 or more donation required.**

Thank you for sponsoring the Amos Butler Audubon Society Birdathon. Your donation will go toward:

- Purchase of wintering habitat for central Indiana's migratory birds
- Central Indiana research projects on migratory birds
- Community education about the importance of birds

Return to Donna McCarty, Birdathon Chair, 7492 Runningbrook Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46254-9770

Children and Nature and the 2017 Marion County Nature Play Days

by Jessica Helmbold

In the world we live in today, kids spend far more time inside than outside, staring down at their phone or tablet screens, watching television, and playing video games. In the book *Last Child in the Woods*, by Richard Louv, one child is quoted as saying, “he likes to play indoors, because that is where all the outlets are.” It might seem like a trend from which there is no return, but that is not the case. Many groups, such as the Children and Nature Network (CANN) and the Indiana Children and Nature Network (ICANN), are working to reverse that trend and to encourage parents and their children to spend more time outside.

When I was a child, I was fortunate to live in a community with a lot of green space. I spent many hours running through the fields and woods around my house with the other children in my neighborhood. We built teepees out of bamboo, we hunted for crayfish from the local creek, and we examined the insides of Osage oranges, among many other activities. Those moments are what shaped my interest in the natural world and my career as a naturalist. Not everyone who spends a lot of time outside will want to become a naturalist like me, but they may find that they begin to care more about the natural world or that their overall physical, mental, and emotional well-being has improved. Naturalist E.O. Wilson describes this innate need for the natural world as “biophilia.” We all have it—that moment when we see an endless, lush, green pasture or the autumn colors of Brown County foliage and feel warm and happy inside. A feeling we cannot really put into words.

That feeling of being made whole by spending time in the outdoors is what groups like CANN and ICANN are working to provide to children. Many counties will host Nature Play Day events June 10–18. Melissa Moran of the Nature Conservancy, Sarah Kempfer of ICANN, and Hamilton

County Parks, many people from different Marion County-based organizations (Indy Parks, the Indiana State Museum, local Community Centers, and the Children’s Museum, to name a few), and I are working to put together a packed two weeks of Marion County Nature Play Days. Events will range from Canal Nights at the Indiana State Museum to Garden Exploration Day at Garfield Park and a Get into Nature Event at Holliday Park.

As Education Chair for Amos Butler Audubon Society, I will be helping with the Get into Nature Event, 2–4 p.m. on June 11 at Holliday Park, and hosting an event at Hornet Park in Beech Grove (date to be determined). I will also be helping with the Garden Exploration Event at Garfield Park on June 17, 11–12 p.m., on behalf of Indy Parks. The full list of events will be posted on the ABAS website and Facebook page in the coming weeks.

I am very excited to bring outdoor opportunities to children every day and especially on the Nature Play Days; these are similar to the opportunities I was fortunate to have as a kid. If you would like to join me in my quest, I would love to have volunteers for both Hornet and Holliday Park events. Activity plans will be forthcoming, but if you love working with kids, contact me now because these would be perfect opportunities for you.

I also encourage all of you to share your love of the outdoors with children you know. The stories my dad told me of his outdoor adventures, like climbing fruit trees and sitting in them all afternoon eating fruit, made me long for my own outdoor adventures. His stories made me think of magical places like his that I could find in my own neighborhood. Take a moment to enjoy the simple pleasures of the outdoors today and share them with someone else you know, especially a child.

April 9 Smith’s Longspur Trip Field Trip Re-cap

A group of 14 birders set out on a blustery Sunday morning with one main target on our list, Smith’s Longspur. These migrants are a tricky species to pin down. With one reliable spot in Central Indiana to see them, we were bound for “The Burn”. The Lye Creek Prairie Burn, aka “The Burn”, is a privately owned property in Montgomery County that contains habitat specifically managed for Smith’s Longspur.

We were greeted by the property owner, Clint Murray, upon our arrival. He escorted us into the field where the birds have been most frequently seen. After 100 yards of walking and scanning the corn stubble, the group stumbled upon a few Smith’s Longspurs. This species is known to completely disappear when they hit the ground, and these birds they weren’t offering views while feeding. Luckily, one bird flew overhead while calling, which allowed the entire group to see it. Although we would have loved closer looks, we found our target species!

The rest of the morning was spent birding in the high winds at The Burn and a few surrounding locations. After a tip from Clint Murray and Montgomery County birder/photographer, Shari McCollough, the group went to 2 nearby locations. The first was a location where Western Meadowlark has been reported. We were lucky to hear the bird sing, but due to the high winds it didn’t perch up for us. The next stop was a flooded farm field that held enough water for shorebirds. A group of roadside Pectoral Sandpipers, Lesser Yellowlegs and Greater Yellowlegs were the last birds of the day!



Regularly Scheduled Bird Hikes

Eagle Creek Park

6519 DeLong Road, Indianapolis

Every Sunday, 9 a.m.

Meet at the Ornithology Center

For more information call (317) 327-2473

Holliday Park

6363 Spring Mill Rd, Indianapolis

7:30-9 a.m. the third Tuesday of the month:

May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15,

September 19

Meet in front of the nature center.

For more information call (317) 327-7180

Ft. Harrison State Park

6000 N. Post Road, Indianapolis,

8 a.m. Each Sunday in May

Meet in the northeast corner of Delaware Lake parking lot. For more information contact

Don Gorney, dongorney@yahoo.com

Cool Creek Park

2000 East 151st Street, Carmel

Beginner Bird Hikes

2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.

and every other Sunday, at 8 a.m.

May 7, 10, 17, 21, 24, 31; June 4, 14, 18, 21, 28

Migration Bird Hikes

8 a.m. Saturdays, May 6, 20, 27

Leader Keith Starling

Meet in the parking lot at the bottom of the road by Cool Creek, past the Nature Center.

Information: (317) 774-2500 or

www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com

Strawtown Koteewi Park Taylor Center of Natural History

12308 Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville

1st Wednesday of each month, 8:30-10 a.m.

May 3, June 7

Meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Information: (317) 774-2574 or www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com

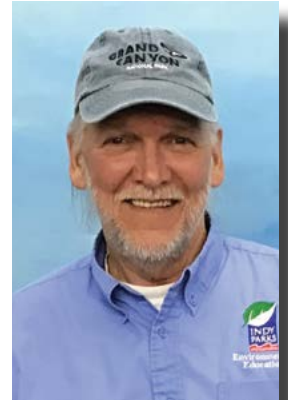
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Eagle Creek Park's Ornithology Center Manager Retires

Amos Butler Audubon Society member Kevin Carlsen was born and raised in New Hampshire. His love for the outdoors began at a very young age with hiking and camping. Living just five minutes from the ocean and 45 minutes from the mountains, he competed in skiing, bike racing, swimming, and canoeing, and he excelled in surfing. After graduating from college, he worked as an architectural engineer in Boston while learning carpentry. Eventually he started his own remodeling company and landed contracts with the National Park Service, which allowed him to hike and backpack in many national parks. He has hiked the Grand Canyon every year for the past 40+ years and hopes to make it to 50 years!



After 30 years in the construction business, Kevin was looking for a change. His work frequently brought him to Indiana, so he moved to Indianapolis and was hired in 1999 as a part-time naturalist at Eagle Creek Park. In 2007 he designed and built the Ornithology Center, and in 2009 he won the Indianapolis Power & Light Company's "Golden Eagle Environmentalist of the Year" award. Kevin has made countless contributions to the park, including the design and building of interpretive displays, the Great Migration Obstacle Course, the canoe/kayak launch, the interpretive trail, the outdoor classroom, the bird enclosures, the park trail map and kiosks, and exhibit photography. He also has been involved in bird care and training. Kevin clearly has left a lasting impact on many park visitors and birdwatchers in his 17+ years at Eagle Creek Park!

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will always be Passenger Pigeons, in books and in museums; but these are effigies and images, dead to all hardships, and to all delights. Book-pigeons cannot dive out of the clouds to make the deer run for cover, or clap their wings in thunderous applause of mast-laden woods. They know no urge of seasons, they feel no kiss of sun, no lash of wind and weather. They live forever by not living at all. Trees still live, that in their youth were shaken by a living wind, but a few decades hence only the oldest oaks will remember, and at long last only the hills will know."

For those who would like to learn more about the fall of the Passenger Pigeon, an excellent introduction to the subject matter can be found at blog.history.in.gov/?p=1895 in an article written by the Indiana Historical Bureau's Annette Scherber. If you wish to delve even further, Joel Greenberg's *A Feathered River Across the Sky* is the pièce de résistance.

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- *Audubon LifeLines*, the chapter newsletter
- Workshops and entertaining monthly program meetings

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- ☐ One-year household membership \$40
- ☐ Two-year household membership \$75
- ☐ Lifetime individual membership \$500

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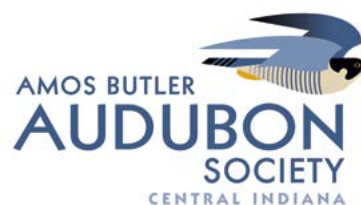
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