

# A BIG Year

By Bill Sharkey

**It was another cold day. Ever do a lake watch? You will if you want to do a Big Year. But wait — what is a Big Year? Is it a movie? A fun adventure to a beautiful mountain meadow? Oh, heck no...**

An Indiana Big Year encompasses seeing or hearing as many bird species as possible in Indiana from January 1 to December 31. Over time, the desired threshold has become 300 or more species.

There are other ways to tackle a Big Year. A Big Year could be done in the American Birding Association area, the United States, a county, a 5-mile radius, by bicycle, by hiking — you name it — you do it. This article focuses on an Indiana Big Year.

In any given year in Indiana, roughly 330 species of birds will be seen. (This number has varied from 322 to 326 over the last few years, but was 340 birds, a clear record, in 2020.) If you want to do a Big Year, you will need to see 90% of them.

Many are seen only once a year. You gotta go find some, you gotta go chase many, and you better know what bird you are looking at when the two of you intersect. Throughout 2019, I refined my approach. In the end, my car was always well packed, gassed up, and my spouse was not surprised when I said, "I gotta go...".

Let's start this story at the finish. December 30, 2019 — bird number 305, Long-eared Owl — seen in LaGrange County. I had gotten a call from an Amish friend and they had a lead on the owl. The temp was a brisk 32 degrees and after hiking haphazardly across a very marshy bog for 40 minutes, I took a misstep and ended up hip-deep in the nastiest oozy mud. I could not get out on my own. Luckily, I had two strong and more athletic companions who were able to unceremoniously drag me out. We then went on to find the bird and hike the rather chilly mile back to the car. I drove soaking wet for three hours to get home. Yes, some of my car packing improvements didn't occur until 2020. I always have dry pants in my car. Now you might be thinking that you would like to do a Big Year?

And the middle — my buddy Richard Garrett and I searched and chased and searched some more throughout 2019. We found just enough species for each of us to finish our Big Years with 300 or more birds. The day we froze together watching a Brandt in Richmond as we each reached the 300 mark was a day of excitement and relief — it had been a long slog.

And let's wrap up with the beginning — thank you Amy Hodson. I ran into Amy on a cold January morning in 2017. I was preparing to retire from my career, and she had recently started her Big Year. We exchanged hellos at Morse Park in Noblesville, and she shared that she was doing a Big Year. I could have safely walked away, but I was intrigued and soon was hooked. The decision to do a Big Year happened that day, and I knew I had a lot to learn before I started.



Bill Sharkey



Birders braving the cold and wind at the lakefront.

I was an experienced warbler guy, and that left me inexperienced in the 300 or so species I might need to identify for the Big Year. I had 23 months to prepare. I gathered experience, materials, and equipment during that period. I worked really hard during my preparation months, but most importantly, I developed a network of contacts and friends. That group of fellow birders will never be fully repaid for their kindness, patience, and support during 2019. I could not have done it without that help. In subsequent years, I have tried to repay that support by helping others who have started their own Big Year adventures.

## So what happened between January 2017 and December 30, 2019?

- Met Richard Garrett, my birding buddy and Big Year companion. I also met Lisa and Randy Vanderbilt who joined us in the chase. Or to be fairer, we joined them.
- Figured out who could help me, during the actual Big Year, identify the 25 most difficult birds. Think jaegers times three, kittiwakes, and a number of others.
- Began volunteering my time with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Indiana Audubon Society to pay back and to gain valuable experience.
- Birded like a madman — nothing outweighs field experience.

*Continued on page 4.*

## LAST ISSUES OF LIFELINES BEING MAILED

Our *LifeLines* Newsletter format is updating. This is the second to last issue of our bi-monthly ABAS *LifeLines* Newsletter. Beginning in March of 2022, we will be providing an updated monthly newsletter that will be delivered right to your email inbox. All the content you once received by the US mail via the newsletter will now be included in our monthly emails.

To stay up to date on events, field trips and special articles be sure to sign up via the form on our website at [www.amosbutleraudubon.org/newsletters/](http://www.amosbutleraudubon.org/newsletters/). Scroll to the bottom of that page for the form. You can also contact us at [info@amosbutleraudubon.org](mailto:info@amosbutleraudubon.org) to be included in the monthly emails.

# Upcoming Audubon Events and Field Trips

All are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak, all of these events are subject to cancellation. Please check our website event calendar before attending an event to see if it might have been canceled.

## Return of In-Person Monthly Programs

We are pleased to welcome everyone back to our monthly programs at Holliday Park. **We respectfully request that any non-vaccinated attendees wear masks.**



### Bobcats of Indiana

**Tuesday, November 9**

**7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

Holliday Park, 6363 Springmill Road, Indianapolis

Join Geriann Albers as she tells us the story of Bobcats in Indiana. Geriann is a Furbearer Biologist for the Indiana DNR. She received her Bachelors in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences from the University of Illinois and her Masters in Wildlife Management from West Virginia University in 2012. She spent three years with the Wisconsin DNR and 1.5 years with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission before starting with the Indiana DNR in May 2017.

We respectfully request that any non-vaccinated attendees wear masks.



### Adventures in Bird Training

**Tuesday, December 14**

**7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

Holliday Park, 6363 Springmill Road, Indianapolis

Join Jenna McElroy, Assistant Park Manager, and Rachael Ledbetter, Naturalist, to learn how the Eagle Creek Ornithology Center's Raptor Ambassadors are trained for educational programs. Since attending a training workshop at Avian Behavior International in San Diego in the spring of 2020, they have put new training

*Pictured from left to right are Rachael Ledbetter, Jenna McElroy, and Stefany Boleyn.*

methods into practice. The workshop was funded through an ABAS Birdathon grant. Jenna and Rachael will share their training successes and challenges through video clips and with some help from a few of their feathered coworkers.

We respectfully request that any non-vaccinated attendees wear masks.

## Beers with Birders — Ash & Elm Cider Co.

**Thursday, November 11, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

1301 East Washington Street, Indianapolis

Join ABAS for an evening at the Ash & Elm Cider Co. at their new location, 1301 East Washington Street in Indianapolis. We will meet to collectively share our birding experiences and adventures at this informal gathering. Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided by ABAS.

This event is open to the public. Please email [info@amosbutleraudubon.org](mailto:info@amosbutleraudubon.org) if you plan to join us so we can be aware of how many people will be attending.

## ABAS Field Trip

### Masks on Hikes and Limited Numbers

It is possible that masks might again be required for field trips and local hikes. Please follow the example of our leaders. Many hikes will also have a limit to the number of participants and require registration. Please check the details of each hike and register as appropriate. Priority will be given to ABAS members early in the registration process for those hikes with limited numbers.

### Waterfowl, Raptors and Owls at Goose Pond

**Saturday, November 20**

**12:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

13540 West County Road 400 South, Linton, IN  
Max 10 participants

Join accomplished birders Bill Sharkey and Richard Garrett as they lead us on a field trip to Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA) in search of waterfowl and raptors. In addition to viewing multiple species of ducks and geese, we should see Northern Harriers hunting low over the fields. Just before dusk, Short-eared Owls will likely appear. Both Bill and Richard are members of the "Indiana 300 Club" having each seen over 300 species of birds in the state in a single calendar year.

We'll meet at the Goose Pond Visitor's Center parking lot at 12:00 pm. The center has modern, indoor restrooms. The majority of the field trip will be by car with multiple stops to get out to view birds. As always, bring your binoculars and spotting scope if you have one.

There is no fee for the field trip. However, it is limited to 12 participants, and registration is required. Priority registration is available to ABAS members through November 1, 2021, at which time if there are any spots open, registration will be open to non-members. Email Chuck Anderson at [chucka1999@aol.com](mailto:chucka1999@aol.com) or text (317) 767-5438 to reserve your spot on the field trip. Goose Pond is a popular birding location and we expect registration to fill quickly.



*Short-eared Owl courtesy of Mike Timmons. Merlin courtesy of Amy Hodson.*



## Field Trip Recaps

### McCloud Nature Park Warblers and Other Migrants



Birders at McCloud Nature Park.

On September 18, nine enthusiastic birders joined field trip leader Roger Hedge for a morning of birding at McCloud Nature Park near North Salem in Hendricks County. This was the first time that several of the birders had been to this park. Anticipation was high as it was the middle of fall migration. The first bird seen was a Gray-cheeked Thrush in a nearby tree. The group added a total of 8 warbler species including Magnolia, Nashville and Tennessee to the day's count. An unexpected sighting was a very vocal Yellow-throated Vireo. The total for the day was 36 species. It was a fun morning made possible by Roger's knowledge of the birds and plants, and his great sense of humor.

## Eagle Creek Park Warblers and Other Migrants

On Saturday, September 25th, 12 eager participants joined bird hike leaders Randy and Lisa Vanderbilt at the Eagle Creek Park marina for a morning of birding. The rain had just stopped and the conditions were ideal for viewing migrating birds. We weren't disappointed. We spotted and got good looks at 18 species of warblers including Black-throated Blue, Golden-winged and Wilson's. The best non-warbler sightings were a Merlin, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and two Philadelphia Vireos. In all, the group spotted 51 different species of birds, many were lifers for several of the birders. It was an exceptional day afield thanks to the birding skills of Randy and Lisa.



Field trip leaders Randy and Lisa Vanderbilt help birders identify species at Eagle Creek Park.

## Christmas Bird Counts

All the dates are not yet set for all the local Christmas Bird Counts. The dates will be posted on the ABAS website event calendar once they are known. They will also be included in the December monthly email.

## Local Bird Hikes

Due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak, all of these events are subject to cancellation. Please check our website event calendar before attending an event to see if it might have been canceled.

### Eagle Creek Park

6515 Delong Road, Indianapolis, IN  
Every Sunday, 9:00 am to 11:00 am  
November 7, 14, 21, 28  
December 5, 12, 19, 26

Meet in front of the Ornithology Center.

### Holliday Park

6363 Spring Mill Road  
Indianapolis, IN  
Third Tuesday of each month from  
8:30 am to 10:00 am  
November 16  
December 21

Meet in front of the Nature Center.

### Cool Creek Park Bird Hikes

2000 East 151st Street, Carmel, IN  
Every Saturday 8:30 am to 10:30 am  
November 6, 13, 20, 27  
December 4, 11, 18

Join expert birder Keith Starling. Meet in the north parking lot past the Nature Center.

### Cool Creek Park Beginning Bird Hikes

2000 East 151st Street, Carmel, IN  
Every other Sunday 8:30 am to 10:30 am  
November 14, 28  
December 12, 26  
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesday from  
8:30 am to 10:30 am  
November 10, 17, 24  
December 8, 15, 22, 29

Meet in the parking lot at the bottom of the road by Cool Creek, past the Nature Center. This is a great opportunity for bird-watchers of all levels.

### Strawtown Koteewi Park

12308 Strawtown Avenue  
Noblesville, IN  
First Wednesday of each month from  
8:30 am to 10:30 am  
November 3, December 1

Meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History. For more information, call (317) 774-2574.

## Masks on Hikes

It is possible that masks might again be required for field trips and local hikes. Please follow the example of our leaders.

### Nina Mason Pullium EcoLab

3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, IN  
Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 10:00 am  
November 3, 10, 17

Meet at the St. Francis statue just west of the Allison Mansion on the Marian University campus.

### Newfields Bird Hike

1550 West 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN  
Saturday, December 5,  
8:30 am to 10:30 am

Meet at the free parking at the loop just ¼ mile west of the 38th Street entrance to Newfields. The address given for this event is approximate. You'll need to be heading west on 38th Street to enter the loop parking area. Take the White River Pkwy East exit.

Registration is requested by emailing us at [info@amosbutleraudubon.org](mailto:info@amosbutleraudubon.org).

## A BIG Year

*Continued from page 1*

- Recognized that I was, and still am, a well below average ear birder and needed to see as many of the 300 birds as possible.
- Drove 41,000 miles birding during 2019.
- Took my first international birding trip to Costa Rica – go and do this.
- Met Amy Kearns, John Cassady, Kyle Miller, Ryan Sanderson, Nick Kiehl and so many others who helped along the way. Oh, and Don Gorney may have had to shove me in the right direction a time or two.
- Went on an Upper Peninsula of Michigan field trip – go and do this.
- Did more trips to Marquette Park, Michigan City Harbor, Goose Pond, and Gibson County than I ever hope to make again. I say that, though I am still a routine visitor to all of them.
- Awoke routinely at 3:30, 4:00, and 4:30 am to start long days across Indiana.
- Saw many beautiful parts of our state that I had not seen before – very many.
- Stressed again and again over whether I would get to 300 birds. Getting from 290 to 300 seemed to take forever.
- Had a blast getting from 1 to 290.
- Learned a great deal about myself and the wonderful birders I associated with as I enjoyed our fabulous addiction.

I consider a Big Year to be a group achievement. It's best done with a group or a partner. I've now hit 300 birds in three straight years and the group continues to grow.



*A warm weather lakefront birdwatch.*

## Epilogue

Why did I start the article with “It was another cold day”? I mentioned lake watches at the start and then veered away.

You will need to spend plenty of time in northern Indiana along Lake Michigan to complete your Big Year. From frigid visits to the Port of Indiana to look for grebes in January, to Purple Sandpiper searches along Miller Beach in late December, and lake watches — oh so many lake watches. A lake watch occurs when the harshest northwest winds blow in September to early November. There are warmer lake watches in July and August but it is the early September through early November visits that will leave the scars, and perhaps produce the jaeger and kittiwake sightings that will last a lifetime. Be prepared, it is a long, fiercely cold day... but YOU wanted to do a Big Year.

## Meet our New President — Chuck Anderson

*By Ted Meyer*

Please join me in welcoming Chuck to his new position. Chuck took over this past May as the President of ABAS. Chuck had previously been serving on the Board as Field Trip Chair. He's been responsible for continuing our tradition of excellent field trips for the past several years. We congratulate Rob Ripma as well for his six years of service as our President. Rob continues to serve on the Board as Past President.



Chuck grew up in Chicago, was very active in Boy Scouts, and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Scouting drew on his interest in the outdoors and his family often took extended camping trips. His camera was never out of reach and he loved taking photos of wildlife, especially bears, elk, and larger mammals. As a young adult, vacations took him to Alaska, South Africa, China, and Australia as well as the western United States.

Chuck has been married to Connie for 20 years. He has two daughters from a previous marriage and a stepdaughter. He worked for a large Chicago bank for almost 30 years before taking early retirement at age 55. After retirement, he and Connie moved to the mountains of western North Carolina where he was active in leading weekly hikes in the Smokies. He also maintained three miles of the Appalachian Trail. After 6½ years he and Connie moved to Indiana where they would be closer to parents, children, and grandchildren.

A fortuitous visit to the barber in 2010 got Chuck started in birding. While sitting in the chair getting a haircut, he mentioned that he took his grandson to Eagle Creek Park to fish at Lily Lake. The barber asked if he ever had gone birding at the park and mentioned that one of his longtime, regular clients was Rob Ripma, a well-known local birder. He mentioned that there was a group that birded Eagle Creek Park every Sunday morning and suggested that Chuck and his wife should join them. They went the following Sunday and enjoyed themselves so much that they became regulars. They were welcomed into the group, and as novice birders, tried to soak up as much knowledge as possible from the hike leaders and other experienced birders.

Hooked on birding, their vacations became birding adventures taking them to Kauai, the central coast of California, SE Arizona, the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, coastal North and South Carolina, Florida, and North and South Carolina. Chuck also drove up to Sax-Zim Bog in northern Minnesota in the dead of the winter to participate in an Indiana Audubon Society field trip.

Chuck is active in the central Indiana birding community and you can see him at many of our local bird walks and other events. He is also doing great things behind the scenes to help keep ABAS running smoothly. I'd like to thank that barber for suggesting Chuck go to the Sunday morning bird walk.

*Special Donations*  
In memory of Jim Matthews  
by Vickie Carson





## Lights Out Indy Gains Traction

By Jesse Greene

*Note from the Editor: Our Lights Out Indy committee, chaired by Austin Broadwater, made great progress making our city safer for birds during migration. Below are a few highlights from this season.*

Lights Out Indy recently reached out to the Indianapolis City Council to support our initiative. We are pleased to announce that sixteen councilpersons agreed to sign in support of “buildings turning off unnecessary lighting at night during migration periods in the spring and fall and to apply window treatments where necessary to reduce bird collisions and save energy output”.

### The following names have agreed to be signatories:

President: Vop Osili (District 11), Vice President: Zach Adamson (District 17), Council Majority Leader: Maggie A. Lewis (District 10)

Councilors: Jason Larrison (District 12), William Oliver (District 9), Crista Carlino (District 6), John Barth (District 7), La Keish Jackson (District 14), Kristin Jones (District 16), Dan Boots (District 3), Keith Potts (District 2), Alison “Ali” Brown (District 5), Jessica McCormick (District 15), Ethan Evans (District 4), David Ray (District 19), and Keith L. Graves (District 13).

This support was followed by a major downtown building agreeing to participate in turning lights out during migration. We are proud to announce Salesforce Tower as our newest participant. When this news first broke, the story was picked up by our friends at WTHR. Check out the Lights Out Indy Facebook page to see the full story.

As fall songbird migration comes to a close, the Lights Out Indy team moves on to prepare for spring. What does that look like? We continue working with building management across Indianapolis. Their goal is to continue to engage participants across our city, and to do so means that Lights Out Indy needs your support. Check out Lights Out Indy’s Facebook page, the Lights Out Indy page on the ABAS website, or contact the Lights Out Indy Chair, Austin Broadwater, for ways to get involved and make Indianapolis and central Indiana bird safe.



*Salesforce Tower has agreed to turn out lights during migration.*

## Support ABAS using AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support ABAS every time you shop, at no cost to you. With AmazonSmile, you’ll find the same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as on Amazon but with the added bonus that Amazon donates a portion of the purchase to ABAS.

To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and enter Amos W. Butler Audubon Society in the search bar. You can use your existing Amazon account on AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, wish list, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings remain the same.

Bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. Let your shopping be not just for your family and friends, but also for the birds of Central Indiana, like the Cerulean Warbler.



*Henslow's Sparrow courtesy of Amy Hodson.*

## Lifetime Memberships

All lifetime memberships go to the Permanent Fund. Lifetime individual membership is only \$500 and it is fitting that it goes to the long-run benefit of ABAS. The Permanent Fund can never be spent. Similar to an endowment, the goal is that investment proceeds can be spent as the Board of Directors determines. Any donation throughout the year can be directed towards the Permanent Fund as well.

# County Birding Around the ABAS Service Area — Hamilton County

By Amy Hodson

*Note from the editor: In this series, we will take a look at each of our ABAS service area counties to highlight some of the great birding hotspots. First up is Hamilton County.*

Hamilton County, Indiana is more than just suburbs and cornfields. In this article, we will take a look at some of my favorite birding hotspots around the county. Some of which might not be on your radar. I have broken the hotspots up by habitat type, so we can take a look at where to go for certain species.

## Grasslands:

The best place to look for grassland species in Hamilton County is Strawtown Koteewi Park. This 750-acre park includes access to trails along the White River, forest habitat for songbirds, and of course, fantastic natural grasslands. This is the prime hotspot in the county to look for species such as Dickcissel, Grasshopper Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak, and Sedge Wren. The park holds monthly bird walks that are free and open to the public. Keep an eye on the ABAS website for their walks to pop up on our event calendar.

## Wetlands & Marshes:

Wetland habitat can be difficult to come by in Hamilton County. Here are the spots you should know about. The first location is viewed from the Olio Road bridge in Fishers on Geist Reservoir. While standing on the bridge's sidewalk, you'll want to look eastward to see an expanse of prime habitat for wading birds. A surprise Snowy Egret was seen at this location in 2021. Depending on the rainfall for the year, this area can also have great habitat for shorebirds stopping over during migration.

The hidden gem for wetland habitat in the county is an undeveloped piece of land in Noblesville. Commonly referred to as the "Terry Lee Wetlands", this greenspace is located on the southeast corner of SR 37 and SR 32. Wading birds, such as herons and egrets, shorebirds, and wetland species all have been reported in this marsh. Some highlights from 2021 include Black-crowned Night-heron, Sora, Virginia Rail, and Nelson's Sparrow.

Last but definitely not least, is West Park in Carmel. Be sure to check out this park's marsh habitat that includes a beautiful boardwalk for you to stroll on while birding.

## Water:

There are two major bodies of water in Hamilton County. Morse Reservoir in Noblesville hosts excellent numbers of waterfowl, gulls, and terns during their respective migrations. The second location is the northern tip of Geist reservoir. To view birds on Geist while still being in Hamilton County, the best vantage point is from the previously mentioned bridge on Olio Road in Fishers. This location has hosted all of the regularly occurring terns for Indiana, and a plethora of waterfowl including scoter species and Long-tailed Ducks.

## Forest:

This section is a long one. Forest birding is my favorite type of birding, so there are quite a few spots that I love to visit. Below you'll see a list of my top 5 spots in no particular order for finding warblers and other songbirds during spring and fall migration.

## Central Park in Carmel, Indiana:

Both the east and west sides of this park are excellent. My personal favorite birding spot is the "Woodland Gardens" area on the westside, which has hosted an Eastern Screech-owl for the past couple of years along with a great list of warbler species. 188 species of birds have been seen at this park.



*Eastern Screech Owl and Prairie Warbler courtesy of Amy Hodson.*

## Hague Road Nature Haven:

This 43-acre park is named perfectly, as it is a true hidden gem for birds and birders. The trails aren't too long and they run along a portion of Cicero Creek. This park packs a lot of punch when you are short on time while birding for some forest species. Stay tuned for future trails, and possibly even a nature center, being added to this hotspot. Noblesville Parks has some big and awesome plans for it. 141 species of birds have been seen at this location.

## Cool Creek Park:

As one of Hamilton County's more popular parks, Cool Creek Park offers 4 miles of wooded trails throughout its 90-acres. The park hosts a number of regularly scheduled bird walks led by park naturalists and local birders. 163 different species of bird have been seen at this park. Keep an eye on the ABAS event calendar for a bird walk that you can attend. You won't be disappointed.

## River Road Park:

This beautiful 62-acre park runs along the White River in Carmel. It boasts a paved trail that runs north and south with offshoot hiking trails into the woods along the river. Along with being an excellent spot for finding warblers and other migrant songbirds, this location hosted a family of Great Horned Owls early in the spring of 2021. 148 different species of birds have been seen at this park.

## Hazel Dell Landing:

The most southern birding location along the White River for the county belongs to Hazel Dell Landing Park. This 41-acre park may be my #1 birding location in the county. It is home to a decent sized prairie that is home to Eastern Kingbirds and Orchard Orioles. It has a gorgeous mature wooded corridor along the river that is usually jam-packed during migration. A total of 152 species have been recorded at the park, including both Mourning and Connecticut Warblers which were seen there in the spring of 2021.

So grab your binoculars and get ready to explore Hamilton County. There is so much to see and uncover right here in central Indiana. Looking for someone to bird with while checking out these locations? Keep an eye on our upcoming field trips and featured local hikes. We often visit local county hotspots during our adventures. Happy birding!

## Amos Butler Audubon Society Chapter Supporter Membership

### Membership benefits:

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

One-year individual membership \$25

Two-year individual membership \$45

One-year household membership \$40

Two-year household membership \$75

Lifetime individual membership \$500

Lifetime membership goes to Permanent Fund

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (required) \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Amos Butler Audubon Society**

Mail to: ABAS Membership Chair

P.O. Box 80024

Indianapolis, IN 46280

e-mail questions to: [info@amosbutleraudubon.org](mailto:info@amosbutleraudubon.org)

## Amos Butler Audubon Society

### Officers:

**Chuck Anderson**, *President, Executive Committee and Field Trip Chair*

**Rob Ripma**, *Past President and Executive Committee*

**Ted Meyer**, *Treasurer, Executive Committee, Membership Chair*

**Joanna Scott**, *Secretary, Executive Committee*

### Board Members:

**Amy Hodson**, *Communications Chair*

**Brian Cunningham**

**Adam Barnes**, *Volunteer Chair*

**Austin Broadwater**, *Lights Out Indy Chair*

**Chandler Bryant**, *Conservation Chair*

### Additional Committee Chairs:

**Donna McCarty**, *Birdathon Chair*

**Jessica Helmbold**, *Education Chair*

**Allison Evans**, *Website Coordinator*



*Our mission: To promote the enjoyment and stewardship of the birds of Central Indiana*

**Amos Butler Audubon Society**

P.O. Box 80024

Indianapolis, IN 46280

Visit our website:

[www.amosbutleraudubon.org](http://www.amosbutleraudubon.org)

Sign up for the online LifeLines at

[info@amosbutleraudubon.org](mailto:info@amosbutleraudubon.org)