



# Passenger Pigeon

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## Local Christmas Counts

Here are details on the local Audubon Christmas counts. Each of these counts requires a fee of \$5.00 payable to National Audubon, which is used to help offset the costs of conducting the counts and publishing the results. There is no charge for feeder watchers, or for participants under age 18.

If you object to the NAS fee, there are some alternatives. The Hamilton County Park District conducts a free count in all the county parks on Saturday, December 10. You can contact them at 521-7275 to sign up for your favorite park. Also, the Clermont County Park District counts in their parks on Saturday, January 7. Contact Keith Robinson at 831-7606 to join them.

### Caesar Creek Lake CBC

Thursday, December 15. Contact Jim O'Boyle at 897-1050 or James.F.O'Boyle@lrl02.usace.army.mil. This count will be held for the first time this year, and will include Caesar Creek State Park, Spring Valley Wildlife Area, Fort Ancient, Little Miami River, Clinton County Parks, Roxanna-New Burlington gravel pits, and Todd's Fork.

### Hamilton-Fairfield CBC:

Saturday, December 17. Contact Mike Busam at 755-0057 or mjb@schaffer.cc. The area includes Gilmore Ponds, Hamilton Riverside Park, Joyce Park, Drabo Gravel Pits, Kerns Nursery, and parts of the Great Miami River.

### Ohio River CBC:

Saturday: December 17. Contact Joe Bens at 353-4229 or jbens@cinci.rr.com. The area is centered on the Oxbow, and includes the Oxbow, Shawnee Lookout, and nearby areas in Ohio, Indiana and northern Kentucky.

### Western Hamilton County CBC:

Sunday, December 18. Contact Ned Keller at 941-6497 or keller@one.net. The area includes Miami-Whitewater Forest, Mitchell Forest, Winton Woods, Mt. Airy Forest, and Spring Grove Cemetery.

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## Are Your Dues Due?

If the box on the cover is checked, this is your last issue of the Passenger Pigeon. To avoid missing anything, just fill out the form below and mail it in. If you think your dues were paid, check with Peg Gatch at (513) 831-3378.

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## Local Christmas Counts

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### **Paint Creek CBC:**

Sunday, December 18. Contact Steve Wagner at 831-7606 or waggies5@hotmail.com. The area includes Paint Creek Lake and Rocky Fork Lake State Parks.

### **Cincinnati CBC:**

Monday, December 26. Contact Jay Stenger at 522-4245 or jaystenger@cinci.rr.com. The area includes the Cincinnati Nature Center, Lunken Airport, Woodland Mound, and other nearby areas in eastern Hamilton County and western Clermont County.

### **East Fork Lake CBC:**

Monday, January 2. Contact Joe Bens at 353-4229 or jbens@cinci.rr.com. The area is centered on East Fork Lake, and includes other nearby locations in Clermont County.

## Rare Bird Hotline Sign-up Deadline

We've extended the deadline for one more month to sign up for the Bird Club's rare bird hotline. To sign up for the hotline, call Jay Stenger at 522-4245 (home) or 522-8147 (work). **YOU MUST CONTACT JAY TO SIGN UP FOR THIS YEAR, EVEN IF YOU WERE ON THE LIST LAST YEAR.** By signing up, you are promising that when you get a call, you will pass it on to the next person, and that if you can't reach that person, you will call down the list until you reach another birder. Answering machines and non-birding family members do not count. Please do not give us a work number unless you can receive, and make, calls at work.



## Contributors Wanted

The Passenger Pigeon needs your help! Don't worry, we're not hitting you up for money. Instead, we need your contributions in the form of articles or artwork for our newsletter. Or should we say, *your* newsletter. Please send your submissions to Ned by the 20th of the month. If possible, I would prefer them by eMail to [keller@one.net](mailto:keller@one.net). But if that's not possible, you can also send them to 7899 Bridgetown Road, Cleves OH 45002.

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Make your check payable to Cincinnati Bird Club, and mail to:  
Peg Gatch, 11 Mound Avenue, Milford, OH 45150

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## Recent Bird Sightings

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