



Passenger Pigeon

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January Program

*Members Bird Photographs/Slides/Digital
Thursday, January 19, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.*

This program will be bird slides taken by members. Please remember to limit the number of slides to about 10 to 20 per member, so that everyone gets a chance to show their photographs. For those into digital photography, there is a digital projector available at the visitor's center where our meetings are held. We will be able to show digital photos from CD, DVD or floppy drive. If you have pictures on another type of drive, please contact me well in advance of the meeting to discuss how to show your photos. Alternatively, bring your own laptop. You can e-mail me at lehman.jg@pg.com or call me at 513-622-2399 (work, day) or after 8:00 pm at 513-527-4701 (home).

We'll meet at the usual time and place, the Sharon Woods Visitor Center, at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

Future meetings:

February - Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas

March - Ron Austing

April - Frank Renfro, Nuthatch Research

OBBA II

The second Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas is about to get under way. For those of you who aren't familiar with the concept, the idea of a breeding bird atlas is to document the local status of breeding birds throughout the state. We'll have lots more details as this five-year project progresses, starting with the February program, which will be all about the atlas.

For now, you can find out some of the details at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/obba2/>. Unlike the first atlas, which covered one-sixth of the state in randomly selected blocks, this time around we're going to attempt to cover the entire state. The atlas blocks will be keyed to the pages of the DeLorme atlas. In the immediate Cincinnati area, the regional coordinators will be Ned Keller (keller@one.net, 941-6497) for Page 74 (and 64), and Jay Stenger (jaystenger@cinci.rr.com, 522-4245) for Page 75. If you have a particular area you'd like to be responsible for covering, contact one of us. If you think you might want to help, but don't have a particular area in mind, you can sign up to volunteer on the web site; or if you don't have internet access, contact Ned (and I'll get you signed up).

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January Field Trip

Location: Camp Dennison Area and Valley View Nature Preserve

Leader: Bob Foppe, (513) 732-0274 or e-mail fopsinc@aol.com

Date: Sunday, January 15

Time: 8:00 AM until after noon?

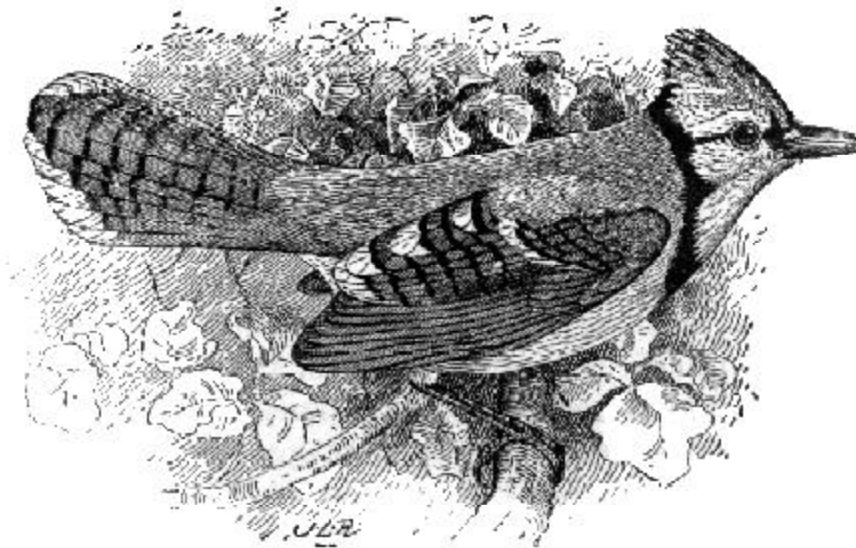
Meeting Place: We will meet in the parking lot of AIM, which is the name of the business which is located on the east side (same side as the pits) of Glendale-Milford Road/Route 126. The management of AIM has graciously agreed to allow us to park and view the gravel pits from their parking lot. This is the parking lot/business at the extreme north end of the Camp Dennison gravel pits, just before Fletcher Road and the Little Miami River bridge. One large pond can be viewed very closely from here.

Directions: From the North, take I-275 exit #54 Wards Corner Road and go south about 1.5 miles into Miamiville. At the stop sign, turn left, onto Route 126 (called Center Road here). Go east a short distance to a stop sign and turn right. You are still on Route 126. Go across the bridge and past Fletcher Rd and turn left into AIM's parking lot.

From the South, take US 50 towards Milford. Just before the bridge leading into Milford, turn left onto Glendale-Milford Road/Route 126. Go north on Route 126 about 2.5 miles, through the village of Camp Dennison and continuing past the gravel pits on your right. Turn right into AIM's parking lot, located at the extreme north end of the gravel pits.

Join Bob for a visit to what is our best local winter waterfowl/waterbird hotspot. There should be plenty of open water and a great diversity of species and good to great numbers of individual birds. Fourteen species of waterfowl, if not more, can be expected. In addition grebes, coots, gulls and raptors should all be present. After viewing the "pits", Bob will take us to several other spots in the Little Miami River Valley.

Dress warmly and wear waterproof footwear for the walk in the fields. Bob should end the trip sometime after noon. A scope is almost necessary, if you expect good looks at all the birds in the pits. Plenty of scopes will be on hand, so don't let that stop you from coming. There are no bathroom facilities available at Camp Dennison, so finding a service station might be the only option. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bob at the numbers above.



2006 Rare Bird Hotline

If you find a rare or unusual bird (or if you hear a very recent reliable report of one, such as on the internet, even if you didn't see it yourself), activate the Hotline by calling Jay Stenger at 522-4245 (home) or 522-8147 (work). If you can't reach Jay, call the person at the top of your line, or one of the other lines. In order for the Hotline to work, it is important that

when you get a call, you must call the next person on your line, right away. If you don't reach that person, you should leave a message if possible; but you must also call the next person down your line. Continue until you reach a live birder. Answering machines, children, and non-birding spouses do not count.

Line 1	Home	Work
Ned Keller	941-6497	385-9080
Frank Renfro	(859) 431-1588	
Norm Walker	779-2366	786-2467
Neill Cade	662-7623	357-7211
Dick Halberstadt	821-0906	
Lois Shadix	231-2313	
Joan Franchi	231-9183	
Marty Dermody	922-0559	347-5764
Audubon House	741-7926	

Line 2	Home	Work
Hank Armstrong	474-3867	
Jay Lehman	527-4701	622-2399
Peg Gatch	831-3378	
David Brinkman	471-2958	675-8665 (cell)
Jeff Hays	821-9822	
Jim & Marge Decker	771-4071	
John Gilmore & Kristen Spangenberg	553-0364	
Yvonne Mohlman	677-0571	

Line 3	Home	Work
Darlana Graham	(859) 341-4893	(859) 581-2227
Debra Hausrath	(859) 441-9711	
Mary Ann Barnett	519-9691	891-4222 ext. 109
Kathy Caminiti	(859) 689-4166	(859) 525-7350 ext. 321
Katherine Miller	791-5617	
Jenny Lanham	732-3865	
Louise Halley	831-0970	
Audrey & Joe Vogerl	385-8905	

Line 4	Home	Work
Mike Busam	755-0057	
Bill & Tammie Stanley	724-2663	536-2685
Paul Wharton	353-3403	
Joe Bens	353-4229	763-4155
Jack Kemp	831-2338	
Jan & James Zoeller	831-8417	
Frank Morris	793-8387	
Karl Maslowski	231-7137	

<http://cincinnatibirds.com/goodbird/sighting.php>

Recent Bird Sightings

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