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# The Passenger Pigeon

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## February Bird Club Events

**February Meeting:  
"A Bird's Eye View of  
The Wilds."  
Thursday, February  
15. 7:00 p.m. Sharon  
Woods Visitor Cen-  
ter.**

Join Laura Busby, Director of Conservation Education, in a "visit" to The Wilds. We'll scan The Wilds conservation projects with our binoculars and focus on our uncommon birds and initiatives for them. Laura will talk about the different conservation initiatives of The Wilds using bird related work to highlight the different program areas (conservation medicine, restoration ecology, animal management, conservation education). The program will include information about some other Wilds projects of interest, such as an upcoming mid-sized carnivore center.

Laura Busby is the Director of Conservation Education at the Wilds.

She is currently serving as Past-President of the Environmental Education Council of Ohio. Previously, she was Director of Centers & Education for Audubon Ohio and worked on development of an urban nature center that is becoming a reality in Columbus. During her 25 year career in environmental education she has worked in formal and informal venues hoping to connect people to nature and build a more environmentally literate culture. Laura loves to bird watch and travel—combining the two whenever possible.

For more information about The Wilds and their conservation efforts and programs, please see their website: [www.thewilds.org](http://www.thewilds.org).

**February Field Trip:  
Location: East Fork  
State Park & Meldahl  
Dam. Date: Sunday,**

**February 18, 2007  
Leader: Bill Stanley,  
(513) 724-2663,  
[tyrannus@fuse.net](mailto:tyrannus@fuse.net)**

**Meeting Time & Location: 8:30 a.m., East Fork State Park south swimming beach parking lot.**

The focus of this trip will be waterfowl, gulls, and other waterbirds. The recent cold spell has frozen most of our areas lakes, but there should be some open water on Harsha Lake. Many waterfowl winter in our region and mid February is the very beginning of spring waterfowl migration so we should find ducks at East Fork. Sometimes when the lake is partially frozen hundreds of ducks concentrate in the remaining open water. Bill knows the birds and area as well as anybody and will hit a few spots around the park including a couple of spots that have been reliable for Red-headed

Woodpeckers this winter.

From there Bill will lead us down to Meldahl Dam. This is about a 20 mile/30 minute drive. Be sure you have plenty of fuel. The waters of the Ohio River will be open and can be a great place to find waterfowl when area lakes are frozen. At times Meldahl Dam can be a hot spot for gulls and something rare is always a possibility. Eagles and Peregrine Falcon are also possible if not probable. Bill may also make a stop at Chilo and Crooked Run Nature Preserve and other nearby spots along the river.

This trip will run a little past half of a day and one guarantee is that it will be cold, so plan accordingly. Contact Bill for further information.



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