



The Passenger Pigeon

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February Meeting:

Antarctica and the Emperor Penguins, presented by Larry Flinner.

Thursday, February 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Sharon Woods Visitor Center. This program is about a visit to see Emperor Penguins and chicks in Antarctica. It was very special, because the group was only the third to visit this colony. Mr. Flinner is a retired teacher in the Cincinnati Public Schools and has traveled and photographed on every continent in the world. One of his photos from this trip was the *Enquirer's* photo contest winner last year.

Note:

We are looking for bird club members who are active Volunteers in the Park (VIP's) to serve as the host for bird club meetings at Sharon Woods Visitor Center. Please contact Jay Lehman at 513-622-2399 (W) or 513-527-4701 (H) or by e:mail at lehman.jg@pg.com.

February Field Trips

Location: East Fork State Park and Meldahl Dam

Date: Sunday, February 17, 2008

Leader: Bill Stanley, 513.724.2663, Stanley-Birders@aol.com

Meeting Time: 8:30 A.M.

Meeting Place: East Fork SP South Swimming Beach Parking Lot

The focus of this trip will be waterfowl, gulls and other waterbirds. Bill knows The East Fork area and the birds 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. From there Bill will lead us to Meldahl Dam. This is about a 20 mile/30 minute drive. At times Meldahl Dam can be a hot spot for gulls and something rare is always a possibility. 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

Location: Miami-Whitewater Forest & Environs

Date: Friday, February 29, 2008

Leader: Jeff Hays, 513-821-9822, J LHays@fuse.net

Meeting Time: 5:00 P.M.

Meeting Place: [Call Jeff to register for this trip and to find out where we will meet.](#)

Come out and join Jeff for what should be a fun and out of the ordinary evening field trip. Jeff 's experience as an independent raptor biologist and long time officer of Raptor Inc. should pay dividends for us on this trip. Jeff feels we have a pretty good chance to find displaying American Woodcocks and several owls of at least three species. The plan is to be somewhere in the wetlands before dusk, catch the waterfowl flight as they return to the marsh for the night, and stay until dark and watch and listen for woodcock as they go through their spring courtship ritual. The Short-eared Owls that wintered here should still

be around as well and there is a good chance we will see them too. Woodcock should be back in decent numbers by that date. After birding the wetlands until nightfall we will move on to several sites in and around Miami Whitewater in a determined effort to call in Eastern Screech Owls, Barred Owls and Great Horned Owls. The use of tapes should increase our chances.

If you have never done any owling before, or for that matter, even if you have, you won't want to miss this trip. There is nothing quite like it. Owling is not so good in the rain however, so Jeff will set up a rain date. If you're not sure if it's been rained out, call Jeff. We expect a lot of interest in this trip and we are not yet sure where or when we will enter the wetlands, so we ask that you contact Jeff to register for this trip. We should be finished around 9:00 P.M. We won't play tapes too long in any one spot, and we're sure we won't harm any birds.

Please remember to dress for the weather.



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