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PROGRAM: FALL WARBLER ID

Speaker: Brian Wulker like migration timing, patterns, and the biology of these birds. We'll also talk about some of the best local spots to find migrant songbirds.

Date: September 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Sharon Woods Visitor Center

Join the Cincinnati Bird Club for our first program of the 2017-18 year for a talk on fall warbler migration and ID. Warblers are one of the more popular groups of birds in our area and every fall the Cincinnati area sees 35+ species pass through on their way to wintering grounds in Central and South America.

This program will have plenty of visuals and will be an open discussion format, so feel free to ask questions and talk about your own experiences!



FACEBOOK

The Cincinnati Bird Club is now on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cincinnatibirdclub> Like our page and follow it for information about upcoming meetings,

field trips and other bird club information.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- 2017-18 Bird Club Dues. Pay your dues—collect good karma and positivity! (Help us pay for programs...)

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FIELD TRIP: BROOKVILLE LAKE REGION

Theme: Fall Warbler, Hawk & Shore-bird Migration

Location: Brookville Lake Region (Indiana State Parks & Wildlife Area)

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2017

Co-leader: Jack Stenger, (513) 503-3389 (cell), ackstenger@gmail.com

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Meet: 8:00 A.M. at the Park & Ride Lot located at the I-74/I-275 Miamitown exit # 7, SR 128

The fall migration of North American birds occurs roughly from July through November. However different species or families of birds migrate at different times during this rather wide window of time. In terms of diversity of species September represents the peak month of the fall migration. The focus of this trip will be on three significant groups of birds that are at, or near, peak at this date. They are 1) neo-tropical passerines (especially warblers), 2) raptors (especially Broad-winged Hawks, accipiters and Ospreys and 3) shorebirds (sandpipers et. al).

While these species may be found in many locations throughout our region, the Brookville Lake area can be an excellent place to find a diverse representation of all three groups during this season. Of course weather and water levels the day of our trip will play a large part in just how good the birding will be. But if conditions are favorable an outstanding day can be expected. Even if conditions are unfavorable we still expect to find a diversity of birds in this exceptional area. This field trip has become an annual event and never disappoints.

The plan is to start the day birding the woodland edges around Brookville Lake looking for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, grosbeaks, thrushes and many other songbirds. Around 10:30 AM, as temperatures rise (and if it's not raining) updrafts along the ridges of the Whitewater River valley will create thermals that are used by migrating hawks. We expect to see Ospreys, Broad-winged, Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks as they move south. Peregrine Falcons and Merlins are possible and have been seen on past trips. Bald Eagles and other resident hawk species are also expected throughout the day. Towards mid-day we will check the north end of Brookville Lake, which can be an excellent place to find numbers of shorebirds, terns, herons and egrets if water levels are low enough to expose mudflats.

This trip will run well into the afternoon. We will caravan to the Brookville Lake area and then do some driving from spot to spot, interspersed with lots of stops and some easy walking. Bring your lunch and drinks. Restrooms are available. **One important note:** Indiana State Parks charge a daily per car entrance fee (\$5 resident, \$7 non-resident). At this time of year there is about a 50/50 chance that there will not be a fee charged.

We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the park & ride lot, located at the I-74/I-275 Miamitown exit # 7 for SR 128. The Park & Ride is wedged between the exit ramp and the expressway. We will caravan from here to the Brookville area, about a 25-minute drive. Contact Jack or Jay if you have any questions.

Visit the Brookville Lake website at:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2961.htm>

For a map of the Brookville Lake area:

http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/brookville_trail.pdf

Visit the Whitewater Memorial State Park (at Brookville Lake) website at:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2962.htm>

Contributed by Jay Stenger

HAPPY “NEW” YEAR...

Welcome to the 2017-18 Cincinnati Bird Club. Our “year” runs from September to May, and we hold public programs each month, except December, in which we observe Christmas Bird Count month, or “The Birder’s Christmas.” Non-birding family call December variously “The Holidays,” or “Christmas,” “Hanukkah,” “Kwanzaa,” “The New Year” ... We humor them.

As sometimes happens, bird migration schedules get a little off track. Species expected in a particular week might be a week or so late. Sometimes they are early. Similarly, your Bird Club board returned from our individual migrations a little later than normal. Thus the tardiness of this issue of the *Passenger Pigeon*, and the lack of interesting information including the monthly Bird Quiz as well as trip reports and notes about local interesting sightings and yard birds. Please feel free to submit notes, article ideas, photos, and other interesting bird or nature-related bits of news to me, Mike Busam, *Passenger Pigeon*

newsletter editor at mbusam@gmail.com.

We hope to see you in the field and at meetings this year. An important part of the birding community is the *community*, and while the virtual community of the internet is nice and has its benefits, hanging out with real people and birding or talking (or arguing or learning) about birds and all that abounds in nature, is more fun to do in person.

Our field trips are run by careful and considerate birders, and all levels of experience are welcome. We try to visit different areas of the tri-state and beyond in the hopes that by the last trip in May we’ll have been someplace near or new (or both) to every birder in the community.

Please consider joining the Bird Club or renewing your membership. You may mail your membership fee to us using the form on the last page of the newsletter, or you may pay in person at one of our monthly meetings. Your membership helps support our

programming and the occasional purchase of snacks for meetings. Thank you for your support!

Until next time, we wish you good health, safe travels, and good birds!

—Mike Busam

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2017 - MAY 2018

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