



THE BLUEBIRD

Evansville Audubon Society Newsletter

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Birding Festival Flyer



Ohio Valley Birding Festival Returns May 1-3, 2009



The feeders are full, the hikes are scheduled and WNS is ready for another successful birding festival! From May 1 through 3, Wesselman Nature Society will host the 2nd Annual Ohio Valley Birding Festival in and around Evansville, and other birding hotspots throughout southern Indiana and northern Kentucky.

Birding enthusiasts of all ages and abilities can choose between a variety of workshops, lectures and guided hikes designed to introduce them to the region's rich avian diversity. Alan Gehret, curator of the Audubon Museum at Audubon State Park, and nationally renowned authority on John James Audubon will provide the keynote address.



Workshops addressing basic bird identification, backyard habitat creation and photographing birds will be offered. Guided birding hikes to a variety of locations, including Howell Wetlands, Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Cane Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Bluegrass Fish and Wildlife Area, and Audubon State Park will be available thanks to the many Audubon members who are volunteering their time and talents.



The Festival's Family Day on Saturday, May 2, at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve will feature a full day of activities designed to introduce families to the joys of birding. This event will include children's activity area, bird banding demonstration, live raptor show and hikes.

Go to the event website at www.wesselmannaturesociety.org/events/birding.php for the entire listing of dates and locations. This event is made possible through the generous support of the Evansville Audubon Society, Wild Birds Unlimited of Evansville, the Southwestern Indiana Master Naturalist Association, the Thomas and Sharon Ruder Foundation and John James Audubon State Park.



(page 7 in this newsletter is a flyer to share with friends, family, and co-workers to help publicize this event)

Spring still makes
spring in the mind,

When sixty years are
told;

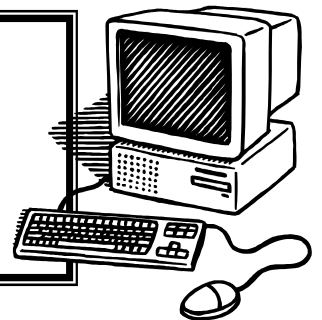
Love wakes anew this
throbbing heart,

And we are never old.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1803 – 1882)

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Latest information regarding field trips, photos,
recent bird counts, etc.

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From Our President:

Texas Birds and Economic Stimulus

If you haven't been already, I can heartily recommend taking a birding trip to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Sue and I hadn't been there since 1985 when long time EAS member Glen Grant gave a talk on birding in that part of the country. I have a brother in Houston so we added a couple of days of vacation to Christmas and headed to Texas for a family visit and a whirlwind birding adventure.

Glen prepared us in advance with a cassette tape he had made of himself describing the various hot birding spots. Some of these were detailed to the point of telling us to look for a scissor-tailed flycatcher on a certain telephone wire just down from a certain restaurant.

We were camping and each night in the tent we would pull out the tape and put it in our little battery powered player and listen to Glen telling us what our next goal should be. I don't remember how many life species we added in those few days but it was a considerable number, certainly not easily repeated by us anymore.

Glen and his wife Nellie are now gone and I certainly wish I had made a copy of that tape.

This January, Sue and I decided to do a reprise – though with a little over two weeks instead of five days this time. Among the highlights were visits to Laguna Atascosa and Santa Anna National Wildlife Refuges, Sabal Palm Audubon Center, Frontera Audubon Center, Estero Llano Grande State Park, Bentsen Rio Grande State Park, and Falcon Dam State Park. Total new life species were nineteen or twenty including tropical parula, blue bunting, buff-bellied hummingbird, and the crimson-collared grosbeak. Six of those alone came from the Frontera Audubon Center, thanks in no small part to some very good and very helpful birders there.

I say nineteen or twenty because somewhere along the line we had heard about the first time appearance north of the border of the pine flycatcher. Apparently this event had been picked up by the conventional news services and had even been featured in USA Today. As it happened, the bird had put in its appearance in Choke Canyon State Park which, through some quirk of fate, was located halfway between Falcon Dam and my brother's home near Houston. We had to go.

Upon arrival at Choke Canyon we found that they had put out a special book for birders to sign in. There were people from all over the country on the list. We got instructions on where the bird had been turning up (woods across from the second parking lot past the intersection of such and so and this and that – I thought I was listening to Glen's exact directions again!)

We headed for the specific location even though it was going on dark. Two other people were there. They had driven in from Virginia. Around dark we headed back to the cars. He had a CD of the bird's calls – not an easy thing to come by for a bird that's never been seen in the U.S. before. He's been listening to the bird dozens of times a day since it was first reported in December. He plays it again for us – several times. This is important because we're talking Empidonax here and short of having your PhD in ornithology and performing a dissection you really need to have the voice down.

Next morning, there were at least a half dozen cars in the second parking lot and a crowd standing down the trail. We joined them. One take charge guy was here from Massachusetts –

– had flown in specifically for the bird – in short order he had us organized and assigned spots to watch. “Hold up your hand if you have a candidate.” In the end, half an hour before we had to leave in order to meet my brother and niece, a bird meeting the description and call turned up. Everyone was convinced that it had to be the pine flycatcher. I can't really say myself. It certainly sounded like the recording and was an empid, but to say that I had confirmed it is a stretch. They had reports of Hammond's flycatcher in the park and the distinctions are a little too subtle for me. The sighting remains controversial.

This all underscores the point that people are willing to travel long distances and spend lots of money to see birds. Some states like Texas and Florida recognize this and actively court birders. Texas now has a system of “World Birding Centers” along the Rio Grande. Millions of dollars have been put into these facilities and there is no doubt that they pay dividends. In 2001 it was estimated that birding had an 85 billion dollar impact on the economy.

We can participate in this economic stimulus by insisting on the expansion of local assets like the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge. The one other refuge in Indiana that we have data on – Muscatatuck, near Seymour, had over 100,000 visits in 2006 and estimated recreation expenditures of \$3.4 million - 85% of which came from non-residents. Patoka River NWR has the potential to at least equal Muscatatuck if funded.

This year will be crucial for the refuge. A tract of 1150 acres, in the heart of the acquisition area is slated to be sold by Peabody Energy. This is where the bald eagle pair that makes the refuge home is now nesting. It's a good area for Henslow's sparrows and other grassland birds. Acquisition of the tract would also define the refuge by tying together several of the many fragmented blocks of land that currently make up the property. There would be trails and observation areas, wetlands and ponds, grasslands and maybe a wildlife drive.

Peabody has held on to the property to sell to the Patoka River Refuge but time is running out. US Fish and Wildlife needs to find the funding very soon or this critical piece of property will very likely be put up for sale and lost to us birders. We do have some good news to report; thanks largely to the efforts of Congressman Brad Ellsworth, \$500,000 was “earmarked” for PRNWR from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the 2009 Omnibus Bill. I say “earmarked” because even though the LWCF funding comes from offshore oil and gas leasing royalties and NOT from tax dollars, it is considered an earmark because of the way the original legislation was written, LWCF funding has to be appropriated annually by Congress. Over the years, these appropriations have become political with most of the funds going to refuges in the home states of powerful Senators. For example, over the years, while Indiana has received little or nothing, funding has consistently gone to Clark's River NWR in Kentucky, home of Senate Minority Leader (then Majority Leader) Mitch McConnell and to Canaan Valley NWR in West Virginia, home of Senate President pro tempore Robert Byrd



Again, these are not tax dollars, the money comes from what is intended as mitigation from the oil and gas industry for the damage they do to our coasts. If we don't pursue these funds for Indiana they WILL go to other states and we WILL lose both the great birding site and the economic benefits.

Evansville Audubon Society is partnering with the Friends Group being formed for the refuge to press Congress for this funding. We hope that you can help us get this great birding site off hold by thanking Congressman Ellsworth for his efforts and Senator Lugar for his past support and by joining with us to ask Congress to be sure that Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge receives the funding it needs, approximately \$1 million in addition to the \$500,000 already pledged, to purchase the Peabody Energy property and create our own World Birding Center.

Good Birding,
Richard



EAS MINUTES

February 17, 2009



The evening's program featured "Life on Land", part 3 of a 4-part nature documentary, "Indiana's Natural Heritage". Interest was expressed in viewing other parts of the series in the future. (It was suggested that popcorn should be provided next time.)

Dick Vernier, president, convened the board meeting at 8:20. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Treasurer: Ted Hitch reported receipt of a \$100 education donation, total received \$2210 with \$840 spent. No change in Grant memorial fund. Balances: Checking \$5840.39, CD \$4585.08, Bulk mail \$207.44.

Education: Ted Hitch gave report in Carol Pettys' absence. Volunteers needed at Howell Wetlands, 4/18 earth day event, 10AM-2PM. Carol recommends \$100 grant for Patchwork Central gardening activities, motion by Lois Schmidt, seconded by Sue Vernier and approved. Leaders needed for monthly Jr. Birder club field trips beginning in May. Does EAS want to participate in Great American Cleanup, decision at March meeting. Sue Vernier presented motion for \$175 to Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center for bird houses and plantings, seconded by Jack Schmidt and approved. Volunteers needed for family day at Ohio Valley Birding Festival 5/2 and save your toilet tissue rolls and milk jugs with caps.

Conservation: Sue Vernier discussed EAS request to Congress for LWCF appropriations for Patoka River NWR.

Programs: Dick and Sue Vernier announced a multi-media slide-show presentation, "Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness", is scheduled 11/17. It's available for showing at other venues such as universities, churches, etc. Dr. Jim Brenneman's program,

Mutualistic (friendly) fungi, will be 3/17.

New Business: Lois Schmidt will send get-well cards to Judi Russell, Paul Bennett and Nancy Hitch. Aaron Chenoweth needs a short book review of the new Roger T. Peterson biography. Don Batema volunteered.

Bird sightings were shared and meeting adjourned,

Sue Vernier, secretary pro tem

March 17, 2009

Member Dr. Jim Brenneman presented an informative talk about friendly fungi. We learned that a number of plants grow better when certain fungi are present near the root system.

Dick Vernier, president, convened the board meeting at 8:40. Treasurer Ted Hitch reported that he wrote checks totaling \$347 based on votes at the February meeting. Balances, Checking \$5325.57, CD \$4596.51 (matures May 28). Of \$2110 in Education Donations we have now spent \$1115, leaving \$995.

Education. Ted reported for Carol Pettys who was ill. She proposed using \$500 for vandal-resistant signage at Eagle Slough. More clarification is needed to ensure that monies spent would be for educational signs. She proposed remaining educational funds to be used for 5th grade camp scholarships to WNS summer programs, to go along with the scholarships funded by collaborative grants.

Volunteers wanted for:

Great American Cleanup to be Tuesday May 26 at North Woods
Earth Day celebration at Howell Wetlands April 18, 10-2
Birding Festival Children's Activities 10-2

Bird Counts. Brian Taylor will be new chair for spring count.

Field trips. Goose Pond, Wed., April 22. Area expert Lee Sterrenburg will guide.

Conservation. Contact Senators and Congressman for funding of Patoka NWR, which was reclaimed for songbird habitat. One Million needed.

New Business. Susan Haislip is looking for Birding Festival volunteers: hike leaders and folks to be spend an hour as 'experts' helping novices in the bird room. She also reported that the new 'Friends of Patoka NWR' was started by a grant obtained by EAS.

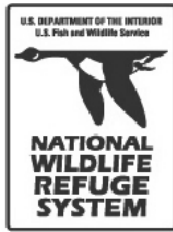
Sightings. Verniers- Whooping Cranes at Goose Pond, Ted Hitch-blooming wildflowers, Steve Heeger-woodcocks heard, Susan Haslip-nesting Cooper's Hawks, Nancy Hitch-nesting Red-Shouldered Hawks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Carolyn Bennett, secretary

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 PM, Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. Bill McCoy, Complex Manager, will discuss Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Cane Ridge Wildlife Management Area. Susan Haislip, Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve, will then discuss the new Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group which is being formed. Join us beforehand for dinner and camaraderie at 5:30 PM at the Eastland Mall Food Court.



Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 PM, Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. "Butterflies," by Debbie Goedde. Join us beforehand for dinner and camaraderie at 5:30 PM at the Eastland Mall Food Court.

Tuesday, June 17, 6:00 PM, Wesselman Park Shelter #1, Picnic. Bring a covered dish per person, place setting, and drink. 7:00 PM, Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. "The Wonderful World of Birds,"



CONSERVATION MATTERS

PLEASE TAKE ACTION TODAY!

PATOKA RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Good News...

Send a special thank you to Congressman Brad Ellsworth for his successful efforts to provide \$500,000 for Patoka River NWR in the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

The Not So Good News...

It will take \$1.5 million to acquire the 1,150 acres available from Peabody Energy. This large tract bridges two other large tracts in this highly fragmented Refuge. The 1,150 acres have been available for several years (no federal funding was provided for several budget cycles), but Peabody has recently announced plans to find another buyer in the fall of 2009 if the Fish and Wildlife Service is unable to commit to its purchase by then.

Just the Facts...

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is the primary source for land acquisition for four federal agencies, including National Wildlife Refuges. LWCF is funded with revenues from offshore oil and gas leases. A wonderful concept—activities that deplete some of our country's natural resources provide funds for the permanent protection of other natural resources.

Due to a past decision by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, no "Duck Stamp" money is available to refuges in Indiana so LWCF remains the only viable source for Federal money for land acquisition for Patoka River NWR.

How You Can Help...

Contact your U.S. Senators and Congressman to urge their support to provide funding to acquire the \$1.5 million Peabody Energy property for Patoka River NWR from the LWCF FY-2010 appropriations. Remember, the LWCF Act of 1965 provided a funding source but it cannot be spent unless appropriated by Congress—i.e. "earmarks". Remind them that LWCF meets "pay as you go" (PAYGO) requirements for appropriations since as recently as 2007 oil and gas royalties on federal lands and waters amounted to \$12 billion, which greatly exceeded appropriations.

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Upcoming Field Trips

Wednesday, April 22, 6:00am
Field trip to Goose Pond FWA, near Linton, IN.

Lee Sterrenburg, birding expert on the area, will lead a trip at Goose Pond and Beehunter Marsh. This should be prime time for shorebirds. The adventurous should bring rubber boots (the ground can be wet) to follow Lee to the premier spots but there are pull-outs on county roads for bird watching from the vehicle for everyone else. Meet at 6:00 am at the Whirlpool south parking lot to car caravan. Second regrouping will be at McDonald's in Bicknell for bathroom break before arriving at Goose Pond sign-in station parking area on Hwy 59 around 8:00 am (Evansville time). Directions: Hwy 41 to Hwy 67 north of Vincennes, Hwy 67 through Bicknell (brief rest stop) and eleven miles to Sandborn then left on Hwy 59 toward Linton. You will come to a large wetland area six miles or so north. Stop at sign-in lot on the right just before the right-hand curve on Hwy 59 (if you reach the NRCS buildings you went too far). Contact Sue Vernier, 812-385-5058, for further information

There is nothing in which the birds differ more from man than the way in which they can build and yet leave a landscape as it was before.



Robert Wilson Lynd

The Bird Record Committee:

Helping Hoosiers Preserve Indiana's Avifauna History

By: Brad Bumgardner

In October of 1991, The Indiana Audubon Society approved the formation of the Indiana Bird Record Committee (IBRC). In the nearly 18 years in existence, members of this committee have evaluated nearly 600 bird records. Through the IBRC, we have a better understanding of the ever changing bird populations in Indiana. Mere reports of birds seen often lose integrity years down the road, when examined long after the original person that saw them passed. Documentation of these birds helps give detail to the sighting and gives credibility, and bridges the gap from casual bird watching to modern ornithology in the state.

Indiana already has a rich past in ornithological history. Going back over 100 years, such names as Amos Butler, Russell Mumford, Charles Keller, and Ken Brock have contributed greatly to our knowledge of bird populations in Indiana. A tribute to at least one ornithological great can be found here in Indiana as well at Spring Mill State Park, where a memorial to Alexander Wilson (think Wilson's warbler, Wilson's phalarope, etc...) sits in the depth of a wooded ravine on the edge of a lapping brook.

Those unfamiliar with the concept of producing written details or providing documentation of a sighting may feel somewhat persecuted when informed that their "say-so" is not good enough to make a record legitimate. The initial enthusiasm and excitement of finding and reporting a good bird can quickly turn to disappointment, discouragement, and depression when their undocumented record is treated with skepticism. Don't let this get you down. It is there records, whether accepted or rejected, that future generations will look to when understanding our ever changing bird population dynamics. There are great resources for writing a good documentation. The worst excuse ever is that someone else will document it!

New features on the IBRC website allow those who find rare birds to simply fill out an easy online documentation form that can be emailed instantly. Many of this winter's rare birds have been documented for the IBRC this way already.

Finally, as we begin some great spring birding in 2009, the IBRC wants to personally thank all those that submitted documentations in the last year. They include: David Ayer, Mike Becker, Amy Beringer, Ken Brock, Gary Bowman, John Castrale, John Casady, James Cole, Dan Collins, Don Gorney, Jim Haw, Roger Hedge, Jim and Susan Hengeveld, James and Laura Hill, Steve Housefield, Pete Janzen, John Kendall, Don Lay, Rebecca Lomax-Sumner, Jeff McCoy, Gary Miller, Chuck Mills, Randy Pals, J.D. Phillips, Michael Retter, Kirk Roth, Lee Sterrenberg, Michael Topp, and Geoffery Williamson. I very likely forgot some names, but hats off to these birders for not only finding the rare bird, but taking the time to document them too!

The Indiana Bird Record Committee Online:

Main page:

<http://www.indianaaudubon.org/ibrc.htm>

Review List:

<http://www.indianaaudubon.org/ibrc/review.htm>

2009 Decisions:

<http://www.indianaaudubon.org/ibrc/results2009.html>



The Great American Clean Up

Once again the Evansville Audubon will participate in the Great American Clean Up sponsored by Keep Evansville Beautiful. Our selected place is Igleheart Park/Lloyd Pool/North Woods.

Our date will be Tuesday, May 26. We can use lots of volunteers!

Please contact Carol Pettys at: pettys1234@aol.com or 867-6231 if you are able to help us out.

We are honored to list the Donors to our
Educational Programs...
(Additions to list in the December– January Newsletter)



Bob & Judy Peak
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Paula Riggs
Lois Gorrel

Thank you so much for your generosity!



The Nomination Committee will have positions to fill for the coming year, the Secretary (who takes the minutes) and at least one Director. We are asking all interested people willing and wanting to serve in some position to contact Richard Vernier.

The Field Trip Chair is still open, if anyone would like to assume that position.



Birdwatcher: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson

By Elizabeth J. Rosenthal



Reviewed by D. L. Batema

My fascination with birds began when I was in third grade. My teacher found some old Junior Audubon Leaflet materials she used to introduce us to the world of birds. It would be a few years later before I received my first Peterson Field Guide and began to use it to learn about the birds I was encountering in my various trips to the fields and woods behind my house. Of course I did not know who Roger Tory Peterson was when I was in third grade, but I did know of his stature as an artist, naturalist, educator, and conservationist by the time I was using his field guides regularly. What Elizabeth J. Rosenthal's book, *Birdwatcher: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson* did for me was to provide an opportunity to get to know the man who has had a profound influence on countless individuals. I gained insights into his personal traits, multi-faceted abilities, and desire to educate. Rosenthal effectively introduces us to Peterson by glean- ing information from numerous interviews with family, friends, and colleagues.

Rosenthal's book is not the typical biography because it does not proceed in a chronological fashion. Instead, she has divided the book into six parts, with each part focusing on a certain aspect of Peterson's life. The first part naturally begins with his early childhood, the development of his birding interests and early job experiences. His travels abroad and the friendships he makes, especially with James Fisher, are covered in the second part. The third part of the book focuses on family life and reveals his apparent detachment from family. Conservation is dealt with in the fourth section and we learn how important Peterson was in advising and consulting on a number of issues including effects of DDT, oil spills, and endangered species as well as preservation of significant habitats within areas such as the Patagonia, Galapagos, Pacific Atolls, and the Antarctic. The fifth section describes the huge number of ornithologists and naturalists that he has mentored or influenced over the years including Kenn Kaufman, George H. Harrison, Pete Dunne, E.O. Wilson, and Victor Emmanuel. Finally, in the sixth section, we get insights into his competitive nature, his concern over his mortality, and how profoundly affected he was by the passing of dear friends.

Some readers may find the non-chronological approach and the use of quotes from interviews to be disjointed or distracting. This approach certainly makes the biography more challenging to write, but I believe it works for a couple of reasons. Peterson was a monumental figure in the world of birding and conservation and I feel we get a better feel of the history and events of his life by looking at the non-chronological approach. Also, by using the interviews as the foundation of the biography we get a full appreciation of his worldwide impact.

I can recommend Rosenthal's book, *Birdwatcher: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson*, for birders and non-birders alike. An avid birder will obviously be interested in reading about Roger Tory Peterson because most of us have been influenced by his conservation and education work, his field guides, or his system of bird identification. A birder will certainly gain a better appreciation and greater familiarity with Peterson after reading this book. I also believe non-birders, or those not familiar with Peterson, should read Rosenthal's book because it provides a wonderful background to important worldwide conservation and preservation issues associated with birds; and Peterson was in the thick of it all.

May Bird Count



The Vanderburgh Big May Day Bird Count is being held on May 9, 2009. We are looking for volunteers to help us count the number of birds of each species occurring in the county from midnight to midnight. The count is always held on the second Saturday in May. This data provides a valuable scientific record of the bird populations occurring each year in Indiana. To volunteer please contact Brian Taylor at 812-480-5251 or email brian.taylor@haubstadt.com.



It has been nearly a year since I assumed the position as editor for our chapter newsletter. I would like to thank all those who made contributions to our bimonthly issues.

From the Editor

I would like to invite more of you to make contributions! We would love to see more stories of your birding adventures. Book reviews are always welcome! Stories of your successes (or failures!) at bird feeding, habitat, etc would be worth sharing. Not of all are at the same level of expertise. It would be great to share and educate others at the same time.

We could have an "Ask the Experts" column if anyone is interested, where people could send in questions, and learn from the experts among us.

If anyone is interested in writing a Birding Trivia column, we could add that.

And as always, I welcome your suggestions for what else we should have in our newsletter. I can be contacted by email : therussells.golf@yahoo.com or phone at 812 491 7256

Judith Russell



2nd Annual Ohio Valley Birding Festival

May 1-3, 2009

May 2

Contact Susan Haislip at 812-479-0771, ext. 100 for additional info/registration:

Birding Hike at Howell Wetlands (7 am)

Birding Hike at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve (7 am)

Birding Hike at Bluegrass Fish & Wildlife Area (7 am)

Birding Hike at Angel Mounds Historic Site (7 am)

Family Birding Hike at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve (8 am)

Junior Birder Hike (4 to 5 pm) at Howell Wetlands

Birding Hike at Howell Wetlands (5:30 pm)

Contact Julie McDonald at (270) 826-2247 for additional info/registration:

Audubon's Bird Migration Walks (7:30 to 9 am)

Audubon's Migration Walks (8:30 to 10:00 am)

"A Walk with Bluebirds" (10:30 am to 11:30 am) Audubon State Park

May 3

Contact Susan Haislip at 812-479-0771, ext. 100 for additional info/registration:

Birding Hike at Eagle Slough (7 am)

Birding Hike at Bluegrass Fish & Wildlife Area (7 pm)

Twin Swamps Nature Preserve Hike (7 am to 1:30 pm)

Birding Hike at Eagle Slough (4 pm)



May 2

**Family Day
at Wesselman Woods
Nature Preserve**

- ◆ children's activity area
- ◆ bird banding demonstration
- ◆ live raptor show
- ◆ hikes



**Wesselman Woods
Nature Preserve**

May 2

"Owl Pellets: The Exciting World of Owl Puke!" (11 am to noon)

Spring Bird Banding Workshop (9 am to 10:30 am)

Spring Bird Banding Workshop (9 am to 10:30 am)

Live Raptor Program! (1 pm to 2 pm)

"Bird ID Basics" (2 to 3 pm)

May 3

Spring Bird Banding Workshop (1 pm to 2:30 pm)

Presented in cooperation
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Indiana Master Naturalist Association

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