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The Lloyd Library is *On the Wing*

This spring, the Lloyd Library takes to the wing as it brings a little-known part of its collection to the forefront—beautiful ornithology books and colorful bird field guides. *On the Wing: An Illustrated Chapter on Birds* pays tribute to naturalists, artists, and bird lovers, beginning with the earliest natural history of America, presented alongside specimens of now extinct birds, courtesy of the Cincinnati Museum Center. The study of birds inspires discovery and furthers scientific understanding of biodiversity and ecology. Complementing the book exhibit will be paintings of birds by sister-artists Alex and Shea Warnick and a mix of programs that take you from your own backyard to global migration, integrating beauty, science, ecology, and social justice. All events are free and open to the public. Prepare to take flight!



On the Wing: An Illustrated Chapter on Birds

March 11-June 18

Opening Reception

Friday, March 11, 5-7 p.m.

Light refreshments

Entrance to the opening requires proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 tests.



Shae and Alex Warnick are artists and naturalists whose multidisciplinary study combines scientific subjects such as ornithology and botany with painting and installation. Their dedication to natural history has led them to work with museums and research institutions across the country. Their work relies heavily on their research into natural history imagery as well as their own observations in nature. Accompanying the paintings are specimens, loaned from the ornithological collection of Cincinnati Museum Center.

Programs



Every Yard Counts: Making Your Home Bird Friendly with Matt Shumar

March 24, 7-8 p.m.
Virtual Program

Despite global conservation efforts and successes, many bird species have declined over the past century with the loss of three billion birds in North America, often coinciding with climate change. Many of the species are Neotropical migrants and cover vast amounts of land every year.

Join Matthew Shumar, Program Coordinator of the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative at The Ohio State University, to learn how to make your yards and homes bird-friendly and support populations of migratory birds. Co-editor for *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio*. Matthew is also on the council of the Association of Field Ornithologists.

Registration required.



Bird Monitoring Technology for Migrant Bird Conservation with David Russell

April 21, 7-8 p.m.
Offered in-person at the Lloyd Library and Virtually

We are in dire risk of losing many of our migrant birds, particularly the long-distance migrants. As we formulate conservation strategies to mitigate our bird losses, new monitoring technology has been incorporated into the struggle. These novel technologies have given tremendous insights into bird migration and offer a brighter future in bird conservation.

David E. Russell is an Associate Teaching Professor at Miami University, specializes in environmental biology, ornithology, and entomology. A Master Bird Bander and a North American Banding Council Certified Bander Trainer, he is the co-founder and Research/Education Director for the Avian Research and Education Institute (AREI). An avid birder, Dave leads field trips and conducts birding and banding workshops throughout the U.S.

Registration required. In-person registration, Zoom registration.



Bird Migration Field Trip with Cincinnati's Audubon Society

Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum
May 15, 8 a.m. to noon

May is peak bird migration season. Observe first-hand birds on the move as they cross the sky, often traveling thousands of miles to breed in cooler Arctic climates. Led by naturalists from the Audubon Society of Ohio, Cincinnati Chapter, this field trip winds through parts of Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum's 733 acres of gardens and natural environs. Topics covered include bird identification and migration patterns, along with the impact of habitat and conservation efforts. Meet at Spring Grove Cemetery's Main Gate.

No reservations required.



Freedom Birders: Birding for Freedom and Justice with Tykee James and Jeffrey Train

June 2, 7-8 p.m.
Virtual Program

Celebrate Black Birders Week with *The Freedom Birdhouse*, a project of Amplify the Future, founded by Tykee James and Jeffrey Train in January 2020. As part of the Freedom Birders movement, it seeks to change the culture of bird watching in the United States by developing a racial justice curriculum and bird education project resourced by the lessons and inspiration of the Civil Rights Movement, the Freedom Riders, the Black Lives Matter Movement, the 1619 Project, and Black Birders Week. *The Freedom Birdhouse*, a virtual tour, explores the roots of their inspiration, and highlights the connection of the movement of people, observation of birds, and the recognition of land. This program will intersect with the Ohio Buckeye Trail, connecting the four corners of Ohio through nature trails.

James been part of the birding community for almost a decade. He has served as governmental affairs coordinator for the National Audubon Society, Co-chair for the National Black and Latinx Scholarship Fund, and on the Board of Directors of the Birding Co-op, the IDEAL Committee at the Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University, and the D.C. Audubon Society. He is currently the President of D.C. Audubon Society and co-chair of Amplify the Future. He has

earned international recognition as one of the organizers of the first #BlackBirdersWeek and is the audio producer for the Wildlife Observer Network. James hosts two podcasts: *Brothers in Birding* and *On Word for Wildlife*.

Jeffrey Train is the founder of *Mr. Train's Life Lessons for Better Birding & Beyond*, a curriculum driven program seeking to inspire families and young naturalists to discover the wonder of birds. Train welcomes viewers into his world of wonder by introducing them to the birds inhabiting his neighborhood. An award-winning educator, he has taught, mentored, counseled, and coached for more than two decades, and is a trained racial equity facilitator. Train is an avid birder and leads bird and nature walks in Central Park and northern New Jersey.

Registration required. [Zoom registration.](#)



The Power of Nature Photography for Bird Conservation with Jim McCormac

June 8, 7-8 p.m.

Offered in-person at the Lloyd Library and Virtually

“A picture is worth a thousand words” goes the famous adage, and it’s especially true in this technologically and graphically driven age. Photography is an effective

vehicle to illustrate the beauty and intricacy of nature, expose people to new facets of natural history, and promote an interest in conservation. Photographic imagery has revolutionized survey protocols and greatly reduced the need for physical collections of specimens. Effective imagery can bring the Lilliputian details of a ruby-crowned kinglet to bear for all to see, expose the suave allure of a cedar waxwing, or capture the brutish glare of a hunting raptor. This pictorial talk will explore the ways in which imagery can be used to promote and document birds

An avid photographer, shooting a range of natural history subjects, Jim worked for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for 31 years as a botanist, and later specializing in wildlife diversity projects, especially involving birds. He has authored or coauthored six books, including *Birds of Ohio*; *Wild Ohio: The Best of Our Natural Heritage*; and *Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II*. Jim writes a column, *Nature*, for the *Columbus Dispatch*, and regularly publishes a natural history blog. He was named 2015 Conservation Communicator of the Year by the Ohio League of Sportsmen.

Registration required. [In-person registration](#), [Zoom registration](#).



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