

The Darke County Birders Club

The Darke County Birders was formed in the fall of 1997 by a group of people united in their love of birds and natural sciences.

The purpose of the Club is to:

- Enjoy bird watching
- Promote wildlife conservation
- Provide educational programs
- Encourage community involvement

Club membership is for all; regardless of experience.

The club has adopted a Birder's Code of Ethics based on the American Birding Association Code of Ethics



How to Join

Memberships:

⇒ Single \$10.00

⇒ Family \$15.00

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Address _____

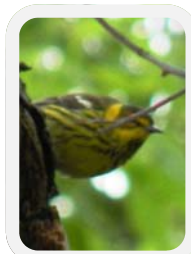
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Projects

Encourage participation in various Citizen Science Projects:

- ◇ Audubon Christmas Bird Counts
- ◇ Great Backyard Bird Count
- ◇ Project FeederWatch

We support Darke County Parks' educational programs:

- ◇ Donations to Darke County Park District
- ◇ Education Grants to Parks' Naturalists

The club also maintains a Rare Bird Alert Hotline, alerting members to rare birds spotted in Darke County.



American Kestrel

Programs



John James Audubon Program

Whatever your interest in birds, the Darke County Birders has a program for you!

Programs can include anything from hawk watching, photography, backyard bird feeding, wildlife rehabilitation, and everything in-between!

Meetings:

- Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm
- Held at the Darke County Parks' Nature Center: 4267 OH-502, Greenville



Pre-meeting

Bird Walks:

Meet at 6 pm at Chestnut Street Marsh from March through October

Program and trip

schedules can be

found at:

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Field Trips

- **Field Trips** are scheduled monthly to seek out birds in different habitats.

The club members may wander a fen seeking Northern Water Thrush, watch nesting bald eagles at Muskatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, or spend an evening watching short-eared owls hunt at Killdeer Plains.

- **Besides ornithological interests**, trips may explore history, geology, botany, butterflies, reptiles and amphibians.
- **Half-day trips** are planned for local birds in Darke County. Extended overnight trips may travel to Canada, The Wilds, Crane Creek and beyond!
- **Trips allow members** to become more proficient in bird identification and expand their awareness of bird behavior and the habitats they live in.



Saw-whet owl at Killdeer Plains