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WARIOTO AT A GLANCE

NO MEETING OR FIELD TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY OR AUGUST. Our first meeting of the 2008-09 year will be held on September 4. Watch for meeting and program information in the September newsletter.

Visit our webpage at http://www.apsu.edu/schillers/Audubon/Warioto_Chapter.htm

JULY POTLUCK PICNIC

The July Potluck Picnic will take place on **Saturday, July 19**. We will return to Dunbar Cave State Natural Area for our annual summer gathering. The picnic will be on the dance floor at the cave entrance. We will ask the Dunbar Cave staff to lower the chain so that members can park in the old parking lot above the entrance. Plan to gather at 6:00 p.m. and eat at about 6:30 p.m. This is a potluck picnic, so you are asked to bring food (main course, salad, dessert) to share with others. Please bring serving utensils for the dishes you bring. Drinks, plates, eating utensils, and napkins will be provided. **Hope to see YOU there!!**

OFFICERS FOR 08-09

There were a few changes in the slate of officer nominees first announced in the April Warioto Warbler. Nominees for chapter Secretary and CEECS ("Conservation) Chair withdrew their names because of other obligation. The rest of the slate was elected by voice vote of the members. While the Secretary office remains unfilled, Joe Schiller, who was leaving the office President and CEECS Chair for a Board Member position has agreed to remain as CEECS Chair and Daniel Moss has assumed a Board Member position. We are still short one Board Member-at-large, so if you are interested in serving please contact a chapter officer.

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SPRING BIRD COUNT

Warioto Audubon's spring bird count took place on Saturday, May 10, 2008. Gloria Milliken counted and compiled the data. We had good participation with 20 observers in 11 parties. Field observers were Caron Baugher, David Britton, Roger and Tim Diehl, Kevin Fitch, Elaine Foust, Joe and Nathan Hall, Steve and Debbie Hamilton, Nita Heilman, Bill and Gloria Milliken, Sallie Noel, Mike O'Malley, Amy Wallace, Sandra Watson, Barbara Wilbur, Bill Wolf, and Stanley York.

To quote from Gloria's report, "It was a beautiful day for birding!" Temperatures range from a low of 57 to a high of 72°F, with very moderate winds throughout the day. It was partly cloudy in the early morning, but became clear and sunny by

midday. Gloria has provided the following record of effort: Party hrs. by boat – 3.5, party hrs. by car – 22.5, party hrs. by foot – 29.5, party hours at feeder – 6.0, party mi. by boat – 12.0, party mi. by car – 278.0, party mi. on foot – 15.5, hrs. owling – 3.0, mi. owling – 0. The count recorded 5490 birds in 139 species. Count week records are not recorded.

So that you can compare this count to the 20076 count, I have **bolded** the species found this year, but not last year and ~~struck through~~ those found in 2007, but not seen in this year's count.

Canada Goose	140	Eastern Phoebe	38	Bay-breasted Warbler	4
Wood Duck	49	Great Crested Flycatcher	48	Blackpoll Warbler	7
Mallard	38	Eastern Kingbird	70	Cerulean Warbler	5
Wild Turkey	35	Loggerhead Shrike	2	Black-and-white Warbler	2
Northern Bobwhite	7	White-eyed Vireo	45	American Redstart	10
Pied-billed Grebe	1	Yellow-throated Vireo	5	Prothonotary Warbler	55
American Bittern	1	Warbling Vireo	12	Worm-eating Warbler	1
Great Blue Heron	52	Philadelphia Vireo	2	Canada Warbler	2
Great Egret	3	Red-eyed Vireo	43	Swainson's Warbler	1
Snowy Egret	1	Blue Jay	82	Ovenbird	2
Green Heron	12	American Crow	141	Louisiana Waterthrush	8
Black-crowned Night Heron	1	Horned Lark	4	Kentucky Warbler	8
Black Vulture	22	Purple Martin	69	Mourning Warbler	1
Turkey Vulture	72	Bank Swallow	13	Common Yellowthroat	72
Osprey	2	Cliff Swallow	224	Hooded Warbler	5
Bald Eagle	2	Tree Swallow	34	Wilson's Warbler	1
Cooper's Hawk	4	No. Rough-winged Swallow	28	Yellow-breasted Chat	54
Red-shouldered Hawk	6	Barn Swallow	40	Summer Tanager	30
Broad-winged Hawk	1	Carolina Chickadee	89	Scarlet Tanager	8
Red-tailed Hawk	19	Tufted Titmouse	94	Eastern Towhee	114
American Kestrel	6	White-breasted Nuthatch	27	Chipping Sparrow	55
Killdeer	61	Carolina Wren	109	Field Sparrow	51
Greater Yellowlegs	9	House Wren	14	Vesper Sparrow	2
Lesser Yellowlegs	4	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	94	Savannah Sparrow	3
Solitary Sandpiper	7	Eastern Bluebird	129	Grasshopper Sparrow	18
Spotted Sandpiper	2	Veery	2	Henslow's Sparrow	6
Semipalmated Plover	9	Gray-cheeked Thrush	2	Song Sparrow	9
American Woodcock	2	Swainson's Thrush	23	Swamp Sparrow	4
Rock Pigeon	24	Wood Thrush	16	White-throated Sparrow	8
Mourning Dove	173	American Robin	177	White-crowned Sparrow	5
Black-billed Cuckoo	2	Gray Catbird	19	Northern Cardinal	271
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	10	Northern Mockingbird	101	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	22
Eastern Screech Owl	1	Brown Thrasher	35	Blue Grosbeak	16
Great-horned Owl	1	European Starling	241	Indigo Bunting	159
Barred Owl	8	Cedar Waxwing	43	Dickcissel	72
Common Nighthawk	3	Blue-winged Warbler	2	Bobolink	52
Chuck-will's-widow	1	Tennessee Warbler	58	Red-winged Blackbird	223
Whip-poor-will	2	Nashville Warbler	3	Eastern Meadowlark	89
Chimney Swift	50	Northern Parula	44	Common Grackle	205
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	13	Yellow Warbler	19	Brown-headed Cowbird	88
Belted Kingfisher	9	Chestnut-sided Warbler	7	Orchard Oriole	7
Red-headed Woodpecker	3	Magnolia Warbler	12	Baltimore Oriole	5
Red-bellied Woodpecker	63	Cape May Warbler	4	Purple Finch	1
Downy Woodpecker	25	Black-throated Green Warbler	5	House Finch	53
Hairy Woodpecker	5	Yellow-rumped Warbler	7	American Goldfinch	176
Northern Flicker	8	Blue-throated Green Warbler	14	House Sparrow	109
Pileated Woodpecker	15	Blackburnian Warbler	2	-----	
Eastern Wood-Pee-wee	73	Yellow-throated Warbler	13	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS –	5490
Acadian Flycatcher	46	Pine Warbler	5	TOTAL SPECIES –	139
Willow Flycatcher	1	Prairie Warbler	24		
Least Flycatcher	1	Palm Warbler	2		

AN ANYTIME, ANYWHERE CELEBRATION OF NATURE IN THE CITY

Simple citizen-science project reaches urbanites of all ages

Ithaca, N.Y. -- Nature has the power to soothe and enthuse. More people are finding that out as they join the free, year-round "Celebrate Urban Birds!" citizen-science project from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. From schools, hospitals, and senior centers, to wellness programs, scout packs, and military bases, participants are reaping the benefits of a closer connection to the natural world and a new appreciation for city birds.

A girl in 4-H changed her mind about city birds after taking part in the project: "At first I didn't like urban birds," she said. "I thought of them as pests. Then I realized that they are just like me and other kids. We are ignored or people just see us as pests or don't see us at all...yet if you look a little deeper you can see that on the inside we are pretty unique and cool!"

People of all ages and backgrounds participate in Celebrate Urban Birds through gardening, cultural activities and citizen-science. For the citizen-science part of the project, participants watch city birds for 10 minutes, check off 15 target species of birds, and send the information through the mail or the Internet to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Once enough data are gathered, scientists hope to learn more about how birds survive in cities and how they use urban green spaces such as parks, rooftop gardens, and even potted plants on balconies for food, resting sites, and shelter.

Individuals can participate on their own or through public events organized by local groups. Celebrate Urban Birds has partnered with more than 2,000 organizations to hold special "birdy" events featuring the arts, science, gardening, or other ways to draw people into bird study and observation. While supplies last, everyone who signs up will receive a Celebrate Urban Birds kit in English and Spanish with two colorful urban birds posters, educational materials about birds and urban greening, a data form, and a packet of sunflower seeds to plant in pots and gardens. More than 60,000 free kits have been distributed.

After receiving his kit, one elementary school youngster with Down syndrome declared, "I will take these posters home and put them up on my wall forever because I'm going to be a scientist when I grow up!" Teachers find that the 10-minute bird observation can be done within a class period, and it reinforces math, reading, scientific, artistic, and team-building skills. One teacher noted, "Our group of middle school boys was impressed with being able to help with a project sponsored by a university." Some groups go beyond a single event by greening their neighborhood creating habitat for birds on balconies, rooftops, front stoops, or community spaces. Others are tapping into the arts, creating dances, drawings, murals, sculptures, puppet shows, and short films based on city birds. The Celebrate Urban Birds web site has lots of resources and suggestions about how to craft an event or project for [libraries](#), [nature centers](#), [schools and youth groups](#), [community gardens](#), home-school [groups](#), or individuals.

Winners have been chosen for the project's first "Beautiful Birds in Urban Places" video and photo contest. Marian Mendez of Hialeah, Florida, captured first prize with her images of birds found in her back yard. She said, "I like to single out one bird and watch it for a while, trying to see the personality and mind behind it. And I'm out in the fresh air, getting sunshine and a new perspective on life." You can see Marian's photos and other great entries on the web site. Stay tuned for the next photo contest! Learn more about Celebrate Urban Birds and sign up at www.CelebrateUrbanBirds.org!

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a membership institution dedicated to interpreting and conserving the earth's biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds. Visit the Lab's web site at <http://www.birds.cornell.edu>.

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NEW MEMBER FORM

Yes, I would like to become a member of the National Audubon Society and the local chapter: Clarksville Warioto Audubon Society for the introductory rate of \$20.00.

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