

# wetland matters



## OXBOW, INC. NEWSLETTER

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### BIRDING the CINCINNATI AREA

#### BIRDATHON '92 - PROGRAM REPORT.

Oxbow, Inc.'s NO. 2 team, the "Fire and Brimstone Birder's Guild" Joe Bens and Paul Wharton, holders of the Golden Starling Award, came in with three less species than their winning '91 total of 150 while Dave Styer's University of Cincinnati team came in with three more species than their second place '91 total of 144. The result? A head-on collision for a first place tie with 147 species for each team!



The fate of the Golden Starling has yet to be decided. At last report, both Dave and Paul had a hand on opposite ends of the wishbone, and were heading off in separate directions with the award. Is the Golden Starling about to go to pieces, or will calmer heads prevail?

Once again "Birds-R-Us", Ned Keller and Jay Stenger, birding for Gilmore Ponds Conservancy, came in just behind the leaders with 140 species, two less than their '91 total of 142.

BIRDATHON '92 attracted 23 entries and 68 birders who ignored a rainy start to record a total of 196 species, two less than the total reported in '91. Page two is the list of the species reported by all 23 entrants. The number of entrants reporting the species is carried in the column to the left of the species. If three or less entrants reported a species, the finishing position number of the entrant is listed to the right of the species. Finishing position numbers, entrants, and their total reported species are printed on page three.

As this issue of WETLAND MATTERS goes to print, pledge collections amount to \$8,500 for Oxbow, Inc.'s Land Acquisition Fund. That is running behind last year's collections by a little bit so we urge those who have pledged but not yet redeemed their pledge to do so.

We hope everyone had a good time, enjoyed their La Rosa's Pizza lunch, and will return again next year.

CONGRATULATIONS AND A SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS!

| BIRDS SEEN | Name of bird               | Name of bird                 |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 12         | Common Loon                | Blue-winged Warbler*         |
| 8          | Horned Grebe               | Tennessee Warbler            |
| 16         | Pied-billed Grebe          | Orange-crowned Warbler       |
| 19         | Double-crested Cormorant   | Nashville Warbler            |
| 16         | Great Blue Heron           | Northern Parula Warbler*     |
| 16         | Green Heron                | Yellow Warbler*              |
| 19         | Little Blue Heron          | Magnolia Warbler             |
| 19         | Great Egret                | Cape May Warbler             |
| 7          | Snowy Egret                | Black-throated Blue Warbler  |
| 1          | Black-crowned Night Heron  | Cerulean Warbler*            |
| 1          | Yellow-crowned Night Heron | Yellow-rumped Warbler        |
| 1          | Least Bittern              | Black-throated Green Warbler |
| 1          | American Bittern #13       | Blackburnian Warbler         |
| 1          | Whistling Swan             | Yellow-throated Warbler*     |
| ALL        | Canada Goose*              | Chestnut-sided Warbler       |
| 1          | Snow Goose #9              | Bay-breasted Warbler         |
| 22         | Mallard*                   | Blackpoll Warbler            |
| 2          | Black Duck                 | Pine Warbler                 |
| 2          | Gadwall #1-A + 2           | Prairie Warbler              |
| 16         | Green-winged Teal          | Palm Warbler                 |
| 2          | American Wigeon #1-A + 2   | Ovenbird*                    |
| 22         | Northern Shoveler          | Louisiana Waterthrush*       |
| 16         | Wood Duck*                 | Northern Waterthrush         |
| 9          | Redhead                    | Kentucky Warbler*            |
| 4          | Hungry-necked Duck         | Connecticut Warbler          |
| 4          | Canvasback                 | Mourning Warbler #9          |
| 2          | Lesser Scaup               | Common Yellowthroat*         |
| 2          | Common Goldeneye           | Yellow-breasted Chat*        |
| 4          | Bufflehead #1-A + 2        | Hooded Warbler*              |
| 4          | Ruddy Duck*                | Wilson's Warbler             |
| 2          | Hooded Merganser #2 + 7    | Canada Warbler               |
| 5          | Common Merganser           | American Redstart*           |
| 6          | Red-breasted Merganser     | House Sparrow                |
| 6          | Turkey Vulture*            | Bobolink                     |
| 7          | Black Vulture*             | Eastern Meadowlark*          |
| 11         | Sharp-shinned Hawk         | Red-winged Blackbird*        |
| 22         | Red-tailed Hawk            | Rusty Blackbird              |
| 16         | Broad-winged Hawk          | Common Grackle*              |
| 4          | Houngt-legged Hawk         | Brown-headed Cowbird*        |
| 4          | Bald Eagle                 | Orchard Oriole*              |
| 7          | Marsh Hawk                 | Northern Oriole              |
| 1          | Peregrine Falcon           | Scarlet Tanager*             |
| 1          | Merlin #4                  | Summer Tanager*              |
| 21         | American Kestrel*          | Cardinal*                    |
| 17         | Bobwhite                   | Rose-breasted Grosbeak*      |
| 5          | Virginia Rail              | Indigo Bunting*              |
| 11         | Sora                       | Evening Grosbeak             |

| BIRDS SEEN | Name of bird                    | Name of bird                  |
|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9          | American Coot                   | Great Crested Flycatcher*     |
| 7          | Semipalmated Plover             | Eastern Phoebe*               |
| ALL        | Killdeer*                       | Yellow-bellied Flycatcher     |
| 8          | American Golden Plover          | Acadian Flycatcher*           |
| 8          | Black-bellied Plover            | Alder Flycatcher* WILLOW      |
| 2          | Ruddy Turnstone                 | Least Flycatcher              |
| 2          | American Woodcock*              | Eastern Wood Pewee*           |
| 2          | Common Snipe #1-A + 3           | Olive-sided Flycatcher        |
| 2          | Upland Sandpiper #7 + 8         | Horned Lark*                  |
| 17         | Spotted Sandpiper               | Tree Swallow*                 |
| 12         | Solitary Sandpiper              | Bank Swallow*                 |
| 9          | Greater Yellowlegs              | Rough-winged Swallow*         |
| 12         | Lesser Yellowlegs               | Barn Swallow*                 |
| 1          | Pectoral Sandpiper #4           | Purple Martin*                |
| 1          | White-rumped Sandpiper          | Blue Jay*                     |
| 1          | Baird's Sandpiper               | Common Crow*                  |
| 11         | Least Sandpiper                 | Carolina Chickadee            |
| 3          | Dunlin #11 - 13 + 13-A          | Tufted Titmouse*              |
| 2          | Short-billed Dowitcher          | White-breasted Nuthatch*      |
| 2          | Stilt Sandpiper                 | Red-breasted Nuthatch 1 + 1-A |
| 2          | Semipalmated Sandpiper 1 + 11   | Brown Creeper                 |
| 7          | Herring Gull                    | House Wren*                   |
| 17         | Ring-billed Gull                | Winter Wren                   |
| 4          | Bonaparte's Gull                | Carolina Wren* 1              |
| 1          | Forster's Tern #19              | Long-billed Marsh Wren        |
| 2          | Common Tern #5 + 5-A            | Short-billed Marsh Wren 1-2-3 |
| 2          | Caspian Tern #6 + 14            | Mockingbird*                  |
| 2          | Black Tern #3 + 13              | Gray Catbird*                 |
| 21         | Rock Dove*                      | Brown Thrasher*               |
| ALL        | Mourning Dove*                  | American Robin*               |
| 6          | Yellow-billed Cuckoo*           | Wood Thrush*                  |
| 3          | Black-billed Cuckoo #10-13-A-18 | Hermit Thrush 1-14-A + 15     |
| 2          | Barn Owl* #1 + 2                | Swainson's Thrush             |
| 5          | Screach Owl*                    | Gray-cheeked Thrush           |
| 6          | Great Horned Owl*               | Veery                         |
| 17         | Snowy Owl                       | Eastern Bluebird*             |
| 1          | Long-eared Owl                  | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*        |
| 1          | Short-eared Owl                 | Golden-crowned Kinglet #12    |
| 1          | Saw-whet Owl                    | Ruby-crowned Kinglet          |
| 5          | Whip-poor-will                  | Water Pipit #3                |
| 6          | Common Nighthawk*               | Cedar Waxwing*                |
| ALL        | Chimney Swift*                  | Loggerhead Shrike #2          |
| 16         | Belted Kingfisher               | Starling*                     |
| 15         | Ruby-throated Hummingbird*      | White-eyed Vireo*             |
| ALL        | Common Flicker                  | Yellow-throated Vireo*        |
| 20         | Pileated Woodpecker*            | Solitary Vireo                |
| 22         | Red-bellied Woodpecker          | Red-eyed Vireo*               |
| 16         | Red-headed Woodpecker           | Philadelphia Vireo 2-10-11 R  |
| 1          | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker #10    | Warbling Vireo*               |
| 14         | Hairy Woodpecker                | Black-and-white Warbler       |
| 19         | Downy Woodpecker                | Prothonotary Warbler*         |
| 1          | Eastern Kingbird                | Worm-eating Warbler*          |
|            |                                 | Golden-winged Warbler         |

| BIRDS SEEN | Name of bird                 | Name of bird                 |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 15         | Blue-winged Warbler*         | Blue-winged Warbler*         |
| 16         | Tennessee Warbler            | Tennessee Warbler            |
| 15         | Orange-crowned Warbler       | Orange-crowned Warbler       |
| 10         | Nashville Warbler            | Nashville Warbler            |
| 11         | Northern Parula Warbler*     | Northern Parula Warbler*     |
| 8          | Yellow Warbler*              | Yellow Warbler*              |
| 5          | Magnolia Warbler             | Magnolia Warbler             |
| 4          | Cape May Warbler             | Cape May Warbler             |
| 4          | Black-throated Blue Warbler  | Black-throated Blue Warbler  |
| 17         | Cerulean Warbler*            | Cerulean Warbler*            |
| 21         | Yellow-rumped Warbler        | Yellow-rumped Warbler        |
| 20         | Black-throated Green Warbler | Black-throated Green Warbler |
| 11         | Blackburnian Warbler         | Blackburnian Warbler         |
| 16         | Yellow-throated Warbler*     | Yellow-throated Warbler*     |
| 16         | Chestnut-sided Warbler       | Chestnut-sided Warbler       |
| 5          | Bay-breasted Warbler         | Bay-breasted Warbler         |
| 4          | Blackpoll Warbler            | Blackpoll Warbler            |
| 9          | Pine Warbler                 | Pine Warbler                 |
| 16         | Prairie Warbler              | Prairie Warbler              |
| 11         | Palm Warbler                 | Palm Warbler                 |
| 14         | Ovenbird*                    | Ovenbird*                    |
| 8          | Louisiana Waterthrush*       | Louisiana Waterthrush*       |
| 15         | Northern Waterthrush         | Northern Waterthrush         |
| 1          | Kentucky Warbler*            | Kentucky Warbler*            |
| 1          | Connecticut Warbler          | Connecticut Warbler          |
| 22         | Mourning Warbler #9          | Mourning Warbler #9          |
| 18         | Common Yellowthroat*         | Common Yellowthroat*         |
| 11         | Yellow-breasted Chat*        | Yellow-breasted Chat*        |
| 10         | Hooded Warbler*              | Hooded Warbler*              |
| ALL        | Wilson's Warbler             | Wilson's Warbler             |
| 6          | Canada Warbler               | Canada Warbler               |
| 21         | American Redstart*           | American Redstart*           |
| ALL        | House Sparrow                | House Sparrow                |
| 4          | Bobolink                     | Bobolink                     |
| ALL        | Eastern Meadowlark*          | Eastern Meadowlark*          |
| 4          | Red-winged Blackbird*        | Red-winged Blackbird*        |
| ALL        | Rusty Blackbird              | Rusty Blackbird              |
| 14         | Common Grackle*              | Common Grackle*              |
| 14         | Brown-headed Cowbird*        | Brown-headed Cowbird*        |
| 18         | Orchard Oriole*              | Orchard Oriole*              |
| 18         | Northern Oriole              | Northern Oriole              |
| 18         | Scarlet Tanager*             | Scarlet Tanager*             |
| 18         | Summer Tanager*              | Summer Tanager*              |
| ALL        | Cardinal*                    | Cardinal*                    |
| 16         | Rose-breasted Grosbeak*      | Rose-breasted Grosbeak*      |
| 22         | Indigo Bunting*              | Indigo Bunting*              |
| 2          | Evening Grosbeak             | Evening Grosbeak             |
| 2          | Purple Finch #5 + 13         | Purple Finch #5 + 13         |
| ALL        | Pine Siskin #1-A + 19        | Pine Siskin #1-A + 19        |
| ALL        | American Goldfinch*          | American Goldfinch*          |
| ALL        | Red Crossbill                | Red Crossbill                |
| ALL        | Rufous-sided Towhee*         | Rufous-sided Towhee*         |
| 8          | Savannah Sparrow             | Savannah Sparrow             |

ACCIDENTAL SPECIES:  
 4 Sandhill Crane  
 3 Blue Grosbeak #4-10-4 + 16  
 1 Chuck-will's #13 widow.  
 10 Cliff Swallow  
 4 Common Moorehen  
 1 Ring-necked #1-A Pheasant.  
 4 Wild Turkey  
 1 Greater Scaup #1-A  
 2 Cattle Egret #5 + 5-A  
 1 Ruffed Grouse #5-A

NOTES:  
 One Credit:  
 Empidonax sp. #14-A-17  
 Accipiter sp. #6  
 Sterna sp. #17

abbreviations:  
 A - Abundant  
 C - Common  
 U - Uncommon  
 R - Rare  
 I - Irregular

Total Species 196

The following list is compiled in the FINISHING POSITION NUMBER of all the participating birders. A STAR designates the WINNER in the pre-selected CATEGORY in which the birder chose to compete. CATEGORIES and entrants are listed on pages three, four, and five.

| <u>FINISH.</u>  |  | <u>ENTRANT</u>                    | <u>TOTAL SPECIES</u> |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>POS. NO.</u> |  |                                   |                      |
| 1.              | Oxbow, Inc. No. 2                                    | "Fire & Brimstone Birder's Guild" | 147                  |
| 1-A.            | University of Cincinnati                             | "U.C."                            | 147                  |
| 2.              | Gilmore Ponds Conservancy No. 1                      | "Birds-R-Us"                      | 140                  |
| 3.              | Oxbow, Inc. No. 3                                    | "The Creepers"                    | 127                  |
| 4.              |  | "Eagle-Eyes"                      | 116                  |
| 5.              | Cincinnati Nature Center No. 1                       | "Voyeurs"                         | 114                  |
| 5-A             |  | "Wood Warblers"                   | 114                  |
| 6.              | Northern Ky. Bird Club                               | "Bluegrass Buteos"                | 111                  |
| 7.              | Cincinnati Nature Center No. 2                       | "Dawn to Duck"                    | 110                  |
| 8.              | Jon Seymour  |                                   | 109                  |
| 9.              |  | "Pretty Bad Hell's Birders"       | 107                  |
| 10.             | Finneytown's Fabulous Flying Fortune Seekers         | "FFFF'S"                          | 102                  |
| 11.             | Raptor, Inc. No. 1                                   | "The Predators"                   | 101                  |
| 12.             |  | "The Bushthrashers"               | 100                  |
| 13.             | Oxbow, Inc. No. 1                                    | "The Geriatric Gents & a Junior"  | 95                   |
| 13-A            |  | "The Common Loons"                | 95                   |
| 14.             | Jim Black  |                                   | 94                   |
| 14-A.           | Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens Junior Zoologists |                                   | 94                   |
| 15.             |  | "Lowsma, Etal"                    | 86                   |
| 16.             | Bill Bocklage  |                                   | 73                   |
| 17.             |  | "The Canterring Cowbirds"         | 72                   |
| 18.             | Gilmore Ponds Conservancy No. 2                      | "Cuckoos"                         | 67                   |
| 19.             | Raptor, Inc. No. 2                                   |                                   | 66                   |

ENTRANTS IN COMPETING CATEGORIES.

I. THE GOLDEN STARLING AWARD: (Premiere category)

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| OXBOW, INC. NO. 2 "FIRE & BRIMSTONE BIRDER'S GUILD" | 147 sp. ★     |
| Joe Bens  |               |
| Paul Wharton  |               |
| UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI "U.C."                     | 147 sp. ★     |
| Joanne Olman - driver                               | Steve Pelikan |
| Matt Pelikan  | Dave Styer    |
| GILMORE PONDS CONSERVANCY NO. 1 "BIRDS-R-US"        | 140 sp.       |
| Ned Keller  |               |
| Jay Stenger   |               |
| OXBOW, INC. NO. 3 "THE CREEPERS"                    | 127 sp.       |
| Charlie Saunders                                    |               |
| Allen Walls   |               |
| "EAGLE-EYES"  | 116 sp.       |
| Sister Marty Dermody                                |               |
| Teddy Mechley                                       |               |
| CINCINNATI NATURE CENTER NO. 1 "VOYEURS"            | 114 sp.       |
| Jim Anno  |               |
| Bill Creasey  |               |
| Ed Larson   |               |
| "WOOD WARBLERS"                                     | 114 sp.       |
| Dave Dister   |               |
| Tom Hissong   |               |
| Doug Overacker                                      |               |

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|--|------------------------------|---------------|
| CINCINNATI NATURE CENTER NO. 2                                     | "DAWN TO DUCK"               | 110 sp.       |
| Steve Bobonick   | Dave Morris                  |               |
| Dave Brinkman  | Jon Seymour                  |               |
| RAPTOR, INC. NO. 1   | "THE PREDATORS"              | 101 sp.       |
| Fritz Haas   | John Hughes                  |               |
| Bob Herbst   | Susan Wilkinson              |               |
| "BUSHTHRASHERS"  |                              | 100 sp.       |
| Carol and Jim Mundy  |                              |               |
| OXBOW, INC. NO. 1  | "GERIATRIC GENTS & A JUNIOR" | 95 sp.        |
| Sandy Cooper   | Karl Maslowski               |               |
| George Laycock   | Jerry Meyer                  |               |
| "LOWSMA, ETAL"   |                              | 86 sp.        |
| Lou Brose  |                              |               |
| Henry and J. Lowsma  |                              |               |
| RAPTOR, INC. NO. 2   |                              | 66 sp.        |
| John and Barb Eckles   |                              |               |
| Ann Moring   |                              |               |
| II. <u>SOLITARY VIREO AWARD:</u> (Individual birder)               |                              |               |
| Jim Black  |                              | 94 sp. ★      |
| Bill Bocklage  |                              | 73 sp.        |
| III. <u>KEEP IT IN THE GROUND AWARD:</u> (Non-use of fossil fuels) |                              |               |
| "PRETTY BAD HELL'S BIRDERS"  |                              | 107 sp. ★     |
| Mode of transport - Mountain bikes and foot.                       |                              |               |
| Dave Cody  |                              |               |
| David Heeden   |                              |               |
| Brandon Kramer   |                              |               |
| "THE CANTERING COWBIRDS"   |                              | 72 sp.        |
| Mode of transport - Horseback                                      |                              |               |
| Laura Busby  |                              |               |
| Ginny Herbst   |                              |               |
| IV. <u>COUNTY OF YOUR CHOICE AWARD:</u> (Birding one county only)  |                              |               |
| NORTHERN KY. BIRD CLUB   | "BLUEGRASS BUTEOS"           | 111 sp. ★     |
| County - Boone   |                              |               |
| Joe and Kathy Caminiti   |                              |               |
| Lee McNeely  |                              |               |
| Tommy Stephens   |                              |               |
| FINNEYTOWN'S FABULOUS FLYING FORTUNE SEEKERS "FFFF'S"              |                              | 102 sp.       |
| County - Hamilton  |                              |               |
| Erich Baumgarder   |                              |               |
| Gary Hunt  |                              |               |
| Jerry Lippert  |                              |               |
| GILMORE PONDS CONSERVANCY NO. 2                                    | "CUCKOOS"                    | 67 sp.        |
| County - Butler  |                              |               |
| Lee Abell  | Ted Ellis                    | Brian Hubbard |
| John Drum  | Mike Feldhues                |               |
| V. <u>FEARSOME FLEDGLING AWARD:</u> (18 years old and younger)     |                              |               |
| CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDENS JUNIOR ZOOLOGISTS               |                              | 94 sp. ★      |
| Tony Burchell  | Jon Frodge                   | Stan Rullman  |
| Holly Daltabuit  | Dana Miller                  |               |

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VI. CHOOSE YOUR OWN CATEGORY AWARD: (Open)

THE "COMMON LOONS"

95 sp. ★

Chris Blatz  
Cathy and Jerry Carter  
Bill and Tammy Stanley

The "LOONS" named their category "MOST SPECIES SEEN WHILE DRAGGING ALONG SMALL CHILDREN"  
They had no trouble winning the award as they were the only entrant in this category.

VII. HIGHEST PLEDGE-TOTAL PER SPECIES AWARD: (Solicitor of most money for each recorded species)

★ WINNER

Jon Seymour - 109 sp. \$5.70 per species plus two flat fee pledges of \$10 each.  
Jon's efforts this year collected \$673.95 for Oxbow, Inc. W O W !

SOME LEFT-OVER BIRDATHON'92 STATISTICS FOR THOSE WHO CARE.

Reported in '92 missing in '91

Reported in '91 missing in '92

Yellow-crowned Night Heron  
American Bittern  
Snow Goose  
Bufflehead  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Black Tern  
Water Pipit  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Sandhill Crane  
Greater Scaup  
Cattle Egret  
Ruffed Grouse



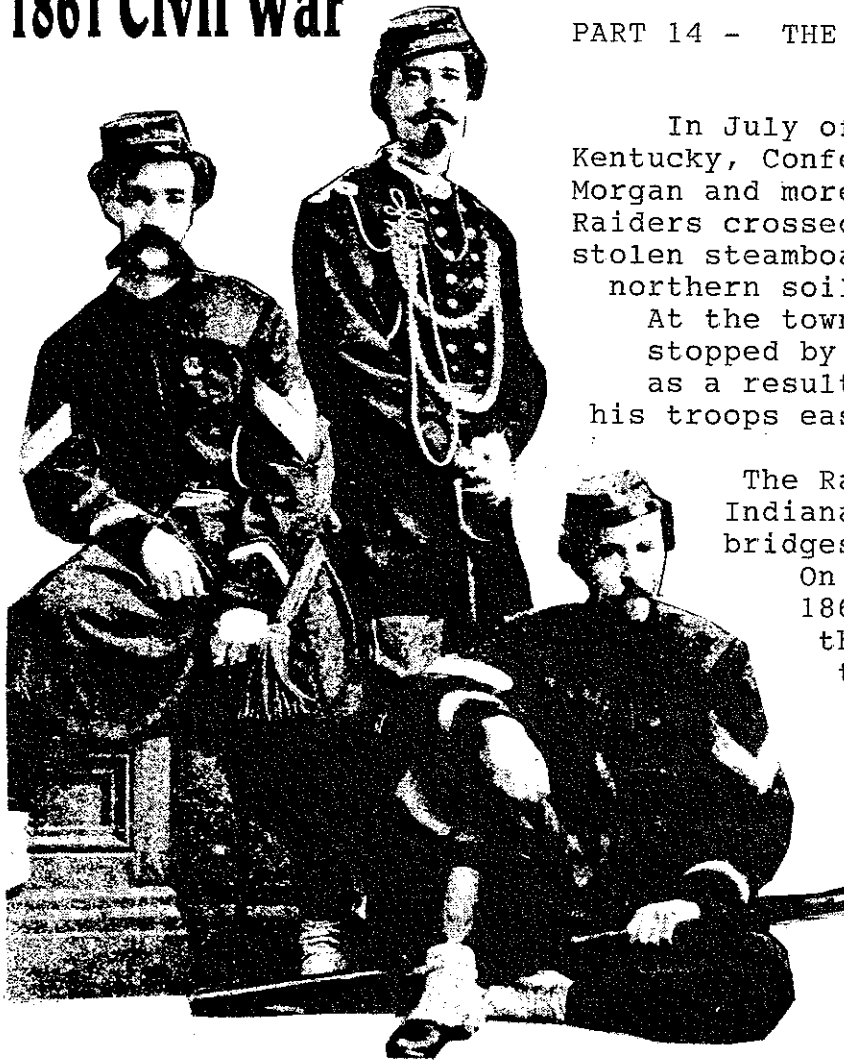
Least Bittern  
Black Duck  
Northern Shoveler  
Redhead Duck  
Common Merganser  
Rough-legged Hawk  
Bald Eagle  
Black-bellied Plover  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
King Rail  
Mute Swan  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Black-capped Chickadee

Species recorded in 1992 by one entrant only.

| <u>Ent.</u> | <u>Finish.</u> | <u>Pos. No.</u> | <u>Species.</u>            | <u>Accidental Species.</u>   |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| No. 5       |                |                 | Yellow-crowned Night Heron | No. 13 Chuck-Will's-Widow    |
| No. 13      |                |                 | American Bittern           | No. 1-A Greater Scaup        |
| No. 9       |                |                 | Snow Goose                 | No. 1-A Ring-necked Pheasant |
| No. 4       |                |                 | Merlin                     | No. 5-A Ruffed Grouse        |
| No. 4       |                |                 | Pectoral Sandpiper         |                              |
| No. 13      |                |                 | Forster's Tern             |                              |
| No. 10      |                |                 | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker   |                              |
| No. 12      |                |                 | Golden-crowned Kinglet     |                              |
| No. 3       |                |                 | Water Pipit                |                              |
| No. 2       |                |                 | Loggerhead Shrike          |                              |
| No. 9       |                |                 | Mourning Warbler           |                              |
| No. 2       |                |                 | Vesper Sparrow             |                              |



## 1861 Civil War



### PART 14 - THE BATTLE OF LAWRENCEBURG.

In July of 1863, at Brandenburg, Kentucky, Confederate General John Hunt Morgan and more than a thousand of his Raiders crossed the Ohio River aboard a stolen steamboat and moved onto the northern soil of the state of Indiana.

At the town of Vernon, Morgan was stopped by the Indiana Militia and, as a result of this action, turned his troops eastward into Ohio.

The Raiders destroyed three Indiana & Cincinnati Railroad bridges in the vicinity of Sunman. On the afternoon of July 13, 1863, Morgan's troops looted the town of Harrison, Ohio, then moved east towards Cincinnati, actually passing north of the city. Several days later, in eastern Ohio, Morgan was defeated and captured.

Indiana Militia at Lawrenceburg, misinformed of Morgan's actions, believed he was about to attack Lawrenceburg. The commander of the troops in town sent out the 104th Indiana Militia

in an attempt to stop Morgan. One half mile beyond Hardintown, on State Line Road in the vicinity of the Miller Cemetery, the Militia built a barricade across the road and formed a battle line along the towpath of the Whitewater Canal.

Another Indiana Militia regiment, the 105th, was ordered to take a position behind the 104th. While marching to its position on the evening of July 13th, at a sharp curve in the road at Hardintown, the 105th's rear column saw the front line of its own regiment at the far end of the curve in the road. The troops at the rear mistook the front troops for the enemy, which they expected to encounter at any moment, and opened fire. The troops at the front thought they were encountering enemy fire and started shooting. Officers, fully realizing what was happening, ordered their men to cease fire, but it was too late. Five men were killed and 19 wounded.

This encounter, called by some the "Battle of Lawrenceburg", and by others the "Accident", which it actually was, was the only encounter in the American Civil War where casualties were inflicted and where no Confederate forces were involved.

AREA SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT OXBOW, INC.

FAIRFAX ELEMENTARY - Mariemont

Second grade teacher Joyce L. Beck, representing the students and Staff at Fairfax Elementary, sent the following -  
"Our tradition continues! Once again the students and Staff collected money for National Wildlife Week and Earth Day festivities. This is our largest collection ever, attesting to the fact that, after several years, the students are becoming more aware of Oxbow, Inc. and its purpose. Enclosed is our check for \$155. Keep up the good work; we will too!"

ENTERTAINERS FOR CHARITY - Westwood

Entertainers for Charity is a group of 18 caroler s made up of friends and relatives from a number of families who assemble once a year to brighten the Holiday spirit. Their letter to Oxbow, Inc. reads, "We were able to raise the sum of \$120 and are very proud to present it to your organization. We hope that our small donation can help your organization as we feel that your efforts are absolutely necessary to our little corner of the world. Good Luck and God Bless!"

LLOYD MANN SCHOOL - Loveland

Once again teacher Jean Durbin's class has used its environmental efforts to the benefit of the Oxbow. By recycling aluminum cans her students were able to raise \$25. This is a yearly on-going project for Ms Durbin's third graders. Oxbow, Inc. wants them to know how very much their dedication to the environment is appreciated.

ST. JAMES CADETTE GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1917 - White Oak

On April 6, 1991 the 8th grade Girl Scout Troop began a year-long community service recycling program to earn their Scout Silver Award. This March, troop leaders Barb Hohman and Stephanie Motz wrote, "It was decided that the money would be given to charitable organizations and environmental causes. Enclosed is a check for \$100 to help purchase land in the Oxbow. Saving our wetlands is very important. Thank you for all of your hard work."

Oxbow, Inc. recognizes these contributions and sincerely thanks all of these people for the work they are doing and their commitment to helping preserve an important wetland. It is an honor to have been chosen to be the recipient of their efforts.

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# "THANK YOU" !



## SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION.

BIRDATHON needs the interest, support, and cooperation of many people working behind the scenes to make the program a success. Thanks go to team representatives for their combined input into this year's new program format. Oxbow, Inc. also wishes to recognize the following and thank them for the contribution they made to BIRDATHON '92:

The **HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT** for the use of the facilities at the new Winton Centre.

**JIM BERRY & WANDA APGAR**, Cincinnati Nature Center for contributing the checklists for the birders.

**PAUL HELLMANN**, our 1992 impartial, jolly, and judicious Tally Official.

**FRITZ HAAS** who, once again, designed an original BIRDATHON T-shirt.

**ANITA BUCK** who mailed letters and information packets to the contestants.

**KEN FULMER** who manned the kitchen and kept the soft drinks well iced.

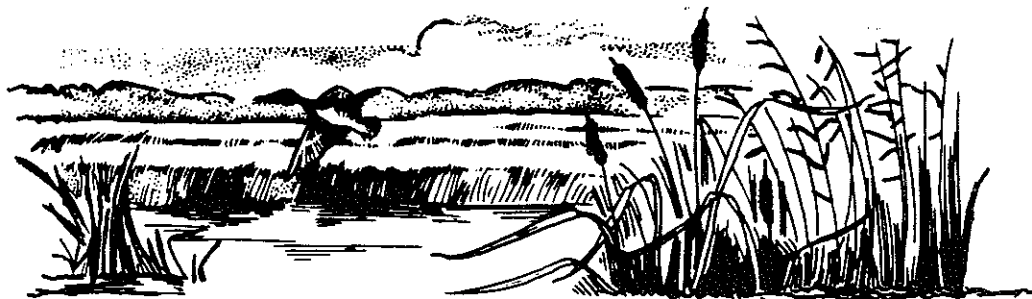
**STEVE PELIKAN** for processing all of your pledge cards and mailing the follow up letters advising you of your pledge total.

**AND!** - Oxbow, Inc. members Jerry Johnson, Connie McNamee, Greg Mendell, and Bob and Betty Myers who took care to wrap up all the loose ends.

## THE BEST PIZZA IN TOWN!

A **SPECIAL THANKS** has to be given to **MR. T.D. HUGHES, CEO of LA ROSA'S, INC.**, who graciously provided stacks of assorted pizzas to feed 100 tired and hungry birders. **MAMA-MIA, THEY WERE GOOD!**

And, finally, another **SPECIAL THANKS** to the team sponsors and to the unsponsored individual groups and birders for their great support of this important yearly fund-raising event. The **LAST AND BIGGEST THANKS** must be given to all of the people who supported their favorite team or individual with their pledges. It is **YOU** who really make the BIRDATHON a success!





# HELP US

## WE NEED YOU !

### VOLUNTEER ALERT ! ! !

Oxbow, Inc. returns to the Cincinnati Zoo on **AUGUST 29TH AND 30TH** to celebrate **WILDLIFE WEEKEND '92**. Our booth will need the services of **VOLUNTEERS** from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day. You receive **FREE** admission to the Zoo and will be at liberty to spend as much time viewing the exhibits as you wish. Anita Buck will take Ohio calls at **681-2574** and John Getzendanner will sign up Indiana Hoosiers at **537-5728**.

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## CINCINNATI ZOO AND BOTANICAL GARDEN



## Julie Godsey

KD8KU - Silent Key

Julia Helen Godsey passed away Monday, June 1, 1992 at Good Samaritan Hospital of emphysema. She was 71.

A Delhi Township resident, Miss Godsey came to the Cincinnati area in 1943 from Itta Bena, Miss. to study classical voice at the Cincinnati conservatory of Music. She was a graduate of Whitworth College in Mississippi.

Julie got her career start as record programmer at the old WCPO radio station, working with Al Schottlekotte, Bob Braun, and Dottie Mack, and, in 1960 was hired by RCA records as the first woman record-promotion manager in America. She handled such stars as Al Hirt, Lou Rawls, Pearl Bailey, and Willie Nelson and was top record salesperson in the nation in 1974, 1975 and 1976. Her promotion work made her many friends in the radio and record business across the country.

After her retirement, ham radio became her love. Her call letters, KD8KU, were acknowledged world-wide, but, "I guess the most exciting contact was with the NASA astronauts as their space shuttle Columbia orbited the earth. Only a small number of operators were able to make that one," Julie often said. Her dedication will be missed by her many friends along the radio traffic network.

"Julie loved people, and people loved Julie, but she also cared deeply for the birds and animals and the environment of this world," said Norma Flannery of Price Hill, her friend and close companion of 42 years. At the time of her death Julie headed the marketing and public-relations committees of Oxbow, Inc., a conservation organization that is working to preserve a local 2,500 acre wetland.

Miss Godsey is survived by a twin brother James and sister-in-law Billie. She is the dear aunt of Mary Francis, Jonathon, and Jim Godsey of San Antonio, TX and Scott Burnside of Rocky Mount, NC.

Oxbow, Inc. has established Memorials in honor of those who have passed on. Each Memorial, established in the name of a friend or loved one, will be enrolled permanently in the records of the Corporation. Each contribution to a Memorial will be acknowledged to the family or to those selected by the donor and should be sent to Oxbow, Inc., P.O. Box 43391, Cincinnati, OH. 45243. Be sure to enclose the names and addresses of the donor and those to receive the acknowledgment.

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# Meetings

**TUESDAY, JULY 14TH, 7:30 P.M.** Cincinnati Zoo Education Building.  
Enter through the Exit Gate on Erkenbrecher Avenue.

We have re-scheduled Dr. Gregory McDonald, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology for the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, who will present "Ice Age Animals from the Caves of Ohio."

## **SPECIAL PROGRAM.**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 7:30 P.M.** Lawrenceburg Public Library.

An Elvin Blasdel Cincinnati Color Slide Club program. Jane Gahl and Allan Beverage's compilation of member's winning slides, shown with a musical background chosen to enhance the viewer's enjoyment. For more information call Elvin at 812-537-2602.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 7:30 P.M.** Lawrenceburg Public Library.  
Turn left off of U.S. 50 onto Walnut Street. Turn right onto High Street. The library is on the right side of High Street.

Slither on in to hear Sue Simon from the Greater Cincinnati Herpetological Society talk about "The Reptiles and Amphibians of the Oxbow." The Herp Society conducted a survey of the area for Oxbow, Inc. and Sue is the one to tell us what was found. Come out of your shell for an enjoyable evening's entertainment!

# Field Trips

**MONDAY, JULY 27TH, 7 P.M.** 50's Root Beer Parking Lot.

Here's your opportunity to take an evening stroll around the Oxbow with Morris Mercer. Morris will be looking for waders and shorebirds. He plans to cancel this field trip if there is more than two inches of snow on the ground.

Leader, Morris Mercer 513-941-2534

**MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 7 P.M.** 50's Root Beer Parking Lot.

Fall migration should be underway for some shorebirds. DAVE THE DETERMINED will lead the search for them. Make sure you're there.

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A nonprofit organization formed by conservation groups and concerned citizens of Ohio and Indiana for the purpose of preserving and protecting a wetlands area known locally as the Oxbow, Hardintown, or Horseshoe Bottoms, from future industrial development and to preserve the existing agricultural floodplain at the confluence of the Great Miami and Ohio rivers for use as a staging area for the seasonal migrations of waterfowl. This is an agricultural area rich in geological, archaeological, and anthropological history.

Help us save this unique wetland. You can make your state a richer place in which to live by helping us preserve this precious resource.

Membership in Oxbow, Inc. is encouraged and solicited.

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