



WESTERN CUYAHOGA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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History of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society

Past Presidents of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society

Chuck Vasulka, 1975-1977	Rich Kassouf, 1987-1989	Nancy Howell, 1996-2000
Ethel Laughlin, 1977-1979	Lee Cavano, 1989-1991	Carol Ball, 2000-2002
Jim Hamilton, 1979-1981	Joni Norris, 1991-1993	Jan Holkenborg, 2002-2003
Steve Howell, 1981-1982	Robin Mullee, 1993	Andy Hohenbrink, 2003
Tony Hess, 1982-1985	Nancy Howell, 1994-1995	Tom Romito 2003-2005 2006-2014
Dave LeGallee, 1985-1987	Mary Jo Segal, 1995-1996	Nora Ebie 2014-2015

As of 2015, the board is running the organization.

The following bulletized history of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society has been compiled from Annual Reports, chapter newsletters, and minutes of board meetings and membership meetings:

- August 15, 1975: Concerned citizens hold an organizational meeting at the home of Mac and Carol Ball in Berea, Ohio. Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society publishes the first edition of the chapter newsletter with Carol Ball as editor, a position she holds until 2002.
- September 23, 1975: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society holds its first membership meeting at Lechner School in Berea, Ohio.
- December 1975: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts its first Christmas Bird Count, a tradition that continues to the present.
- February 1976: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society's first logo appears on the chapter newsletter – the head of a [Red-tailed Hawk, designed by Jon Bailey](#).
- October 1, 1976: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society receives its [charter from the National Audubon Society](#).
- October 5, 1976: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society changes the day of its monthly membership meetings from the last Thursday of the month to the first Tuesday of the month.
- May 10, 1977: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society changes the start time of its monthly membership meetings from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- November 29, 1977: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society board advocates saving Lake Abrams from development.
- February 1978: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society approves a patch bearing the head of a [Pileated Woodpecker, designed by Don Altemus](#).
- September 2, 1980: The Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society membership votes to amend its constitution to eliminate the restriction on officers serving in the same office for no more than three years.
- October 11, 1980 Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society is incorporated in the State of Ohio.

- January 1981: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society completes a four-month sales campaign of 100 copies of Roger Tory Peterson's book, *A Field Guide to the Birds*, Eastern Edition.
- March 3, 1981: The Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society membership rejects consideration of participation in the National Audubon Society's annual bird-a-thon.
- Sometime in 1982: Past President Jim Hamilton and John Edwards, Conservation Chair, present testimony to U.S. Congressman Dennis Eckhart in Cleveland on the Clean Air Act (Congress did not amend the Clean Air Act until 1990 in part because President Reagan's administration placed economic goals ahead of environmental goals).
- January 1982: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society lists a phone number in the Cleveland phone directory to offer chapter information to the public.
- October 1982: President Steve Bowell dies and is replaced by Tony Hess, who serves the second year of Steve's term and the following two years. Tony begins the process of attaining non-profit status.
- 1982-1983: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society participates in the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas I.
- March 6, 1984: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society begins holding its membership meetings at the Rocky River Interpretive Center, which a month later is renamed the Rocky River Nature Center.
- January 1985: The National Audubon Society launches [Audubon Adventures](#). Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society begins to participate with Paula Lozano as Education Chair.
- June 1985: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society holds its first annual picnic and plant exchange at Mastick picnic area.
- 1989: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society begins five-year study of Eastern Screech Owl, spearheaded by Lee Cavano.
- May 18, 1990: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society receives IRS's determination letter recognizing Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society as exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3).

- 1989-1990: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society works with City of Parma, Ohio to install a nature trail at Stearn's Homestead. The Chapter also works with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), City of Cleveland, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop a land use plan for Dike 14.
- August 28, 1989: The Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society board makes organizational changes. It implements sign-in sheets, name tags, and refreshments at membership meetings, as well as a business meeting and a treasurer's report. The board applies for a bonded treasurer and liability insurance. President Lee Cavano notes a greater emphasis by the Chapter on education rather than conservation.
- January 27, 1990: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society receives an IRS letter of determination designating the chapter a non-profit 501c(3) organization.
- May 1990: Past President Dave LeGallee is elected treasurer of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society, a position he will hold until 2003.
- October 16, 1990: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society implements an Armchair Activist program to advocate for environmental issues.
- November 1990: Representatives from Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society attend a public meeting held by the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss a plan to raise the height of the steel wall surrounding Dike 14 and add more dredge, in opposition to Cleveland Lakefront State Park's master plan.
- March 24, 1992: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society again decides not to participate in the bird-a-thon.
- August 1992: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society's logo of a Pileated Woodpecker first appears on the chapter newsletter.
- October 1993: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society adopts Donald Gray Gardens as part of Cleveland's Adopt-a-Park program. Conservation Chair Mary Jo Lakner-Segal spearheads the effort to clean up the site, repair stonework, and prepare the soil for a natural garden.
- November 13-14, 1993: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society holds a work party at Donald Gray Gardens, augmented by the Ohio National Guard 112th Engineer Battalion.

- 1994: Steve Sadam, National Audubon Society's Great Lakes Regional Vice President, commends Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society for work on Donald Gray Gardens, Audubon Adventures classrooms, and regional endangered species campaign.
- May 14, 1994; Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society holds its second work party at Donald Gray Gardens, planting shrubs and perennials purchased with a \$2,000 gift from the City of Cleveland.
- October 18, 1994: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society holds its third work party at Donald Gray Gardens.
- October 14, 1995: Another work party cleans up Donald Gray Gardens.
- April 28, 1996: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts its last work party at Donald Gray Gardens. Ward 13 Councilman Gary Paulenske proposes a resolution that the City of Cleveland preserve Donald Gray Gardens no matter what happens to Municipal Stadium.
- May 1996: President Mary Jo Lakner-Segal's term ends and Vice President Mel Kindelberger resigns as vice president due to health reasons. The Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society Board of Directors begins to govern the chapter.
- January 1997: Donald Gray Gardens preservation project ends with demolition of Municipal Stadium and destruction of Donald Gray Gardens.
- February 1997: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society begins fundraising for plantings at city properties to create wildlife habitat, under the leadership of Mary Jo Lakner-Segal.
- August 23, 1998: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society sponsors a fund-raiser with the Northeast Ohio Jazz Society at Kirtland Park and raises \$600 for plantings. The Kirtland Bird Club donates \$500 to WCAS for plantings.
- October 1998: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society representatives plant at Kirtland Park and Cleveland Public Power.
- February 1999: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society personnel participate for the first time in Cleveland State University's Science Olympiad, a tradition they will continue to the present.

- April 1999: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society again plant at Kirtland Park and Cleveland Public Power.
- June 1999: City of Cleveland mows down the plantings at Kirtland Park.
- August 1999: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society officers announce an interest in having a website and ask for a volunteer to become webmaster. Chapter meetings move to Lake Erie Science and Nature Center while Rocky River Nature Center undergoes renovation.
- December 1999: Mary Jo Lakner-Segal crafts an agreement with the City of Cleveland to protect plantings at city parks. The City gives Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society \$500 to replace destroyed plantings.
- September 2000: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society resumes meeting at Rocky River Nature Center following completion of renovation.
- January 2001: National Audubon Society eliminates chapters' annual dues share as a cost-saving measure.
- January 2001: Mary Jo Lakner-Segal and Mary Anne Romito represent Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society on the Dike 14 Committee, a grassroots organization advocating the preservation of Dike 14.
- June 2001: National Audubon Society launches the Important Bird Area (IBA) program. Audubon Ohio designates 71 locations as IBAs.
- October 2001: National Audubon Society launches a campaign to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from drilling for oil.
- December 2002: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society institutes [chapter memberships](#), whereby dues stay with the Chapter and are not apportioned to National Audubon Society. Members can join at Basic or Enhanced level.
- May 2003: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society participate in first Rocky River Watershed Festival.
- Summer 2003: Ralph Seigenthaler volunteers to publish chapter newsletter.
- October 28, 2003: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society receives safety net payment of \$2,500 from National Audubon Society and decides not to support Take Back Audubon, an initiative launched by some chapter leaders in the state unhappy with NAS eliminating the dues share. Board begins publishing the chapter newsletter using Publisher software. Board

contemplates promoting Dike 14 as a natural preserve, but decides to support West Creek and Stearns Farm instead.

- November 2003: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society board launches website with private contractor serving as host and producer of the site. Board also experiments with Passport initiative for members to earn points for participation in programs. Board begins sending newsletter by U.S. mail only to chapter members.
- December 2003: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society names newsletter “[The Feathered Flyer](#)” in contest won by WCAS member Ed Innocenzi, who submitted the name.
- January 2004: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society begins producing website and posting newsletter on the web page. Mary Anne Romito volunteers to serve as webmaster and performs this service to the present.
- April 2004: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society participates in first Rocky River Nature Festival. Board begins [Weeders in the Wild](#) program with Terri Martincic as organizer.
- March 2, 2004: Board decides to participate in three educational outreach activities in 2004; Science Olympiad, Dike 14 Wildlife Festival, and School Days at Edgewater.
- April 6, 2004: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society board, spearheaded by Kit Birch, promotes [Audubon shade-grown coffee](#) as fund-raiser and refreshment at chapter meetings.
- September 8, 2004: Board decides to fully fund all teachers who want to use Audubon Adventures classroom packets and allocates \$500 for this purpose.
- October 10, 2004; Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society participates in Cuyahoga Valley National Park’s IBA dedication program by conducting Big Sit at Beaver Marsh. Mary Anne Romito appears on National Public Radio to promote this event.
- March 1, 2005: Board decides Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society should join Ohio Ornithological Society.

- May 3, 2005: Tom Romito steps down from presidency of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society to focus on Rocky River IBA as chapter conservation project. Board decides to rotate chair from month to month.
- July 5, 2005: Board increases Audubon Adventure allocation to \$600 to pay for teachers who want to put materials in classrooms.
- August 20, 2005: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts planning meeting to adopt the [Rocky River IBA](#) and conduct five-year bird monitoring project in partnership with Cleveland Metroparks.
- August 2005: Tom Romito is elected to Audubon Ohio Board of Directors.
- January 29, 2006: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society launches Armchair Activist program, spearheaded by Kit Birch, and puts [Take Action](#) page on website.
- February 7, 2006: Tom Romito addresses Cleveland Metroparks Board of Commissioners on IBA project.
- March 5, 2006: IBA Kick-off at RRNC attended by 200 people.
- March 26, 2006: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Cleveland Museum of Natural History each donate \$500 to Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society for IBA project. The Chapter wins \$1,500 grant from Audubon Ohio for IBA.
- April 2, 2006: Fifty people attend IBA testing and training at RRNC.
- April 25, 2006: Board launches Audubon At Home initiative with [pocket card identifying native and invasive plants](#), spearheaded by Terri Martincic.
- May 2, 2006: Tom Romito resumes presidency of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society.
- May 18, 2006: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society board hires Diane Sigler as IBA Coordinator.
- June-July 2006: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts [first Rocky River IBA forest breeding bird survey](#).
- June 25, 2006: Board drops Enhanced category of chapter membership and adds “additional” line.
- July 15, 2006: Audubon Ohio participates in Glenville Heritage Festival. Tom Romito represents Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society at the festival.

- August 29, 2006: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society holds appreciation dinner, donated by Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, for 50 IBA volunteers.
- October 29, 2006: Board decides to participate in educational outreach project run by Dike 14 Environmental Education Collaborative to build nature learning kits ([Dike 14 Nature Preserve Discovery Packs](#)) for children to use in preparation for visits to Dike 14 Nature Preserve.
- November 12, 2006: Tom Romito and Diane Sigler give presentation at Audubon Ohio Assembly in Columbus on IBA survey.
- January 6, 2007: Board conducts strategic planning workshop, facilitated by Jerry Tinianow, Executive Director of Audubon Ohio. Result is four overarching goals with action plan. [Click here to see action plan on website.](#)
- February 18, 2007: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society annexes Brunswick and Hinckley townships to chapter area. Also launches fund-raising program that includes bird-a-thon (spearheaded by board member Penny O'Connor), sale of bird photographs take by chapter member Dave Lewis, shade-grown coffee sales, sale of Eastern Backyard Bird Flyers, and grant-seeking.
- March 6, 2007: President Tom Romito presents check for \$5,000 from the George Gund Foundation to Treasurer Nancy Howell at chapter membership meeting. Grant will defray expenses of IBA project.
- April 1, 2007: Second annual IBA training day conducted at RRNC.
- April 2007: Eight volunteers participate in training to locate IBA survey points using GPS. Training takes place on two days, both of which are winter "white-outs." IBA partner Dan Petit leaves Cleveland Metroparks; his position will remain vacant for six months.
- April 15, 2007: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society staffs a table at NASA Combined Federal Campaign.
- May, 2007: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society holds a [Month-long Bird-a-thon in the Rocky River IBA](#), spearheaded by the Chapter secretary Penny O'Connor.
- May 29, 2007: Stan Searles, Curator of Birds at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and ardent Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society supporter, conducts [31-mile](#)

[walk through Rocky River IBA](#). Tom Romito and Katie Geneviso (Stan's daughter), accompany him.

- June 22, 2007: Tom Romito and Diane Sigler present IBA story at workshop organized by Cleveland Metroparks Natural Resources department and attended by six researchers in Rocky River Reservation.
- June-September 2007: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts second IBA survey. Survey features vegetation component, spearheaded by Terri Martincic.
- July 9-August 10, 2007: Audubon Ohio conducts nature camp at Cleveland Greenhouse for 25 Glenville-area children. Tom Romito serves as adult guide for camp's field trip to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.
- August 11, 2007: Audubon Ohio again participates in Glenville Heritage Festival with kids from nature camp. Tom Romito represents Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society.
- August 29, 2007: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society gives second potluck appreciation dinner to 30 IBA volunteers.
- September 25, 2007: Board members represent Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society in Combined Federal Campaign Fair at NASA Glenn Research Center to promote payroll deduction contribution by federal employees to the Chapter. Organizational code for federal workers to use for payroll deduction contribution is 33722.
- September 29, 2007: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society participates in Rocky River Watershed Festival.
- February 1, 2008: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society publishes Progress Report on IBA.
- March 3, 2008: Tom Romito addresses North Olmsted Kiwanis Club about IBA.
- April 8, 2008: Tom Romito addresses Berea Kiwanis Club about IBA.
- April 9, 2008: Tom Romito and Stan Searles address North Royalton Rotary Club about IBA.
- April 9, 2008: Tom Romito addresses Broadview Heights Lions Club about IBA.

- April 15, 2008: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society staffs a table at NASA Combined Federal Campaign for second year in a row.
- May-July 2008: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts third year of IBA survey, including second Ultrawalk on May 24.
- July 12, 2008: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society participates in Fairview Park Home Days, staffing a table to provide education to public on birds for Fairview Park Garden Club.
- October 8, 2008: Tom Romito addresses Middleburg Heights Planning Commission regarding wind turbine project at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds; offers to have Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conduct survey of impact of turbine on birds once it is in operation.
- October 16, 2008: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts third annual appreciation dinner for IBA volunteers, again at Rocky River Nature Center.
- October 18, 2008: Tom Romito addresses Audubon Ohio Assembly on Rocky River IBA, speaking to about 20 scientists, naturalists, and volunteers on project.
- November 14, 2008: Tom Romito addresses Westlake Community Center Seniors Group on IBA.
- March 1, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts bird survey at River Road and Rt. 303 on behalf of Hinckley Township.
- March 15, 2009: Tom Romito staffs table at Buzzard Day event at Hinckley Elementary School on behalf of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society.
- March 23, 2009: Tom Romito addresses Rocky River Kiwanis Club about Rocky River IBA.
- March 31, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts testing for volunteers who will be observers in this year's IBA survey.
- April 1, 2009: Tom Romito addresses Parma Heights Kiwanis Club on Rocky River IBA.
- April 5, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts bird survey at River Road and Rt. 303 on behalf of Hinckley Township.
- April 15, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society staffs a table at NASA Combined Federal Campaign for third year in a row.

- May 4, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts bird survey at River Road and Rt. 303 on behalf of Hinckley Township.
- May 11, 2009: Tom Romito addresses Independence Kiwanis Club about Rocky River IBA.
- May 24, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts bird survey at River Road and Rt. 303 on behalf of Hinckley Township.
- Summer 2009: WCAS conducts bird surveys at Lake-to-Lake Trail to provide data on bird populations to Cleveland Metroparks.
- May through July, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts fourth annual IBA survey, including third annual Ultrawalk.
- July 5, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts bird survey at River Road and Rt. 303 on behalf of Hinckley Township.
- July 11, 2009: Cleveland Metroparks celebrates opening of Lake-to-Lake Trail with ceremonies. Executive Director Vern Hartenburg gives special recognition to Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society for conducting bird surveys there.
- August 20, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts fourth annual appreciation dinner for IBA volunteers, this time at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.
- August 30, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts bird survey at River Road and Rt. 303 on behalf of Hinckley Township.
- November 16, 2009: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society sponsors planning meeting of stakeholders for future of Rocky River IBA ([Vision 2020](#)).
- October 2, 2009: The 2009 Northeast Ohio Environmental Awards program recognized and honored the outstanding achievements of organizations, businesses, schools, and individuals in a wide range of environmental initiatives the region and pays tribute to those who have demonstrated a commitment to environmental excellence, leadership, and accomplishment in their respective fields. This award was sponsored by Dominion the Biodiversity Alliance of Greater Cleveland. Here's more about this award:

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society won this award in the Community category by making the transition from serving as a local chapter of the National Audubon Society to becoming one of the most active citizen-based environmental groups in northeastern Ohio and a model program for other Audubon chapters. They expanded their activities from public education programs to biological surveys and the adoption of an Important Bird Area in the Rocky River watershed, for which they have completed their fourth year of data collection.

In addition to these programs, they also provided volunteer services to Cleveland Metroparks Department of Planning, Design, and Natural Resources, and have assisted in describing avian communities in three Cleveland Metroparks reservations. Member also participated in “on-call” services to document bird species, an annual program to assess volunteers’ ability to recognize bird species through song and sight, and an annual Rocky River IBA Walk to raise awareness and funds.

- March 2, 2010: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society staffs table at global warming symposium at B-W.
- March 10, 2010: Stan Searles addresses Middleburg Heights Planning Council; advocates for construction of wind turbine at fairgrounds, based on evidence that there is minimal impact of wind turbines on birds.
- March 21, 2010: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society staffs table at Buzzard Day at Hinckley Elementary School.
- March 22, 2010: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society identifies locations for bird boxes at CMP Zoo to support project to educate public about nesting birds.
- March 30, 2010: Tom Romito addresses Lakewood Kiwanis Club about Rocky River IBA.
- April 13, 2010: Tom Romito and Stan Searles address Westlake Kiwanis Club about Rocky River IBA.
- April 15, 2010: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society staffs a table at NASA Combined Federal Campaign for fourth year in a row.

- April 19, 2010: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society conducts testing for volunteers who will be observers in this year's IBA survey.
- April 28, 2010: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society sponsors second meeting of IBA stakeholders to develop [Vision 2020](#).
- May 19, 2010: Stan and Tom address Young at Heart Seniors Group at Bethany English Church about Rocky River IBA.
- June 22, 2010: Tom addresses Olmsted Kiwanis Club about Rocky River IBA.
- May through July, 2010: WCAS conducts fifth annual Rocky River IBA Breeding Bird Survey, including third annual Ultrawalk.
- Summer 2010: WCAS conducts bird surveys at Lake-to-Lake Trail to provide data on bird populations to Cleveland Metroparks.
- Summer 2011: WCAS conducts bird surveys at Lake-to-Lake Trail to provide data on bird populations to Cleveland Metroparks.
- May 26, 2012: Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society receives Congressional Recognition for Ultra Bird/Ultrawalk [see here](#).
- June 23, 2012, Penny O'Connor made a presentation about Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society to an adult Sunday School group led by Chapter board member Barry Wolfe. About 20 people attended. Several are already members of the National Audubon Society, or active in other conservation organizations. Members of the group come from all over Northeast Ohio.
- September 9, 2012: WCAS launched a climate change project called the Carbon Offset Project. Money generated through this project will go toward habitat preservation & restoration in the Rocky River IBA or other area within the range of WCAS. People contribute to the Carbon Offset Project when they take a birding trip. Ohio Ornithological Society helped WCAS jump-start this project by donating \$250.
- September 13, 2012 the Chapter was represented at the NASA Combined Federal Campaign Festival, as well as at the Sustainability event that day. Diane Sigler, Penny O'Connor, Barry Wolfe, and Nancy Beheim attended.
- September 18, 2013 Nancy Beheim, Diane Sigler and Penny O'Connor set up a table at the NASA Sustainability Fair and talked with 75 people. The weather was very nice. We also had a chance to visit the many other exhibits,

got some good ideas. We had music by the NASA Jam Band, and lunch at food trucks. All of the "whistle birds" were adopted.

- March 9, 2014: WCAS partnered with Kirtland Bird Club and Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland in a joint meeting on the topic of extinct species. The meeting at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and 120 people attended.
- March 2014: WCAS participated in an organizational meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the Ohio Young Birders Club at Rocky River Nature Center.
- March 2014: WCAS's Carbon Offset Project has \$695.26 in its account.
- March 11, 2014: WCAS judges Debra Jesionowski and Penny O'Connor participate in the 61st Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair at CSU.
- March 2014: WCAS provided CMP with a letter of support and offered help with a \$2,000 donation to acquire an 80-acre property in the City of N. Royalton known as Timberlane Farm. The property is adjacent to a 70-acre conservation easement held by the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and 138 acres of 2010-2012 CMP acquisitions.
- Summer 2014: WCAS helps a new research project Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve. Kirtland Bird Club conceived of on-going bird surveys there with volunteers from KBC, WCAS, and ASGC. WCAS obtains funding from National Audubon Society to defray costs for the effort.
- October 19, 2014: WCAS participates in a second joint meeting with KBC and ASGC, this on wind power at the Independence Civic Center.
- March 10, 2015: WCAS special awards judges Michelle Manzo and Penny O'Connor participate in the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair at CSU.
- April 1, 2015: WCAS supports a third annual joint meeting KBC and ASGC, this one featuring Bill Thompson, editor of Bird Watcher's Digest at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.
- September 2014 - May 2015: WCAS supports the Zoo Nature Club, a collaborative project between Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Cleveland Metropolitan School District. The Zoo got a grant from the Association of Zoo Aquariums and the Walt Disney Corporation. The goal was to connect

students and families from an underserved nearby school with nature. Cleveland Metropolitan School District identified Walton School on Cleveland's near west side.

- December 2015: WCAS undertakes an upgrade of its website by engaging web consultant Betsey Merkel. A grant from National Audubon Society helps defray Betsey's fees.
- December 16, 2015: WCAS participates in Think and Drink with the Extinct event at Cleveland Museum of Natural History. We staffed a table and engaged many people about our mission and activities. We had a location center stage adjacent to Kirtland Bird Club.