

**Mark the Date:  
MAY 10, 2007**

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**Audubon** OHIO



*We're  
Breaking  
Tradition...*

Audubon Ohio is doing a  
**carbon conscious  
Birdathon** for the first  
time & we need  
your help!



Yellow Warbler - Photo By Casey Tucker

**Birdathon Team** members  
will walk, bike, or take public  
transportation in an effort to  
eliminate personal carbon  
emissions and count birds  
from local backyards,  
communities, and parks.

**Join Us For  
Birdathon 2007 !!!**

The mission of Audubon Ohio is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems,  
focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Ohio by promoting  
conservation and biodiversity through education and advocacy.

**Core Team Members are:**

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| <b>Jerry Tinianow,</b><br><i>Columbus</i>        | <b>Christie Vargo,</b><br><i>Galena</i>     |
| <b>John Ritzenthaler,</b><br><i>New Carlisle</i> | <b>Casey Tucker,</b><br><i>Columbus</i>     |
| <b>Heather Starck,</b><br><i>Dublin</i>          | <b>Doreen Whitley,</b><br><i>Columbus</i>   |
| <b>Marnie Urso,</b><br><i>Bay Village</i>        | <b>Ellen Armstrong,</b><br><i>Home Base</i> |
| <b>Cathy Raymond,</b><br><i>Gahanna</i>          | <b>YOU???</b>                               |

***Interested in Joining the  
Audubon Ohio  
Birdathon Team?***

***Contact Ellen Armstrong:  
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**On May 10th you can  
Track our progress at:  
[www.audubonohio.org](http://www.audubonohio.org)**

**Birdathon Benefits Audubon  
Programs in Ohio:**

- Advocacy**
- Conservation**
- Education**
- Local Chapter Support**

**YES!** I am pleased to  
sponsor Team Member:

for Audubon Ohio's  
**BIRDATHON 2007**

I Pledge or Donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
as a fixed amount in support  
of **Birdathon 2007**

I Pledge or Donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
per bird species sighted for  
**Birdathon 2007**

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Check here if you do not wish to be  
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**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

**“Birds in a Changing Climate”** is the theme for this year’s International Migratory Bird Day. This theme will bring attention to the impacts of global warming on migratory bird populations throughout the world.

Global warming is the greatest threat to birds and other wildlife in human history. The rate of global warming is already impacting birds, their prey and habitat.

Examples of changes in bird populations attributable to climate change include:

- Tree Swallows lay eggs nine days earlier than 30 years ago which can lead to a disruption in the timing between when young birds hatch and when resources are available for them.
- Cape May and Bay-breasted Warblers have extended their ranges further north in the last 20 years by an average of 60 miles. Range extensions can bring birds into contact with other plants and animals that they’ve previously not been in contact with. This can lead to new sources of predation, competition, and parasitism that they have not had a chance to adapt to.
- Black-throated Blue Warblers experience population declines as the result of warmer, drier years by affecting individual survival in portions of the wintering grounds, and availability of lepidopteran larvae, for adults and young, on the breeding grounds.

These projected impacts will become more severe over the coming decades; potentially leading to the loss of one-quarter to one-third of all species on earth, including many bird species.

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**“The range of Cape May Warblers has extended an average of 60 miles northward over the last 20 years”**

Audubon Ohio is conducting a **carbon conscious Birdathon** this year as an example of how everyone can make a difference for birds by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

### **Ways of Birding Carbon Consciously**

Here are some tips and techniques that you can use to make your birding more **carbon conscious**.

- **Bring Birds to the Backyard**—Attracting birds to your backyard habitat can be an easy way of providing you with hours of entertainment from the comfort of your own home.
- **Bike it for the Birds**—bicycling and walking can be a great way of visiting local community habitats and getting some exercise to boot.
- **Bird with a Friend...or Four**—car-pooling can be a quick way of reducing individual carbon emissions from personal vehicles. Plus, more people means more eyes-&-ears to look for more birds. While more people in a car means more weight, which can reduce a car’s fuel efficiency, emissions from one car are better than emissions from four individual cars.
- **Public Transportation**—taking a bus can help reduce carbon emissions from personal vehicles and help take you further afield to visit your favorite local metroparks or natural areas. You might even see some exciting birds along the way. Greenhouse gas emissions produced will be even less if your public transportation system relies on buses that run on biodiesel.
- **Bird with a Legislator**—Invite your local, state and federal elected officials to come along and share your passion for birds. Educating our leaders will help pave the way to enacting strong public policies that will be necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.