



# OBCI

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You are receiving this because you are a member of an OBCI signatory group, or signed up to receive our newsletter. Below you will find news about OBCI projects and bird conservation efforts in Ohio.

Our Mission: "Ensuring the conservation and effective management of birds in Ohio by fostering partnerships among governmental agencies, conservation organizations, businesses, and the public"

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# Volunteer4OhioBirds

## OBCI Launches Online Database to Connect Member Organizations with Volunteers

With budget restrictions affecting so many of OBCI's partners, the need for volunteers to help accomplish conservation goals is stronger than ever. As a service to its partners, OBCI has developed a new online database where partners can list volunteer opportunities with their organizations. Potential volunteers from across the state can utilize the database to find volunteer opportunities in their area or that match their interests. Please help make this database a success by submitting a volunteer opportunity today!

Register Volunteer Opportunities for your Organization at:  
[www.obcinet.org/volunteersubmit.php](http://www.obcinet.org/volunteersubmit.php)

View Available Volunteer Opportunities:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/volunteer4ohiobirds/>

## Habitat Restoration at Maumee State Forest

OBCI and Maumee State Forest have received a \$5,000 grant from the National Wild Turkey Federation for habitat restoration work in the globally unique Oak Openings region. The objectives of this project are to restore oak forest habitat by reducing red maple encroachment, to apply Timber Stand Improvement measures to favor oak dominance in an area cleared by a tornado, and to remove invasive common buckthorn. OBCI will also assist with the design of signage for project sites to increase public awareness of the need for forest management to improve habitat for birds and other wildlife.



Photo credit: P. Rodewald

## Upcoming Conferences

### Midwest Native Plant Conference

July 27-29, 2012

Bergamo Center in Dayton, Ohio

More details and registration info:

<http://www.midwestnativeplants.org>

### Midwest Bird Conservation and Monitoring Workshop

July 31 - August 2, 2012

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

More Information:

<http://midwestbirdmonitoring.ning.com/events/2012-midwest-bird-conservation-and-monitoring-workshop>

## Grant Opportunity

### Ohio Environmental Education Fund

The OEEF funds education projects that target three audiences: (1) pre-school through university students and teachers; (2) the general public; and (3) the regulated community. General grants are available for \$5,000 to \$50,000, and mini grants for projects costing between \$500 and \$5,000. Applications due July 16, 2012.

More Information:

[www.epa.ohio.gov/oef/oeefoverview.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/oef/oeefoverview.aspx)

## Lights Out Columbus Update: Monitoring Program Ends for Spring 2012



An indigo bunting found dead on a Columbus sidewalk after colliding with a window (Photo credit: L. Walsh).

From March 15th to June 1st, volunteers from the Lights Out Columbus Monitoring Program collected data on bird collisions and nighttime lighting from buildings in the downtown area 3-4 times per week. In all, volunteers collected over 60 dead birds of more than 20 species. Monitoring data will be compiled into a report to help us better understand where and when building collisions are happening in Columbus.

OBCI and the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, are working to reduce the risk of building collisions for nocturally migrating birds by leading the Lights Out Columbus campaign. This campaign encourages building owners and residents to help birds by reducing nighttime lighting. An information session for those interested in participating in Lights Out Columbus will be held on July 17th, 2012 at 2pm at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center. For details on this event please contact [lightsoutcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:lightsoutcolumbus@gmail.com), or to learn more about Lights Out Columbus, visit [www.obcinet.org/lightsout.php](http://www.obcinet.org/lightsout.php)

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!** A big "thank you" goes out to all our volunteers that helped make the monitoring program a success, especially our survey leaders Sarah Reynolds and Aubrey Alamshah, and the Capital Cross-roads Special Improvement District.



Photo credit: T.K. Tolford

## Recent Bird-related Publications

**Communication towers, lights, and birds: successful methods of reducing the frequency of avian collisions**

Full article:

<http://www.esajournals.org/doi/abs/10.1890/07-1708.1?journalCode=ecap>

**Scavenging Affects Persistence of Avian Carcasses Resulting from Window Collisions in an Urban Landscape**

Abstract:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1557-9263.2012.00370.x/abstract;jsessionid=C58B528188691B461D1EAE2D0A61C49.d03t03?deniedAccessCustomisedMessage=&userIsAuthenticated=false>

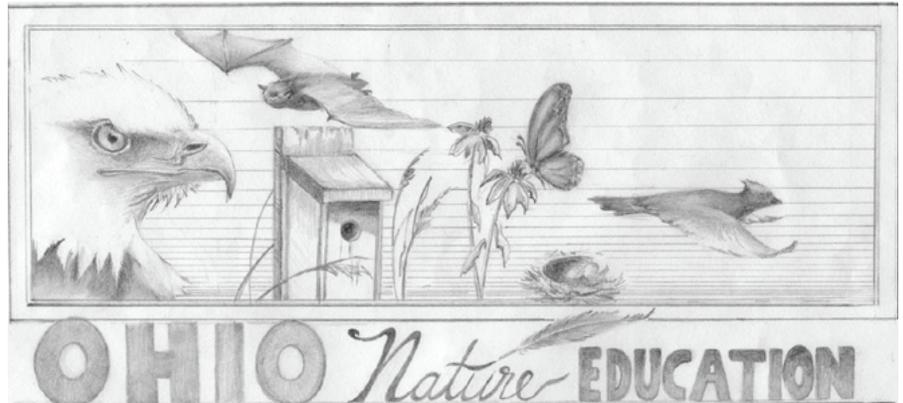
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## Focus on our Partners: Ohio Nature Education



Ohio Nature Education (ONE) is a nonprofit organization founded in May 1997 by Manon Van Schoyck. Manon has worked for more than two decades in the environmental education or wildlife rehabilitation field and currently sits on the board of the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association. ONE was incorporated in March 1998 and received its 501(c)(3) status in December 1999. ONE holds Special Purpose Education and Salvage permits from the Ohio Division of Wildlife and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

ONE has two missions: (1) to provide a permanent home for more than 50 non-releasable wild animals that are too sick or injured to go back into the wild; and (2) to incorporate these animals into environmental education programs. ONE's goal is to instill in its audiences an appreciation of our natural world.

Since its founding in May 1997, ONE has conducted more than 3100 programs for more than 140,000 children and adults in 18 Central Ohio counties. ONE now averages more than 300 programs annually on 40 program topics, all of which meet the Academic Content Standards in Science and some of which meet those standards in Social Studies. Visit ONE's website at [www.ohionature.org](http://www.ohionature.org) for a complete list and description of program topics.



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