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The Duck Stops Here... and the warbler and the sparrow, and the thrush and the shorebird.....

.....by Jon Seymour

BIRDATHON 2008 IS COMING!!! So mark your calendars for May 9-10, polish the lens on your binoculars, find the bird field guide, and warm up your check books. Last year we raised more money than the year before and this year we are out to prove that was not a fluke. We are targeting to raise even more money. All money raised by the Birdathon supports habitat improvement and access improvement. Oxbow, Inc. started the Cincinnati Area Birdathon to foster interest in birds, competition among birders, and to raise money for Oxbow, Inc. This is our biggest fundraiser and keeping it growing still remains our goal.

Under the leadership of Board member Jay Stenger, we hope to inspire birders from all over the Tristate area to get out and compete, and above all HAVE FUN. We have many different ways to be part of the Birdathon from the 24 hour all out birding quest to leisurely backyard birding from your favorite deck chair, with your favorite beverage in hand, and many other ways in between. New this year Jon Seymour will lead a group of beginners who are either new to birding or simply new to the Birdathon. The level of activity will be tailored to that desired by the participants. So if you always wanted to try out the Birdathon and see what it is like, this is your chance. Contact Jon at 513-851-9835.

Each participant is asked to raise money for Oxbow, Inc. by obtaining donations from family and friends to support their efforts. Remember, all money collected by Oxbow, Inc. will be reserved for projects involving bird habitat improvement and increased viewing access. As in the past we will ask other organizations to sponsor teams and solicit donations.

We have adopted the practice of splitting donations raised by sister organizations 50/50 between the sister organization and Oxbow, Inc.

We only succeed if **ALL** Oxbow members get behind the Birdathon and pledge money on a per species basis or make a fixed donation to support our teams. Many members have found it easier just to send a check in a fixed amount to support a favorite team or simply the winning team. Participate in whatever way is easiest for you but participate if you can. A pledge form to fill out and send in is on page 5. Pledge your support of the 2008 Birdathon. You can pledge a lot or you can pledge a little. All money pledged to Oxbow teams goes to Oxbow, Inc.

Register Your Birdathon Team for 2008

Consider participating in the 2008 Oxbow Birdathon. To participate you do not have to be a birding expert, you do not have to spend all 24 hours in the field, and you do not have to go any farther than your kitchen window. You do need to count bird species. We would appreciate if all participants would take personal pledges in support of their efforts. All participants are invited to come on down to the pizza party at the end of the count period and tell us what you saw. You will find a registration form on page 3. If you do not want to count species yourself we hope you choose to support one of Oxbow's teams with your pledges. Fill in the pledge form on Page 5 and return it to the listed address. Help us improve the oxbow floodplain. **Those interested in participating or volunteering to be part of this birding celebration call Jay Stenger at 513-522-8147 or Jon Seymour at 513-851-9835 or contact us by email to Jay at jaystenger@cinci.rr.com or to Jon at jlsjks@hotmail.com.**

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FOR A CONTEST**

Hunting Permit Applications Due July 1, 2008

Oxbow, Inc. members who wish to apply for permits to hunt on Oxbow, Inc. land must submit their application by July 1, 2008 to:

Oxbow, Inc.
C/o John Getzendanner
21007 Crestview Ct.
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

Your application must include a copy of your valid Indiana hunting license and a completed memorandum of understanding on page 11. Cut out the memorandum. Complete the form and mail it with a copy of your license and a self addressed stamped envelop to John. Once accepted you will receive a permission slip to hunt on Oxbow land designated for hunting, east of I-275. Members must have dues paid current to the time of application. Any violation of the memorandum of understanding will result in immediate revocation of hunting privileges.

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MAIL TO:

Oxbow Inc.

P.O. Box 43391

Cincinnati, OH 45243

Please mail right away - *Wetland Matters* is third class mail and is not forwarded!

Oxbow, Inc. has established Memorials in honor of those who have passed on. Each Memorial established in the name of a friend or relative 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.

Tributes are also enrolled permanently in the records of the Corporation. Some tributes are birthday or anniversary remembrances, holiday greetings or gratitude acknowledgements. If so desired, "Happy Birthday!" or the like can be inscribed in the tribute notice.

Contributions should be sent to: Oxbow, Inc., P. O. Box 43391, Cincinnati, OH 45243-0391. Be sure to enclose the names and addresses of those who are to receive the acknowledgement.

Birdathon Participation Form

Oxbow, Inc. wants to have more birdwatchers participate in the Birdathon. While there is a competition for the most species seen in the Birdathon area during the 24 hours of the contest, you do not have to compete at all and can participate as a non-competing individual or team. There are many ways to participate. You do not even have to leave your own house. Here are some of the categories of competition:

- Most Species by a Team. (most overall species by a group)
- Most Species by an Individual (most overall species by an individual)
- Most Species in a Back Yard (most species observed from one yard)
- Most Species One State (most species by state, either Ohio, Indiana or Kentucky)
- Most Species One County (most species in any one county, ex: Hamilton)
- Most Species In One Location (recorded in one defined area, ex: The Oxbow)
- Most Species Non-Fossil Fuel (recorded without using any gasoline)
- Most Species Big Sit (recorded from one fixed 30 x 30 foot spot)
- Most Species Family (most species by a family, parent/guardian and at least one child)
- Most Species Under Age 20 (most species seen by a group 19 & under, 1 adult allowed)
- Most Funds Raised by a Team
- Most Funds Raised by an Individual
- Most Funds raised by Persons Under 20 Years Old
- Or Make up your own category. If it has anything to do with counting bird species in a 24 hour time window we will probably accept it.

Remember the purpose of the Birdathon is to raise money for improving Oxbow habitat and Oxbow accessibility projects. **The way to do it is to have fun birding!**

I want to enter a team (or as an individual) in the Oxbow Birdathon. Please send an entry form to Jay Stenger:

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Mail to: Jay Stenger
Oxbow, Inc
9761 Winton Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45231

Update on Gregory the Mockingbird

.....by Linda Stroud

Gregory left the area last fall as usual and I think I've seen him several times since mid-late December, BUT one of his offspring from his first brood last year seemed to have taken over the territory which included my yard. Believe it or not, this bird was somewhat differently colored than Gregory - brighter (and more) white on his wings and more white on his outer tail feathers so I could distinguish him from Gregory. Another from the same brood was equally white, but also had a band of white across the tip of his tail. The first mentioned offspring, named "Junior" never left the area - I could see him with his sibling chasing hawks and just "hanging out" through last fall. It seemed that they helped the parents with broods 2 and 3 last summer.

Junior was accustomed to the feeder set-up in my yard and would demand food just as Gregory had, and I could count on him to be watching the yard at first light expecting his raisins to appear, and like his father, appeared when called. Since I retired in January, the birds have been eating well, and frequently, as I am home to see to their needs. If I failed, Junior would sit at the feeder closest to the deck and squawk until he got his way. He was almost as tame as Gregory, and stayed very close while I filled the feeders, and even allowed my dogs to wander in the yard without complaint. I was looking forward to hearing whether or not Junior could sing this spring as all I had heard so far was very unmusical. Junior was also becoming more and more territorial, chasing other birds from the feeder area, mostly having issues with cardinals.

On a Friday afternoon in mid-February I noticed a Sharp-shinned Hawk on the ground in the backyard. He had obviously made a kill and was feeding. Since I have a lot of sparrows, I assumed one had been snatched by the hawk, but when I walked out later to look at the feathers, I could tell Junior had fallen victim. Since I had seen him harassing hawks several times, I can't say I was surprised, but I was looking forward to watching him through his first breeding season this year.

My neighbors across the street told me they saw a Mockingbird flying over their backyard Saturday morning and I know there are others close by. Gregory's territory certainly included their yard, so whether it's him or not, time will tell.

Horseshoe Bottoms Diary

.....by Jon Seymour

December 20, 2007

I pull into the Argosy garage and wheel around the parking lot until I am almost out the door again and park my Saturn. This is not the area you would choose to park in if you were headed for the gaming tables, but I am headed for the top of the levee near the back end of the casino parking garage. Our attorney, Tim Mara, board member Rick Pope and I are meeting with Doug Shelton and Mike Hasty of the Army Corp of Engineers. The agreed upon meeting site is the top of the levee near the new construction. It is a cold day with a bit of a wind but the temperature is above freezing so it is perfect for a walk in the Oxbow. Even more perfectly the Ohio River is a 38 feet Cincinnati.

In a few minutes we are all gathered at the top of the levee looking out over the new casino construction. But that is not why we are here. Doug and Mike have been kind enough to come all the way from their Louisville office to give us an opinion on whether we need Corp of Engineer permits for the water impoundment project we call our seasonal flooding project. We all descend the temporary wooden steps built on the levee back to my car where I pull out my folding board describing the project in maps and photos. After a few minutes discussion and a question and answer session things are looking pretty good. To be certain we all hike back up on the levee and walk the top until we are past the turn at Highway 50 and are walking along the levee with the cars whizzing past on our west side. To the east the sight is entirely different.

Our seasonal flooding project is intended to impound water at the 36-38 foot Cincinnati level. The current river level is perfect to illustrate what the impoundment would look like after completion. Also this year the impoundment site is the site of a major wildlife crop with several acres of corn right in the middle of the flood. In the impoundment area we see nearly 1000 Canada Geese and an estimated 1500 Mallards. Other assorted ducks are present in smaller numbers but they are lost in the sea of geese and Mallards. These ducks are wild and the sight of our group standing there spooks many of them at 400 yards. The air becomes a swirling mass of ducks. The Canada Geese are also

wary but not as quick to take to the air. They start to increase the distance between us by swimming away. More flocks of ducks come up from the flooded, standing corn. Just when you are certain there are no more ducks left in the corn, another flock rises to take wing! It is a wonder-filled sight. Tim, Rick and I are just bursting with pride over what we have helped create in this part of the Oxbow and we are anxious to see this take form on a yearly basis once the project is complete. Doug and Mike seem duly impressed by what our little volunteer band of members have accomplished.

Oh! I almost forgot. The answer to the original question is NO, we do not need Army Corp permits to go ahead. Now we will make contact with the proper state officials in Indiana to see if they need to be involved.



Laughline

Two robins were sitting in a tree.

"I'm really hungry", said the first robin.

"Me too", said the second. "Let's fly down and find some lunch".

The robins flew to the ground and found a nice plot of plowed ground full of worms. They ate and ate and ate 'til they could eat no more.

"I'm so full I don't think I can fly up to the tree", said the first robin.

"Me either", said the second.

"Let's just lay here and bask in the warm sun", said the second robin.

"O.K.", said the first.

The robins lay down and fell asleep, enjoying the warm sun.

No sooner had they fallen asleep than a fat, black cat approached and gobbled them both up.

As the cat sat washing his face after his meal, he thought to himself, "I love baskin' robins"!

Officers Elected for 2008

Officers of Oxbow, Inc. were elected in our annual January members meeting. They are:

- Jon Seymour – President
- John Getzendanner – Vice-president & Indiana Agent
- Dwight Poffenberger – Secretary and Ohio Agent
- Jim Poehlmann – Treasurer

Board members elected for 3 year terms expiring in 2011 are John Getzendanner, Mike Kluesener, Steve Pelikan, Dwight Poffenberger, and Jay Stenger.



Stars or Birds — What's the Difference

Terry Endress of the Cincinnati Astronomical Society came out on a cold, snowy, cloudy night and led a fascinating discussion of the winter night sky. Terry has taught astronomy at Cincinnati State for 12 years and presented the sky map in an easy to understand manner. Several of the major constellations were pointed out and the prominent features noted. The importance of constellation recognition was to locate objects of interest in and near the constellations. Many of these objects can be seen with a personal astronomical telescope (often in the range of 200X). These type of objects include fuzzy stars (that are really galaxies), gas clouds, double stars, and planets with their moons. For the birders, who have bird scopes (20-60X), you can use the birding scope to see many of these same objects. When it gets too dark to see birds and you are spending your time listening for owls and whippoorwills, haul out the scope and watch the show in the universe. If you would like some guidance from professionals to get started, contact the Cincinnati Observatory or the Cincinnati Astronomical Society.

Birdathon Pledge Form for Birdathon 2008 (May 9-10, 2008)

Name _____

Address _____

My Pledge for Birdathon 2008 is:

Fixed Amount: \$ _____

() Check Enclosed

() Bill me after the Birdathon

If you elect a fixed pledge please specify below which team the pledge is for.

Per Species Pledge: (Circle One, you will be billed after the Birdathon):

\$ 5.00 \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00 \$1.00 \$0.75 \$0.50
\$0.25 Other \$ _____

My Pledge is to Support the following Oxbow, Inc. Team

___ Highest Scoring Team

___ Team #1 – Paul Wharton, Jay Stenger, Jack Stenger & Joe Bens

___ Team #2 – Erich Baumgardner & Wayne Wauligman

___ Team #3 – Sister Marty Dermody & Katherine Miller

___ Team #4 – Dave and Jane Styer (West Coast Big Day)

___ Team #5 – Jon Seymour and the First Timers

Make checks payable to Oxbow, Inc. All donations to the Birdathon are tax deductible.

Mail To: Jon Seymour
854 Ligorio Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45218



When summer returns a traveler in the Oxbow can learn that birds are not the only thing they can find up in trees. This raccoon was trying to nap away the day until the photographer spotted him and turned him into Mr. Wary Coon. *(photo by Ben Miller)*



Frost crystals and snow flurries combine to frame a heron track on the ice in the Oxbow. Subjects for photography or just for personal fascination are available year round down in the Oxbow. You have to be observant and patient, but it is better than any video game. It is like the ultimate detective or forensic game of detection. Find the clues and figure out what happen when there were no humans around to witness the action. *(photo by Tom Uhlman)*



A crag blocks the sun giving the Oxbow Lake a special glow and revealing the tracks of squirrels that have foraged near the tree for food. *(photo by Tom Uhlman)*



Birdathon participants are sure to see this Eastern Kingbird in the Oxbow during the annual 24 hour marathon hunt for bird species. If they have not already found this species in another area they will be able to add it to their list. Note this bird has just launched himself from its perch and already it has turned its head to focus on the insect prey flying through the air. The aerial acrobatics of a flycatcher like the Kingbird are magnificent to sit and watch. *(photo by Ben Miller)*



Ice encrusts a branch and leaf buds on the shore of Juno Pond. (photo by Jon Seymour)



Birdathon participants will be searching the Oxbow for such hard to find birds as this Sanderling resting in Osprey Lake. (photo by Lana Hays)

Can you figure out what this is a picture of?



Nature photograph and Oxbow member Tom Uhlman spends a lot of time in the Oxbow when no one else is there. Tom kayaks in the Oxbow during floods and wanders through the frozen Oxbow in the winter. On one of his latest treks in the Oxbow Tom photographed this natural phenomenon. If you know what it is write out your explanation and send it to **Oxbow, Inc., Photo Contest 1, P.O. Box 43391, Cincinnati, OH 45243**. All correct answers will be placed in a drawing and the winner will receive a prize. The answer will appear in the next issue of *Wetland Matters*.



by Dave Styer

The Great Egret Again, Look Out!

In the July-August 2006 issue of *Wetland Matters* I wrote about the various scientific names that the Great Egret – *Ardea alba* - has, even though we are taught in school that each species has but one scientific name. I also mentioned that the names were quite irrelevant to the Great Egrets “peacefully eating” their food around the Oxbow in late summer. In the January-February 2008 issue of *Wetland Matters*, Jon Seymour wrote about 2007 – “the year that Oxbow Lake dried up.” Jon also mentioned how much the egrets, herons, and vultures enjoyed the feast of fish provided.

Great Egrets live all year in the Monterey area, and I see them daily, although not in concentrations the way I used to see them at the Oxbow. Great Egret feeding behavior that I have recently witnessed compels me to write again about these birds. Out here we see Great Egrets spread widely over lowland fields hunting for food. Obviously, these are not hunting for fish. It would be a fair bet that they are hunting small rodents and grasshoppers. A few weeks ago my wife, Jane, and I were driving into Moonglow Dairy when we saw a Great Egret trying to swallow a bird it had caught. The dead bird in the egret’s bill was a bit bedraggled, but it appeared to be either a White-crowned Sparrow or a Golden-crowned Sparrow. Mixed flocks of these sparrows are common there. Perhaps I should say they were common. I had read that the Great Egret eats birds, but I had never witnessed it, or thought very much about it. I guess that I more-or-less assumed that the egrets ate nestlings, not (essentially) adult birds. Seeing the egret trying to swallow the sparrow set me back a little.

The next event of note was so unexpected and happened so quickly that it was hard to believe. In January I was leading a bird walk at Upper Carr Lake, in Salinas, California. The area has been restored in the past five years. It had been a drained agricultural meadow. Now it is returning to the lake it was prior to development. I am happy to report that I have participated in a January bird count in the area for four years running and bird diversity has increased every year.

Returning to the January count, my group was at the south end of Upper Carr Lake. A Double-crested Cormorant was in the middle of a north branch of the lake. It was doing what cormorants do: fishing. A Great Egret was on the northwest shore of this branch of the lake. We supposed it was looking for a small fish to snap up. Isn’t that what they are usually doing at the edge of the lake? Although we saw it, we really paid no attention when the egret flew toward the east shore of the lake. Egrets often change location. Aren’t the fish always plumper on the other side of the lake?

But what was *really* going on? The Great Egret is a *kleptoparasite*! All of a sudden the egret landed on the cormorant, grabbed the fish out of its mouth, and flew on. This all happened in a split second. In retrospect, that egret was not just flying, la-de-da, across the lake. This was successful kleptoparasitism, the act of stealing food from another species.

There are famous kleptoparasites in the bird world. Frigatebirds and jaegers and skuas come to mind. These are birds that live primarily by kleptoparasitism. Bald Eagles can fish perfectly well, but they certainly aren’t averse to taking an Osprey’s fish. Gulls are all-around opportunists. For them, kleptoparasitism doesn’t seem much different from stealing from their own family.

It is easy to imagine that millions of years ago an opportunistic species of gull-like bird was more successful at kleptoparasitism than other ways of obtaining food. Over generations they might have become better and better at it, until they became skuas and jaegers. Returning to the Great Egret we saw at Upper Carr Lake, the fish it stole from the cormorant must have been ten times as big (in volume) as the little fish I usually see egrets grab. Also, the theft appeared nearly effortless. As far as I could tell, the cormorant was just as surprised as I was; I saw no reaction at all. If the Great Egret can, by kleptoparasitism, get bigger meals with less effort, I would expect it to continue being a kleptoparasite. Perhaps, in a couple million years the descendants of this bird will have evolved into a new species, the Magnificent Frigateheron, *Fregata-ardea magnificens*. Look out!

Conservation Corner

.....by Jon Seymour

"An ethic to supplement and guide the economic regulation to land presupposes the existence of some mental image of land as a biotic mechanism. We can be ethical only in relation to something we can see, feel, understand, love, or otherwise have faith in." Aldo Leopold, The Upshot - The Land Ethic, 1949.

The Nature Conservancy sent out the story for all to hear and make note of. A recent study sponsored by The Nature Conservancy and conducted in Japan, Spain, and the United States showed that in all three countries, with their varied cultures, people are reducing their contact with nature. Visits to national and state parks are declining. The number of campers, hunters and fishers are dwindling. Only hiking had a slight increase but was dwarfed by declines in the other areas. Bird watching was not selectively examined in the report. The plain fact is that people are not turning to nature to obtain recreation and relaxation.

There are some alarming statistics in the report such as a decline of nearly 25% in national park visits over a ten year period or people only reporting going for a hike once every 10 years.

The authors of the study, Oliver Pergams, Univ. of Illinois, and Patricia Zaradic, Environmental Leadership Program, claim that the main culprit seems to be our intense daily contact with video sources of all sorts. The alarming part is that these visits and activities are controlled by the current generation of parents. The predictions are that their children will be even more disenfranchised from nature. The authors say that other research shows that the time children spend in nature determines their environmental awareness as adults. If people stop caring about nature, that would be the greatest threat of all to the environment.

So our task is clear. We need to get parents and kids back out enjoying nature. We need to inspire the wonder of nature in our children. If they are in awe of nature they will respect it and come to love it for what it is. The Oxbow is a great place for such an awesome adventure. So don't be shy, come on out and experience nature. More importantly experience nature on its own terms where what's around the next corner is not posted on a map or a sign. Where one can rediscover or capture for the first time the wonder of connecting with the land!

Bird Habitat in the Tristate Area

Jay Stenger packed our annual members meeting with an enthusiastic following of fellow birders and the just plain curious. Jay had carefully prepared an assessment of habitat types and the families of birds most dependent on those types and rated the status of current habitat to habitat present in the past. It was clear from Jay's presentation that the spectrum of birds attracted by the current available habitat is different from the birds that were here 200 years ago and different from those present 70 years ago. The general habitat is changing in the Tristate area. 200 years ago this area was covered in deciduous forest and the bird species reflected that fact. There were no lakes and the bird populations reflected that fact. Just 70 years ago the area had many agricultural areas and the forest had disappeared to be replaced by cities, villages, farms and woodlots. The birds present at that time reflected the change in the habitat. Starting in the early 1900s some observers in the Tristate started to keep careful records of sightings and by 1950 there was good documentation of the species present in the area.

In the present day we have dammed many local streams to form several small and large lakes in the Tristate. The farms are disappearing and some areas of forest have re-grown. However large tracts of open space have been buried under expanding suburbia. Pollution peaking in the 1970s and 80s killed and changed forever many of the area streams. Still there are many bright spots and some areas seem to be actually improving. The growth of the park systems, land conservancies (such as Oxbow, Inc.), private individual protection, and recovery projects in many types of environment have led to preservation and improvement of many areas of quality habitat. Many birds that were not present or rare 70 years ago are relatively common now. Some birds that used to be common are rare or disappeared. These changes can be traced directly to the habitat cycles. But while we are seeing different species we have also seen great fluctuations in the total numbers of individual species. These fluctuations often have little to do with habitat in the Tristate area but are predominantly influenced by habitat changes in northern breeding grounds or southern wintering grounds. These areas we typically have little influence over.

What we do have influence over, the types, quantity and quality of Tristate habitat we need to be proactive in the support of preservation and improvement. We need to do our part to keep habitat options open to breeding, migrating, feeding, and resting species that live in the Tristate.

OXBOW INC. FIELD TRIPS

To reach the upper Oxbow Inc. parking lot near the cement plant, turn south from Rt. 50 at the Shell gas station in Greendale, drive back to the cement plant, turn right to the end of the road, then left. The lot is on your right.

Saturday, March 29, 2008, 9:00 a.m.
The Fowl Return
Miami Whitewater Forest

Join Wayne Wauligman, local naturalist, for a hike and wildlife discovery program at Miami Whitewater Forest, upstream from the Oxbow. Attention will be given to wildlife such as ducks, geese, and hawks, all migrating through the area from their winter homes. Meet Wayne at the Miami Whitewater Forest Visitor Center. We will carpool to the Shaker Trace Wetlands. The program will last three hours. For more information, call Wayne at 922-4430 or email to wrwpgw@aol.com.

Sunday, April 20, 2007, 8:00 a.m.
Spring Birding at Our Leisure
Meet at Oxbow Parking Lot Next Cement Plant

Join Jay Stenger for a leisurely spring birding walk in the Oxbow. Many migrants and returning breeding birds should be on the move. At this season a diverse number of species should be found in and around the Oxbow including waterfowl, herons and egrets, some shorebirds, raptors and early migrant songbirds. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Oxbow entrance parking area just past the cement plant. Join us for what should be a pleasant spring morning. Any questions, contact Jay Stenger at 513-522-8147 or jaystenger@cinci.rr.com



Oxbow Clean Ups for 2008

**Please join us on one or both clean ups
of the Oxbow (we especially need trucks!)**

April 26 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
June 21 - 9:00 a.m. to noon

OXBOW, INC. PROGRAMS

Tuesday, March 11th, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Earth Connection, College of Mount St. Joseph

Learn about Land Trusts in southeastern Indiana and the birth of a new land trust. John Miller, past president of Oxbow, Inc., will speak about the formation and growing pains of The Oak Heritage Conservancy of which he is President. John will describe some of their recent successes in preserving land in Dearborn and surrounding counties in Indiana. Refer to ohlandtrust.com.

To get to Earth Connection in Delhi, go south on Neeb Road past the Delhi Road traffic light, turn up the second drive on the left.



Tuesday, April 8th, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Lawrenceburg Public Library—Lawrenceburg, IN
Pelikan's Recorded Bird Sounds

You won't hear pelican calls at this program, but you will hear dozens of recorded bird calls made by Steve Pelikan, Oxbow Board member and dogged recorder of local bird calls. Steve has been studying the calls of the Northern Cardinal in our area, as well as many other birds' calls, and he will elaborate on his research and recordings while playing some of the calls for us and giving ideas as to what the various calls mean.

The Lawrenceburg Public Library is downtown at 123 High St. Going west on US 50, turn left onto Walnut St, then right onto High St. The Public Library will be on your right.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(A hunting permission slip with a confirmatory stamp and authorized signature will be returned to you upon acceptance of your application.)

Application and Memorandum of Understanding

I am a member in good standing of Oxbow, Inc. and request permission to hunt on Oxbow, Inc. property east of I-275 as will be shown on the map affixed to the permission slip that must be carried while hunting on Oxbow property.

I agree to hunt subject to the following Oxbow, Inc. rules:

- I will practice good hunting ethics at all times.
- Others may rightfully visit the area and my activity has no priority over that of others.
- During my use of Oxbow, Inc. property I will not litter, remove or damage Oxbow, Inc. property, or cause any habitat destruction.
- I will not leave any structures on the property (ie. hunting stands, duck blinds, etc.).
- I will carry a valid permission slip at all times while hunting on Oxbow, Inc. land.

I will obey all applicable laws

I understand that hunting privilege will be revoked if any of the above regulations are violated. I understand that I enter Oxbow, Inc. property entirely at my own risk and hold Oxbow, Inc. free of liability for any hazards, known or unknown to it. I HAVE INCLUDED A COPY OF MY VALID INDIANA HUNTING PERMIT and A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.

Your Signature: _____

Date _____

Return Mail Address: _____

Phone: Home _____

Work _____

Mail to: Oxbow, Inc.
 c/o John Getzendanner
 21007 Crestview Ct.
 Lawrenceburg, IN 47025
 Phone: 812-537-5728

(Hunting permission is granted for one year (July 1 to June 30 of the following year) only and must be re-applied for yearly.)

HUNTING PERMISSION REQUESTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 1, 2008

Oxbow, Inc.

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

Help us save this unique wetland ecosystem. 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.**

Prothonotary Warbler	\$ 15	Wood Duck	\$ 25
Great Blue Heron	\$ 50	Green-winged Teal	\$100
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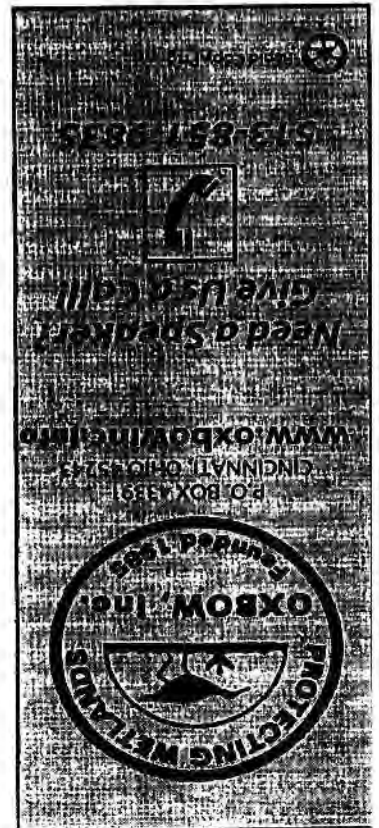
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