

wetland matters



OXBOW, INC. NEWSLETTER

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CINCINNATI, OHIO 45214

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TEXAS COAST/SOUTH TEXAS



Altamira Oriole
Icterus gularis

On January 27th, members of Oxbow, Inc. joined the Cincinnati Nature Center's Texas Birding Safari for nine days of exciting bird watching! The Safari, co-sponsored by the Welder Wildlife Foundation, Sinton, TX., met in Corpus Christi and toured the Gulf coast from Aransas Wildlife Refuge to the sleepy little town of San Ignacio in the Rio Grande Valley. Field leaders were member, Bill Creasey, naturalist in the CNC education department, and Gene W. Blacklock, coordinator of environmental education and curator of the museum and special collections at the Welder Foundation. The Welder refuge is known as one of the finest private bird sanctuaries in the world.

It was not difficult to add 29 life-list species, not counting an amazing display of a mixed flock of 55 red-crowned, yellow-headed, white-fronted and red-lore green parrots (and one green parakeet), raucously discussing the day's events as they perched in a suburban Brownsville, TX. tree prior to roosting. The overflight of a black muscovy duck, traveling upstream in the company of a double-crested cormorant, infringed upon a quiet contemplation of the Rio Grande River on its passage through the Santa Margarita Ranch. A buff-bellied male hummer ignored the rain as it visited a feeder at the National Audubon's Sabal Palm Sanctuary. Bentsen State Park, with its road-lined RV's is a paradise for birds. RV owners put out feeders and offer spiked halves of oranges, which look like clusters of exotic flowers, to tempt in the birds for a closer view. It was here that the brilliant Altamira oriole, green jay, rose-throated becard, and the stunning male blue bunting came to feed. A 55 mile stretch through the King Ranch on Texas 77S held red-shouldered hawks, 11 white-tailed, 46 red-tailed, 14 kestrels, three ferruginous hawks, three crested caracaras, and a peregrine falcon.

Members who discovered that Texas is "for the birds" were Herman (Doc) and Frances Eckstein, Norma L. Flannery, Julie Godsey, Darlena Graham, Mary King, Persis Long, Peter W. Thayer, and Tom and Marcia Winborne.

Bird watchers come from all parts of the country to the national wildlife refuges, national forests and state and national parks that provide sanctuary to birds and wildlife that otherwise might face extinction. Texas' location puts it in the "central flyway", where many birds stop on their way between Canada and Mexico. There are as many "birding stories" to be told as there are bird species. We invite the participants to send an account of a special, outstanding moment of their Texas Safari.

Mail to: Oxbow, Inc.

Editor

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WETLAND MATTERS begins a series of articles researched and written by Oxbow, Inc. member, Don Bogosian, relating the history of the Oxbow area from its earliest inhabitants. His material gives insight into this unique area, empirically rich in geological, archaeological, and anthropological history.

Part One deals with The First Inhabitants; The Oxbow Mound Builders; and The Late Woodland and Fort Ancient People.

A HISTORY OF THE OXBOW AREA.

Don Bogosian



PART ONE - THE FIRST INHABITANTS

Many years after the Illinoian and Wisconsin Age glaciers denuded most of southwest Ohio's hills and filled the valleys with sand and gravel (events which occurred around 20,000 years ago), the first humans appeared in North America, and they are known to us today as the Paleo Indians. In the Oxbow area, about 10,000 BC, Paleo Indian nomadic hunters left the only evidence of their presence in Ohio: large, finely-made flint spear points. Several points have been recovered on the hills above the Oxbow and several others have been found along nearby streams.

These points, nine in number, actually represent quite a large number of finds in such a small area and indicate that humans have long been drawn to the rich wildlife around the Oxbow. Paleo Indians followed and hunted herds of ice age mammoths and mastodon, as well as more modern animals such as deer and elk. The herds used well-worn trails, one of which crossed the Ohio River near the mouth of Tanner's Creek. The Paleo Indians also frequented places like Double Lick, just north of the Oxbow, where animals congregated to get salt and thus made easy targets.

As modern forests of Oak and Beech returned to the hills and valleys around the Oxbow, the Paleo Indians were apparently replaced by Archaic Indians around 5,000 years ago. The Archaic Indians were the first people in Ohio to make permanent settlements and quite a number of these sites, 36 in number, have been found, mostly along the Great Miami River, in the vicinity of the Oxbow. The Archaic Indians must also have been drawn to the area because of the richness of the wildlife, and they utilized, heavily, the shellfish from the local streams, and nuts and acorns from the forested hills.

The Archaic Indians left a wide variety of flint points, indicating the great amount of time this culture existed in Ohio - several thousand years. The Archaic Indians also made unique stone tools and ornaments, attesting to the more permanent nature of their settlements. Most of their sites were small in size, leading experts to theorize that the Archaic Indians were few in number and spent much of their time wandering the surrounding hills hunting game and gathering forest and stream products. The Oxbow area also features several major Archaic settlements, which probably served as bases for the small groups of hunter-gatherers.

One major site is along Brower Road, which is also unique because of a number of Archaic burials found there. The burials were simple holes with a body tossed in. Many Archaic sites are located along the base of Shawnee Lookout Park and along the terrace that runs from Elizabethtown to Lawrenceburg. One site, along Mt. Nebo Road, has some evidence of contact between Paleo Indians and Archaic Indians.


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Another site, near Elizabethtown, has evidence of Archaic transition to the late Woodland Indian Culture. So it is clear that the Oxbow area has many early pre-historic sites of great significance.

Next, The Oxbow Mound Builders



TAX CHECKOFF PROGRAM.

 Tax time is rapidly approaching and with it the opportunity to support wildlife and natural areas. On your State Income Tax form check off your refund, directing it to the Department of Natural Resources, DIVISION OF WILDLIFE or DIVISION OF NATURAL AREAS AND PRESERVES. If you do not have an overpayment, but wish to donate, you can still do so.

To donate to wildlife, make your check out to "Nongame and Endangered Wildlife, Special Account".

To donate to natural areas, make your check out to "Natural Areas and Preserves, Special Account".

OHIO: Mail your check to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Deputy Director Recreational Management
Fountain Square
Columbus, Ohio 43224

INDIANA: Mail your check to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Fish & Wildlife
Licensing Division
607 State Office Building
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The following is a report of the 1989 Ohio Fund Income and Expenditures.

(DIVISION OF WILDLIFE)

(DIVISION OF NATURAL AREAS AND PRESERVES)

Checkoff Expenditures as of June 1989

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Land Acquisition \$304,600 (18%)
(Program priority is on wetland acquisition [558 acres])

Facilities Development \$153,642 (9%)
(Program priority is on development of access for recreation, including handicapped access)

Special Projects \$1,215,752 (70%)
(These include bald eagle protection, river otter reintroduction, urban peregrine falcon releases, education programs in schools, and a statewide wetland inventory)

Dept. Taxation Fees \$54,156 (3%)
(required by checkoff legislation)

Land Acquisition \$1,360,531 (40%)
(1,213.2 acres at 20 areas in 17 counties)

Facilities Development \$731,485 (22%)
(45 major projects at 60 sites)

Special Projects \$379,171 (11%)
(examples: county natural area inventory, scenic river monitoring and tree plantings, Breeding Bird Atlas, landowner contact program)

Research & Preserve Monitoring \$326,310 (10%)
(including 87 research grants on endangered species and natural areas)

Information & Education \$217,006 (6%)
(examples: checkoff promotion [less than 3%], nature preserve directory, brochures, newsletter)

Administration \$356,076 (11%)
(salaries and program operating expenses)

Dept. Taxation Fees \$41,629 (1%)
(required by checkoff legislation)

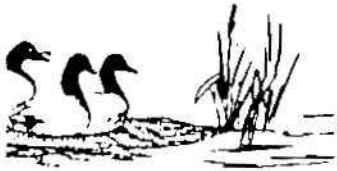
TOTAL: \$1,728,150

(CHECKOFF DONATIONS: \$3,155,645)



TOTAL: \$3,412,208

(CHECKOFF DONATIONS: \$3,643,522)



"MALLARDS IN FLIGHT" COME TO REST IN FLORENCE, KENTUCKY.

The winner of the raffle of William Zimmerman's print, "Mallards in Flight" was Mrs. Merle Parman of Florence, Kentucky. The drawing was held January 28th at the end of the Bob Hart Boat Show. Both Mr. and Mrs. Parman were thrilled by their win!

Mr. Zimmerman, a superb wildlife artist from Nashville, Indiana, has been a strong supporter of Oxbow, Inc. through the years. In 1986, when the corporation was formed, he donated 15 prints of his "Mallards.." Fourteen have been sold or raffled off, raising several thousand dollars for the land acquisition fund. One print is still available. Mr. Zimmerman signed and remarked the prints, making them a very desirable collector's item. Oxbow, Inc. is very grateful to Bill for his interest and support.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GOAL MET.

Just as the mystery thriller reveals the guilty person at the last possible moment, Oxbow, Inc. realized its goal of 1,000 members by the end of December, 1989 at the last possible moment.

A request for membership by Cincinnatians Duane and Janice Ring was received on December 30th! For being the lucky 1,000th member, the Rings will receive one year's free membership. Congratulations Duane and Janice and THANKS for making the membership drive a success!

Oxbow, Inc. Memorials



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. 2073 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH. 45214. Be sure to enclose the names and addresses of the donor and those to receive an acknowledgement.

The following Memorials have been established with Oxbow, Inc. :

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*           1990
*           In Memory Of:           Donor
* Mrs. Marjorie M. Magill           Mr. & Mrs. Walter R. Lindsey
* Johannes Pitz                     Mr. & Mrs. William Starr
* Herman Schlegel                   Bob & Christine Schlegel
* Gene Schwarber                    Norma L. Flannery
* A. Richard Taylor                 Charles & Evelyn Taylor, parents
* A. Richard Taylor                 C. Kathleen Holt & Susan Stevens, sisters
* A. Richard Taylor                 Mr. & Mrs. Walter R. Lindsey
* A. Richard Taylor                 Col. Kenneth R. Reiff, Retd.
* A. Richard Taylor                 Mr. & Mrs. William O. Cullen
* A. Richard Taylor                 Mr. J. Howard DuBois
* A. Richard Taylor                 Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Howard
* A. Richard Taylor                 Mrs. Raymah R. Grover
* Earl O. Wiseman                   Mrs. Earl O. Wiseman
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BIRDATHON-90 COMING SOON! ! !

Art Wiseman



The third annual birdathon, sponsored by Oxbow, Inc., is set for May 11th - 12th, 1990. This is great competition for all local birders and is an annual fundraising event for tri-state non-profit conservation groups.

The purpose of BIRDATHON-90 is to raise money for Oxbow, Inc.'s land acquisition fund and for other participating conservation organizations. This painless mixing of fun and money-raising can be accomplished with only a little effort from the birders and members of the conservation community.

Our first effort, BIRDATHON-88, raised \$8,500. This was doubled by BIRDATHON-89 to \$17,000, and, if BIRDATHON-90 doubles last year, Oxbow, Inc. would realize income of \$35,000 which would help to preserve quite a few Oxbow acres for wildlife.

A good example of possible results can be seen from last year. The Cincinnati Nature Center raised \$4,000 for Oxbow, Inc. and \$4,000 for CNC. Two members solicited pledges raising over \$500 each for the land fund. If you wish, you may divide your pledge 50-50% for Oxbow, Inc. and any other participating conservation group of your choice. If you wish to pledge now, fill out the attached PLEDGE CARD. Pledge a specific amount for each species seen or heard. Pay following the contest, or you may wish to send a check with your pledge card. The card is necessary to our financial records.

It is hoped that Oxbow, Inc. members and friends, as well as the participating birders, will solicit more pledges than ever before. It's for a good cause and the wildlife will thank you for your efforts.

Preparations are already underway. Oxbow, Inc.'s No.1 team of Karl Maslowski, George Laycock, Will Harbaum and Jerry Meyers, as the "Geriatric Gents and a Junior", are ready. The No.2 team of Paul Wharton and Joe Bens (last year's winners and the current holders of the "Golden Starling Award") are checking their strategies. If you would like to participate as a team or individual, join us as a support group or as a representative of any non-profit organization. All Oxbow, Inc. members, birders or not, may solicit pledges to benefit the land fund.

Contact Art and Jinny Wiseman, 513-481-4302, for instructions and materials. It will take the help of everyone to make this a BIGGER, BETTER and more SUCCESSFUL outing. Join the competition, share the excitement, and have FUN with BIRDATHON-90!

BIRDATHON-90
OXBOW, INC. TEAM PLEDGE CARD.

Please mail to: Oxbow, Inc., 2073 Harrison Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45214
Our team should record between 100 and 135 species of birds.

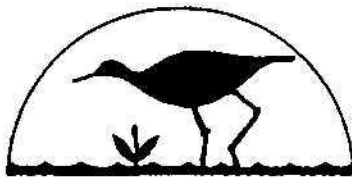
YES, I am willing to pledge per species: ___\$3 ___\$2 ___\$1
___75¢ ___50¢ ___25¢ ___10¢ other___

NAME: _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE NO. _____

- My pledge is for the "GERIATRIC GENTS & A JUNIOR"
- My pledge is for Oxbow, Inc.'s team with the highest score.

A BIRDATHON-90 report will be mailed to you after the contest. It will include highlights of the competition, the number of species recorded, and the pledge amount you owe. Need more details? Want to form a team? Want to be on a team? Call 513-481-4302. Detach and mail your pledge card right now!



OXBOW, inc.

OXBOW, INC. HAS SOUND FINANCIAL REPORT AFTER SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Oxbow, Inc.'s 1989 financial report shows the organization in a good monetary position with \$241,308.90 in assets. The largest amount of corporation assets was placed in land at \$175,551.60 with cash assets of \$64,827.20.

Income for the year was \$175,652.62 with expenses running at less than 2.5%, all for office supplies, newsletters, taxes, and miscellaneous expenses. An expense of \$4,728 for brochures was covered by a special donation by the Becker Chemical Equipment Company and should not be charged against income.

Art Wiseman, Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE.

DECEMBER 31, 1989

Income		Expense	
Membership Dues	31,329.02	Office Supplies	1,149.67
Donations	4,030.61	Newsletters	2,280.46
Land Acquisition	6,321.13	Brochure	4,728.00
Interest	6,833.28	Taxes	93.36
Memorials & Tributes	790.00	Miscellaneous	181.60
T-Shirt Profit	1,509.65		
Wetland & Raffle	707.50		
BIRDATHON-89	17,419.92		
Fundraising	103,992.51		
Brochure Donation	2,228.00		
Miscellaneous	491.00		
TOTAL INCOME	175,652.00	TOTAL EXPENSE	8,433.09

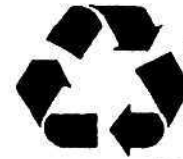
BALANCE SHEET.

DECEMBER 31, 1989

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	9,320.06	Capital	
Gradison Fund	55,507.14		
Land	175,551.60		
T-Shirt Inventory	930.10		Retained Earnings
TOTAL ASSETS	241,308.90	TOTAL EQUITY	241,308.90

THE GREATER CINCINNATI

Earth Calendar



Local events for the exploration, enjoyment and protection of Planet Earth and its inhabitants.

M	A	R	C	F
DATE	SPONSOR*	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
1	USEPA	11:00 am-12:30 pm	Lecture: US Congressional Interest in Global Climate Issues	USEPA auditorium 26 W. Martin Luther King Dr.
1	ARC	7:00 pm-9:30 pm	Vegetarian potluck, meeting	425 Ludlow, lower level (Clifton Star Bank)
3	CNC	10:00 am-12 noon	Attracting Backyard Wildlife Series: Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardens (fee)	Cincinnati Nature Center
3	CPB	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Demonstration: Maple Syrup processing	Caldwell Nature Center
4	CPB	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Demonstration: Maple Syrup processing	Caldwell Nature Center
4	CNC	2:00 pm	Earth Awareness series: Causes and Effects of Forest Decline (fee)	Cincinnati Nature Center
5	MGSC	7:30 pm	Meeting and lecture: Household Airborne Toxics	Raymond Walters College Auditorium
7	CLEAR	7:30 pm	Meeting	Madison House Condos, 2324 Madison Ro.
9, 10	MNH	12 noon-5:00 pm	Special Event: Treasures of the Earth	Museum of Natural History
10	AEA	12 noon-3:00 pm	Seminar: Choosing Windows (fee)	USEPA, Room 107
10	CPB	8:00 pm-9:30 pm	Full Moon Hike	Caldwell Nature Center
10	CNC	10:00 am-12 noon	Attracting Backyard Wildlife Series: Mini-Ponds (fee)	Cincinnati Nature Center
11	CNC	2:00 pm	Earth Awareness series: The World Population Dilemma (fee)	Cincinnati Nature Center
17	CNC	10:00 am-12 noon	Attracting Backyard Wildlife Series: Care of Injured and Orphaned Animals (fee)	Cincinnati Nature Center
18	CPB	1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Wildlife Watch: explore seasonal changes in the forest	Mt. Airy Forest Area 13
18	CNC	2:00 pm	Earth Awareness series: The Greenhouse Effect (fee)	Cincinnati Nature Center
20	MGSC	7:30 pm	Conservation Committee/Environmental Activism Training	LaBoiteaux Woods
20	CVS	5:30 pm-8:00 pm	Vegetarian "Get Together" Social: Great American Meat Out	Flanigans
21	ZOO	7:30 pm	Lecture: Role of Zoos in Conservation	Cincinnati Zoo
23	IMAGO	7:30 pm-10:00 pm	Workshop: Envisioning the Future We Want For Ourselves-1 (fee)	
24	IMAGO	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Workshop: Envisioning the Future We Want For Ourselves-2 (fee)	
24	CPB	8:00 am-4:00 pm	Project Learning Tree: environmental awareness workshop for teachers of grades K-12	Caldwell Nature Center
24	CPB		Environmental Awareness Booth at Home & Garden Show	
27	CVS	7:00 pm-9:30 pm	Vegetarian potluck, meeting	425 Ludlow, lower level (Clifton Star Bank)
31	CNC	7:30 pm-9:30 pm	Attracting Backyard Wildlife Series: Night Life (fee)	Cincinnati Nature Center

*Please see Sponsor Key.

SPONSOR KEY

AEA	Alternate Energy Association	381-1399	EARTH	Earth Awareness and Restoration Through Healing	(513) 523-
ARC	Animal Rights Community	542-6810	HCPD	Hamilton County Park District	521-F
CC	Clean Cincinnati	352-6319	HT	The Hillside Trust	531-1
CE	Cincinnati Environment	241-1178	LMI	Little Miami, Inc.	651-3
CGC	Civic Garden Club	221-0981	IMAGO	IMAGO	921-5
CLEAR	Citizens League for Environmental Awareness and Recycling	561-1562 or 221-7567	MCC	Milford City Council	248-1
CNC	Cincinnati Nature Center	831-1711	MGSC	Miami Group Sierra Club	841-0
CPB	Cincinnati Park Board	352-4080	MNH	Cincinnati Museum of Natural History	621-
CRS	Clermont Recycling Station	1-800-722-7399 or 732-1500	UC	University of Cincinnati	556-1
CVS	Cincinnati Vegetarian Society	471-6060	USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency	569-
			WVXU	WVXU Radio	745-
			ZOO	Cincinnati Zoo	559-

A	P	R	I	L
DATE	SPONSOR*	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
1	CPB	1:00 pm-2:30 pm	Nature's bag of tricks discovered through activities	Caldwell Nature Center
1	CPB		<i>Kids and the Environment school packets for teachers available</i>	
2	MGSC	7:30 pm	Meeting and lecture: Earth Day--Its Meaning and Practice	Raymond Walters College Auditorium
5	ARC	7:00 pm-9:30 pm	<i>Vegetarian potluck, meeting</i>	425 Ludlow, lower level (Clifton Star Bank)
7	AEA	12 noon-3:00 pm	Seminar: Cincinnati Brick Houses (fee)	Reading Rock, Inc., 4600 Davitt Drive
7	CPB		<i>Workshop: Tree Care and Planting</i>	<i>Mt. Airy Forest Maple Ridge Lodge</i>
7	CPB		<i>Easter Show Opening</i>	Krohn Conservatory
7	CPB		<i>Spring Releaf--giveaway of 1,000 trees</i>	
8	CPB	8:30 am-10:00 am	Bid Walk	Mt. Echo Park
8	CPB	1:00 pm-2:30 pm	<i>Wildflower Walk</i>	<i>Mt. Airy Forest Arboretum</i>
10	UC	7:00 pm	Lecture/Slides: Tropical Rainforests & The Future of Mankind	University of Cincinnati Zimmer Auditorium
14	CPB	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	<i>Easter egg hunt and special nature awareness program</i>	<i>Caldwell Nature Center</i>
14	ZOO		Floral Festival begins	Cincinnati Zoo
17, 18	ZOO	7:00 pm-9:00 pm	<i>Lecture: Native American Ways of Connecting with the Natural World</i>	<i>Cincinnati Zoo</i>
17	MGSC	7:30 pm	Conservation Committee/Environmental Activism Training	LaBoiteaux Woods
17	IMAGO	6:30 pm-8:30 pm	<i>Backyard Organic Gardening-Part 1 (fee)</i>	
18	CNC		Interpreting Nature Through Sketching-Part 1 (fee)	Cincinnati Nature Center
19	Various	lunchtime	<i>**Earth Day Kickoff/Arbor Day Activities</i>	<i>Fountain Square</i>
19	ZOO	6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Celebration, potluck and mini-workshops: Lifestyles for a Healthy Planet	Cincinnati Zoo
20	ZOO	7:30 pm	<i>World Wildlife Fund lecture</i>	<i>Coor's Peacock Pavilion</i>
21	CPB		Green-Up/Arbor Day planting and cleanup in parks	various parks
21	HCPD	10:00 am	<i>Earth Week Wildflower Walk</i>	<i>Shawnee Lookout Park Bluejacket Trail</i>
21	HCPD	2:00 pm	<i>Earth Week Wildflower Walk</i>	<i>Miami Whitewater Forest Bird Museum</i>
21	IMAGO	9:00 am-5:00 pm	<i>Workshop: Healing the Earth/Laughing at Ourselves (fee)</i>	
21	USEPA	12 noon-4:00 pm	<i>**Earth Day Activities</i>	Swifton Commons
21	CPB	8:00 am-4:00 pm	<i>Project Wild: environmental awareness workshop for teachers of grades K-12</i>	<i>Caldwell Nature Center</i>
21, 22	Various	12:00 noon-5:00 pm	<i>**Earth Day Festival</i>	<i>Natural History Museum and grounds</i>
21, 22	ZOO	8:00am-10:00 am	<i>Early Bird Behind-the-Scenes Tours</i>	<i>Cincinnati Zoo</i>
21, 22	ZOO	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Earth Week conservation booths and amphitheatre programs	Cincinnati Zoo
21, 22	MGSC		<i>**Local Outings</i>	
21, 22	MGSC		Basic Canoe School	Whitewater River
22	HCPD/ASO	1:00 pm	<i>Tree Planting (bring a shovel, trees provided)</i>	<i>Miami Whitewater Forest, Tall Grass Prairie Trail</i>
22	ZOO	7:30 pm	<i>**Concert</i>	<i>Coor's Peacock Pavilion</i>
22	HCPD	7:00 pm	<i>National Wildlife Week: slides and live animals for the family</i>	<i>Winton Woods Visitors Center</i>
22	CNC/ EARTH	2:00 pm-5:00 pm	Experiential workshop: Reconnecting with the Earth	Cincinnati Nature Center
23-27	CPB		<i>Earth Week program for grades 3-6</i>	<i>LaBoiteaux Woods Outdoor Education Center</i>
23-27	CPB		<i>Earth Week programs for grades 3-6</i>	<i>California Woods Nature Preserve</i>
23-27	CPB	<i>any one school hour</i>	<i>Mobile Earth Week Programs for in-school use</i>	<i>your school</i>
23-27	CPB	<i>all library hours</i>	Library tree distribution of 10,000 white pine seedlings to anyone who checks out a book on trees, the environment or applies for a library card	All Cincinnati & Hamilton County Libraries
24	IMAGO	6:30 pm-8:30 pm	<i>Backyard Organic Gardening-Part 2 (fee)</i>	
24-27	HCPD	9:30 pm and 12:30 pm	National Wildlife Federation Earth Week Activities for Schools	Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve Sharon Woods
25	CNC		<i>Interpreting Nature Through Sketching-Part 2 (fee)</i>	<i>Cincinnati Nature Center</i>
26	USEPA	8:00 am-4:00 pm	Indoor Air Pollution Conference	Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell, KY
26	CPB		<i>Tree City, USA designates Cincinnati a Tree City in recognition of tree promotion programs</i>	
27	CPB		Wildflower walks and open house	LaBoiteaux Woods Outdoor Education Center, California Woods Nature Preserve
27	CPB	9:00 am	<i>Arbor Day celebration: ceremonial tree planting and reburial of tree time capsule</i>	<i>Parker's Woods, Northside</i>
28	HCPD	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Winton Lake Clean-Up	Winton Woods, Kestrel Point
28	USEPA		<i>Open House/Seminars</i>	<i>26 W. Martin Luther King Drive</i>
28	CNC		Interpreting Nature Through Sketching-Part 3 (fee)	Cincinnati Nature Center
8, 29	CPB		<i>Spring Flower Show</i>	<i>Ault Park</i>
8, 29	MGSC	9:00 am	Basic Canoe School	Whitewater River
29	HCPD		<i>Winton Lake Clean-up rain date</i>	<i>Winton Woods, Kestrel Point</i>

*separate Earth Week calendar for details.

FIELD NOTES

Morris Mercer.



As the decade of the 80's ended and the 90's began it looked as if winter had really come to the Oxbow. With five or six hundred Canada geese and a thousand ducks, mostly mallards and blacks, in the area, it was something to see and enjoy.

Many of the sunsets were spectacular! The flooded Oxbow, partially ice-covered, reflected the afterglow of the setting sun. Vee's of ducks and geese were silhouetted against a gold-washed sky. We watched them glide on fixed wings into their resting places. I believe, as I grow older, this all becomes more beautiful.

On Saturday, February 10th we met for a field trip. The day was springlike with a bright sun, blue sky, and a temperature near 52°. The Ohio River was at 42 feet, flooding the Oxbow and the roads around it. We moved behind the little cemetery and found a few ducks and geese, ring-billed and herring gulls. The highlight of this trip was a fleeting glimpse of a mature bald eagle. I talked to several people who did get a better look at the bird.

Jim Simpson and I had checked along the Great Miami earlier in the morning and found the ducks and geese in the backwater between the Shawnee Lookout boat ramp and Lost Bridge. At Shawnee we saw Canada geese, mallards, blacks, gadwall, pintail, American wigeon, redhead, common goldeneye, lesser scaup, and ring-necked ducks. There were great blue herons, ring-billed and herring gulls. The red-tailed hawks seemed to enjoy riding the morning air. The ducks and geese were far across the fields in the floodwater near the river. A scope was a big help at that distance.

We are making plans for more field trips into the Oxbow. No one can tell how high the river will be, or where, or if, the ducks will be in. Come join us for a look at the floodplain and its wildlife.



A REPORT TO OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Our booth at the Bob Hart Travel, Sports and Boat Show was a big success again this year. We recruited twelve new members, sold 25 T-shirts, one Zimmerman print, and took in over a thousand dollars in all. The Bob Hart Boat Show is our biggest effort of each year and it wouldn't succeed without the help of the many members who volunteered their time. Thanks for your help!

Now that we're all rested, it's time to start getting ready for our next effort. Nearly every conservation organization in the country has plans for participating in a celebration of the twentieth anniversary of **EARTH DAY 1990**. On the weekend of April 21st and 22nd the Cincinnati Zoo will set aside an area for organizations to set up booths similar to the "WILDLIFE WEEKEND" in which we have participated in past years. We would like to have one of these booths if we can find enough volunteers to staff it. If you can help call Art or Jinny Wiseman at 513-481-4302. Volunteers will receive free admission into the Zoo. Sign up for a three hour shift between 10 A.M and 5 P.M. either or both days. Tell the Oxbow story, sell a T-shirt or sign up a new member! There will be a Board member in the booth with you. If you have never worked our booth, call in and sign up. IT'S FUN!

WINTON LAKE CLEANUP.

The Forest Park Litter Awareness and Recycling Program is sponsoring the third annual Winton Lake cleanup on Saturday, April 28, from 9 am to 1 pm (rain date Sunday, April 29 from 1 pm to 5 pm). Join with other volunteers in cleaning up Winton Woods Park in celebration of the 20th anniversary of **EARTH DAY 1990.**

Volunteers of all ages are needed. Help remove trash and debris that threaten the health of waterfowl and other wildlife that lives on or near the lake. Bags and a limited supply of gloves will be provided on the day of the event. Park maps, trucks and crew leaders will be available from the Hamilton County Park District.

Volunteers will meet at the picnic shelter at Kestrel Point just across from the ranger station off Winton Road. Please call at 513-595-LAND and register by April 16th.

A picnic will follow the cleanup. Food will be donated by local businesses and prepared by senior citizen volunteers. There will be a prize for the strangest piece of trash and a raffle for all registered participants.



EAGLE EYES.

"Keep your eyes open for eagles this year and let the Indiana Department of Natural Resources know what you see. Since 1985, the DNR has released 74 young bald eagles hoping they will return to Indiana to nest when they are grown. . . .

Each eagle released is marked with two bright orange wing markers with large black letters and numbers. Several other states are also releasing eagles marked with colored wing bands but are using other colors. Anyone observing an eagle with a wing marker should contact DNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife at 317-232-4080.

Be sure to note the location of the bird, numbers and letters on the marker, the color of the marker and the bird's size and color."

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For Oxbow bald eagles, see Morris Mercer's FIELD NOTES. Ed.

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20th Anniversary
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Meetings

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1990 7:30 P.M. Cincinnati Zoo Education Building. Enter through the Exit gate on Erkenbrecher Avenue. Dr. John W. Ferner, Department Chairman of Biology at Thomas More College, will present a slide program and narration on his 1989 biological collecting expedition into the Phillipines. Dr. Ferner serves on the Advisory Council of Oxbow, Inc.

Change of Date!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH!

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1990 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. Indiana Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Biologist Ed Guljas will present a slide program highlighting the reintroduction of the wild turkey into Indiana. Ed has spoken to Oxbow, Inc. members before and his slides and comments are always interesting. Plan to attend - you'll gobble this one up!

EXTRA:

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1990 1 P.M. Lawrenceburg Public Library. Directions - see April 17th meeting.

In celebration of **EARTH DAY 1990**, Bonnie Fancher will give the Oxbow story and speak about the value of wetlands. Bonnie is always well-prepared and knowledgeable. Her programs are designed to make one reflect on the every day things we tend to take for granted just because they're always there.

Field Trips

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1990 9 A.M. The ducks should be in! Meet in the Fifties Root Beer parking lot, I-275 Lawrenceburg-Greendale Exit and U.S. 50 for a trip around the Oxbow with Dave Styer. (513-772-4395).

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1990 8 A.M. Trip leader, Jay Stenger, will leave from the Fifties Root Beer parking lot looking for late ducks and other wildlife. Ol' eagle-eyed Jay is sure to find a diverse number of birds, and that's no April-foolin' ! (513-552-4245).



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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.

Individual	\$10	Organization/Club	\$25	Cornerstone	\$250
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