



OXBOW, inc

Save the Oxbow Society

BIRDATHON '88

THE SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS !

Have you ever seen 134 species of birds in a day? Do you doubt the possibility of recording this number within a 50 mile radius of downtown Cincinnati? You say it couldn't be done? Well, dispel all doubts! It WAS done by a team of three professors from the University of Cincinnati as part of Oxbow, Inc.'s BIRDATHON '88.

Starting at 5 PM Friday, May 6th, and ending at 5 PM Saturday, May 7th, Mike Braun, Steve Pelican and Dave Styer, with Joanne Olman as their designated driver, traveled over 500 miles and recorded an award winning 134 species by birding continuously for most of the 24 hours. Their final species, a mockingbird, was not recorded until 20 minutes before the 5 PM deadline. The bird was seen at Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve at Poole Road and Colerain Avenue, where all the teams met for the final tally. The U.C. team now holds the Championship "Golden Starling" Trophy. Sculptured by David Might of the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, the golden bird is mounted upon a pair of golden binoculars embedded in a golden rock.

The Museum team finished second with 128 species. Dr. Robert Kennedy, Curator of Vertebrate Zoology, Jack Dumbacher, Jeff Belth, Linda Franklin and Pete Whan suffered a severe setback even before they started. The team had arrived at the Oxbow in time to allow for a leisurely view of eight or nine species of shorebirds present. Anticipating a running jump on the other teams, they were dismayed, when just before the 5 PM starting time, the entire flock was frightened into flight by a Cooper's hawk that had entered the area. Man proposes, God disposes! Fortunately, all of the lost species were recorded at a later hour.

The Cincinnati Nature Center team of Jim Anno, Jim Berry and David Helm took third place with 125 species.

Other teams in order of finish were:

Paul Wharton and Cindy Sibrel - 107

The Bush Thrashers - Carol Thurman, Jim Mundy and Pat Quackenbush -102. Wolf Track Outfitters, Pat's store which specializes in hiking and camping gear, sponsored the Bush Thrashers.

Oxbow, Inc.'s team of George Laycock, Karl Maslowski and Jay Stenger picked up many of their 101 species Friday while driving to Adams County where they spent the night in George's cabin before returning Saturday via Meldahl Dam, Lake Grant and East Fork Lake.

Individuals, who were not sponsored but wished to participate on a non-competitive basis, diligently recruited pledges from family, friends and neighbors. Sister Marty Dermody, a teacher at Saint Ursula Villa, and Bill Bocklage turned in a high total of 90 species. Norma Flannery and Paul Hellmann, while recording only 71 species, turned in over \$700, the highest total pledged in the individual category.

Overall, there were 43 birders who participated. 35 were on 11 teams and eight were individuals. We extend our sincere gratitude to all of them for the energy and excitement they injected into the competition. The total number of recordable bird species was 178.

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While all of the pledges have not been received as the NEWSLETTER goes to print, we expect to add \$7000 to the Land Acquisition Fund from BIRDATHON '88. We thank those who entered, either actively searching for birds, or by pledging a donation. Each created a share of the success of BIRDATHON '88, and for that we thank you.



Art Wiseman, Treasurer

OFFICIAL LIST OF BIRDATHON '88 BIRDS.

The following is a list of the winning U.C. team's recorded 134 species listed in taxonomic order (i.e. from the least developed to the highest form of evolvment).

Common LOON	CHUCK-WILL'S WIDOW	Blue-winged WARBLER
Pied-billed GREBE	WHIP-POOR-WILL	Nashville
Double-crested CORMORANT	Chimney SWIFT	Northern Parula
American Bittern	Belted KINGFISHER	Yellow
Great Blue Heron	Red-headed WOODPECKER	Magnolia
Great Egret	Red-bellied	Yellow-rumped
Green-backed Heron	Downy	Black-throated Green
Black-crowned Night Heron	Hairy	Yellow-throated
Mute SWAN	Northern Flicker	Pine
Canada GOOSE	Pileated	Prairie
Wood DUCK	Eastern Wood Pewee	Palm
Mallard	Least FLYCATCHER	Cerulean
Blue-winged Teal	Eastern Phoebe	Black-and-white
Northern Shoveler	Great Crested	American Redstart
Red-breasted Merganser	Eastern Kingbird	Prothonotary
Ruddy	Horned LARK	Ovenbird
Turkey VULTURE	Purple MARTIN	Louisiana Waterthrush
Sharp-shinned HAWK	Tree SWALLOW	Kentucky
Red-shouldered	Northern Rough-winged	Common Yellowthroat
Broad-winged	Bank	Hooded
Red-tailed	Cliff	Yellow-breasted Chat
American Kestrel	Barn	Summer TANAGER
Northern BOBWHITE	Blue JAY	Scarlet
Virginia RAIL	American CROW	Northern CARDINAL
Sora	Carolina CHICKADEE	Indigo BUNTING
American COOT	Tufted TITMOUSE	Rufous-sided TOWHEE
Killdeer	White-breasted NUTHATCH	Chipping SPARROW
Greater Yellowlegs	Carolina WREN	Field
Lesser Yellowlegs	House	Savannah
Solitary SANDPIPER	Marsh	Henslow's
Spotted	Ruby-crowned KINGLET	Song
Least	Blue-gray GNATCATCHER	Swamp
Pectoral	Eastern BLUEBIRD	White-throated
Common SNIPE	Veery	BOBOLINK
Bonaparte's GULL	Wood THRUSH	Red-winged BLACKBIRD
Ring-billed	American ROBIN	Eastern MEADOWLARK
Herring	Gray CATBIRD	Common GRACKLE
Common TERN	Northern MOCKINGBIRD	Brown-headed COWBIRD
Black	Brown THRASHER	Orchard ORIOLE
Rock DOVE	Cedar WAXWING	Northern
Mourning	European STARLING	House FINCH
Yellow-billed CUCKOO	White-eyed VIREO	Pine SISKIN
Eastern Screech OWL	Yellow-throated	American GOLDFINCH
Barred	Warbling	House SPARROW
Common NIGHTHAWK	Red-eyed	

In addition to the U.C. list, the following species were recorded by the other participants. No one in the birdathon recorded all 178 species.

Horned GREBE	American WOODCOCK	Chestnut-sided
Black DUCK	Caspian TERN	Black-throated Blue
Hooded Merganser	Forster's	Blackburnian
Common Merganser	Black-billed CUCKOO	Blackpoll
Black VULTURE	Great Horned OWL	Worm-eating
OSPREY	Ruby-throated HUMMINGBIRD	Connecticut
NORTHERN HARRIER	Acadian FLYCATCHER	Rose-breasted GROSBEAK
Cooper's HAWK	Alder	DICKCISSEL
Wild TURKEY	Red-breasted NUTHATCH	Vesper SPARROW
Common MOORHEN	Golden-crowned KINGLET	Grasshopper
Semipalmated PLOVER	Swainson's THRUSH	White-crowned
Semipalmated SANDPIPER	Hermit	Dark-eyed JUNCO
Western	Solitary VIREO	Rusty BLACKBIRD
Dunlin	Golden-winged WARBLER	Purple FINCH
Short-billed Dowitcher	Tennessee	

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS? YOU BETCHA!

A bunch of you who backed our birdathon birders with a bundle of bills do not belong to Oxbow, Inc., BUT, because you were willing to believe in BIRDATHON '88, you must be:

- a. Either a good friend of the birder - or -
- b. Seriously interested in preserving areas of the natural world that are being threatened.

Whether you answered "a" or "b", we are sending you a complimentary copy of the Oxbow, Inc., NEWSLETTER and a membership form with hopes of encouraging you to join this dynamic conservation organization. For your membership donation we promise to send you a NEWSLETTER six times a year, endeavor, at monthly meetings, to present interesting and informative speakers, and invite you to join us on field trips in and around the Oxbow.

Your contribution to Oxbow, Inc. is tax deductible and will be used to purchase strategic properties as they become available. The volunteer nature of the organization allows us to hold Administrative expenses at less than eight percent, a figure we are very proud of. 92-93 cents of each of your dollars provides potent purchasing power.

Won't you join us, please?

(detach here)

Membership:	Individual	\$10	Family	\$15	Contributing	\$25
	Supporting	\$50	Patron	\$100	Cornerstone	\$250
	Organization/Club	\$25	Sponsor	\$500	Benefactor	\$1000

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

OXBOW, INC. AND PRESIDENT HONORED.

Oxbow, Inc. and past-president Judy Bramstedt were honored by the Ohio Conservation Congress. The Congress presented both with plaques. Oxbow, Inc. was given a plaque for the outstanding conservation effort being made to save the Oxbow wetlands. Judy was named "Conservationist of the Year" for her organizational efforts in the formation and guidance of Oxbow, Inc.

The O.C.C. is an association of conservation organizations and garden clubs, hunting and fishing groups, business and scientific leaders, and is well known for its many-faceted interests in protecting the environment.

The plaques were engraved "40TH ANNIVERSARY 'CITATION OF MERIT' presented to OXBOW, INC. in recognition of your outstanding organizational contribution to conservation by the Ohio Conservation Congress during our 40th anniversary year at Columbus, Ohio - April, 1988."

CINCINNATI WILD FLOWER PRESERVATION SOCIETY HONORED.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Hamilton County Park District presented a "Resolution of Appreciation" to the Cincinnati Wild Flower Preservation Society in recognition of the work that was done by the Society on the vascular plant survey conducted in Shawnee Lookout Park.

A framed copy of the Resolution was presented by Stewart Welsh, Deputy Director, Hamilton County Park District, at the March meeting of the Wild Flower Society.

The survey is being continued this year to pick up additional plant species and to improve the abundance data. Volunteers are still needed to assist with this project. Call Cay Tuck, Volunteer Coordinator, 513-631-5933 to sign on with the survey.

OXBOW, INC. MEMORIALS.

Oxbow, Inc. records Memorials honoring those who have passed on. Each Memorial, established in the name of a friend or loved one, is enrolled permanently in the records of the Corporation. Contributions will be acknowledged as designated by the donor. Checks are to be made out to Oxbow, Inc. and mailed to 2073 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214. Be sure to enclose the name of the person being honored and the names and addresses of the donor and the recipient of the acknowledgement.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Volunteers are still needed for the following projects. Call Cay Tuck, 513-631-5933 to sign up.

Oxbow Plant Survey, 1988

Amphibian-Reptile Survey

Dearborn 4-H and Community Fair July 1-8

Field Trip Leaders



MEETINGS.

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH, 7:30 P.M. Cincinnati Museum of Natural History Auditorium. 1720 Gilbert Avenue. Enter through the side door by the Elsinor Towers. The guest speaker will be the noted wildlife artist and lecturer JOHN RUTHVEN. Don't miss this speaker!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 7:30 P.M. [DST] Greendale Cabin, Greendale, Indiana. John Klein, Land Manager, Hamilton County Park District will present a slide program and will speak about wildlife management in the parks.



FIELD TRIPS.

There will be no field trips in July.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 6 P.M. Meet Morris Mercer in the parking lot of the 50's Root Beer, I-275 and U.S. 50, to discover birds around the Oxbow. 513-941-2534



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OXBOW, INC.

A non-profit 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 the 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 solicited and encouraged

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