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Welcome to Flora-Quest 2016 and Rally for Rails in Lakeside, Ohio!



The shores of western Lake Erie are the perfect location to meet to learn more about the eco-systems of wetlands and the unusual birds that inhabit them.

Whether you have signed up for a one-day workshop or a three-day event, all your needs can be found in this handy booklet. Meeting agendas, speakers' bios, leaders and links to google maps are at your finger-tips. All meetings and meets will take place in Wesley Lodge. Both Lakeside Hotels are found on Maple Ave. and the Ohio's Most Beautiful Mile is the lakefront path which offers views of both Put-in-Bay and Kelleys Island. Carve out a little time for a restful walk, breathe deeply, and discover why people have chosen to vacation in Lakeside for over 140 years!

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Flora-Quest Wetland Workshop Speaker Bios

FRIDAY MORNING SPEAKERS:

‘Lake Erie: Ohio’s North Coast’

Jim McCormac

Jim McCormac works for the Ohio Division of Wildlife, and prior to that he was a botanist with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He received the Ludlow Griscom Award from the American Birding

Association in 2009, and writes ‘Nature’ for the Columbus Dispatch. He has authored or co-authored over 100 scientific and popular articles in a variety of publications. He was awarded the League of Ohio Sportsmen’s Conservation Communicator of the Year Award in 2014.



Lake Erie is one of Ohio's greatest natural resource, and it plays an enormous role in influencing the Buckeye State's flora and fauna. It is just one of five Great Lakes which collectively form a massive ecosystem that houses 20% of all the fresh water on Planet Earth. Although Lake Erie is the smallest of the five lakes by volume, it is probably the richest and most diverse. The lake supports a world class fishery, is of global significance to migratory birds, and plays host to numerous rare plants and animals. This program will start as a water droplet, and plunge into the Great Lakes at the upper end of Lake Superior. We'll then take a quick and wild ride through the system and ultimately into the Atlantic Ocean before returning to Lake Erie and what make our Great Lake so special, especially from a botanical perspective.

‘Wetland Plants: Twenty to Thrill, Five to Kill’

Mark Dilley

Mark Dilley is a Professional Wetland Scientist and Certified Senior Ecologist (Ecological Society of America) with over 20 years of experience in wetland science, field biology, ecology, and environmental studies. Mark teaches Ohio State University’s Wetland Ecology and Restoration course and is the co-owner of MAD Scientist Associates with his wife, Chris.



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(Mark Dilley)

Aquatic and wetland emergent flora are the under-appreciated back-water cousins of Ohio's flora.

However, their importance as host plants, food for wildlife and as bio-indicators cannot be overstated. Lake Erie marshes have been relegated to a fraction of the original wetland vegetation of Ohio. We'll focus on the plants to better understand the function of the marshes.



FRIDAY EVENING SPEAKER:

‘Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge: Conserving the Future and Connecting People to Nature’

Jason Lewis

Jason Lewis is the manager of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Prior to coming to Northwest Ohio in 2011, he spent four years at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge in Southeast Missouri and nine years at Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge in Southeast Indiana. Jason received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Ball State University of Indiana. For his graduate thesis, he studied the habitat selection and productivity of the Acadian Flycatcher in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia. He is an avid birdwatcher and enjoys photography, sports, and outdoor recreation.



Jason Lewis will present a program highlighting the refuge’s history and management, along with our public use programs. The National Wildlife Refuge System, a portion of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, manages a national network of lands and waters set aside to conserve America's fish, wildlife, and plants. Ottawa NWR's programs are designed to bring people and nature together.

Flora-Quest 2016 Field Experts' Bios

Ashley, Chris - Chris, an Ohio State Park manager, is currently managing Kelleys Island State Park and the surrounding state properties on Kelleys Island. He is an excellent birder and understands the management of habitat for migrational species, earning him the 2014 Ducks Unlimited Conservation Partner of the Year. Chris says he is good at "keeping the toilets clean and grass mowed" too.

Berry, Jim - Jim is the retired President/CEO of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History (RTPI) in Jamestown, New York which culminated a 40 year career in nature education. Included in Jim's work history are 14 years with ODNR where he worked as a ranger, naturalist and state park manager. Today, Jim spends his time studying birds and native plants around western NY and northwestern PA.

Bissell, Jim - Dr. Bissell is the Curator of Botany at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. He is one of Ohio's premier botanists and responsible for much of what is currently known about plant diversity and distribution in Northeast Ohio, particularly the Snow Belt. His work has helped preserve land with rare species and habitats throughout the region. As CMNH Natural Areas Coordinator he began adding to the Museum's portfolio of eight properties. Today, there are 50 natural areas under Museum protection, harboring the finest examples of rare habitats in the region, and often the state.

Denny, Guy - Guy retired from a long and fruitful career with Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources. He is the ultimate teacher-naturalist and best known among the prairie plant crowd for his expertise in growing and maintaining his extensive home prairie. He is also proficient with butterflies, dragonflies, and reptiles as well. As past Director of Ohio Dept. of Natural Areas and Preserves, he is familiar with all of Ohio's flora and geology.

Dilley, Mark- Mark, one of our Keynote speakers, is a Professional Wetland Scientist and Certified Senior Ecologist (Ecological Society of America) with over 20 years of experience in wetland science, field biology, ecology, and environmental studies. Mark teaches Ohio State University's Wetland Ecology and Restoration course and is the co-owner of MAD Scientist Associates with his wife, Chris.

Donaldson, Becky - Becky is the Mentor Marsh Naturalist for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Natural Areas Division and loves exploring and teaching wetland ecology to both public and school visitors. Becky has her B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University and got her start in the Naturalist field at Geauga Park District.

Gardner, Rick - Rick is the official Ohio Heritage Botanist for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He has been studying Ohio's flora for nearly 20 years. He collaborated on a 5-year study of the Edge of Appalachia Preserve's flora and for the last two years has been inventorying rare species in the "Sunshine Corridor" between the Edge of Appalachia Preserve and Shawnee State Forest. A favorite guide, Rick has many significant rare plant finds to his credit.

Larson, Jason - Jason is well known among the bird and botany types. This long-time Flora-Quest guide has the important job of keeping the Richland County B & O Bike Trail open and being the Director of the Richland County Park District. Nature education is his business. Not only a wealth of botanical knowledge, he is excellent at birding-by-ear. To top it off, Jason has a big reputation for being fun in the field.

McCormac, Jim - We are proud to have Jim back as one of our Keynote speakers. He works for the Ohio Division of Wildlife, specializing in non-game wildlife diversity issues. Prior to that, he was a botanist with the Ohio Department of Natural resources. He was the 2009 recipient of the Ludlow Griscom Award, given annually by the American Birding Association. He writes a column, 'Nature' for the Columbus Dispatch, and has authored or co-authored over 100 scientific and popular articles in a variety of publications.

Morris, Tanner - Tanner Morris is a wetland ecologist and botanist for S&ME Inc.'s Columbus, Ohio location. He is a registered Professional Wetland Scientist (PWS) and holds a Master's degree in biology from Eastern Kentucky University. In addition to botany, he is an avid landscape photographer, birder, herper, and general lover of all things related to the natural world. We are thrilled to welcome him back as the first Flora-Fellow to come full circle to becoming a guide.

Semroc, Judy - Judy currently works in the Natural Areas Division for The Cleveland Museum of Natural History as a Conservation Specialist. She is highly knowledgeable in dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies, birds, plants and continues to enlarge her scope of all things natural. As former Petroleum Geologist and science teacher Judy loves to share her passion for science.

Riley, Jackie - Jackie is a local butterfly expert we've recruited to help us search for rarities at Ottawa Nation Wildlife Refuge. She monitors the butterflies at Kitty Todd and has been a leader in The Ohio Lepidopterist (TOL) since 2005. She enjoys helping people identify butterflies both in real life and on Social Media. Jackie has a "normal life" job at Morgan Stanley and lives with her husband at "Monarch Waystation #65" in urban Toledo.

Rosche, Larry - Larry is a field researcher for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in their Conservation Outreach Program. Larry has a long and storied history with birds and dragonflies, having published several excellent field guides. He received the prestigious 2007 Ohio Biological Survey Naturalist Award in recognition for advancing the appreciation of Ohio's Natural History, ODNR's Cardinal Award in 2008, and Jared Potter Kirkland Award at C.M.N.H. We are fortunate to have him at Flora-Quest.

Stewart, Ray - Ray is a retired (2012) Elyria Public School science teacher living in Amherst, Ohio. He began volunteering in wetlands conservation in 1991 as a founding member of Friends of Wetlands. Currently serving as President of Ohio Wetlands Association (OWA), he functions as the chief outreach officer and Director of Communications. Ray has a BA in Botany from Kent State University and an MA from Ohio University in Latin American Studies. He completed a Master of Arts in Teaching through the Global Field Program at Miami University in 2014 where all of his field work was completed in Latin America.

Windus, Jennifer - Jennifer has recently retired from a long time career at Ohio Department of Natural Resources, serving in both the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves and the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Extremely well versed in Ohio's flora and fauna, she is also certified to conduct proscribed burns and is active in with prairie and invasive plant groups. She is the President of the Ohio Invasive Plant Counsel and V.P. of Ohio Natural Areas and Preserves Association.

Woldt, Justin- Justin has worked at Yellowstone National Park, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Congaree National Park, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, and is currently the Visitor Services Manager at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. He will be our expert local guide and driver of the Blue Goose bus or tram.

OOS Rally for Rails Speaker Bios

‘Elusive Migration: The Migration Ecology of Rails’

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Auriel Fournier, PhD Candidate

Auriel Fournier is a PhD Candidate with the Arkansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Arkansas. She got her start in birds and rails while growing up in NW Ohio working with Black Swamp Bird Observatory. From there she received her B.S. in Wildlife Ecology and Management from Michigan Technological University in the UP of Michigan and has been working around the U.S. on migratory bird questions ever since. She is passionate about wetlands, birds and migration research, while making the conservation and scientific communities more diverse.



‘An Introduction to the Rails’ Dr. Andy Jones

Dr. Andy Jones received his BS in Biological Sciences from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and his PhD in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior from the University of Minnesota. He originally hails from east Tennessee, where his passion for natural history began at an early age. Dr. Jones is responsible for the Museum’s collection of avian specimens: approximately 30,000 study skins and 4,000 egg sets from the Ohio region and western North America as well as approximately 1,000 osteological specimens from Ohio. He is also responsible for specimen acquisition and preservation, maintenance of specimen records, and carrying out original research. In addition to his services to the scientific community, he is an educational speaker favored by birding enthusiasts. Andy was named an elective member of the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) in 2009, and in 2014 he was elected as Secretary of the AOU.



Cleveland Museum of
NATURAL HISTORY 

‘Habitat Use and Migrational Timing of Virginia Rail and Sora in the Lake Erie Marsh Region, Ohio’

Mark Shieldcastle



Mark has a degree in Wildlife Management from The Ohio State University. He was on staff at Ohio State with the Ohio Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit before accepting a position with the Ohio Division of Wildlife where he spent thirty-two years as a Wildlife Biologist specializing in avian research retiring from his position as Project Leader of Wetland Wildlife Research in 2009. Mr. Shieldcastle is currently employed as Director of Research for the Black Swamp Bird Observatory where he leads research on passerines, raptors, shorebirds, rails, and bird/wind power issues.

Mark has conducted research on Bald Eagle, colonial waders, terns, wetland breeding birds, woodcock, shorebirds, colonial passerines, waterfowl, rails, cranes, migrating raptors, and migrating passerines. Has co-authored: ‘Beneficial Use Impairments for Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat’ portion of the Lake Erie Management Plan which is part of the Clean Water Act; ‘The Great Lakes-Upper Mississippi River Regional Plan of the National Shorebird Plan’; ‘The Great Lakes-Upper Mississippi River Regional Plan of the North American Waterbird Plan’; and has contributed to several of the regional plans of ‘Partners-in-Flight’. Mark has authored or co-authored a variety of papers on passerines, Bald Eagles, cormorants, and contaminant issues with birds. He developed recovery plans for the Bald Eagle, Osprey, Common Tern, Black-crowned Night-Heron, and Sandhill Crane in Ohio. He is presently the lead author on the ‘Ohio Winter Bird Atlas’, the first Winter Atlas in the United States.

While with the Division of Wildlife he was Representative to the Mississippi Flyway Council, Mark also Chaired the Banding Committee of the Mississippi Flyway Council Technical Section (MFCTS); Represented the MFCTS to the International Black Duck Joint Venture and Adaptive Harvest Working Group; Is Past-President of the Inland Bird Banding Association; serves on the North American Banding Council (NABC) and served two terms as Chair of the Council. Has 40 years’ experience in the capture and banding of birds, has been responsible for over 800,000 banded birds, and is a certified trainer for banders under the NABC.

‘The Winous Point Marsh Conservancy's Research Program’

Brendan Shirkey

Winous Point Marsh Conservancy



Brendan Sharkey is the Research Coordinator for the Winous Point Marsh Conservancy responsible for overseeing a wide variety of research projects on site from aquatic vegetation sampling to king rail trapping and telemetry. Brendan originally hails from northwest Ohio and received his undergraduate degree from Ohio State University and Master’s degree from Michigan State University, both in Wildlife Management. Before joining the Winous staff, Brendan served as an aerial survey coordinator for Michigan State University and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources conducting and analyzing pelagic bird surveys on Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie.



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Marsh Conservancy**

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Colborn, Tim - Tim has been birding for over 25 years. He is currently a Regional Director of the Ohio Ornithological Society and a past Vice President of the Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club in upstate New York. Tim participates in Breeding Bird Surveys and annual Christmas Bird Counts. He has led or co-led field trips and tours in Ohio, New Jersey, and New York. Tim enjoys every minute that he and his four birding brothers have together in the field.

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Donaldson, Dan - Dan is Lake Soil and Water Conservation District's administrator, oversees a wide variety of conservation projects and performs wetland determination and delineations. Dan wears many hats and includes leading Lake Metroparks bird trips for the past 20 years and for private tour companies further afield. He also co-leads Spring Sunday morning bird walks with his wife, Becky, for Blackbrook Audubon Society.

Fournier, Auriel (Van Der Laar) - Auriel will be giving the keynote address at the OOS Banquet. She is a PhD Candidate with the Arkansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Arkansas. She got her start in birds and rails while growing up in NW Ohio working with Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Her full bio is on the speakers' information page.

Jones, Andy - As our first speaker, Dr. Jones will introduce us to rails. He oversees the avian collections at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, while research and eco-travel are two other components of his job. His full bio is on the speakers' information page.

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Peyton Lester - Lester is Black Swamp Bird Observatory's Outreach Director and a Master Bird Bander who has conducted breeding bird and migration banding studies. He combines his banding skills with tremendous experience in environmental education. In addition, Lester is also an expert birder who has led field trips for groups across the state, including the Biggest Week In American Birding.

Richardson, Larry - Larry is well known as a birder and naturalist in Ohio. He served as an Ohio State Park ranger and manager, as well 22 years as Executive Director of Lake Erie Nature and Science Center. He has an incredible World Bird Life List of 2270 + species and is currently leading trips professional for Sabrewing Nature Tours and also volunteers for Black Swamp Bird Observatory's BWIAB Biggest Week In American Birding.

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Map Addresses and Web Links

Printed Copies of Maps will be Available at the Field Trip Table

Lakeside:

- Lakeside Fountain Inn, 225 Maple Avenue, Lakeside, OH 43440 | 419-798-4461
- Hotel Lakeside, 150 Maple Avenue, Lakeside, OH 43440 | 419-798-4461
- Wesley Lodge, 510 Central Ave., Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440
- Director's House, 312 West 7th Street, Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440

Field Trip Locations:

- **Big Swamp Preserve** (61 Minutes)
1299 Greenwich East Town Line Road South, New London, OH 44851
<https://goo.gl/maps/dNoMqBTrpZP2>
- **Castalia Resthaven Preserve** (23 Minutes)
1988 North West RD, Castalia, OH (This address is about a mile short of the parking lot) <https://goo.gl/maps/mPsJewKbJfN2>
- **East Harbor State Park** (9 Minutes)
1169 N Buck Rd, Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440 <https://goo.gl/maps/8rdvtn1vYy62>
- **Lakeside Daisy Preserve & Marblehead Lighthouse** (8 Minutes)
Alexander Pike/Lighthouse Dr., Marblehead, Ohio
<https://goo.gl/maps/Ez6aMzkzNRm>
- **Meadowbrook Marsh**, (8 Minutes)
8577 East Bayshore RD., Marblehead, Ohio 43440
<https://goo.gl/maps/DrqQRvTtSVz>
- **Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge**, (36 Minutes)
14000 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH
43449 <https://goo.gl/maps/1YAZuGRpDiS2>
- **Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve**, (30 Minutes)
2715 Cleveland RD W., Huron, OH 44839
<https://goo.gl/maps/JSpDAfbXJaS2>
- **PRIVATE PRESERVE: Winous Point**, (30 Minutes)
Winous Point Shooting Club, 3500 South Lattimore Road, Port Clinton, OH
43452 <https://goo.gl/maps/79kk3f9L7y62>

AGENDA

Rally for Rails Sunday Field Trips Sponsored by Conservation Organizations



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

—free optional offerings for your trip home.

FIELD TRIPS – by Partnering Organizations



Great Egret Marsh – Sponsored by **The Nature Conservancy** (Matt Kovach)
900-1068 North Buck Rd., Marblehead, Ohio | Main parking lot at 9:00 AM
(9 Min.) <https://goo.gl/maps/pQ7Ht5gVJpm>



Old Woman Creek – Sponsored by **Ohio Wetlands Association** (Ray Stewart)
2514 Cleveland Rd E, East Huron, OH 44839 | Main parking lot at 9:00 AM
(35 Min.) <https://goo.gl/maps/8YLkGX8XUJE2>



Edison Woods – Sponsored by **Firelands Audubon/ Western Reserve** (Kate Pilacy and Sheryl Young) 9658-10196 Ceylon Rd, Berlin Heights, OH 44814 | Main lot at 9:00 AM
(35 Min.) <https://goo.gl/maps/vu3ffwzY1pQ2>



Meadowbrook Marsh – Sponsored by **Black Swamp Land Conservancy** (Rob Krain)
8577 East Bayshore Road, Marblehead 43440 | Main parking lot at 9:00 AM
(8 Min.) <https://goo.gl/maps/DrqQRvTtSVz>

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Blue Heron Reserve, Sandusky Park District/ NCOLC – (Tom Kashmer)
2134 C.R. 260, Vickery Ohio 43464 | Meet in main parking lot at 9:00 AM
(26 Min.) <https://goo.gl/maps/TBoq32zqu5H2>



Bird Banding (9:00-10:30am) - Sponsored by **Black Swamp Bird Observatory**
13551 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449 | Meet in BSBO parking lot at 9:00 AM
(34 Min.) <https://goo.gl/maps/pykKC5eE8xx>



Big Swamp 'New Preserve' – **Cleveland Museum of Natural History** (Semroc/Rosche)
1299 Greenwich East Town Line Road South, New London, OH 44851 | at 9:00 AM
(61 Minutes) <https://goo.gl/maps/dNoMqBTrpZP2>



East Sandusky Bay Erie County Park – **Trust for Public Land** (Alison Falls)
3501 Cleveland Rd. W., Sandusky Ohio 44870 | Meet in main parking lot at 9:00 AM
(33 Min.) <https://goo.gl/maps/pPC4CBNb3UG2>

FLORA-QUEST AGENDA



Thursday – September 29, 2016

7:30pm Early Packet Pick-Up at the Fountain Inn in Lakeside

Friday – September 30, 2016

8:30am..... Packet Pick-Up
 9:00am..... Welcome: Jason Larson
 9:15am..... Speaker: Cheryl Harner –
 ‘Highlights of Quest Trips’

9:30am..... Speaker: Jim McCormac – ‘Lake
 Erie Marshes’
 10:30am Speaker: Mark Dilley – ‘Ten Plants
 to Thrill, Five to Kill’
 11:30am Pick-Up Lunches

QUEST FIELD TRIPS

#1 Sheldon Marsh	#4 Meadowbrook Marsh/ Lakeside Daisy Preserve	#7 Ottawa NWR: Botany Lite
#2 Big Swamp Preserve	#5 Ottawa NWR: Further Afield with Insects	#8 Castalia Resthaven Preserve
#3 East Harbor Quest	#6 Ottawa NWR: Botany Latin	#9 Birding & Botany

4:30pm..... Field Trips Wrap-up for Return Drive
 5:00pm..... Field Trips Return to Lakeside
 6:15pm..... **Dinner at Wesley Lodge** (Corner of Central & 5th)

7:30pm Speaker: Jason Lewis – ‘Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge’
 8:30pm Night Skies and Sounds Walk

OHIO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY AGENDA



Friday – September 30, 2016

7:15pm..... Early Packet Pick-Up Wesley Lodge
 7:30pm..... Speaker: Jason Lewis – ‘Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge’

Saturday – October 1, 2016

8:00am..... Packet Pick-Up at the Wesley Lodge
 9:00am..... Welcome: Jason Larson
 9:15am..... Speaker: Andy Jones, ‘An Introduction to the Rails’
 10:00am..... Speakers: Mark Shildcastle & Tom Kashmer, ‘Habitat Use and

Migrational Timing of Virginia Rail and Sora’
 11:00am..... Speaker: Brendan Shirkey, ‘The Winous Point Marsh Conservancy’s Research Program’
 11:30am..... Pick-Up Lunches

OOS FIELD TRIPS

#1 Winous Point King Rail Study	#3 Sheldon Marsh	#5 Meadowbrook Marsh & Lakeside Daisy Preserve	#7 East Harbor State Park with BSBO	#9 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
#2 Winous Point King Rail Study	#4 East Harbor State Park	#6 Birding & Botany	#8 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge	#10 Further Afield - ONWR

4:30pm..... Field Trips Wrap-up for Return Drive
 5:00pm..... Field Trips Return to Lakeside
 6:15pm..... OOS Annual Banquet at Wesley Lodge; Silent Auction
 7:30pm..... Speaker: Auriel Fournier, ‘Elusive Migration: The Migration Ecology of Rails’
 8:30pm..... Silent Auction
 9:00pm..... Night Skies & Sounds Walk / Nature Film in case of foul weather

Sunday – October 2, 2016

9:00am – 11:30am..... Conservation Field Trips on Your Own