

Greater Mohican Audubon Society

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Bobolink Festival June 24! Don't Miss it!!

Why do we have a festival? To celebrate this awesome habitat for them. Do you know that bobolinks' nesting places are rare in Ohio and North America? They need grasses to nest in, and often that means a hay field. But farmers mow their hay, and the nests get ruined. Other grasslands revert to forest. So let's celebrate Byers Woods for its grasslands. They are used not only by bobolinks, but also by native sparrows and eastern meadowlarks, populations of which are in decline. Let's preserve this grassland into perpetuity, helping preserve grassland species of birds.

What to expect:

- 9-1. Members of Ohio Ornithological Society will have spotting scopes, focused on bobolinks
- 9-10:30. Tim Leslie will lead a bird and butterfly walk
- 10:30-12. Librarians from Ashland Public Library will be in the picnic pavilion with books to check out
- 10:30-12. Snacks and a light lunch, provided by Friends of the Ashland County Park District
- 10:45-11:15. Louise Fleming-Dufala will present Planting Natives and Christina Stump will present info on the importance of preserving habitat at Byers Woods. Handouts available.
- 11:30-1. Gary Cowell will lead a butterfly walk

Family Nature Study— Louise Fleming-Dufala and Janet Ellsworth will lead Creek Discovery, followed by a craft. Meet in front of the office at Freer Field, 1:30.

Other Upcoming Events

- July 2, North American Butterfly count, Malabar Farm and Byers Woods, 10-4
- July 8, birdwalk at Malabar Farm, 9-11
- July 18 Board meeting, Zoom, 6 pm
- July 22, birdwalk at Byers Woods/Tom Kruse park, 9-11



Cedar Waxwing



Brown Thrasher

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