



WESTERN CUYAHOGA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Dear Observer:

I am writing to thank you for volunteering to be an observer for Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society's Important Bird Area survey this year.

The protocols for monitoring are as follows: Monitoring dates are May 25, 2009 to July 15, 2009. Monitor between dawn and 10:30 a.m. Do not monitor in the rain or very windy conditions. Monitor each point for ten minutes, scanning and listening from a stationary position for breeding birds. Note birds within a 25-meter radius, between 25 to 50 meters, and beyond 50 meters. Ensure that your recorder knows how to record your observations. Only converse with your recorder to the extent that you need to communicate what you see and hear. Conduct other conversations with your recorder either before or after the ten-minute observation period. Allow six days between visits to your points. Wearing sturdy waterproof boots is recommended. Always have a watch with you. Carry a cell phone if you have one. In case of emergency, call the Cleveland Metroparks ranger station (440) 331-5530.

Send your data sheets in weekly by U.S. Mail to:

Diane Sigler
9465 West 130th St.
North Royalton, OH 44133.

On the WCAS website (www.wcasohio.org), you will find the directions, maps, and survey form for your use in obtaining more copies. The following people are available to help you if you have any questions or problems:

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Sincerely,

Tom Romito

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