

## **MINUTES OF WCAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF NOV 2, 2004**

The monthly meeting of the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society (WCAS) was held at Rocky River Nature Center in North Olmsted, Ohio, on November 2, 2004. President Tom Romito conducted the business meeting as follows:

1. Tom welcomed everyone and noted that many visitors were present. He asked for a show of hands of guests, and about 75 percent of the people in attendance were guests. Forty-four people in all attended the meeting. With Craig Caldwell's assistance, Tom gave each guest a questionnaire to fill out and a copy of the November-January WCAS newsletter.
2. Tom read the minutes of the October membership meeting in the absence of Recording Secretary Kit Birch.
3. Tom noted that the National Audubon Society was formed in 1905. He also noted that first Audubon chapter, the St. Louis chapter, was formed in 1940. He said there are over 500 chapters in the United States today, of which WCAS is one.
4. Tom explained the use of the Passport and nametags, noting that all people who join WCAS as chapter supporters receive a nametag, but that only people who join at least at the Enhanced, or \$35 level, will receive the Passport.
5. Don Altemus discussed the Christmas Bird Count, which will occur on December 26. Using a map that Mary Anne Romito provided, Don showed the 15-mile diameter circle that contains the bird count area. He invited people to sign up for the count and to attend the chili dinner that will follow at the Nature Center that evening.
6. Nancy Howell introduced ODNR botanist Jim McCormac, who presented a program called "Bird Calls 101."
7. Tom pointed out that WCAS is a education-oriented chapter of Audubon and invited everyone to stay for fellowship and shade-grown coffee. He closed the meeting at 9:15 p.m.