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Featured Speakers Include:

Jerome Jackson, Kenn Kaufman, Pete Dunne, Bill Evans, Chris Wood, and many more will be joining us to present keynote addresses and numerous workshops at the 2006 Assembly!!



Friday Dinner Keynote—Jerome Jackson: Author/editor of 21 books and more than 300 articles in the professional and popular literature. His most recent book, *In Search of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker* was published by Smithsonian Books in 2004.

Saturday Luncheon Keynote—

Kenn Kaufman: A world renowned field naturalist and the youngest person to win the Ludlow Griscom Award. He is a field editor for Audubon, a columnist for numerous magazines, and the author of *Lives of North American Birds*, *Kingbird Highway*, and the *Kaufman Focus Guides*.



Saturday Dinner Keynote—Pete Dunne:

Vice President of Natural History Information for Cape May Bird Observatory and editor of *New Jersey Audubon Magazine*. He has written columns and articles for virtually every birding magazine and for the New York Times. His newest books include *Pete Dunne's Essential Field Guide Companion* and *The Art of Pishing*.



The Assembly will be held at the **Holiday Inn on the Lane** located at 328 W. Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. This outstanding location features hotel wide wireless internet service, luxurious rooms and accommodations. For those who need overnight accommodations, we have arranged a special rate of \$89 per night. **To get this rate you must book directly with the hotel by October 20, 2006.** For reservations call (614) 294-4848 and ask for the special rate for the Audubon Ohio State Assembly.



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Audubon Ohio Presents

The 2006 State Assembly

"Birding With A Purpose"

November 10-11, 2006

Columbus, Ohio



White-crowned Sparrow

Photo by Casey Tucker

A Bird Conservation Special Event!

Birding With A Purpose...

- If you love to watch birds, or just spend time outdoors...
- If you want to learn more and give your passion added meaning...

Then Audubon Ohio’s State Assembly is for you!



Trumpeter Swan Photo by Casey

Join us in Columbus on **November 10 and 11, 2006** for outings, workshops, keynote addresses, book signings, and exhibits as you mingle with birders and nature lovers, experts and novices alike, from all over Ohio and beyond. You won’t want to miss this **“Bird Conservation Event of the Year!”**

Schedule of Assembly Events

- FRIDAY:**

 - Full Day Field Trip to Killdeer Plains
 - **OR** 1/2 Day Field Trip to Whittier Peninsula
 - Dinner Featuring Keynote Speaker Jerome Jackson
 - Awards
- SATURDAY:**

 - Assembly featuring a variety of conservation sessions
 - Luncheon featuring Keynote Speaker Kenn Kaufman
 - Dinner Featuring Keynote Speaker Pete Dunne

Workshop Sessions Include These Tentative Topics:

- Mentoring Young Birders
- BirdWatching: Taking Birding to the Next Level
- The Rarest of the Rare—Documenting Rare Birds
- Election Outcomes and Bird Conservation
- Listening in the Dark: Tracking Nocturnal Migration
- On the Ground with Bird Monitoring
- Effective Great Lakes Advocacy for Birds
- Adopting an IBA
- Buy a Duck Stamp-Save a Bird!
- The Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative
- Shorebird Ecology of Ohio
- Causes of Bird Mortality
- Bird Conservation Conversations
- Finding Funding for Bird Restoration Projects
- eBird and Citizen Science
- Barn Owls and Bobwhites -- Farmland Birds and You
- Restoration Projects: Osprey, Eagles, Trumpeter Swans and Grassland Birds
- Taking Action for Cerulean Warblers
- Breeding Bird Atlas II: What We’re Learning
- Pishing in the Wind
- COAC’s (Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters) Best Practices for Chapter Planning

Choose An Optional FULL DAY Field Trip On Friday to Killdeer Plains

We offer an optional full day field trip on Friday going to the Killdeer Plains-Big Island Important Bird Area (IBA). We will travel by van, **leaving the conference hotel (Holiday Inn on the Lane) at 9:00 a.m.** and returning to the hotel by 4:00 p.m. A box lunch is included in the cost of field trip registration. The **field trip fee of \$50** includes van transportation, lunch, and guides.

Killdeer Plains is an IBA notable for its early winter waterfowl and raptor concentrations. If the area is ice-free we may expect a variety of puddle ducks. Bald Eagles, Northern Harriers, and possibly Rough-legged Hawks may be observed as well as Red-tailed Hawks, American Kestrels, and possibly an owl or two. We may also find Northern Shrike and early longspurs are possible.

Our guest leader will be **Chris Wood**, Project Leader for [eBird](#) at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, tour leader for [WINGS](#), a regional editor of North American Birds, and member of Cornell’s elite World Series of Birding Team.

— OR — Choose An Optional 1/2 Day Field Trip On Friday to Whittier

You can choose this optional 1/2 day Friday field trip to the **Whittier Peninsula**, future home of the Audubon Center in Columbus. We will travel by van, **leaving the conference hotel (Holiday Inn on the Lane) at 1:00 pm. and returning to the hotel by 4:00 p.m.** The **field trip is only \$5.00** and includes van transportation.

The Whittier Peninsula is part of the Scioto River-Greenlawn IBA which has been adopted by Columbus Audubon. The tour will include discussion about the Center project, the IBA stewardship activities and recent progress of the site remediation. Bring your binoculars for some birding opportunities. Our leader will be Heather Starck, Director of the Columbus Audubon Center.

2006 Audubon Ohio Assembly Registration Form **DEADLINE:** October 27, 2006

Mark Box	EVENT	PRICE PER PERSON
	FRIDAY OPTIONAL FULL DAY FIELD TRIP TO KILLDEER PLAINS	\$ 50.00
	OR FRIDAY OPTIONAL 1/2 DAY FIELD TRIP TO WHITTIER	\$ 5.00
	FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER WITH KEYNOTE JEROME JACKSON	\$ 35.00
	SATURDAY ASSEMBLY & MEALS INCLUDING KEYNOTES: KENN KAUFMAN & PETE DUNNE	\$ 115.00
	OR FRIDAY DINNER & SATURDAY EVENTS (AS LISTED ABOVE) <i>Save \$15 with this option!</i>	\$ 135.00
	*STUDENT RATE FOR: FRIDAY DINNER & SATURDAY EVENTS (AS LISTED ABOVE)	\$ 75.00
	**CHILD RATE FOR: FRIDAY DINNER & SATURDAY EVENTS (AS LISTED ABOVE)	\$ 25.00
TOTAL OF ALL EVENTS		\$

***STUDENT RATE:** Ages 12-18 & College Students w/college ID
****CHILD RATE:** Ages 11 and under

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**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE AUDUBON OHIO STATE ASSEMBLY
“THE BIRD CONSERVATION EVENT OF THE YEAR”**

November 10-11, 2006
Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus, Ohio

Registration is now open for the Audubon Ohio State Assembly. “The Bird Conservation Event of the Year” will be held on Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11 at the Holiday Inn on the Lane in Columbus.

The Assembly will kick off on Friday morning, November 10, with an optional all-day outing to Ohio’s famous Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area near Marion. Participants will have a chance to see the hawks and owls that make Killdeer a prime late fall birding habitat, as well as waterfowl completing their fall migration.

Those who want a shorter and less challenging outing can join an optional three-hour visit on Friday afternoon for to the Whittier Peninsula in downtown Columbus. Participants will explore the site of the future Columbus Audubon Center and observe the ongoing transformation of this brownfield area into the future “Central Park of Columbus.” Listed as one of the top bird watching areas in Ohio by Jim McCormac in “Birds of Ohio,” Whittier will surprise and inspire visitors.

Keynote speeches by Dr. Jerome Jackson and Pete Dunne on Friday and Saturday evenings will sandwich a day of workshops on Saturday, which will include a lunchtime keynote by Kenn Kaufman and a workshop by Dr. Stephen Kress. The Assembly will offer two dozen workshops on a variety of topics. There will be something for everyone!

Between sessions attendees will be able to visit exhibits and vendors, including the traveling store of the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. Presenters will be available to sell and autograph books.

More information about the Audubon Ohio State Assembly is available on the Audubon Ohio web site, www.audubonohio.org, or by calling the Audubon Ohio office at (614) 224-3303. The web site includes a downloadable Assembly brochure and a registration form.

A list of tentative workshop topics is attached.

AUDUBON OHIO 2006 STATE ASSEMBLY
TENTATIVE WORKSHOP TOPICS

Mentoring Young Birders

Bird Watching: Taking Birding to the Next Level

The Rarest of the Rare—Documenting Rare Birds

Best Practices for Audubon Chapter Planning

Election Outcomes and Bird Conservation

Listening in the Dark: Tracking Nocturnal Migration

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