



BIRDATHON

May 2007

Supporting bird surveys in the Rocky River Important Bird Area

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am birding for a good cause during May 2007. The East Branch Rocky River Watershed has been designated an Important Bird Area (IBA) by Ohio Audubon. IBAs are tracts of habitat determined to be crucial to the existence of birds and other wildlife. The East Branch of the Rocky River extends from Hinckley through North Olmsted, and north to the mouth of the river at Lake Erie. This watershed contains valuable forests and wetlands, such as the Rocky River Reservation, Mill Stream Run, Strongsville Wildlife Area, and Hinckley Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks.

To support ongoing scientific surveys in our Rocky River IBA, Western Cuyahoga Audubon is sponsoring a month-long Birdathon during May 2007. Surveys will document how land use decisions affect bird populations in the Rocky River IBA and surrounding land. The 2006 Rocky River IBA breeding bird survey documented 76 species of breeding birds. Many more are seen in the Rocky River Valley as migrants and visitors.

Please support our efforts with a Birdathon pledge of 10 cents, 50 cents, one dollar per species, or a flat pledge in any amount you choose. You can double the power of your pledge if your employer offers matching donations. Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society has 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

Sincerely,

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