

**Contact Us if you'd like
to be part of the RR IBA
(Rocky River Important Bird Area)**

It's simple! Just call us at:

*216-741-2352, Leave your name
address and phone number.*

*OR Fax to 216-741-1879
or mail us this form to WCAS,
4310 Bush Ave, Cleveland, OH
44109*

Yes, I'd like to help. Please contact
me at:

Your name: _____

Your Address: _____

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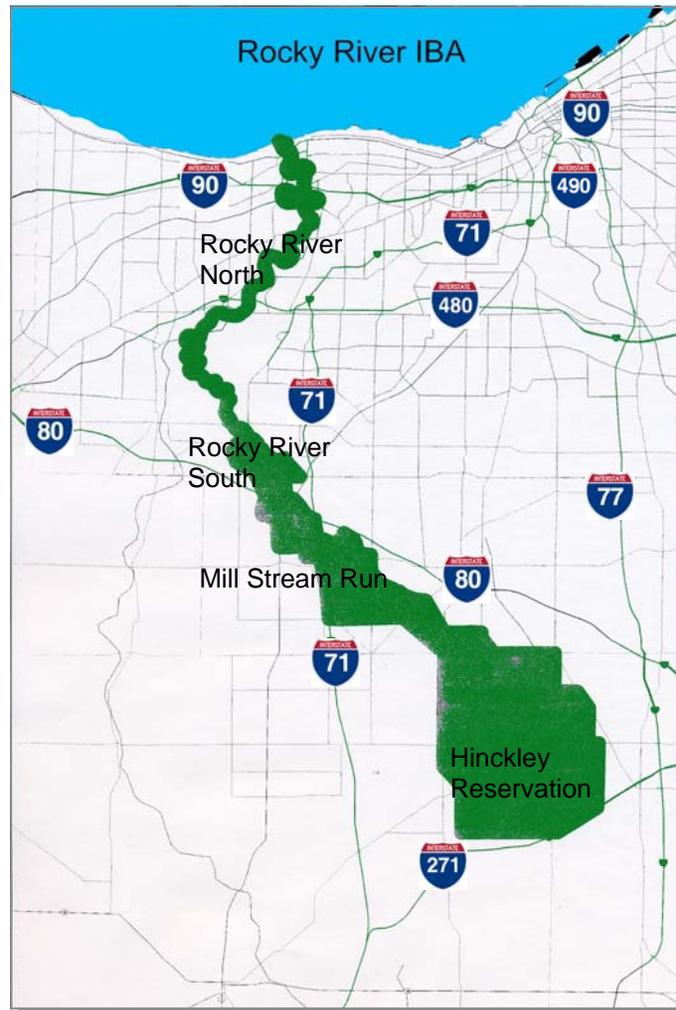
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*OR email WCAS at:
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your name, address, phone and
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Eastern Screech Owl © Dave Lewis



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American Robin © Dave Lewis

**March 5, 2006
April 2, 2006**

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What is an IBA?

An Important Bird Area (IBA) is a place where birds find what they need to live and thrive. It provides essential habitat



Chestnut-sided Warbler
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that various bird species use during their nesting season, during the winter and/or during migration. In order to help conserve these sites, BirdLife International initiated the first IBA program in the mid-1980s in Europe and Africa.

Audubon became a partner and launched state-based IBAs in the U.S. in 1995. Audubon Ohio has been in the process of identifying IBAs since 2000 through a science-based nomination process.

Why is Rocky River an IBA?

Ohio Audubon designated the Rocky River watershed as an IBA in 2000 because it contains sites where significant numbers of birds concentrate for breeding, migration, or wintering.

Why is WCAS adopting Rocky River?

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society (WCAS) would like to help conserve this essential bird habitat. This beautiful treasure is surrounded by busy city life and it is important to save what is there, as well as plan for possible future expansion. In order to do this, WCAS needs to conduct point counts to collect current data on bird populations and migration trends which will provide hard, objective data to Audubon Ohio and the Cleveland Metroparks.

What is WCAS planning?

WCAS will conduct a yearly random *survey* using *point counts*. This involves identifying and counting all birds seen or heard within a prescribed *distance* from the *observer* during a ten minute *length of time* at a predetermined *location* on at least 3 different dates. These locations are randomly selected and are called *point count stations*. By conducting point counts along the Rocky River, WCAS wants to build a data base on the state of forest-breeding birds in the IBA. If done properly, this data can be useful in preserving the Rocky River IBA and possibly in acquiring more land for the Cleveland Metroparks.



We need your help.

What can you do to help?

Now we come to the **fun** part! WCAS is going to throw a “Get to know your local IBA” **kick-off open-house** on **March 5, 2006** at the Rocky River Nature Center between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Displays, presentations, knowledgeable members, etc., will all be there to show you how you can be a part of this great project. Light refreshments will be served.

We will also be holding a **training session** for volunteers (YOU) to learn how to monitor point counts and record data correctly on Sunday, **April 2, 2006** from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Rocky River Nature Center.

Hope to see you there. We need YOU!



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