



Ohio Bird Sanctuary

MANSFIELD, OHIO

A PLACE FOR FAMILIES - A PLACE TO LEARN - A PLACE TO EXPLORE - A PLACE FOR NATURE

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

“Building the Future: Highlighting Recent Construction Achievements”



Beginning the first week of February and running through the first week of September of this past year, our Visitor Center was closed for renovations by Modern Builders of Mount Vernon. This meant that all of our operations from front desk/gift shop to avian intake/hospital to educational programming all had to operate out of the Taylor Family Education Center. It was a little tight & noisy at times...rather like having to wash your dishes in the bathtub while your kitchen is getting redone. But, thanks to our incredibly patient & understanding visitors as well as our flexible & creative staff, we survived it. Looking back now, it was worth it.

Our new Visitor Center has an expanded entry space and new traffic flow right out to see the bird enclosures that does not involve taking any stairs. Other accessibility features included making our restrooms wheelchair-friendly and adding an adult changing station (access available upon request at the front desk.) Winnie, our official greeter in the form of an Eastern Screech Owl, even got a new and improved space to call home. It is twice the size of her old enclosure and she isn't complaining.



The South end of the building received an addition. This serves as the new intake and triage area for our Avian Hospital. It also has running water...something that end of the building lacked before. When members of the public bring us an injured bird, there is a designated entrance for that. This is just one of our many important biosecurity measures we have in place to prevent the spread of any contagens. The updated Avian Hospital also includes areas for medical procedures, a quiet & secluded baby bird nursery, food prep areas, a laboratory space, laundry facilities, and an office for the Bird Care staff.



Some things have not changed. You'll find our amazing gift shop, which has expanded to include the work of local artisans, is back in the Visitor's Center. As is the children's room; featuring the popular touch table and chalkboard wall. We hope you'll also take notice of our organizational timeline that runs along the top of the walls. This installation, created locally at Tridico Signs, begins with our founding on the Laux Farm back in 1988 and includes things like the organizations name change and addition of the Songbird Aviary & Treehouse Classroom to our property.



The “Grove of Generosity” is also of note. This is a collection of artistically-hung trees that bear the names of our biggest financial supporters to this construction project. Without their gifts, none of this would be possible.



Post-Construction Photos



FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2024– December 31, 2024

INCOME

Charitable Giving	\$90,621
Founder's Fund	\$91,229*
Programs	\$113,654
Admission	\$63,427
Maintenance Fund	\$56,428
Grants	\$56,566
Memorial Gifts	\$8,140
Gift Shop	\$32,873
Memberships	\$18,921
Endowment	\$21,954
Events	\$17,424
Adopt-a-bird	<u>\$4,465</u>

Total \$ 575,702

*includes \$50,000 grant from
The Milliron Foundation

EXPENSES

Bird Care	\$120,833
Programming	\$98,641
Business/Admin	\$90,000
Operations	\$90,889
Facilities	\$38,039
Payroll Taxes	\$59,613
Utilities	\$18,850
Accountant/Audit	\$10,523
Community Collaborations	\$3,800
Gift Shop	\$15,849
Advertising	\$5,400
Events	\$3,843
Volunteers	<u>\$1,120</u>

Total \$557,400

Visitor Statistics

- * More than **11,400 visitors** came through the bird display area in 2024!
- * More than 25% of people visiting OBS traveled more than 60 miles.
- * We had visitors from at least 14 different states and 5 different countries (including Canada, Colombia, Germany, Australia, & Spain.)





2024 PROGRAM REPORT

Abby Yates, Program Coordinator

The Ohio Bird Sanctuary is pleased to reflect on an exceptional year of programming and community engagement in 2024. Thanks to the continued support of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and community partners, we have made significant strides in fulfilling our mission of educating the public about conservation and the protection of native wildlife. Of course, these programs would not be possible without our wonderful Education Team at the sanctuary. Clara Zemancik, Emily Tackett, Abby Bramlage, myself, and a team of education volunteers all played vital roles in the success of our programming in 2024.

Outreach Programs: In 2024, we successfully completed **299 outreach programs**, reaching diverse audiences in schools, senior centers, libraries, churches, camps, and community events. These programs allowed us to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds, providing a deeper understanding of conservation efforts and the vital role of birds in our ecosystems. Each outreach program provided an opportunity to engage directly with the community, fostering a greater sense of environmental stewardship.



Field Trips and On-site Programs: Nearly **2,000 students** visited the Ohio Bird Sanctuary in 2024, participating in 45 field trips that catered to a wide range of educational levels, from preschool to high school. These field trips provided students with hands-on experiences in wildlife conservation, allowing them to interact with our resident birds and learn firsthand about their habitats and behaviors. We are proud to have served such a large number of students, helping to instill an appreciation for nature and conservation in the next generation. Over 400 individuals scheduled personalized on-site programs at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary in 2024. Among the most popular programs were our "Raptor Up-Close" sessions and sanctuary tours. These experiences gave visitors the opportunity to learn about our resident birds of prey and gain insight into the Sanctuary's mission.



Homeschool and Preschool Programs: In 2024, we welcomed **84 students** into our homeschool program, as well as 15 preschool students for our on-site preschool program. Both programs met monthly throughout the school year, offering unique educational opportunities focused on conservation topics, nature, and the way we interact with it. These programs provided an enriching environment for students to learn in a hands-on, interactive setting, fostering a love for wildlife and nature from an early age.

Nature Camps: 2024 also saw the return of our Nature Camps, which were attended by **over 300 students**. We hosted three Winter Camps, six Nature Camps, six Jr. Explorer Camps, and two Evening Camps throughout the year. Our Nature Camps are designed for children ages 6-12, and our Jr. Explorer Camps are designed for children ages 4-6. We were also honored to host a special Scholarship Camp for Richland County students who would benefit from a camp experience. This unique opportunity was made possible thanks to generous funding from the Richland County Foundation and the Summertime Kids Grant.



Special Events: We hosted a multitude of special events in 2024 such as Snapshot Sundays, our first annual Edgar's Luau, Fall Festival, and Christmas for the Birds. All our special events are great ways for guests to engage with our resident birds and support their care! Other special events we held in 2024 included: Owls of Ohio (February), Bluebird Workshops (March), Mohican Wildlife Weekend (April), Vulture Day (September), and Fall Photo Friday (October).

(Program Report continued) Looking Ahead: As we reflect on an outstanding year of programming, we remain committed to expanding our reach and continuing our work to educate the community about conservation and the importance of protecting the natural world around us. We look forward to another successful year of connecting with individuals and organizations who share our passion for preserving the natural world.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all who have supported the Ohio Bird Sanctuary throughout 2024. Your partnership and dedication help us continue to offer these valuable educational programs and ensure that our mission of conservation remains at the forefront of our work.

Remember that members receive first notice of all programs and events. See our website to become a member today! www.ohiobirdsanctuary.com

2024 Curator Report

Amanda Vanderford, Curator of Animals

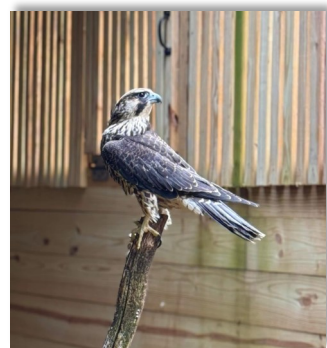


The Ohio Bird Sanctuary had another successful year in fulfilling its mission to provide critical care and rehabilitation to injured, sick, and orphaned wild birds from all across the state. In 2024, we had the privilege of caring for **513 birds** in our Avian Hospital. These birds represented **93 different species** and arrived from **42 of Ohio's 88 counties**. This wide geographical range truly emphasizes the Sanctuary's vital role in responding to the needs of wild birds state-wide.



The species in our care reflect a wide range of birds; from migratory songbirds like the American Robin and Black-throated Blue Warbler to raptor species such as Red-Tailed Hawks and Bald Eagles. Each patient is given the individualized attention and care necessary to restore their health and to prepare them for release back into the wild. Upgrades to our facility this year have helped us care for more animals and house them in very quiet, low-stress environments while maintaining the highest standards of biosecurity. Members of the public may call and receive updates on the health status of birds that they have played a role in rescuing. Thank you to everyone who took the time to bring a bird to us for care. Your kindness and compassion are so important.

In 2024, **37% of birds** admitted to our Avian Hospital survived and were successfully rehabilitated and released back into the wild. While the survival rates vary depending upon the severity of injury/illness, our dedicated team continues to work diligently to provide the highest standard of care to each and every patient. Our team is also proud to have responded to well over 1,000 phone calls and hundreds of emails regarding wildlife in need of assistance.



Like many wildlife rehabilitators, we faced challenges related to increasing demand for our services. Our team worked tirelessly to ensure that each bird received the medical attention and compassion that it needed and deserved. We are proud of the incredible resilience shown by both the OBS staff and the birds in our care. As we closed our 36th year as a non-profit organization, we remain grateful for the support of our volunteers, donors, and community partners who make our work possible day after day and year after year. Together we are ensuring that Ohio's wild birds will have a second chance at a wild and free life.





Introducing: New Events & Team Members in 2024

Julie Schwartz, Executive Director

ECLIPSE YOGA:

Twenty twenty-four included a unique & exciting astronomical event when Mansfield was in the path of totality for the Great North American Solar Eclipse on April 8th. In conjunction with this amazing experience, we offered an Eclipse-themed Yoga class in the Taylor Family Education Center. More than 30 people came together to participate in the class! These people were from all over the world...here in Mansfield to see the Eclipse. We moved through Sun Salutations, Moon Salutations, intention-setting/meditative activities, and Savasana in unison. It was a power-filled way to connect and a perfect way to start and mark such a special day.



EDGAR'S LUAU:

Later in the Spring, we hosted Edgar's Luau! Edgar is an Ambassador American Crow who helps us raise money for wild endangered crows in Hawaii. Folks attending this new event supported Hawaiian Crow Conservation but also enjoyed great food and amazing entertainment in the form of tradition Hawaiian songs and dance. We look forward to this event in 2025 and hope you will be able to join us for all the family-friendly fun



THE SANCTUARY FAMILY GROWS:

In 2024, our Education Team grew when two members welcomed new babies to their families! What a special time. This meant we needed additional help in order to continue to offer the same level and amount of Educational Programming we have been. Enter Clara Zemancik. Clara is a 2024 graduate of Ashland University with a degree in Biology. Before joining the full-time Education Team, Clara was involved with the Sanctuary for many years as a camper, Jr. Naturalist, volunteer, and Intern. She loves connecting even the youngest children with nature and leads both our on-site and off-site Preschool programs as well as many others.



License Plates



In 2024, **\$3,936.48** was raised as a result of the purchase of custom OBS license plates. We are so grateful for the financial support as well as the advertising. Since OBS receives \$15 from each plate purchased, this means there are **262 custom OBS License Plates** out there on the roads!!

Get your OBS License Plate:
<https://bmvonline.dps.ohio.gov/oplates/>



Conservation Efforts

Visitors were inspired through our programming to support species of concern and habitat issues.
Conservation efforts in 2024 supported
American Kestrels, Hawaiian Crows, and Vultures.



\$505 raised

\$1107 raised



\$70 raised

ANNUAL APPEAL

Donation to the Annual Appeal support bird care, youth programs, and general operations.



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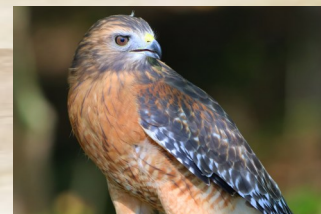
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Bald Eagle & Peregrine Falcon populations were both negatively impacted by the pesticide DDT that cause their eggs to become fragile. Thanks to diligent efforts by wildlife biologists and concerned members of the public, both species are fighting back with neither one listed as endangered at this time.





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The benefits of an Owl Membership include admission to the Sanctuary all year long, keeping up-to-date on happenings via newsletters and email blasts, & receiving advanced notice and a priority enrollment into paid programs and events.



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2024 GENERAL DONATIONS

Thank you to all the individuals and corporations who supported the Sanctuary's mission through a general donation or project. Your gifts supported the care of our Avian Ambassadors who are the foundation of our educational programming and provided the necessary resources to care for our 90 acre preserve. Many additional donation are made anonymously and are therefore, not listed.

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Meg Soller
Adam Spencer
Beth Safford
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Alicia Thomas
Fred Thompson
Patricia Townsend
Lauren Vermilion
Kay Voorhees
Richard & Cathy Wiehe
Brandon Wiese- Eagle Scout
Pamela Wilson
Jenni Zepnick
Courtney Ziegler



2024 Volunteer Report

Abby Yates, Volunteer Coordinator



Here at OBS, we simply cannot complete our goals and mission without the help of our wonderful volunteers! As we reflect on an amazing year, we want to extend the deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who helped us along the way! In 2024, we had **95 active volunteers!** Their volunteer tasks ranged from manning our front desk to assisting with educational programs and special events. Volunteers also help to maintain our grounds & trails and interact with guests in our aviary.

Throughout the year, volunteers spent roughly:

- ◆ 1,004 hours at our front desk
- ◆ 303 hours assisting with educational programs
- ◆ 58 hours assisting with special events
- ◆ And over 100 hours helping to maintain our grounds and trails

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!



GIVING TUESDAY



On December 3rd, 2024, the Sanctuary joined its peer non-profit organizations to encourage individuals to support our missions through **Richland Gives**. The Richland County Foundation supported this initiative by providing all organizations an online giving platform and by providing prize money for reaching fund-raising goals. Thank you to the following donors that participated in Richland Gives and helped us win over \$6,000.00 in prize money.

Daniel Arenberg
Annalisa Arostegui
Ken Barton
Jackson Bean
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Kirby Webster
Lori Wertz
Debra Williams
Jane Wingerd
Nancy Witkowski
Aryav Yadapadithaya
Abby Yates
Stacie Yates
Jenni Zepnick



MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Sanctuary received financial gifts in memory of the following individuals in 2024:

Randy Bean
Lois Bonnorant
Jane Carmean
Nancy Fanello
Joe Farrell
Marita & Jack Freer
Cindy French
Allen Llyod Ingling

Louis Laux
Samantha Laux
David Loney
Carolyn Looker
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Tuesday-Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Sunday 12 - 4 pm
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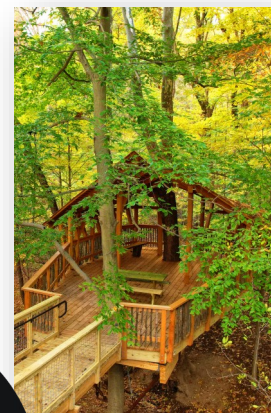
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There are so many ways you can be a part of our mission!
<https://www.ohiobirdsanctuary.com/support-the-sanctuary>



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Owl - \$25 (Individual)

Free admission for one individual.

Hawk - \$50 (Family)

Free admission for one household.

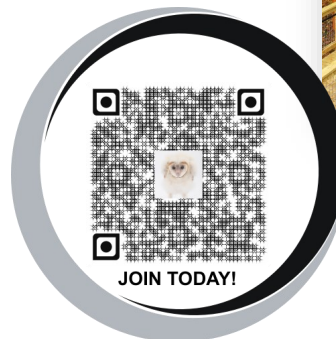
Falcon - \$100 (Family & Friends)

Hawk level benefits plus free admission for 4 guests and a \$10 Gift card.

Eagle - \$500 (Supporter)

Hawk level benefits plus free admission for 8 guests, a \$25 Gift card, and a tour.

All members receive discounts and early notification on special events.



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