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*I always wonder why birds  
stay in the same place  
when they can fly anywhere on the earth.  
Then I ask myself the same question.  
— Harun Yahya*

## Director's Corner

**Alexis R. Faust**  
*Executive Director*

### Change Up Your Birds!

I think it's always good to get out of town. I know that for many, Florida may not seem that exotic, but I find its environment endlessly exciting. Over Thanksgiving, we traveled to the Sarasota area on the gulf of Florida to visit friends. Many roadside ditches were still flooded, making them ideal lunch spots for numerous water and wading birds.

I can't quite decide which ones were my favorites, but I just love a good Wood stork. They have the face that only a mother could love — alongside, of course, a vulture — but their woody countenances are full of such character and depth, making them look all the more like distinguished professors.

Black-bellied whistling ducks are only native to a few areas in the southern United States. The ones we saw were traveling in a group. With their awkward long legs and bright pink beaks, they are a true stand-out. Similar to Wood ducks, they can be seen perching in trees and although they prefer cavity nests, they will nest on the ground if necessary. Their young can climb up and out of a cavity nest within a day or so from hatching. Mostly vegetarian eating grains and grass, they will sometimes feed on snails and insects. Their calls are a series of whistles that remind me of a squeaky dog toy.

And finally, ibis — ibis everywhere! The blue-eyed, orange-beaked White ibis seems to be the perfect opportunist. Anywhere a pool of water forms or waves crash, there they are. They are carnivores that love to feed on crustaceans, especially crabs, but will also eat worms, snails and other insects. I'm not sure what this guy was finding at the Starbucks drive-through, but he stopped long enough to pose.

We also saw Bald eagles, Great egrets, alligators and a bobcat, among other wildlife. So, get out of your comfort zone, visit Florida, lick the salt off a mangrove leaf and check out the birds while you wait in line for your coffee!



Wood stork

Audubon photo. Leighton Siegel



Black-bellied whistling ducks

Kathy Adams Clark

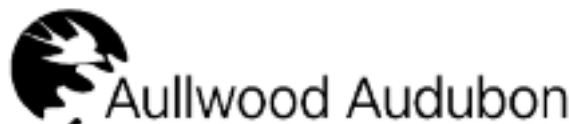


An ibis at Starbucks

A. Faust



Cover: Eastern Screech-owl.  
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## Count Birds for Science!

January • February • March 2023

**Project FeederWatch** turns your love of feeding and watching birds into scientific discoveries. By counting birds at your feeder or any area with plantings, habitat, water, or food that attracts birds, you can contribute to an important continental dataset of bird distribution and abundance.

Project FeederWatch is operated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Birds Canada. From November — April, thousands of volunteers input data that monitors more than 100 bird species that winter in North America. The data provides weekly changes in bird distribution and numbers seen. It informs the project coordinators where birds are, as well as where they are not.

If you love birds, want to learn how to identify birds, enjoy people, or want to contribute to bird science, Aullwood Audubon hosts Project FeederWatch counts at the Nature Center on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and it's FREE! Everyone is welcome — from beginning bird watchers to experienced birders — and there's coffee and baked goodies to enjoy while counting birds inside our warm building.

Registration is not required, and you may stay as little or as long as you'd like.

**Project FeederWatch is January 5, 6, 19, 20; February 2, 3, 16, 17; and March 2, 3, 16, 17, 30, and 31. Come join us!**

## Great Backyard Bird Count

You're invited to spend time in your favorite outdoor places watching and counting as many birds as you can find and then reporting them on **eBird** for this special 4-day global event. The Great Backyard Bird Count is when people around the world come together to observe, count and record birds seen during **February 17–20, 2023**.

Sponsored by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, National Audubon Society and Birds Canada, the Great Backyard Bird Count uses eBird, one of the world's largest nature databases, to track and count birds during this four-day community science event. You can watch observations roll in from around the world, and these observations help scientists better understand global bird populations before one of their annual migrations.



Luke Franke

Birdwatchers

Join us on **Friday, February 17** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for a joint Project FeederWatch and Great Backyard Bird Count Day! You can count birds visiting the feeders as well as any you see on a hike on our trails. Registration is not required and participation is free. Or, you can count birds anywhere you'd like anytime during this timeframe.



Bob Howdeshell

Female Eastern towhee



John Piznuir

Red-breasted nuthatch



Linda Butler

Pine siskin



Anthony Goldman

Hunter's sunbird



Luke Franke

Counting birds using technology



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# Aullwood Nature Store News

## January is National Puzzle Month!



The Aullwood Nature Store has an extensive selection of puzzles and games for all ages and interests. Twenty-piece puzzles are just right for the youngest puzzlers and a 2,000-piece puzzle will challenge even the most experienced. We carry a carefully chosen selection from Allport, Art & Fable, Cavallini, eeBoo, Hart Puzzles, New York Puzzle Co., Pomegranate, One Canoe, Puzzle Folk, Suns Out and YES.

Bird-opoly is just one of several “opoly” games that are perfect for family game night. Or chose a new game from Asmodee, Blue Orange or eeBoo. Purchase a puzzle or game in January and receive a 4-oz. bag of Amish Country Popping Corn to make puzzle and game night even more fun

Don't forget the birds. Suet feeders, thistle socks, squirrel-proof feeders, field guides and more can be found in the Nature Store. Be prepared for the return of hummingbirds in April with a new feeder or hummingbird swing.

Cold winter days are perfect for planning a spring and summer garden. *Bringing Nature Home*, *The Bee Friendly Garden* and *Native Plant Gardening for Birds, Bees and Butterflies* are a few of our inspiring and beautiful books.

Remember, Friends of Aullwood members receive a 10% discount.



Lots of puzzles for everyone!

Ken Fasimpaar



## Chipmunk Adventures

### Chipmunk Adventures Classes

Chipmunk Adventures Classes for Preschool children ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult. Discover and share the excitement of nature with us at Aullwood Audubon. Visit farm animals, hike in the woods, crunch in the leaves, or walk in the creek. We'll do hands-on activities, nature art, stories, and songs together at each session. Classes are conducted outside under the Farm Pavillion unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. Then we begin inside, but our hikes are outside. Dress for the weather conditions. *Come and explore the wonder of winter with us!*

For more information concerning the program, call Beverly Holland at 937-890-7360, ext. 206 or email [Beverly.holland@audubon.org](mailto:Beverly.holland@audubon.org). Please register at [aullwood.org](http://aullwood.org).



Exploring the prairie

**Chipmunk Adventures** is for 2-5 year olds (with an adult). Classes meet on Wednesdays on the dates and times below. **Themes and Dates are:**

<b>Valentines for the Animals</b>	Feb. 1 & Feb. 15	Wed. 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Farm Pavillion
<b>Celebrate Ag (Agriculture) Day!</b>	Mar. 8 & Mar. 22	Wed. 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Farm Pavillion

**Fee:** Members \$25.00/Non-members \$30.00. Maximum of 8 child/adult pairs. We require a minimum of 4 child/adult pairs to hold this program.

## Pancake Brunch

Sunday  
March 5

Sunday • March 5 • 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Charity A Kruger Farm Discovery Center

On Sunday, March 5th, gather your family and friends and enjoy a delicious brunch, a walk in the Sugarbush and a visit with our livestock on the farm.

*There will be continuous serving this year  
from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.*

Gourmet cooks from The Friends of Aullwood Board will demonstrate their skills at flipping pancakes, searing sausages, scrambling eggs, pouring coffee and ladling maple syrup. Aullwood volunteers will lead tours of the Sugarbush and explain the process of maple sugar making.

Advance registration is not required and you may pay at the door. If you prefer to pay in advance instead, visit <https://aullwood.audubon.org/PancakeBrunch>

*Join us at Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center  
9101 Frederick Pike • Dayton, OH 45414  
Cost: \$10.00/adult;  
\$6.00/child (age 12 and under)*



Dave Anderson



Dave Anderson

## Rent-A-Bucket

*The Friends of Aullwood is sponsoring its  
Annual Rent-A-Bucket!*

For a donation of \$35, (\$15 tax deductible), you can have the name of your choice attached to one of the buckets hanging from the tapped sugar maple trees at Aullwood Farm. In recognition of your support, you will receive a half-pint of Ohio maple syrup ready for pickup at the Pancake Brunch on **March 5th**.

Rent-A-Bucket syrup can be mailed for an additional \$8 to cover postage. Reserve yours online at <https://aullwood.audubon.org/RentABucket>



Mike Mushala



Andy / McClarren

# Naturally Curious

## Those Baffling Little Brown Birds

White-throated sparrow

By Nenita Lapitan

Manager of Volunteer & Rental Services/  
Interim Manager of Public Programs

Cold temperatures and snow can bring a number of unusual birds to our feeders to entertain us through the winter. Many of these birds look similar, and are often called “LBBs,” or “Little Brown Birds,” because they can be a challenge to identify for novice and experienced birders alike.

The most ubiquitous of LBBs are those in the sparrow family who travel thousands of miles from Alaska and arctic Canada to winter in Ohio.

One of the first sparrows to arrive is the White-throated sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*). These birds migrate at night from northern Canada. Being greeted by their “Oh-Sweet-Canada-Canada-Canada,” song early in the morning in October is a sure sign that winter is not far behind. Small flocks will feed on the ground



Aspen Allen

White-throated sparrow

under feeders, especially if there is brushy shelter nearby. Field marks to help identify them include white stripes on the head (crown), a white throat, black eye stripe, and yellow between the eyes and beak (lores). Adults may have head stripes of either white or tan, and according to Audubon’s website, scientists have found some odd differences in behavior between these two color morphs.



Heather Roskelley

White-crowned sparrow

A bird less commonly seen is the White-crowned sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*), who travels from the scrubby tundra habitat in northern Canada and Alaska. At first glance, it may appear to be a medium-sized plain brownish and pale-grey bird with a long tail. But the bold black and white pattern on its peaked head stands out, especially if the bird is showing some attitude. These sparrows favor thickets, and brushy areas and will also visit feeders, primarily feeding from the ground. Last year, I had one that favored my platform feeder!



Richard Pick

White-crowned sparrow

## Buy and Donate Business Partnerships

All of these partnerships support Aullwood's environmental educational programs for children. Help Aullwood by registering today!

### Kroger Community Rewards Program



You can shop till you drop and support Aullwood at the same time with only a few easy steps!

1. Visit the website [KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://KrogerCommunityRewards.com)
2. Sign in or Login to your account.
3. Make Aullwood Audubon your charity of choice. Aullwood's Charity ID Number YN601.
4. Shop at Kroger as normal and a portion of your sale will support all of Aullwood's programs for local children!
5. You will know you are giving to Aullwood when you see at the bottom of your receipt: "At your request, Kroger is donating to Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm."

### Dorothy Lane Market's Good Neighbor Program



Please keep in mind you must re-enroll each year for the good Neighbor Program. It's easy to join the DLM Good Neighbor Program and support Aullwood!

1. Visit [DorothyLane.com](http://DorothyLane.com).
2. Click "Club DLM" in the bar across the top.
3. Click on "Good Neighbor Program."
4. Type in your First & Last Name, Email and Club Card Number.
5. Select Aullwood Audubon as your charity and click "Enroll Now."

### AmazonSmile

Support Aullwood when you shop at Amazon!

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and login to Amazon as normal.
2. Type in Friends of Aullwood, Inc. as your Charitable Organization.
3. Aullwood will receive 0.5% on the price of eligible items purchased! It's simple and easy and makes a big difference for Aullwood!

Call Laurie Cothran at 937-890-7360 ext. 216 for more details.

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Fox sparrows (*Passerella iliaca*) always generate excitement when spotted by bird watchers. This large, chunky bird nests in the far north; we only know it as a winter visitor. In Ohio, we are lucky to have the eastern form which has an attractive chestnut foxy-red color on its body and tail as well as reddish streaks on its sides. This bird may appear under feeders and in flower beds where leaves have been allowed to remain. One of the easiest ways to identify this bird is to observe it enthusiastically scratching back and forth with both feet in the grass or leaf litter, so much so that leaves are thrown around in its search for food.

These are just a few of the LBBs that you may see this winter at your feeder. Remember that a variety of feeders and seeds will attract a greater number of species to your neighborhood. If you would like to learn more about birds that visit Ohio in winter, please come to Project FeederWatch at the Nature Center. More details about this important Community Science project are listed on page 3.

*Enjoy the winter birds!*



*Fox sparrow*

*Fyn Kynd*



*Fox sparrow*

*Dominic Sherony*



Sten's Tabone

# 2023 Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

## January 2023 Programs

It's early winter, and this month can be the coldest and hardest on animals and plants. Many are hibernating or have gone dormant until spring. Birds are still active and many different species come together in winter flocks that move through the nature sanctuary. These birds can be observed from our warm and cozy Birdwatching Room at the Nature Center. Snowfall turns woodland and prairie into enchanted places; try exploring the trails in farm pastures on your cross-country skis or snowshoes.

### January 1

Aullwood closed  
New Year's Day Holiday

### January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Birding the Farm  
2:30-4:00 p.m. (Farm)

### January 5, 12, 19, 26

Adult Discovery Walk  
(Members only)  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

### January 5, 6, 19, 20

Project FeederWatch  
(see article page 3)  
9:30-11:30 a.m. (Center)

### January 16

Aullwood closed –  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

### Birding the Farm

(Everyone) Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: 2:30-4:00 p.m. Join Environmental Educator Sam Romeo on a weekly afternoon bird walk at the Farm. A variety of birds can be found on the trails and in the pastures and habitats at the Farm. In winter, flocks of White-throated sparrows, Juncos and Eastern bluebirds are



Judy Doyl

Yellow-bellied sapsucker

busy along the brushy fence rows; you might even spy a Great horned owl in the Sugarbush! We will meet in front of the Farm Discovery Center. Binoculars recommended. Free for members of Aullwood and NAS/ANCA with membership card; non-members may register and pay our general admission prices to participate. Please register online. (Farm)



Ken Fasimpaur

Aullwood trail in winter

### Adult Discovery Walks

(Members Only) Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26: 8:00-9:30 a.m. Birds flock together in the winter to more easily find food. Bring your binoculars and delight in a weekly walk spotting birds and exploring seasonal changes. Meet at the Nature Center. (Center)



Ken Schults

Great horned owl



Aullwood Center in snowy beauty

## February 2023 Programs

February may start out cold and dark, but by month's end, signs of spring begin to emerge. Days are getting longer and warmer and tree sap begins to rise. It's maple syrup time! Birds know this too, and the horizontal lines drilled by Yellow-bellied sapsuckers on sugar maple trees are evident throughout the Sugarbush. Many birds begin to sing, including the Sugarbird, or Tufted titmouse, whose "Peter, peter, peter," can be heard throughout the woodlands.

### February 1, 15

Chipmunk Adventures -  
Valentines for the Animals  
(see article page 4)  
10:00-11:45 a.m. (Farm)

### February 2, 3, 16, 17

Project FeederWatch  
(see article page 3)  
9:30-11:30 a.m. (Center)

### February 2, 9, 16, 23

Adult Discovery Walk  
(Members only)  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

### February 7, 14, 21, 28

Birding the Farm  
2:30-4:00 p.m. (Farm)

### February 17

Great Backyard Bird Count  
(see article page 3)  
9:30-11:30 a.m. (Center)

### February 18

Whose Tracks are These?  
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Farm)

### February 20

Aullwood closed –  
Presidents' Day Holiday

### February 25, 26

Sugarbush Walks  
2:30-3:30 p.m. (Farm)





## March 2023 Programs

### Whose Tracks are These?

(Everyone), Saturday, February 18: 10:00-11:30 a.m. Who leaves tracks shaped like a “Y”? And, who makes a “W” with their footprints? Solve nature’s mysteries by learning basic animal track identification skills with Environmental Educator Sam Romeo. Dress to be outside and get ready to learn and have fun during this interactive program. Free for members of Aullwood and NAS/ANCA with membership card; non-members may register and pay our general admission prices to participate. Meet inside the lobby of the Farm Discovery Center. Please register online. (Farm)



Matthew Kowal

### Sugarbush Walks

(Everyone) Saturday and Sunday, February 25, 26: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Discover how trees make their own food, how to identify trees in winter, and how maple syrup is made. Learn what birds and other creatures live in the Sugarbush and who else besides humans enjoy sweet sap from the trees. You may also get to taste some real maple syrup! Free for members of Aullwood and NAS/ANCA with membership card; non-members may register and pay our general admission prices to participate. Meet inside the lobby of the Farm Discovery Center. Please register online. (Farm)



Bob Lorenzetti tapping sugar maple trees

Spring arrives on March 20, and with it comes spring wildflowers and more migrating birds. American woodcock males can be heard “peenting” at dawn and dusk in open spaces next to woods. Waterfowl, shorebird, and raptor migration is in full swing. Keep an eye out at the end of the month for the arrival of the Eastern phoebe that nests at the Nature Center.

### March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Adult Discovery Walk (Members only) 8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

### March 2, 3, 16, 17, 30, 31

Project FeederWatch (see article page 3) 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Center)

### March 4

Sugarbush Walk 2:30-3:30 p.m. (Farm)

### March 5

Pancake Brunch 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (see article page 5) (Farm)

### March 5

Sugarbush Tours 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. (Farm)

### March 7, 14, 21, 28

Birding the Farm 2:30-4:00 p.m. (Farm)

### March 8, 22

Chipmunk Adventures - Celebrate Ag (Agriculture) Day! (see article page 4) 10:00-11:45 a.m. (Farm)

### March 12

Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward

### March 25

The Search for Skunk Cabbage 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Center)



Cballe19

Skunk Cabbage

### The Search for Skunk Cabbage

(Everyone) Saturday, March 25: 10:00-11:30 a.m. One of the earliest blooming wildflowers, *Symplocarpus foetidus* is found in marshy deciduous woods, alongside streams and wetlands, and other moist habitats. Skunk Cabbage is one of a few plants that exhibits *thermogenesis* – the ability to generate heat – and can bloom while there is still snow on the ground. Accompany Environmental Educator Sam Romeo on a search for this alien-looking, fascinating native plant. Free for members of Aullwood and NAS/ANCA with membership card; non-members may register and pay our general admission prices to participate. Meet inside the lobby of the Nature Center. Please register online. (Center).



Rhododentris

American woodcock



Aullwood's Sugarhouse



Lauren Przybylski

Sugarhouse and buckets



# Volunteer Corner 2023

## January – February – March

### *A Tribute to Jean L. and Jean B.*

Sadly, Aullwood lost two powerhouse volunteers this past year: **Jean Lorenzetti** and **Jean Bindeman**. Both Jeans gave hundreds of hours of volunteer service, sharing their skills and passion for nature and education with young and old alike.

**Jean Lorenzetti**, 85, died of cancer on August 12, 2022, but she lived to lead adventures in learning. She taught eighth-grade English, Literature and World Cultures for 22 years at Baker Junior High in Fairborn. Her living legacy, inspiring students to be readers and writers and to have fun with language and life, was also reflected as a long-time mentor for the Aullwood READS program. Jean and her husband Bob, became Aullwood volunteers in 2009. Besides READS, Jean and Bob were Volunteer Naturalists, assisted with the Candle Dipping and Maple Syrup programs and supported our many special events.

**Jean Bindeman**, 95, passed peacefully on October 7, 2022. She taught high school math in the Dayton Public Schools and was an avid traveler. Jean enjoyed the beauty of our world and managed to visit much of it. She came from a long line of professional artists and was an accomplished painter. Jean began her volunteer service at Aullwood in 2003. She most loved her role as a Volunteer Naturalist, leading children on school field trips about the environment and farming. She was also a READS mentor, made tapers for Candle Dipping, participated in Project FeederWatch, and volunteered at Aullwood’s special events and festivals.

Jean L. and Jean B. were both recipients of the Marie S. Aullwood Award. Jean was also nominated and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Partners for the Environment in 2018. We are so grateful to have spent so much time with these two women. The positive influence they have had on children, visitors, other volunteers and our staff will continue far into the future.



*Jean Lorenzetti leads a group of children.*



*Jean Bindeman gives a demonstration.*

### *2023 Q1 Volunteer Corner*

We are so grateful for our volunteers who supported Aullwood’s many events and activities this fall. Thank you to our Guest Services Volunteers, Greeters and Wayfinders, Maintenance Volunteers, Volunteer Naturalists, READS Mentors, Farm Hands, Candle Dipping Helpers, cookie bakers, t-shirt organizers, bulk mailing stuffers, Nature Store decorators, and special project assistants as well as everyone who volunteered at Fall Fest, Trolls at Twilight, and the Friends of Aullwood Birdseed Sale.



*Black-capped chickadee*

Becky O'Neil

# Winter into Spring Volunteer Opportunities

For more information about these opportunities, please call Nenita Lapitan, Manager of Volunteer and Rental Services at 937-890-7360, ext. 214 or email [nenita.lapitan@audubon.org](mailto:nenita.lapitan@audubon.org).



Nenita Lapitan

## Aullwood would love to have you join our Volunteer Team!

*We have many ways you can help that will fit a variety of schedules.*

*Through your support and activities, volunteers allow us to expand our mission of enriching lives through education and stewardship of birds and ecosystems.*

*Here are two opportunities for which we are currently recruiting:*

### Lawn Rangers and Mechanical Tinkerers

We're looking for handy people to join the Maintenance Crew. Experience working on ladders, woodworking, plumbing, electrical work or small motors is always a plus, though not required. With springtime approaching, we are looking for people to help mow once a week at either the Farm or the Center using our zero-turn mowers. Training provided; schedules are flexible.



Aullwood Farm

### More Than a Greeter

Our Guest Services team is looking for additional volunteers for the Tuesday morning and afternoon shifts at the Nature Center. We also need a few volunteers willing to fill in where needed at either the Center or Farm when regularly scheduled volunteers are absent. This is a critical role to fulfill as you are the first person who interacts with our visitors. If you enjoy talking with people and are comfortable working with a computer, this is a wonderful way to support Aullwood's mission. Training provided.



Barb Runyon, Guest Services Volunteer



## Volunteer for our Special Events . . .

- **Flipping Flapjacks:**  
Friends of Aullwood Pancake Breakfast  
March 5 (Farm)

Help serve pancakes, sausage, eggs, hot or cold drinks at this classic Aullwood event! Volunteer Naturalists are needed to lead tours to Aullwood's sugar shack. Shifts are typically 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 11:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. All volunteers get a complimentary hot breakfast.

*Please save these dates!*

- **Native Plant Sale** — week of April 24, event dates on April 28 and 29
- **Farm Babies Fest** – May 13 and 14





## *A Special Thanks to Our Community Partners*

### **Blue Heron**

The AES Foundation  
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### **Warbler**

Amazon Smile

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## ***Memorials / Tributes . . .***

In memory of  
Jean Bindeman  
Margaret Baird  
Linda Denney  
Paula Gatrell  
Susan & Dick Klepinger  
Carol Minnich  
Kathleen Turner

In memory of  
JoeAnne Connors  
Paul & Cathy Knoop

In memory of  
Charley Dobrochowski  
Monty Mercer

In memory of  
Karen Lindgren Fincher  
Sharon Solt Huether

In memory of  
Jean Lorenzetti  
Melissa Drago  
Kathleen Russell Rader

In memory of  
Christopher Morris  
Judith Guenther-Adams

In memory of  
Earl Pittman  
Karen Beaty  
Pat & Dick Jones  
Paul & Cathy Knoop  
Robert Lorenzetti  
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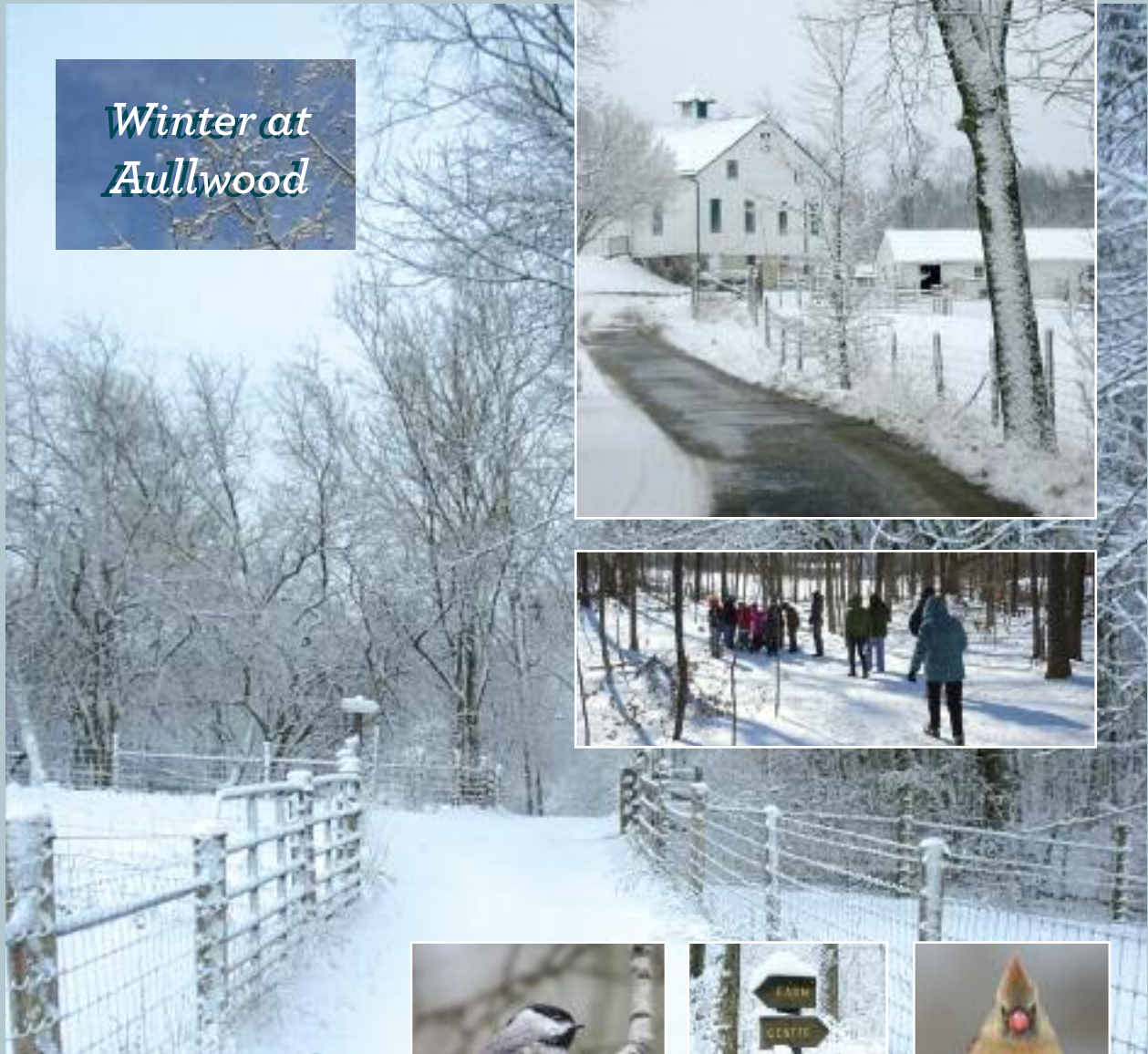
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## The Aull Society

### Heartfelt Thanks!

Aullwood Audubon gratefully acknowledges members of The Aull Society. They are all part of Aullwood's vibrant, healthy future and their planned giving reflects what they cherish — the birds, animals, nature (and now Trolls!) here at Aullwood that have brought joy to their lives.

You, too, can make a difference and help to secure Aullwood's future and ensure that your values endure. Here are several suggestions that will enable you to provide a planned gift for Aullwood through financial planning. Giving opportunities come in many sizes, shapes and forms. Donations should be designated to The Friends of Aullwood which is a 501(c)(3) organization #31-0968010 and all planned gifts are 100% tax deductible.

**Bequest:** This unrestricted gift has no conditions attached and is used at the discretion of The Friends of Aullwood Board of Trustees. It is a general purpose gift that is directed to the most pressing needs at the time of receipt.

**Life Insurance:** Name the Friends of Aullwood as the policy beneficiary. In some instances, the premiums for the policy may be taken as a tax deduction.

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You and your financial advisor will determine what is right for your charitable gift giving. Should you choose Aullwood, please notify The Friends of Aullwood of your planned gift. You will immediately become a member of The Aull Society. As a member, you will receive recognition in Aullwood's annual report, invitations to special events as well as an invitation to and recognition at Aullwood's Annual Meeting event for planned gift donors.

*For more information (with no obligation), please contact Laurie Cothran at [laurie.cothran@audubon.org](mailto:laurie.cothran@audubon.org) or call 937-890-7360, extension 216.*

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## Golden-crowned kinglet

(*Regulus satrapa*)

*This diminutive songbird, barely bigger than a hummingbird, may seem tiny to you and me, but to an insect, it's a persistent predator.*

*During breeding season, Golden-crowned kinglets prefer boreal coniferous forests at high elevation. During migration and winter, these birds can be found hanging out in deciduous woodlands, parks and even backyards.*

*If you spot a jittery bird hopping around on branches, or even hanging upside down on tree branches searching for insects and spiders to eat, you've caught a glimpse of a kinglet.*

*Kinglets can be hard to see at times, because they like to be high up in the trees. If you are patient, you may be rewarded with a look at its dazzling lemon-yellow crest, surrounded by a stripe of black feathers.*

*Now is a good time to keep your eye out for this tiny gem of the forest!*



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