



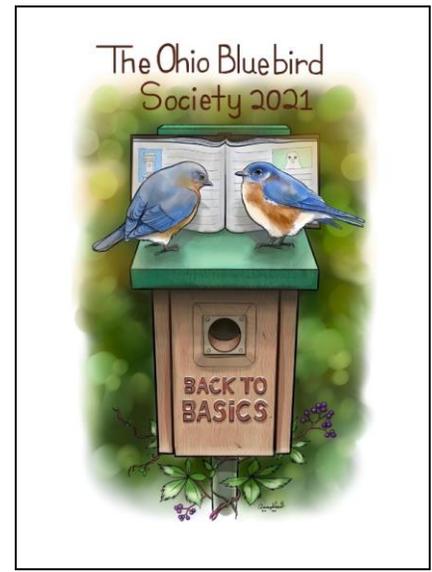
OHIO BLUEBIRD SOCIETY

2021 *Virtual* ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 6, 2021

Presenters

Presentations will be available on the OBS website by March 6, 2021. You can view as your time permits and as often as you want. We will continue to add more educational videos and articles throughout the year.



Bet Zimmerman Smith

Bluebirding 101

45 minutes

Presentation will cover what a bluebird looks like, why they need your help, top tips on attracting bluebirds and keeping them safe, and who else might use your nestbox.

NABS Introduction

15 minutes

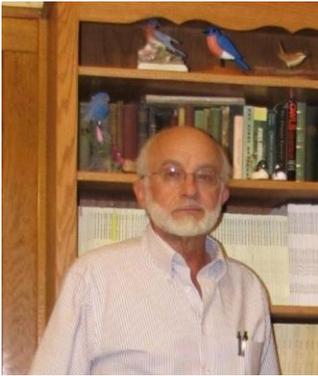
North American Bluebird Society (NABS): Who NABS is, History, Boards and Committees, Financials, Grants, the Journal, Website, Facebook, Awards, Conferences and Membership Benefits

Bet's Bio:

Bet Zimmerman Smith is a Certified Environmental Professional, with a B.S. from UCONN and an M.S. from Yale in Environmental Management. Since 1978, she has worked and volunteered in the field of environmental protection for government and non-profit research and conservation organizations, including the Peace Corps, the CT Dept. of Environmental Protection, and Battelle.

She saw her first Eastern Bluebird in 1998, after installing a nestbox she received as a gift. She and her husband then adopted several "abandoned" bluebird trails, which eventually expanded to a network of 50 to 100 nestboxes in northeastern CT.

Bet maintains an educational website about bluebird and small cavity nester conservation at www.Sialis.org. She serves on the NABS Board and is a Life Member of NABS and several State bluebird organizations. In 2008, she received the North American Bluebird Society John & Nora Lane award for outstanding contributions to bluebird conservation.



Dick Tuttle

Wildlife Management for Tree Swallows 45 minutes

Dick Tuttle is a retired middle school life science teacher that religiously monitors and maintains nearly 400 bluebird nestboxes on eight *bluebird trails* and *Tree Swallow nestbox grids* on public lands in Delaware County, including projects at Delaware and Alum Creek State Parks, the Olentangy Environmental Control Center near Mt. Air, Smith Park in Delaware, and the Delaware Wildlife Area. Since 1968, he has offered hundreds of conservation programs, and since 1967, his nestboxes have raised more than 57,000 native birds representing ten species. He has worked with teams of other conservationists to install Osprey nest platforms since 1997, and roadside nestboxes for American Kestrels since 1993.

Dick successfully raised his first bluebirds in 1968 and his first Tree Swallows in 1977. Since then, his boxes have fledged 11,909 bluebirds and 30,461 Tree Swallows!

His program, Wildlife Management for Tree Swallows will include box placement from straight lines to nestbox grids that result in maximum use by swallows. Other topics will include furry flat-tailed bluebirders of centuries ago, feather tossing, paired boxes, and other topics practiced for greater production of our avian neighbors.

Dick authored the Division of Wildlife's Hit the Trail for Bluebirds in 1975. Also, type "Dick Tuttle Columbus Audubon" into your computer's browser in order to read many of Dick's articles, thanks to Bill Heck, Columbus Audubon's web master.



Marne Titchenell

Woodland Cavity Nesting Birds 45 minutes

There are several species of woodland birds that will use nest boxes. This presentation will discuss several cavity nesters in Ohio's woodlands and how you can provide them with the best nest box possible. We will discuss flycatchers, sapsuckers, chickadees, and more!

Woodpecker Use of Nestboxes 15 minutes

Woodpeckers are known for excavating their own cavities for nesting and roosting, however there has been some reported use of nest boxes, especially during the winter. We will explore this topic further in this short video, which includes several video clips of woodpeckers exploring nest boxes.

Marne's Bio:

Marne is an Extension Wildlife Program Specialist, with the Ohio State University. She works within the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences in the School of Environment and Natural Resources. She provides a variety of educational programs, workshops, conferences, and publications centered on wildlife ecology and biology, habitat management for wildlife, and managing nuisance wildlife species.

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Paula Ziebarth

Don't Pull That House Sparrow Nest! 30 minutes

Paula Ziebarth (Madame Wingnut) will discuss the challenges and dangers surrounding the non-native House Sparrow. The efficacy of both passive and active management strategies will be reviewed.

Paula's Bio:

Like the Eastern Bluebird, Paula is native to Ohio. She grew up on the west side of Cleveland and settled in central Ohio after graduating from Ohio State University with a degree in Civil

Engineering. She began monitoring Bluebird Trails in 2002. Paula is a Delaware County and Ottawa County Area Contact for the Ohio Bluebird Society (OBS). She also serves as Coordinator of the Delaware County Chapter of Cornell Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch and is a board member for Lake Erie Islands Conservancy. Last year Paula monitored over 400 nest sites in Delaware and Ottawa Counties. Birds she has worked with include Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Tufted Titmice, Carolina Chickadees, Carolina Wrens, House Wrens and Purple Martins. She is also the author of OBS Newsletter, "Ask Madame WingNut".