



# Cedar Bog Review

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## President's Message

It's April 2006 and a lot has happened at the bog over the past few months. Dan is truly getting his feet wet as he settles in as our Site Manager. He is doing some repair work on the interior of the bog house which will allow him and the Association to have adequate office space, as well as conference room, small library and display area.

With the help of Ralph Ramey, Eric Doerzbacher, Tom Shisler (Site Manager of the other OHS Natural preserve, Wahkeena), and others, the boardwalk has been extended from the beginning of the trail at the cedar stand, up the hill to the kiosk! Their next step is to lay crushed limestone on this part of the trail to cut down on the slick-when-wet factor.

Last week, the toads tuned at the bog and Dan led 55 folks through to hear and see the trilling (no pun intended) event. It also generated a lot of publicity in the Urbana and Springfield media.

Several CBA board members and Dan are working the OHS and other folks on the Education Center plans at Cedar Bog. Things seem to be progressing along. We will definitely keep you informed.

In addition to the newsletter and the website, CBA now has two other ways to keep you informed about happenings at the bog, these will be discussed later in this newsletter.

Cedar Bog will be part of the up-coming Ohio Ornithological Society Symposium in June. For those of you who are birders, this is an event you might want to mark on your calendars (17 June)! As we get more information on this, we will post it on the website along with links to registration.

Make sure you check out the Calendar section for other happenings at the bog.

See you at the bog!

Sláinte  
Melanie Pratt  
President

## Keeping In Touch

As noted in the President's Message there are now two more ways to keep in touch with Cedar Bog and the happenings there.

A Yahoo Group has been created by Site Manager Dan Reese for "all things Bog." you can subscribe to this site by accessing Cedarbog-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. The site acts as a chat room, a way of dispensing information, photo repository, etc of all things bog.

If you do not wish to be in a Yahoo Group, the other option we are offering is a notice board, run by our webmistress. You can subscribe to this by emailing: cedarbog@earthlink.net. The notice board will be a one or two line notice of something special happening within the next day or so, such as an early blooming of plants.

Of course, the website itself is still the bog's most important site of information, from the Deet-o-meter to teacher/student information, links to other sites, program offerings etc.

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## Calendar

- 22 April **Earth Day at Cedar Bog** 8am-5pm  
Walk the bog, talk to the experts from ODNR, Division of Wildlife, the OSU Extension Office and the Mad River Watershed Conservation folks about conservation of endangered species, adapting to the environment and other topics
- 29 April **Terry Jaworski Memorial Walk**, 12noon  
Meet at the kiosk
- 13 May **International Migratory Bird Day** 8am-5pm. See related article
- 14 May **Spring Flower Hike**, 10am
- 08 June **CBA Annual Dinner Meeting**, 6:30pm  
Speaker: Dan Reese, Location to be announced
- 17 June **Ohio Ornithological Society Symposium**  
Urbana and Cedar Bog

## International Migratory Bird Day

This is an international event that takes place on the second Saturday of May each year. It celebrates the migration routes of birds that fly from their breeding grounds in Canada and the United States to their wintering grounds Mexico, Central and South America. For more information, access their website at: [www.birdday.org](http://www.birdday.org). You may also write them at:

International Migratory Bird Day  
2840 Iloff Street  
Boulder, CO 80305

Cedar Bog will host this event from 8am to 5pm on Saturday, 13 May. Bring your bird books, your life list, and your binoculars and enjoy the day.

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## Cedar Bog Website Features Photos by Ron Austing

The website now has pictures of most of the birds that live in or travel through the bog during migration.

We give great thanks to Ron Austing for sharing his bird photos with us for the bird section of the Bog Field Guide. Ron is

a wonderful and talented wildlife photographer who has his photos in the National Audubon Society bird field guides and Thayer Birding Software, which is affiliated with Cornell Lab of Ornithology. If you see a photo of a bird that you like on our site, visit his website at [Ronausting.com](http://Ronausting.com) to see all his photos. You can also order prints from his website.



# Woodcock Personal Ads

SBM (single brown male)

Squat, chubby male shorebird seeking equally squat, chubby female mate. Good singer and dancer. Likes quiet females, earthworms, and prefers to be alone. Very attractive - large eyes, long bill, brain upside down. Like to fly fast. Interested in fathering children but not interested in home building, child rearing or a continued relationship. One night stand preferred. Meet after sunset in a wet field if interested.

(Editor's note: a friend, whose husband is a naturalist for Columbus Metro Parks send this to me, I just had to share it with the rest of you!)



*Marsh Marigolds at Cedar Bog*

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## A note from the Webmistress

I am working on a checklist of the flowers for the site based upon Dave Berry's CD. It is a spreadsheet that contains the bloomers from Dave's CD, if they are visible and where, the month they typically bloom in the bog (based upon the CD), plant name and scientific name. Goal would be that folks could use it to see what blooms and also track which flowers they have seen. I will get a draft of that up on the site early next week. I hope to be done with it by early May with the goal of availability for the Wildflower walk.

I also have pulled all the pictures for plants that are not visible in Cedar Bog from the CD. I want to get them up sometime in May so people can learn what is there. I know I enjoy the fact that many plants taht are not visible form the boardwalk I still can see when I got to other sites like Glen Helen, Caesar's Creek, and John Bryan State Park.

Amy

## From the YahooGroup News

On Monday, Dan led a group of reporters on a tour around the bog; many of you have seen the articles written as a result of this tour.

This, however, is also what Dan wrote in his blurb on the YahooGroup site:

"Blooms: Hepatica, Rue Anemones, and of course, marsh marigold. Trilliums are budding and want to open....they're just waiting for a bit more sun.

"Even the snakes are getting into the groove! While showing around the reporters, we found a trio who were feeling pretty romantic. We shamelessly photographed their little intrigue."

As a result of Dan't talk with the reporters, a great article was published in the Springfield News-Sun and at the Toad-Tuning, Dan was interviewed and starred in a video with the sound of trilling toads sounding off in the bog meadow behind him.

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## Prairie News

In Madison County near Mechanicsburg is a lovely little prairie remnant known as the W. Pearl King prairie. It is 20 acres of Prairie Dropseed grass (*Sporobolus heterolepis*) a few Burr Oaks and some other associated prairie plants. Early this year, the site was acquired by the Columbus Metro Parks as part of their system.

In a quote from the City Journal of the April 2006 issue of the Columbus Monthly, page 9:

"Though it's only a tiny 20-acre tract, it represents one of the largest and last remnants of Ohio's native prairie lands as they existed before settlers arrived. It is a relic of the once-extensive Darby Plains that covered much of the present-day Madison County in a colorful expanse of grasses, sunflowers and other wildflowers."

I have visited the Pearl King Prairie many times over the years and it is a beautiful "prairie pocket".

Hats off to the Columbus Metro Parks for this addition.

Melanie.

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### Bloomin' at the Bog

Rue Anemone

Trillium (our state Wildflower)

Jack-in-the-Pulpit

Hepatica

Marsh Marigold

Watercress

Mayapple (budding out, should be in bloom soon!)



*Rue Anemone at Cedar Bog*

## Volunteers Needed

Earth Day is rapidly approaching (Saturday 22 April) and help will be needed at the kiosk and at the Association Tent (which will be set up across from the kiosk). We need folks to be in the tent beginning at 8am until 5pm. You DO NOT have to stay the entire day, but if you can fit a couple of hours in, we would gratefully appreciate any time you can give.



What will you be doing in the tent? Hopefully selling memberships to the Cedar Bog Association, selling Bog Trolls, Toad Abodes, Trail Guides, bottled water, etc. Also, I am sure whoever is in the kiosk might need some help. If you have two to three hours to spare, email Sally Engle at [salmike@ctcn.net](mailto:salmike@ctcn.net) this week, so she can get a schedule together. Or you can call her at 937-65-5870.

The Association also will be needing volunteers on Saturday, 17 June, in the afternoon to be at stations in the bog to help with the walks being offered as part of the Ohio Ornithological Society Symposium. There will be more on events later on the Cedar Bog website and the YahooGroup News.

Thanks, your help is gratefully appreciated by all.

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## The Last Word

A last minute note from Amy the webmistress: "I got the wildflower checklist up on the site. It is available on the homepage right now and from the field guide page, where it will always be available."

Sláinte, Melanie Pratt, Editor