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Birding events

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The first Ohio Young Birders Conference will be Saturday, May 26, at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge's new visitor center, Ohio 2, Oak Harbor, Ottawa County. The fledgling group's inaugural event will feature presentations by club members on rails, night-flight calls of migrating songbirds and taking field notes. Pre-event field trips to Magee Marsh and Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge, the Ottawa refuge and surrounding areas will be about 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 25, and 6 a.m. May 26. Registration at the visitor center starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. (The field trip will conclude in time for the morning conference.) Conference cost is \$10 for youth members, \$15 for adult members. Go to the Ohio Young Birders Club Web site at: www.ohioyoungbirders.org or call the Black Swamp Bird Observatory at 419-898-4070.

The Ohio Ornithological Society's third annual conference will be Friday through Sunday at Mohican State Forest and Park in Perrysville, Richland County. Some of the state's leading birders will head up field trips to the best habitats in the area, followed by afternoon and evening programs. Go to www.ohiobirds.org. The primary venue for the conference will be the Mohican Lodge on Pleasant Hill Lake.

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