

Fall Warbler Symposium

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Toledo Naturalists' Association

Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio

Symposium Speakers

Jon Dunn.



Jon Dunn has lived much of his life in California where he became a birder at age eight, a life-altering event triggered, he says, by the appearance of a bright male Hooded Oriole in his garden. Jon has extensive knowledge of the identification and distribution of North American Birds and has written or co-written numerous papers on these subjects that have appeared in a wide variety of journals. He has also long been interested in Asian avifauna. Jon has been chief consultant/editor for all five editions to the National Geographic Society's *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*, 1st to 5th editions, most recently published in 2006. He was co-writer and host of the two-video set *Large and Small Gulls of North America* in the Advanced Birding Video Series as well as co-author with Kimball Garrett of *Birds of Southern California, Status and Distribution*. Jon is a member of the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist Committee, the ABA Checklist Committee and has served over 20 years on the California Bird Records Committee. Of particular relevance to this conference is Jon's book, *Warblers*, which he co-authored with Kimball Garrett.

Bill Evans.



Bill Evans, a former researcher at the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University, has been tracking avian migration patterns for more than 10 years. More recently, he founded Old Bird, Inc., which is dedicated to facilitating acoustic monitoring of avian night flight calls. This organization has two primary branches of activity. One is the development and distribution of information and tools for advancing the method and utility of monitoring night flight calls of migrating birds. The second is the establishment and maintenance of networks of acoustic monitoring stations for gathering and distributing night flight call data for environmental education and understanding. Bill has uncovered much fascinating information about the nighttime movements of migrant birds, and is an outstanding speaker.

Kenn Kaufman.



Kenn needs no introduction to birders, especially those in Ohio where he now lives. His approach to the study of birds and nature is novel, and Kenn has a gift of presenting information, even highly technical material, in an engaging and interesting way. His book, *Kingbird Highway*, is an absolute classic and a must-read for anyone with an interest in birds. Beyond that, Kenn has produced his own field guide series, inspired in part by one of his mentors, Roger Tory Peterson. Books in this series include *Field Guide to Birds of North America*, *Butterflies of North America*, *Mammals of North America*, and the most recent contribution, *Insects of North America*. Kenn has a real passion for warblers, and as he lives just miles from the legendary Magee Marsh bird trail, he is in an excellent locale to study them.



Elliot Tramer.

Elliot is a professor at the University of Toledo, in the Department of Earth, Ecological and Environmental Sciences. He has been affiliated with the University since 1969, and an avid birder for longer than that. Elliot has many publications to his credit, including the interestingly titled “Bird behavior during a total solar eclipse”, published in the Wilson Bulletin in 2000. Dr. Tramer also studies the birds of the Oak Openings and has for many years. This is one of Ohio’s most interesting habitats, and Elliot lives within that region.

He is a co-author of 2002’s “Birds of the Toledo Area”, a book familiar to many Ohio birders. Elliot also has made many trips to the tropics of Central America, and has a good understanding of warblers both on their North American breeding grounds, and their much more southerly wintering areas.



Victor Emanuel.

Victor Emanuel started birding in Texas 59 years ago at the age of eight. His travels have taken him to all the continents, with his areas of concentration being Texas, Arizona, Mexico, Panama, and Peru. He is the founder and compiler for 40 years of the record-breaking Freeport Christmas Bird Count, and served a term as president of the Texas Ornithological Society. Birds and natural history have been a major focus throughout his life. He derives great pleasure from seeing and hearing birds, and sharing with others these avian sights

and sounds, both the common ones and the more unusual ones. He initiated the first birding camps for young people, and considers that one of his greatest achievements. Victor holds a B.A. in zoology and botany from the University of Texas and an M.A. in government from Harvard. In 1993, he was the recipient of the Roger Tory Peterson Excellence in Birding Award, given by the Houston Audubon Society in recognition of a lifetime of dedication to careful observation, education, and addition to the body of avian knowledge. In 2004, he received the Roger Tory Peterson Award from the American Birding Association, and the Arthur A. Allen Award from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Victor is a member of the board of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, and the American Bird Conservancy. Victor started VENT, or Victor Emanuel Nature Tours, which leads nature ecotourism trips all over the globe.