

Cedar Bog Review

Cedar Bog Nature Preserve, 980 Woodburn Rd. Urbana, OH 43078
937-484-3744, 1-800-860-0147
cedarbognp@gmail.com

Spring 2022

Mike Crackel, Preserve Manager,
Cedar Bog Nature Preserve

Cedar Bog Association

Officers:

*, President

Randel Rogers, Vice President

randel_rogers@hotmail.com

M. Mason, Secretary

mmason@aol.com

Robert Dwyer, Treasurer

Rdwycrpa79@gmail.com

Board Members:

Ben Searfos, Urbana

Allison Cox, Urbana

Jean Gayley, Urbana

Alice Thoresen, Springfield

Roger Koerner, Urbana

Cheryl Erwin, Bellefontaine

Robert Glotzhober, Columbus

Andy Schenkel, Columbus

Judy Page, Urbana

Ex-Officio:

David Dyer, Ohio History
Connection

Ohio Biological Survey

Jeff Tipton, Division of Wildlife,

St. Paris

The Nature Conservancy

Ohio Field Office, Dublin

Tim Snyder

Newsletter Editor

Mike Crackel

cedarbognp@gmail.com

Webmaster

Mike Crackel

cedarbognp@gmail.com

Website: www.cedarbognp.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/cedarbog

Email: cedarbognp@gmail.com

A message from our Preserve Manager:

It seems that Spring cannot make up its mind this year. But then again, we do live in Ohio. The signs of Spring are slowly making themselves known. The Skunk Cabbage looks to be having a banner year. A few Marsh Marigolds and Round-lobed Hepatica are starting to appear. There has also been a lot of owl and turkey activity in the preserve. So, you never know what you might find on any particular day at Cedar Bog.

Make sure to check out our Calendar of Events for this year. We have some new and exciting programs lined up. I hope you can take advantage of your CBA membership and attend as many as possible. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to see anything new that may pop up.

Mike

Remembrances

In recent months Cedar Bog has lost two great friends.

On November 27th, Cedar Bog Association president Erik Koik passed at age 65. Erik had been on the board for several years where he was intimately involved in establishing the Fentastick Fundraising Dinner, upgrading the site manager position to full time, modernizing our budget processes, and furthering the mission to protect and share Cedar Bog. Erik was the first serving officer of the association to pass, and the first active trustee since Terry Jaworski in 2005. The Cedar Bog Association plans to honor his contributions with a memorial bench.

The Honorable Clarence J. "Bud" Brown, Jr., age 94, passed on January 26th. Bud was a strong advocate for the protection of Cedar Bog as far back as the highway crisis in the 1960s, leading to our designation as a Natural National Landmark in 1967. Bud was also a founding member of the "Friends of Cedar Bog", and instrumental in establishing the operating endowment that today totals nearly \$1 million. Without that endowment the Nature Center would not have been possible.

Please join us in keeping both families in our thoughts.



Calendar of Events

Skunk Cabbage Walk Self-Guided Tour

CBA Naturalists will be on the boardwalk to answer questions.

Sunday, Feb 20, 12:00-2:00pm

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

"Native Plants in Your Garden" Terry and Randy Litchfield

Saturday, March 12, 10:00am

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

"The Moon, Stars and Planets" Patrick Craig

Saturday, April 9, 8:00pm

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

Earth Day Walk Self-Guided Tour

CBA Naturalists will be on the boardwalk to answer questions.

Saturday, April 23
12:00-2:00pm

FREE. Donations accepted.

"Wonderful Warblers" Doug Overacker

Saturday, May 14, 7:30am

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

Orchid Walks Self-Guided Tour

CBA Naturalists will be on the boardwalk to answer questions.

Sunday, May 29, 12:00-2:00pm

Saturday, June 4, 12:00-2:00pm

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

"Nature Journaling" Judy Page and Debbie Loffing

Saturday, June 11, 10:00am

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

"Dragons and Damsels" Jim Lemon

Saturday, July 9, 10:00am

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

"Moth Night" Jim Lemon

Saturday, July 23, 8:00pm

Free. Donations accepted.

"Conservation Photography" Jim McCormac

Saturday, August 6, 10:00am

\$10 per person, OHC & CBA members - \$5.00

"Moth Night" Jim Lemon

Saturday, August 20, 8:00pm

Free. Donations accepted.

"Native Prairies" Tom Hissong

Saturday, August 27, 10:00am

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

"Reptiles and Amphibians" Jeff Davis

Saturday, Sept 10, 10:00am

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

Mellow Yellow Walk Self-Guided Tour

CBA Naturalists will be on the boardwalk to answer questions.

Sunday, Sept 18, 12:00-2:00pm

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

"Boo in the Bog"

Friday, October 7, 7-9pm

Saturday, October 8, 7-9pm

\$6.00 per person

Reservations highly recommended.

"Full Moon Owl Walk" Judy Page

Saturday, November 5, 7:00pm

\$5 per person, OHC & CBA members free

This schedule is subject to change. The outside Walk programs may be cancelled or rescheduled because of inclement weather.

For more information, call 937-484-3744
or email cedarbognp@gmail.com.

Find additional information on Facebook at Cedar Bog Nature Preserve or our web page at cedarbognp.org.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Cedar Bog Association is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization tasked with running and maintaining Cedar Bog Nature Preserve. Volunteers are necessary to accomplish that mission.

We need volunteers! If you have ever wanted to help or give back to something worthwhile, we need you. No experience or special skills are needed. We can find some way you can help. If you have people skills and have run a cash register, your help in our Nature Center is much needed. Anyone with a general knowledge of the Bog can be trained to work with visitors and guide tours. Habitat maintenance will always be a never-ending job.

If you are available just one or two days a month (or more), we could use your help. Even just one day a month can make a big difference. It is up to all of us to help keep Cedar Bog open to the public and to preserve this incredible place.

We are also looking for volunteers to bolster our Board of Trustees committees. We need some fresh ideas and perspectives. All committees are chaired by one of our board members and include other board members and Cedar Bog Association volunteers.

Our committees handle everything from event scheduling to enticing new volunteers to grant writing to fundraising to writing the newsletter and social media. If you have a special skill or passion, please consider helping with one of our committees.

One other area in which our membership might be able to help, is with our newsletter. If you regularly read our newsletter, you have noticed that I have been a bit tardy getting it out on time. It can be difficult for one person to come up with information and articles for the newsletter. I know there are CBA members with special skills, knowledge and experiences relating to Cedar Bog or natural history in general, who might like to share. If you have an idea for an article you would like to help with or an article you may have already written that would be of interest to our membership, please send it via email to: cedarbognp@gmail.com. I would be glad to talk with anyone about this and greatly appreciate the help!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Preserve Manager Mike Crackel in the Nature Center or call 937-484-3744 and leave a message. We will be glad to call you back and find the right place for you at Cedar Bog.

Mike



Donations can be made quickly and securely by credit card or through your PayPal account. Please scan the QR Code below to be taken to our donation page. Thank you for supporting The Cedar Bog Association.



2022 Cedar Bog Sightings



Skunk Cabbage



White-breasted Nuthatch

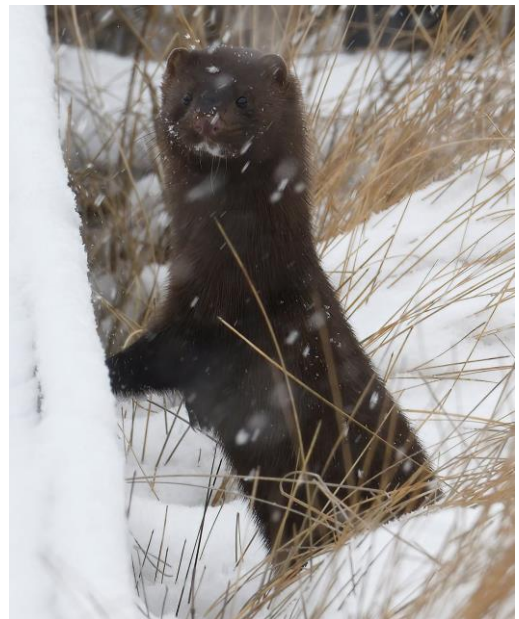


Round-lobed Hepatica

2022 Cedar Bog Sightings



Winter Sedge Meadow



American Mink



Marsh Marigold

We have been working with several agencies on habitat restoration the past several years. The Ohio Natural Areas and Preserves Association (ONAPA) and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves (DNAP) and numerous volunteers have worked service days to clear and restore habitat. The hope is this effort will benefit the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes and many of the other rare species that call Cedar Bog home. This area behind our Nature Center has become overgrown through the years. It should be more of a wet prairie habitat. Removal and treatment of woody species will help restore and improve this habitat. Keep your eyes open for the explosion of summer and fall wildflowers in this area.



More Ways to Give

A membership to the Cedar Bog Association is the perfect way to support Cedar Bog. Memberships allow access to the boardwalk any time the preserve is open and to educational programs throughout the year. Please consider becoming a member or giving a gift membership to your favorite naturalist! More information can be found on our website at:
<https://www.cedarbognp.org/get-involved/>

Cedar Bog Association 2022 Annual Meeting

The Trustees of the Cedar Bog Association announce the annual meeting of members will take place on Saturday April 23, 2022 beginning at 10am at the Education Center at Cedar Bog Nature Preserve, 980 Woodburn Rd, Urbana, Ohio.

Members of the Association will be updated on activities over the last year and will elect Trustees. The Trustees are pleased to announce the following slate of candidates:

To renew for a three-year term ending in 2025:

Randy Rogers
Bob Glotzhofer
Judy Page
Rob Dwyer

Please RSVP to cedarbognp@gmail.com.

To request an absentee ballot, email a request to cedarbognp@gmail.com no later than April 13, 2022.

To submit an alternate slate for Trustees election, email to CBA Secretary M. Mason, mmason2806@aol.com or Cedar Bog Preserve Manager Mike Crackel at cedarbognp@gmail.com no later than Mar 24th, 2022.

Due to rising postage, printing and handling costs, all future Newsletters will be distributed by email only. Please make sure we have a current, active email address when you renew your membership. If you still wish to have a paper copy of the newsletter, you may pick one up at the Nature Center during normal open hours. Thank you for your understanding.