Birding on the Buckeye Trail

Have you ever seen a cerulean warbler flitting through treetops in the Hocking Hills? Been lucky enough to glimpse a Le Conte’s sparrow soaring through the reeds at Mentor Marsh? Or had the pleasure of witnessing a swarm of bobolinks in display over the vast grasslands of the AEP ReCreation Lands? If you haven’t, then maybe you have never been birding on the Buckeye Trail! At 1400+ miles encircling the entire state of Ohio, the BT is by far the longest birding trail in the state. Along its route it passes through some of the most popular parks and natural areas, but also hidden gems all across rural Ohio. These areas include nearly every habitat type that exists in the state: Appalachian Forests, Farmland, Coastal Marshes, Reclaimed Mine Land, Riparian Corridors, Pastures, Prairies, Wetlands, Woodlots, Beaches, and Backyards.

At the Buckeye Trail Association it’s our mission to build, maintain, protect, and promote Ohio’s largest hiking trail, but the way we see it, hiking and birding go hand in hand. By providing excellent hiking opportunities all across the state, the Buckeye Trail also preserves a green corridor that provides habitat and resources for birds. There are over 60 eBird “Hotspots” and Audubon “Important Bird Areas” along the Buckeye Trail. Check out our BT Birding Locations Map to see which ones are close to you!

The Buckeye Trail is broken down into 26 sections and our detailed Section Maps are a great way to experience the trail! Also available are our Hiker-on-the-Go series maps which detail shorter day-hikes with excel lent birding opportunities. You can learn more about, and purchase Buckeye Trail Maps at buckeyetrail.org/overview.php. When you think about all the places the BT goes and all the ecosystems it encompasses, is there a species of bird that hasn’t been on the Buckeye Trail? If they’re here, why not you?! Take a hike on the BT and see all the fantastic birding you have been missing!

**Birding The Blue Blazes**

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