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## BIRDS OF WOODLAWN PROGRAM CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

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TOLEDO, OHIO: The Birds of Woodlawn program will celebrate ten years on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 am. Since 2012 bird watchers of all levels have meet weekly to document the birds of Woodlawn. Meeting year round this group has documented 215 species, in all kinds of weather building lists, learning and forming friendships.

The diverse urban habitat in Woodlawn's level II Arboretum provides a rich environment of both migrating and breeding bird species. Woodlawn is a site for: The National Audubon Society "Christmas Bird Count", a site on the Lake Erie Birding Trail, Black Swamp Bird Observatory Ohio Young Birders Club, as well as the Birds of Woodlawn weekly program. For the past ten years, each Friday morning from 9:00am to 10:30am bird watchers of all levels have meet at Woodlawn, at present count 256 participants have joined in. Docent, Sherry Plessner, has shared her knowledge, and love for birds to all, with enthusiasm pointing out species along the way, as well as sharing her fantastic bird photos. The list is shared weekly with all participants, as well as, posted on eBird, an international citizen science project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Many friendships have been formed along the way, with shared excitement of seeing a warbler, an eastern bluebird, waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, songbirds and nesting birds. Often referred to as Woodlawn Warriors, since the only thing that stops this group from meeting is when the wind chill is below zero.

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery and Arboretum is a National Historic Site with more than 160 acres of scenic and rolling hills, Woodlawn, a private, non-profit cemetery, has over 40 acres of burial space available, a mausoleum, cremation niches and is open to people of all spiritual beliefs and ethnicities. For more information about Woodlawn, please call 419-472-2186 or visit [www.historic-woodlawn.com](http://www.historic-woodlawn.com)

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