

NORTH AMERICAN BIRD PHENOLOGY PROGRAM



E-Newsletter
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With the help of volunteers worldwide, the North American Bird Phenology Program is working to understand the scale of global climate change and how it is affecting bird populations across North America

Announcements

- Through the efforts of the Patuxent director, Greg Smith, and friends at USGS Headquarters, the North American Bird Phenology Program has been funded for FY12. Many thanks to everyone who played a role in keeping this program running!
- Please continue to make the switch over to the new v4 transcription page (<https://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BPP/v4/index.php>). Comments, questions, and complaints can all be sent to the BPP office to help us improve our interface (we're listening!).
- Resources have been added to the [FAQ](#) sheet on v4. The latest version of Winger West's Bird Observer list has also been added.
- Jason Courter, PhD Student at Clemson University recently gave a presentation titled, "Assessing effects of climate change on bird phenology at broad temporal and spatial scales," at the Ecological Society of America annual meeting in Austin, Texas. His research, in part, relied on thousands of BPP records. The presentation can be viewed on the [Research](#) page under Jason Courter.
- A new exhibit is now on display at the National Visitor Center for the National Wildlife Refuge in Laurel, MD on the North American Bird Phenology Program. This is the first time the program has been formally recognized by the refuge system in such a way and we are very excited to have a presence at the Visitor Center. See pictures below and if you are in the area, please stop by to take a look!



- Kamli Sirjue, our 2011 BPP intern, started working in the office this month and will spend the school year with us. She is a Science and Technology student, attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland. She will be completing an internship with the BPP, looking at the relationship between arrival dates and elevation with several vireo species. Welcome Kamli!
- The BPP opened a position for a part-time student computer programmer position. The candidate will work with the BPP at our office in Beltsville, MD. If you know anyone who may be interested, please contact the BPP Office directly.

What We're Working to Bring You

Current Progress



Current Migration Card Count:

2,338
Online Volunteers

480,360
Cards Transcribed Online

6
Office Volunteers

1,162,483
Cards Scanned

Quick Links

[Register to become an online transcriber](#)

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USA-NPN



The BPP is part of the USA-NPN which brings together citizen scientists, government agencies, non-profit groups, educators and students of all ages to monitor the impacts of climate change on plants and animals in the United States.

We are currently taking inventory of the Stomach Content Cards and will have it available for those inquiring about this unique data set.

- The links on the left-side panel of the v4 transcription sign-in page are in the process of being updated.
- The E-Newsletters and Observer Bio web pages are being updated this month.
- We are working to keep the webpage up to date, add content, keep all links functional, and provide any information you need.

Volunteer of the Month

Henry S. Rosenthal



Henry S. Rosenthal, BPP
Volunteer

Imagine my thrill in learning that I have been selected for Volunteer of the Month while home recovering from very recent open heart surgery, the only few days I have taken off from the BPP data entry in years. Having no history in the field of ornithology, I approach the project fascinated by the importance and magnitude of the data set and its multifarious applications to the physical sciences. Along the way, the realization that each and every of the six million cards represent up to a year of observations by those who had to actually go into the field is truly mind boggling. When my beloved stepfather passed away several years ago, I

promised my mother, now 87, that I would call her from my home in San Francisco to hers, in Cincinnati, every day. I use that precious time on the phone with her to do my bird cards, and my high output is testament to my filial diligence. In her honor, I have devoted myself to the data entry starting with the state of Ohio.

That said, I relocated from Cincinnati to San Francisco in 1973 when I relocated to attend college. From there I started a bowling league, co-founded an experimental music group, became a drummer of the first punk rock band in the city, became a producer of independent films, most notably the award-winning *The Devil and Daniel Johnston*, and am now a full-fledged Space Commander of a mission simulator at the Challenger Center at the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland. My wife and I have two amazing grown children, and I battle Cystic Fibrosis while collecting fine art and souvenir pennants, maintain the world's largest collection of two-headed calves, and work sitting at a desk that once belonged to James Brown.

Observer of the Month

Edward W. Hadeler

An Ohio merchant for more than 50 years and an outstanding authority on birds and coins, Edward W. Hadeler was well known throughout the county. A quiet, home-loving, unassuming man, he avoided social gatherings and preferred long walks in the woods and fields to any other form of entertainment.

Mr. Hadeler was born in Painesville February 10, 1868, the son of William and Eliza Duke Hadeler. His father, a tailor by trade, came here from Germany when he was a young man. His mother was born on the Isle of Man.

After the death of his father, when Mr. Hadeler was only 14 years old, he went to work at the Curtis and Son dry goods store where he worked for ten years. He then became associated with the firm Judson and Smart for another ten years. After working for a short time with Chapman and Heartwell, he opened his own business and worked there until retiring.

After suffering a nervous breakdown in his late 40's and upon the advice

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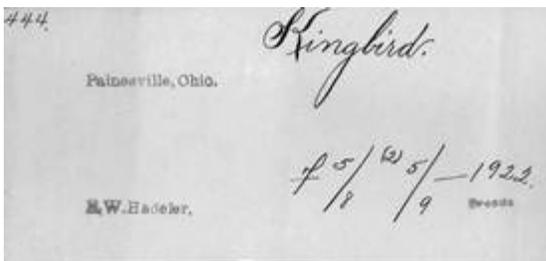
of his physician, he took up the study of nature in order to stay outdoors as much as possible. He soon became deeply interested in bird lore and made a comprehensive study of bird habits and migrations.

A member of the National Geographic and Audubon societies, he was a frequent contributor of articles for various nature magazines. He became an authority in the field of ornithology and was called upon by the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey for reports on the migratory and nesting habits of birds in Lake county.

His work took him for long walks through Mentor marsh, along the county's beaches, into its deep woods, and over its broad fields in quest of the desired information. It was said that on these trips, the smallest number of different species or varieties of birds he ever saw during the year was 155 and the largest number 202. The year's period included the spring and fall migrations.

His actual knowledge of birds was supplemented by the study of many books and magazines which make up his nature library. Two bookcases are filled with authoritative texts on the subject and his magazine rack was always crammed with periodical bulletins and current magazines. He was credited with having been the first person in this locality to see a Gannet, a rare water bird which nests in the cold stretches along the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Mr. Haderler married Etta Olivia nee Landphair. They did not have any children. Mr. Haderler died at the age of 68 on June 8, 1936.



Migration Card recorded by Edward Haderler

This biography was based on E. W. Haderler's Obituary in The Painesville Telegraph, courtesy of [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).

We are in need of volunteer help to put these write-ups together. If you are interested, please contact the BPP.

Trivia

Last month's question was correctly answered by David Deal. The answer to the question, "What popular sparrow was given the local name, everybody's darling?" was Song sparrow.

Here's this month's trivia question; remember to send your answers to [Jessica](#).

How did two of the BPP's original observers, Albert K. Fisher and Edgar A. Mearns initially meet?



As always, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions or complaints, please [contact me](#).

Sincerely,

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