



## OAK OPENINGS REGION BLUE WEEK

### 2020 VIRTUAL EVENTS



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Most events will be held over Zoom. Please register in advance at <https://forms.gle/1ad8nruoBEwVP9Hh6> to receive a secure login code and password. Select events also stream live on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/oakopenings/>. Kids will enjoy events with this icon 


#### **Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 10 a.m. **Lovely Lupine**  METROPARKS TOLEDO  
Wild Blue Lupine is one of the signature species of the Oak Openings Region. Join a Toledo Metroparks naturalist for a virtual walk through Oak Openings Metropark to enjoy this beautiful plant that is state listed in Ohio as a potentially threatened species. [Register](#)
- 7:00 p.m. **Breeding Raptors in the Oak Openings** METROPARKS TOLEDO VOLUNTEER  
Metroparks Toledo Volunteer, Steve Lauer, presents 14 years of data from breeding raptor surveys in the Oak Openings Region. [Register](#)


#### **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 10 a.m. **Where Wings Begin 1.0**  WOOD COUNTY PARKS  
Wood County Parks naturalists take you live to explore wetlands and the creatures that will soon become will become the winged insects of summer including dragonflies, caddisflies, and damselflies. [Register](#)
- 3:30 p.m. **Where Wings Begin 2.0**  BEDFORD HIGHSCHOOL  
Bedford High School Environmental Science educator, Jason Russeau takes his lesson plans outside to showcase the hidden treasures that can be found in the beautiful remnant Oak Openings woodlot behind the school. Russeau will teach students about the vernal pools and identify macroinvertebrate that live there. [Register](#)
- 7:00 p.m. **A Walk with Aldo Leopold** BLACK SWAMP CONSERVANCY  
Join Black Swamp Conservancy's Education Coordinator, Laura Rodriguez, to journey through with Aldo Leopold's "Sand County Almanac" and discover the unique ecology of sandy oak savannas. [Register](#)


#### **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 10 a.m. **All Things Blue**  METROPARKS TOLEDO  
Discover all things blue! Join a Toledo Metroparks naturalist for a virtual walk through Oak Openings Metropark to look for Wild Blue Lupine, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Blue Racer snakes and more. [Register](#)
- 7 p.m. **Globally Rare in Your Backyard** THE NATURE CONSERVANCY  
From the bluegrass to Blue Week, former Kentucky plant ecologist and now Kitty Todd Preserve Manager Brian Yahn gives you a tour of the globally rare plant communities on the Kitty Todd Preserve and compares Oak Openings diversity with his knowledge of Kentucky natural systems. [Register](#)


### Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

- 10 a.m. **Butterfly Gardens for Kids**  THE OLANDER PARK SYSTEM  
Celebrate the return of wings with information on the best plants for our native butterflies, then watch as we put together a simple craft showcasing their beauty. Check Facebook for the video.
- 7:00 p.m. **Bats of Northwest Ohio** BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Join Bowling Green State University researcher, Kelly Mei-Feung Russo Petrick to learn about her research on bats in Northwest Ohio and the threats they are facing. [Register](#)


### Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

- 10 a.m. **Spot the Sparrow**  METROPARKS TOLEDO  
Commemorate National Endangered Species Day on a morning quest with Metroparks Naturalists to find Lark Sparrows, an Ohio endangered species.
- Noon **Ecological Restoration of an Urban Park** THE NATURE CONSERVANCY  
Join Dr. Pete Blank, TNC's Restoration Manager, to learn about ecological restoration in the Oak Openings region and how TNC's work is improving habitat at Harroun Park in Sylvania. [Register](#)
- 7:00 p.m. **Birds Falling Out of the Sky** TOLEDO NATURALIST ASSOCIATION  
Dr. Elliot Tramer with Toledo Naturalists' Association explains the weird attraction to the Oak Openings and why so many birds can be found here. [Register](#)

### Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

- 11 a.m. **Designing Your Native Garden** WILD ONES OAK OPENINGS CHAPTER  
Come prepared to get all of your native plant and landscaping questions answered. Wild Ones Oak Openings Chapter board members will give a short 101 on why and how to use native plants in your landscape then dedicate the rest of this session for Q&A. [Register](#)
- 3 p.m. **Native Prairie Pollinators**  THE OLANDER PARK SYSTEM  
Celebrate native plants that grow in our community with a tour of the King Road Library pollinator garden. Learn why these plants are vital, how you can grow them, and make an eco-friendly craft. Check out our Facebook page for the video!
- 7 p.m. **Landowner Fireside Chat** OAK OPENINGS REGION CONSERVANCY (OORC)  
Join board members of OORC, the only land conservancy dedicated solely to the Oak Openings Region, for a casual conversation about the unique habitats that can be found in your backyard. Take a virtual tours of their properties and chat with these experts about management. [Register](#)

### Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. **Close Up at Nature's Nursery**  NATURE'S NURSERY  
Tour Nature's Nursery with Education Director Jamie Forbush to learn about their native avian ambassadors and how they came to be permanent residents. Ask questions in real time and learn how the center takes in over 3,000 hurt, sick, and orphaned wild animals every year! [Register](#)
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