

# Programs and Events Winter 2025-2026

RCAS programs are usually scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month, October through June, and are held at the Ball State University Nature Lab at 2500 West University Avenue on the BSU campus. Parking is available in front of the greenhouse and is free after 5 pm. The building is handicap accessible. Programs are open to all—please join us!

December 4, 6 pm to 9 pm: BSU Alumni Center, AH 133A, 2800 W. Bethel Ave., Muncie, IN

### 2025 RCAS Conservation Awards

On Thursday, December 4 (a departure from our usual third Wednesday program date and also a different venue), we will host a reception for our 2025 RCAS Conservation Award winners. Light hors d'oeuvres will be followed by presentations from the awardees.

Attend in person or register in advance for the webcast at: <a href="https://bsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/hDYD4pWuRPSrPPfmPZnUPO">https://bsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/hDYD4pWuRPSrPPfmPZnUPO</a>

# January 21, 7 pm to 9 pm: BSU Nature Lab, 2500 W. University Ave., Muncie, IN

# **Movement Ecology of Migratory Birds Using Motus Technology**

Kaitlyn Young, doctoral student at Louisiana State University and a recipient of a 2024 Josie & Geoff Fox Graduate Student Grant, will talk about her use of Motus technology to investigate the movement ecology of two species with poorly understood migratory paths: the Eastern Towhee and the Northern Saw-whet Owl. Attend in person or join the webcast by Zoom at:

https://bsu.zoom.us/j/97166435291?pwd=OnaYMhGt3voZMhbIDpBbV7savbe7H3.1

# February 18, 7 pm to 9 pm: BSU Nature Lab, 2500 W. University Ave., Muncie, IN

# What Bird Poop Can Reveal About Microplastics

Victoria Moreira, a recent graduate of West Chester University with a Master of Science in biology and a recipient of a 2024 Josie & Geoff Fox Graduate Student Grant, will describe her study on microplastics in bird fecal samples, the insights they provided on where birds may be encountering microplastics, and what the future of this issue and its research lookslike.

Attend in person or join the webcast by Zoom at:

https://bsu.zoom.us/j/92758479207?pwd=10RWsXS3wEsfB3ctwXMFvWZUsW9aID.1

