

Celebrate Rivendell Wildlife Week - March 18-25! Help Us! Be a Nature Watcher! Learn about Our Wildlife! By Sue Remy, Ponds and Preserves Committee.

We know you love our wildlife friends – that's why you live here! The Ponds and Preserves Committee is hosting the next **Rivendell Wildlife Week** from **Saturday, March 18-25, 2023.** We had over 4,000 wildlife sightings during our previous Wildlife Weeks. (<u>Review most recent results here</u>.) **We need your help!**

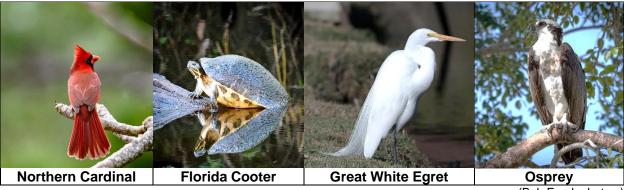
Once again, we are asking residents to help us observe and document the diverse wildlife that calls Rivendell home. It's easy to get involved. Participants from earlier Wildlife Weeks are volunteering again. You can too!

Be a Rivendell Nature Watcher! Anywhere in Rivendell from Saturday March 18 to 25. You can be a Rivendell Nature Watcher! We ask residents to pay extra attention to the wildlife you see in Rivendell and record what you see. Dog walkers, joggers, walkers, bikers, parents with kids, or just sitting on your lanai – anyone & anywhere! Jot down any wildlife you observe - birds, turtles, frogs, deer, otters, bobcats, alligators – any wildlife. This does not take a lot of time or effort. Just enjoy Rivendell as you usually do. This week, record the wildlife you see as you wander around our community.

Sign up to be a Nature Watcher today! Contact **Bob Frank at <u>frank@ohio.edu</u>** so he can send you a simple **Wildlife Tracking Chart**. Please let him know as soon as possible. We encourage all residents to participate.

Teaching Moments and Fun for the Whole Family!

Wildlife Week is a great way to teach your children to appreciate and respect our wildlife friends. Ask them to tell you what they see – together you can identify the type of wildlife and learn more about each one. Below are some photos of wildlife you might spot during Wildlife Week. How many will your family spot? Join the fun and please let us know what you see!



(Bob Frank photos.)