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## Lynds Jones—The Birdman of Oberlin

Join Oberlin's Diana Steele, an avid birder and the Northeast Regional Director at the Ohio Ornithological Society, as she explores the life and times of Lynds Jones (1865-1951) on January 25 at 7:00 p.m. The program is free, and will be presented via Zoom. Pre-registration is required at: <https://bit.ly/3nKV6ZU>.

Jones, who graduated from Oberlin College in 1892, began teaching ornithology at his alma mater — the first course of its kind ever offered at an American college or university. Not only was he a professor at Oberlin for nearly four decades, Jones also had a tremendous impact on the fields of ornithology and recreational birding. He founded both an ornithological society (The Wilson Ornithological Society, 1888) and a journal (now the *Wilson Journal of Ornithology*, 1889) that remain active today. Jones is also responsible for many of the common practices that recreational birders take for granted as “standard practice” in the field, more than a century later.

Diana Steele has been a science writer for nearly 30 years, both at the University of Chicago and as a freelance writer for newspapers, magazines, and radio. She is an avid birder, and has birded in all 50 U.S. States and six continents, including South America, Asia, Europe, Australia/New Zealand, and Antarctica. She monitors Eastern Bluebird and American Kestrel nest-boxes in Oberlin, and volunteers as a driver/guide for the Biggest Week in American Birding in Northwest Ohio. Steele currently serves as the coordinator for the Black River Audubon Society's Jack Smith Outstanding Speaker Series, and is a volunteer banding assistant for Black Swamp Bird Observatory.

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