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If "NATURE NUTS" ruled the world

WHENEVER I GO BIRDING, I am always amazed by the genuine spirit of cooperation and camaraderie I find. Linked by the desire to see something wonderful, a kind of hunt and seek conversation often flows between total strangers: "Over there, in the big green tree next to the red flowers... see it? Higher...see it now? Step left, ok, try again... a little higher. Great, you found it!" I always feel better when everyone gets to experience the full joy of their nature pursuits.

At Lake Metroparks, we rely on many great people to help us achieve that same goal. They are our friends and partners who serve in the clubs and projects highlighted in this issue of *Wild Times*. Passionate about the night sky, outdoor photography or creating connections with kids (or adults!) through nature, these committed people enrich the experiences of all they serve. We hope you will enjoy reading about them, be inspired by them and meet some of them during your next park visit. I like to think that if nature enthusiasts ruled the world it would be a more cooperative place!

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