

## **KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2005**

1. President Delores Cole opened the meeting at 7:37 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Sixty people attended, including new member Henry Fortage and guests Mark Knowles, Mike Edgington, Judy Evans, Jeff Gordon, and Jon Dunn.

### 2. OFFICER REPORTS.

a. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the minutes of the November 2 meeting, which the membership accepted with three corrections.

b. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito reported that 33 people from last year's KBC roster will receive a letter reminding them to pay their dues if they want to be on this year's roster.

### 3. OTHER REPORTS.

a. Paula Lozano reported that the local field trip to Perry Park on November 5 netted Green-winged Teal, Surf Scoter, Wilson's Snipe, Snow Bunting, Pine Siskin, and Cave Swallow. The next local field trip will be to E.72d St. on January 22.

b. Van Trip Driver Ed Pierce reported that nine people attended the November van trip to Niagara Falls and saw 61 species, including nine species of gulls, 1,500 Long-tailed Ducks, and a Pomarine Jaeger. The van trip scheduled for Upper Michigan in February is full.

4. OLD BUSINESS. President Delores Cole reported that some old issues of the Cleveland Bird Calendar are now on the web site.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS.

a. President Delores reported that:

1) Owen Davies is in a nursing home in Middleburg Heights.

2) The deadline for getting input in for the upcoming issue of the Cleveland Bird Calendar is December 10. Contributors should submit their data to Kevin Metcalf.

3) Maps of the birding spots on the lakefront are now available at KBC meetings and on the KBC web site.

4) The museum will validate parking tickets. Get them validated before the meetings because the museum staff is usually gone when the meetings end.

b. Nancy Howell announced that she will be the compiler for the West Side Christmas Bird Count on December 31. She still needs people to cover Tri-C West Campus, Parma parks, the airport, Middleburg Heights, and Baldwin-Wallace Lakes.

c. Tom LePage said anyone interested in helping with the East Side Christmas Bird Count may see him.

6. President Delores Cole introduced guest speaker Jon Dunn, noted ornithologist and author on bird books. Jon spoke on Gulls of the Great Lakes.
7. President Delores Cole announced that Melinda Huntley, Executive Director of Lake Erie Coastal Ohio would speak at the January meeting on the importance of communicating regularly with state and federal policy makers.
8. President Delores Cole conducted observations, which are in the appendix to these minutes. Delores adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

**APPENDIX  
BIRD SIGHTINGS FROM NOVEMBER 3–DECEMBER 7, 2005**

<b>OBSERVER</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SIGHTING</b>
Perry Peskin	Mosquito Creek Reservoir	7 Bald Eagles
Nancy Anderson	Euclid Beach	Bald Eagle
	Burke Lakefront Airport	Rough-legged Hawk
	Gordon Park	Green-winged Teal
Dave LeGallee	Columbia Reservation	Tree Swallow
Karin Tanquist (for Pat Coy)	Peninsula	Rough-legged Hawk
Hugh Rose	Wilds	Long-tailed Duck
Dwight Chaser	Sanitation Pond in CVNP	Northern Shoveler
Steve Cagan	Cleveland Heights	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Jean Hoffman	Lakeview Cemetery	Pileated Woodpecker
Jim Heflich	E.72d St. Marina	White-winged Scoter
		Pied-billed Grebe
		Hooded Merganser
	Bainbridge	Brewer's Blackbird
Larry Rosche	Painesville	Cave Swallow-first signing in Ohio
Julie West	Cleveland	Kildeer
	Cleveland Heights	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Bill Toneff	Brecksville	Pileated Woodpecker
		Brown Creeper
		Carolina Wren
		Tree Sparrow
Hans Clebsch	Shaker Lakes	Bald Eagle
Jean Hrenko	Sandy Ridge	Virginia Rail
Claire Johnson	Cleveland Heights	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Jon Dunn	Sims Park	11 Black Scoters
		Surf Scoter



