

# THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

Quarterly Newsletter of the Kirtland Bird Club, Cleveland Ohio

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## MEETINGS AND TRIPS

### September:

**Meeting:** September 7, 2005 at 7:30 PM

"The Peregrine Falcon: The Amazing Flying Machine" presented by Chris and Chad Saladin, volunteers at the Medina Raptor Center.

**Local Field Trip:** September 22, 2005 at 8:00 AM at Mentor Headlands State Park. Larry Rosche will lead us to look for fall migrants. **Directions:** I-90 East to US-20 East to SR-44 (Heisley Road) north to the park entrance. Meet at the north end of the fishermen's parking lot.

**Van Trip to Kelleys Island:** September 16 - 18, 2005. We will be searching out migrants around the island and will also include stops at Medusa Marsh and Pickerel Creek. Lodging is at an island cottage. We will bring breakfast and lunch food supplies and dinner will be at local restaurants. You will need to bring bedding/sleeping bag and towels. Led by Ed Pierce.

### October:

**Meeting:** October 5, 2005 at 7:30 PM

"Protecting the Last Great Places in Ohio"

Kay Carlson, the Lake Erie Watershed Program Director for The Nature Conservancy will discuss TNC's mission, both internationally and locally, and will go into detail about our conservation programs in Northern Ohio, including the Grand River watershed, Upper Cuyahoga River watershed, Western Lake Erie Islands, and the Oak Openings Region.

**Local Field Trip:** October 22, 2005 at 8:00 AM at Red Rock Lock, Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Dwight Chasar will lead us to look for fall migrants. **Directions:** I-77 South to SR-82 East to Riverview Road. Turn right (south) on Riverview and left (east) on Vaughn Road. Park in the Red Lock trailhead lot.

**Van Trip to Holiday Beach:** October 7, 8 & 9, 2005  
Our target birds are migrating hawks. Led by Ed Pierce.

### November:

**Meeting:** November 2, 2005 at 7:30 PM

"Birdquest 2004"

Larry Richardson, Executive Director of the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center has logged 62,309 miles and

1,467 hours in his quest to see birds. He will share his 2004 adventures to four foreign countries, twenty U.S. states, Mexico and Canada.

**Local Field Trip:** November 5, 2005 at 8:30 AM to Perry Park in Lake County. Led By John Pogacnik to look for waterfowl, loons, gulls. **Directions:** Take rte 2 to Rte 20 and follow Rte 20 . Make a left on Perry Park Road.

**Van Trip to Niagara Falls:** November 25 - 27, 2005  
Gulls and waterfowl are our target birds. Led by Ed Pierce.

All **Meetings** are held at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in a lower level classroom. The museum is located at Wade Oval. There is a charge for parking in the museum's parking lot. All are welcome.

For **Local Field Trip** info contact Paula at 216 226-7511. All are welcome.

For **Van Trip** reservations contact Karin at 330 342-3886. Trips will leave Friday at 4 PM from the Clarion Hotel at Rockside Rd. and I-77 unless otherwise noted and return Sunday early evening. Past trip lists can be found on our website. Reservations are required. Open to nonmembers if van space is available.

## FROM THE EDITOR...

I am writing from Forte Mohave, 2,000 miles away. Work has taken me out west, hopefully for a short period of time. I have the luxury of getting up in the morning (the mornings I bird) and deciding which state to bird in. Located on the Colorado River, Fort Mohave is in Arizona and very close to Nevada and California. This north west corner of the state has afforded me nearly ninety new species for my life list. When I have time to venture south, this number will surely increase.

A few highlights include California Condors at the Grand Canyon, (I was able to observe the birth of this magnificent species in the wild!), American Dipper in the Virgin River at Zion National Park, Lesser Nighthawks and Burrowing Owls feeding in the campground where I am staying. I have enjoyed very much the Sage, Curved-billed, and Crissal's Thrashers, and nesting American Avocets.

I have added to my list of warblers also with Grace's, Painted Redstarts, and Red-faced. Even though these birds are wonderful to see, there is one thing I miss very much, and that is water. There are not many lakes, ponds or creeks here for me to search out dragonflies. The ones I see are far and few between and disappear in the heat of the day, as I do.

Well that is it for now. I hope everyone is ready for fall migration and cooler weather. Good birding, Lou

## **50 OR SO YEARS AGO...**

Outstanding among the host of southbound birds which passed through our region during the autumn was the spectacular flight of Canada Geese and of Whistling Swans during the night and throughout much of the day of November 5. The Swans, in particular, occurred in unprecedented numbers. There were some 300 on Lake Erie off Mentor Headlands (Booth), an estimated 1, 000 at White City (Harty), and a flock of 500 or more on the ponds of the Sherwin Farm in Waite Hill . Outside our region to the east, from seven to nine thousand Swans spent the entire day and night of the 5th at Pymatuning Lake according to the account of the warden there (Hill), while from the Sandusky Bay area to the west we had a report of a tremendous flock numbering as many as 12,000 birds. The Swans did not linger in our immediate region, however, and the last record for the season is of a mere nine at the Sherwin Farm on November 16.

At the very time that the Canada Geese and Whistling Swans were appearing over Cleveland, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service agent in Minneapolis announced that "one of the greatest migrations of waterfowl in years" was pouring through the Mississippi Flyway. Undoubtedly a considerable portion of this vast legion of migrants spilled over into the lower Great Lakes as is evidenced by the sudden concentrations of certain species along the lakefront. Thus on November 5, between Lakewood Park and Edgewater Park but chiefly at the latter, there were some 350 Horned Grebes, 10,000 Lesser Scaup Ducks, and an estimated 3,000 Ruddy Ducks (Davies). This is the greatest number of Ruddies of which we have any record, and they stayed on in large numbers throughout November, more than 900 being reported on the 27th. The Lesser Scaup increased in numbers until by November 26 and 27, there were an estimated 20,000 between Clifton Beach and Edgewater Park (Klamm).

Marbled Godwit - Two birds - the rarest of the rare in our region - were first seen on September 22, at Nimisila Lake by several observers who were puzzled as to their identity. On September 24, however, they were positively identified by Alexander Karlo and by Mr. and Mrs. George Wiley. Thereafter the two Godwits were seen almost daily by a number of observers who last reported them on October 2. Not only is this the first sight record for this species, it is also just the second record of occurrence in the last 115 years, Dr. Kirtland having been presented with two birds shot at Fairport in the summer of 1840. Source: The Cleveland Bird Calendar VOL 51 No 4 - A. B. Williams Editor

## **TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

It's September, and our new membership year begins now. Before paying your dues, be sure to verify the amount. The membership voted at the May, 2005 meeting to discontinue the out-of-town membership rate since it did not cover the cost of benefits. Our current membership rate structure is:

**\$17.00 Single Membership**

**\$28.00 Couple Membership**

**\$ 8.00 Student Membership** (Under 24 years old)

Membership benefits include a subscription to our quarterly publication, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar*, The Kirtland Warbler newsletter, and van trip reservation preference.

A new option for membership payment has been added to our website. You can now pay online through PayPal. Just go to <http://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/join/join.htm>.

Please be sure to include your current mailing address, telephone number and email address. We will use your email address to distribute the newsletter for the rest of the year, notify you about special events, remind you of the next meeting and field trip, and send out any special notices. We respect your privacy and do not provide or share the Kirtland Bird Club email addresses with anyone.

We are looking for past *Cleveland Bird Calendar* issues (1905 - 1960). If you know of someone or an organization that may have any of these past years please give Delores a call at 440 461-1084. Thank You!

### **June 2006 – It's your meeting!**

Are you interested in sharing a few of your photos/slides from a trip or vacation but don't have enough for an hour's program? Next June's KBC meeting will be your opportunity to do this. We would like to have 8–10 people. Each would have approximately 5 to 6 minutes for their part of the evening's program.

Here's all you have to do to be a part of this program. Choose up to ten photos or slides -- birds, animals, habitat or culture -- really anything, and prepare a short talk, too. If you have slides bring them in a carousel. If you have digital files and can, create a power point program. If you need assistance with scanning photos or creating a power point program, call Delores Cole at 440 461-1084.

**The Kirtland Warbler**, the newsletter of the Kirtland Bird Club (KBC), Cleveland Ohio is published quarterly. It contains KBC meeting and trip information, web site updates, other events and programs of interest, and issues of local concern. A subscription to THE KIRTLAND WARBLER is a benefit of club membership. Contributions of articles, event information, photos, and drawings are appreciated. Send them to the Editor, Lou Gardella, or to [kirtlandwarbler@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:kirtlandwarbler@kirtlandbirdclub.org).

## OTHER EVENTS

**Friday, September 9, 2005** - "Ephemeral Gems: Exploring Seasonal Ponds" at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Fee: \$15 per person. For info call 216 231-4600.

**Saturday, September 24, 2005** - "Feathers and Foliage Bird Festival" on Kelleys Island. No charge. For info visit [www.kelleysislandnature.com/nature\\_events/nature\\_events.htm](http://www.kelleysislandnature.com/nature_events/nature_events.htm) or call 419 746-2258.

**October 13 - 16, 2005** - Midwest Birding Symposium  
The Quad Cities is looking forward to hosting the 2005 Midwest Birding Symposium. The headquarters for the symposium is the RiverCenter in downtown Davenport, Iowa. Call 800 747-7800 ext 108 for information.

## Summer Field Trip Highlights

**Dave Dvorak**, Cleveland Metropark's naturalist, led the **June** field trip to **Hinckley Reservation**. Participants enjoyed hiking some out-of-the-way trails and found many woodpecker and vireo species. Probable nesting warblers seen included Northern Parula, Yellow, Black-throated Green, Cerulean, American Redstart. Common Yellowthroat, and Hooded. Hearing a Yellow-billed Cuckoo was another treat!

In **July** forty-one people attended the walk led by Ed Pierce at **Bath Nature Preserve** in Summit County. Having conducted a breeding bird survey there, Ed knew exactly where to look for birds, and the group covered every nook and cranny of the area. Keeping up with our swift long-legged leader was well worth the effort because we not only hearing but also had picture perfect looks of Bobolink, Savannah Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow and Sedge Wren. Quite a few people added birds to their life lists, too. After the walk, there was a potluck picnic to end a perfect morning of great summer birding.

Once again the **Gilbert family** will host the Kirtland Bird Club's **August** outing. Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 14th to look for dragonflies and butterflies around their pond in **South Russell**. A potluck picnic will follow the walk. Hope to see you there! —Paula Lozano

**SEASONAL REPORTS**  
**Your Summer report is due**  
**September 10**  
**Mail to:**  
**Kevin Metcalf**  
**12459 Fowlers Mill Road**  
**Munson, Ohio 44024**

**Or email to:**  
**skermetcalf@earthlink.net**

**Reporting forms are available on the**  
**KBC Web site or at KBC meetings**

## September Meeting – We will vote on adding an amendment to our By-laws

At the May 2005 meeting, Bob Finklestein proposed an amendment to the bylaws that would give members the opportunity to vote on spending money from the treasury. The amendment, which we will vote on at the September 7, 2005 meeting, would be **Article 7, Section C** and reads as follows:

**"Expenditures of \$500 or less may be voted upon during the meeting in which they are raised. Any motion to authorize the expenditure of KBC funds of an amount greater than \$500 shall be submitted at one meeting, and a vote shall be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motions shall not be subdivided to avoid the expenditure limit. Such motions shall be publicized to the club membership in the same ways that amendments to club bylaws are publicized. This amendment does not negate Amendment 7, Section B of the By-laws".**

If you should have any questions or comments, please direct them to Bob.

## [www.KirtlandBirdClub.org](http://www.KirtlandBirdClub.org) - Check it out...

- The **"MEETINGS & TRIPS"** page has been updated with the new 2005 – 2006 schedule, that is, as far as we know it. Remember, meeting minutes are archived on this page also.
- Be sure to regularly check out the **"WHAT'S NEW"** button. All page updates are noted on this page.
- As a handy reference, our **"HOME"** page contains easy links to the Ohio-Birds Listserv, the Ohio-Birds Listserv archives, and all other listservs.
- If you missed Thursday's Aerial View column in the Plain Dealer by Jim McCarty, it is archived online under **"IN THE NEWS"**.

## Member, Steve Cagan

Steve's Florida Pelican portrait is on display at the annual NEO Show at the Cleveland Museum of Art. He is one of 81 artists chosen from over 1,291 entries. To our members, he is offering an 8" x 12" limited edition signed unmated print at a special price of \$60 plus \$7.50 for tax and shipping. He is donating 1/3 of his sales to the club. Contact info: [stevecagan@igc.org](mailto:stevecagan@igc.org).



# Kirtland Bird Club Membership Application

Membership year - September 1, 2005 - August 31, 2006

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- \$8 - Student
- \$4 - KBC Patch

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