



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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KBC Monthly Meetings

All monthly meetings are held at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval, University Circle in a downstairs classroom

Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

You have often looked at birds, looked at their field marks, and admired the beauty of their plumage, but have you ever looked into their plumage, looked at the life among the feathers? Among the larger members of the plumage ecosystem are the feather lice which are a diverse lot. Equally diverse are the mites. Some live, like the lice, nestled between the barbs, but others live like miniature woodpeckers in holes they drill in the shafts of the feathers. These are the residents. There are also visitors, the bugs and flies that are an important part of the system. Smaller still are the fungi, yeasts, and bacteria on which are eaten at least incidentally, if not purposely, by lice, mites and fleas. Ornithologists rarely give thought to this ecosystem, but it is a complex system, populated by many species. This affects the evolution of the birds we watch, their color and pattern, their preening and scratching, even their courtship. Please join us tonight to hear **Jed Burtt** talk about --- "**Life among Feathers**"

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 7:30 PM

Tom Bartlett, presenting "**Rafting the Sheenjek River in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**". Tom will share his journey to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge through a photo tour of a nine day trip down the Sheenjek River in the middle of the refuge during August of 2004. He will tell the story of his exciting adventure with an assortment of scenery, flora and fauna photos.

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 7:30 PM

"Hammerheads: The Bizarre World of Woodpeckers" presented by **Jim McCormac**. Woodpeckers, of which Ohio has seven regularly occurring species, are amongst our most interesting birds. Their methods of insect extraction are amazing, and the physical adaptations that they possess which allow them to drill into solid wood are nothing short of incredible. This group of birds is also very interesting ecologically, as they are often linked to fire, storm damage, and insect pest out-

breaks. Woodpeckers have really made the news of late, due to the alleged rediscovery of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, which was thought to be extinct. This talk will use many colorful images to discuss woodpeckers in general, and the Ohio species specifically.

KBC Monthly Field Trips

Saturday, September 1st at 8:00 a.m. - Headlands Beach State Park & Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve and Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Lake County. Our leader is Larry Rosche. We will be looking for fall migrants.

Directions: I-90 East to SR-2/US-20 East to SR-44/Heisley Road. Continue north on Heisley Road to park entrance. Meet in NE corner of the fishermen's parking lot.

Sunday, October 14th from dawn to dusk

Eriebird Big Sit, Sims Park, 23131 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid at the bluff overlooking the lake. The Coordinator is Lisa Chapman.

Directions: I-90 East to East 222nd St. or Babbitt Rd. to Lakeshore Blvd. Turn right on Lakeshore Blvd. and left at park entrance on east side of Sims Park.

and/or

Big Sit at Nature Center at Shaker Lakes (BSBO Banding Station fund raiser), 2600 South Park Blvd., Shaker Heights at the All People's Trail overlooking the marsh, The Coordinator is Julie West.

Directions: Take Interstate 271 to Chagrin Blvd/West. Turn right onto Richmond Rd. Turn left onto Shaker Blvd. Turn right onto South Park Blvd. At the fork in the road, bear left. The Nature Center is at the bottom of the hill.

Saturday, November 3rd at 8:00 a.m. - Perry Township Park, 2815 Perry Park Road, Lake County. Our leader is John Pogacnik and we will be looking for late fall migrants including Cave Swallows and jaegers.

Directions: SR-2 East to US-20 East to Perry Park Road. Turn left (north) on Perry Park Road and continue to park.

Saturday, December 15th is the Cleveland Christmas Bird Count. Contact Tom LePage if you would like to join a team - 440-356-4035.

40 or so years ago...

Fall Migration at Donald Gray Gardens

An area of the inner city of Cleveland that offers a stopping place for migratory birds crossing the lake or following the shoreline is the Donald Gray Gardens, a remnant of the Great Lakes Exposition held during the summers of 1936 and 1937. The Gardens cover three and one-half acres, stretch more than one thousand feet along the shore of Lake Erie and adjoin the Cleveland Municipal Stadium. They were designed by Donald Gray, landscape architect. Large trees, representing 30 to 50 years growth, were moved in and the Horticultural Gardens formed. With the closing of the Exposition, the Gardens were turned over to the City of Cleveland and became a part of the Cleveland Park System. They remained unchanged until the opening, in 1959, of Erie-side Avenue, N. E. which became the northern boundary of the gardens.

During September and October 1968 the population of birds in the Gardens was observed almost daily: early in the morning on week days and either in the morning or afternoon on weekends depending upon whether a baseball or football game was scheduled.

Sixty-seven species of birds were tallied during the survey. The Gardens were the site of the first-observation dates for the region this autumn for eleven species: Winter Wren 9/24; Hermit Thrush 9/28; Gray-cheeked Thrush 9/14; Golden-crowned Kinglet 9/28; Prothonotary Warbler 9/1; Pine Warbler 9/14; Northern Waterthrush 9/8; Connecticut Warbler 9/8; Mourning Warbler 9/8; White-throated Sparrow 9/7; Fox Sparrow 10/5.

Small passerines such as the Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, both the Kinglets, and many species of warblers were especially abundant. The most abundant bird was the White-throated Sparrow, 20 or more being present on 15 days and 50 or more on three days. September 14 was a busy day, 36 White-throated Sparrows and eight species of warblers being seen, many of them bathing and drinking at a leaky faucet. The Gardens hummed with activity on September 18, when an outstanding aggregation of 15 species of warblers were present, including three Connecticut and two Mourning.

By September 28-29, the warbler population had thinned and was replaced by the Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, thrushes, kinglets, and six species of sparrows.

Seemingly a part of the general migratory movement, 11 Black-capped Chickadees appeared on the 28th. They were quite active, nine finally flying east and two remaining. From four to eight Chickadees were present until October 19, the varying number suggesting the likelihood that individual birds were moving in and out in company with the general migratory flow of passerines.

October 5 showed a mixture of a few "straggler" warblers and numbers of the later migrants: 7 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, 4 Winter Wrens, 7 Hermit Thrushes, and 5 Fox Sparrows. October 6 was affected by too much disturbance, possibly from the football game of the night before; however nine Hermit Thrushes were seen, and a flock of 40 Chimney Swifts was active for a short while over the Stadium. October 19 provided some exceptionally tardy migrants –an Eastern Wood Pewee, the second seen in the survey; a Wood Thrush; an Ovenbird; and a Northern Waterthrush. Present, too, on that date was a Carolina Wren, the only one recorded in the Gardens.

---VERA CARROTHERS, WILLIAM and NANCY KLAMM

Source: The Cleveland Bird Calendar Volume 64, Number 4 – September, October & November

Day-Long Hawk Watching Field Trips

On **Saturday, September 15th** we are going to Lake Erie Metropark Hawk Watch, Pointe Mouillee State Wildlife Area (where as many as 30,000 Broad-winged Hawks have passed in one day), and Southeastern Michigan (alternate destination if winds are from the south will be Magee Marsh, Metzger Marsh and Ottawa area in Northwestern Ohio). We will leave at 7:00 a.m. and will use van transportation if enough people sign up, otherwise we will carpool. Our target birds are Broad-winged and Sharp-shinned Hawks, American Kestrel, Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, Osprey, and possibly a Swainson's Hawk. Call Henry Burton if interested at 216-255-1919.

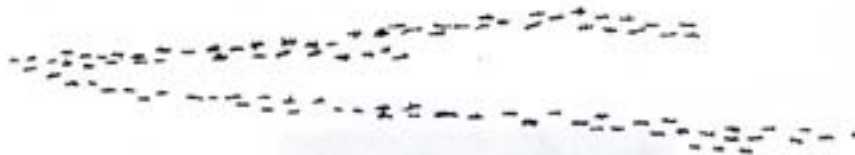
On **Saturday, October 27th** we will head again to Lake Erie Metropark Hawk Watch, Pointe Mouillee State Wildlife Area, and Southeastern Michigan (alternate destination if winds are from the south will be Magee Marsh, Metzger Marsh and Ottawa area in Northwestern Ohio). We will leave at 7:00 a.m. and will use van transportation if enough people sign up, otherwise we will carpool. Our target birds are Sharp-shinned Hawk, American Kestrel, Turkey Vulture and possibly a Northern Goshawk. Call Henry Burton if interested at 216-255-1919.

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, Delores Cole or to info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

HOW MANY BIRDS IN A FLOCK? AN OBJECT LESSON

by Gordon Spare

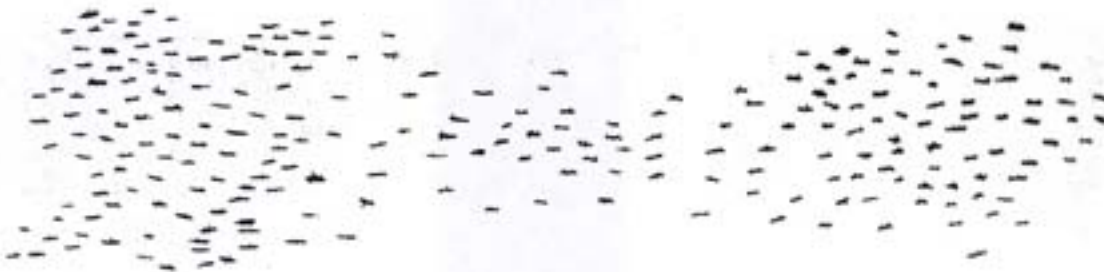
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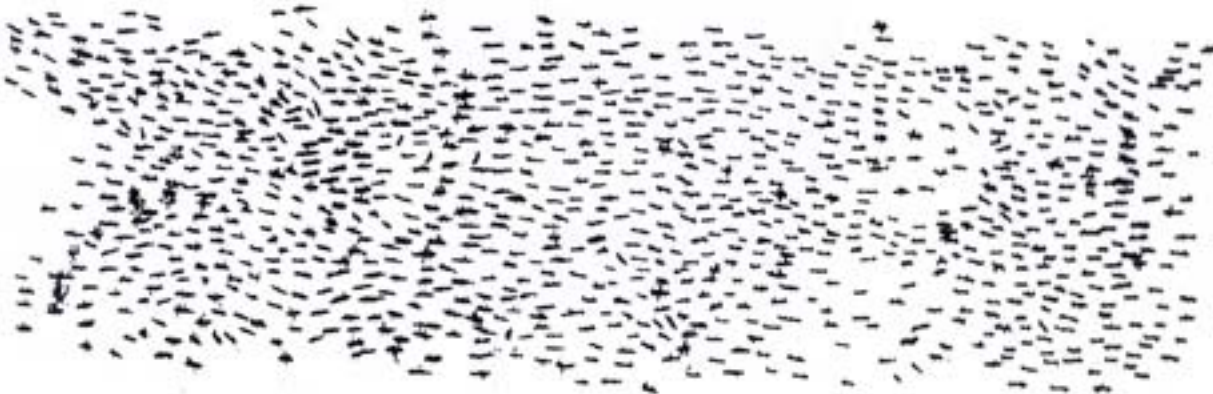
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Source: The Cleveland Bird Calendar 41st Year No.1 - December 1944, January, February, March, Page 10.

Kirtland Bird Club
Income and Expenses
September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007

Income

Big Sit	350.00
Book Income	577.65
2007 Monthly Calendar	970.00
CBC Donations	180.00
Contribution, unrestricted	3,810.00
Interest Earned	1,207.62
Lifetime Member	0.00
Membership Dues	3,230.00
Patches	20.00
Scholarship Fund	10.00
Spanish Book Donations	156.00
T-shirts	235.00

Expense

Tax Return Preparation	300.00
Background Checks	142.01
BOCR	181.49
Calendar Expense	471.25
CBC Online	450.00
Cleveland Bird Calendar	1,007.05
Donations	521.00
Equipment	1,034.20
Liability Insurance	250.00
Miscellaneous	281.15
News & Postage	514.20
Office Expense	181.12
Pay Pal Expense	13.30
Rare Bird Alert	209.40
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-20.58
Room Rent	400.00
Sales Tax paid	151.86
Speaker Fees	415.00
Web Hosting Fee	143.40

Total Income **10,746.27**

Total Expense **6,645.85**

Balance Sheet
August 31, 2007

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
6 month CD 2677	21,039.29
Business Checking 6489	1,152.33
CHECKING 8532	4,967.86
Money Market 1648	<u>4,764.39</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>31,923.87</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>31,923.87</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
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Thank you, 2006-2007 Field Trip Leaders!

We have had another year of successful local and long distance field trips, tallying over 200 species collectively, and want to thank all of the leaders.

Local Field Trip Leaders:

Larry Rosche, Lisa Chapman, John Pogacnik, Larry Richardson, Ethan Kistler, Gary Cowell and Tim Leslie of the Greater the Mohican Audubon Society, Ed Pierce, Jennifer Brumfield, Linda Gilbert, and Paula Lozano.

Long Distance Field Trip Leaders

Delores Cole and Henry Burton.

Do you have an idea for a trip in 2007-2008? If you do or, better yet, if you would like to lead a trip, please contact our local field trip coordinator, **Paula Lozano**, at **216 226-7511** or our **new** long distance field trip coordinator, KBC Vice President **Henry Burton**, at **216 255-1919**.

Local Field Trip Species Summary

In 9 Field Trips, 2 picnics/walks, and 3 big sits we tallied 185 species in Ohio for the year. Notable sightings on our trips include Black-legged Kittiwake, Common Tern, Parasitic Jaeger, Pomarine Jaeger and Long-tailed Duck. Our misses this year include the winter gulls in January due to lack of ice on Lake Erie and Cave Swallow at Perry Park in November.

Long Distance Field Trip Species Summary

We traveled to 6 long distance locations in New York, Ontario Canada, Michigan and Ohio and tallied 190 species of birds. Most notable occurred on the Niagara Falls trip where we saw a Razorbill and a Barrow's Goldeneye.

Page 3 Answers:
A. 100; B. 100; C. 250; D. 500; E. 1,000

Thank You to Linda Stone

Ms. Stone has graciously donated \$3,000 to KBC in behalf of KBC member Sheldon Lewin.

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Other Events and Programs

August:

August 24th - **Avian Ecology and Conservation Conference**, Columbus Zoo. For information visit:

September:

September 8th & 9th - **Fall Warbler Symposium** at Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio. Speakers include Dr. Elliot Tramer, Bill Evans, Kenn Kaufman, Jon Dunn, and Victor Emanuel. Sponsored by OOS, BSBO and TNA. Visit the sponsoring organization websites for registration information or call BSBO at 419 898-4070.

September 13-16th - **Midwest Birding Symposium, Habitat conservation – "it's for the birds"**. The Quad Cities will host its second Midwest Birding Symposium. It will be held at [Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center](#), Moline, Illinois. This year's Midwest Birding Symposium will highlight fall migrants of the Upper Mississippi River Valley on morning and all day field trips accompanied by some of the country's leading experts on birds. Afternoons will feature presentations on topics ranging from fall warblers to effects of global warming on birds. All kinds of birding merchandise will be available for purchase including premier optics, books, field guides, and feeders. A silent auction to benefit wildlife habitat, a reception at the Putnam Museum and a dinner cruise on the Mississippi River will also be featured. Kenn Kaufman, nationally recognized birding expert and author, will provide the keynote address.

September 15th – **Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Auto Tour**

September 15 - 16th - **Hawkfest: A Celebration of Flight** at the Marshlands Museum at Lake Erie Metropark.

September 21st – **Feather and Foliage Bird Festival** on Kelleys Island includes 8:00 AM bird walk led by Kenn Kaufman, 1:00 PM Tree ID walk led by Mike Monnett, and bird banding from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Long Point with Master Bander, Tom Bartlett.

October:

October 13th - **Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Auto Tour**.

From our new President—

Welcome to the return of the KBC monthly events for this calendar year. I am excited about being your next president and pledge to do my best to help keep this club functioning at the stellar level set by my predecessors. On that note, join me in thanking Delores Cole for her tireless dedication to this club during her tenure and consider the efforts of all our other members who generously give of their time and talents.

I believe we have something for everyone in terms of our speakers this coming year. We will begin and end with avian biology lessons, hear of exotic birds and habitats, as well as presentations about specific birds and other topics.

Paula Lozano will continue to lead our local trips. Henry Burton is brimming with ideas for trips of a longer distance that may include overnight stays. We will continue to work on the CBC on-line project, getting out the various publications, and sharing our knowledge and birding skills with other members who share our interest in birds.

I strongly believe in the principle of giving back to the hobby and organization that does so much for us. Let's recommit to doing just that by getting your sightings reports into the CBC, adopting an OBBA block, adding to the Christmas Bird Count or Great Back Yard Bird Count data base. Drive a car for a long distance trip, help with typing for the on-line project, share your thoughts and ideas.

See you at the meetings and in the field,
Lisa Chapman

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Welcome New KBC Member !!

James Schmidt

SEASONAL REPORTS

Your Summer report is due **September 10**

Mail to: **Fred Dinkelbach, CBC Editor**
6320 Greenwood Pkwy, Apt 406
Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067

Or email to:
seasonalreports@kirtlandbirdclub.org

Reporting forms are available on the KBC website
or at KBC meetings

Crown Point Bioblitz a Success

KBC volunteers helped the Ohio Young Birders Club organize a Bioblitz at Crown Point Farm and Education Center in Bath, Ohio on July 7, 2007. The group tallied over 500 different species of insects, reptiles, amphibians plants, mammals and birds. Thanks goes to the following KBC members who helped to make this event a success and a true learning experience for the young birders:

Jim McCormac, Kenn and Kim Kaufman, Paula Lozano, Lisa Chapman, Larry Rosche, Dave Lewis, Laurie Boylan, Claire Johnson, Delle Nadler, Ethan Kistler, Hugh Rose, Judy Kolo-Rose, Delores Cole, Larry Richardson and Philip Chaon.



Membership Renewals are Due Now

The KBC membership year is September 1st to August 31st. Please use the membership renewal form and envelop enclosed with this issue and complete your address and email information for the KBC roster and e-list. Oh, and don't forget to include your payment!

KBC 12 Month 2008 Calendar

This year KBC will again design and print a monthly 2008 calendar using member photos of birds from Ohio and preferably from the "Cleveland Region". Money raised selling the 2008 calendars will help to support The Cleveland Bird Calendar publishing fund.

So snap those photos and we welcome your submissions for this next calendar!

Submission Guidelines

1. Color JPG (200 DPI), slide or photo. Horizontal orientation.
2. Taken in Ohio or better yet, the Cleveland Region (Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit counties).
4. Taken between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007.
5. Suitable design for a 10 x 7 " printed size.
6. Submitted anytime until September 1, 2007.
7. Submissions limited to 3 entries per member.
8. Photographer must be a current KBC member.

Lisa Chapman - President
Henry Burton - Vice President
Mary Anne Romito - Treasurer
Tom Romito - Recording Secretary
Delores Cole - Corresponding Secretary
Fred Dinkelbach - Editor, Cleveland Bird Calendar
Ed Pierce - Van Trip Leader, retired
Henry Burton - Weekend Trip Coordinator
Paula Lozano - Local Trip Coordinator
Tom LePage - Christmas Bird Count Compiler
Lou Gardella - NE Ohio Rare Bird Alert Compiler
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