



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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KBC Monthly Meetings

Guests are welcome!

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

Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30 PM

Antonio Salvadori will present

"Searching for the Grasswrens Across the Deserts of Australia"

Our friend from Ontario returns to talk about the birds he feels he knows better than any others. After two years of living in Australia and 15 subsequent visits, Antonio has a wealth of knowledge to share. There are 26 world species and 18 Australian species in the family Maluridae which includes Fairy Wrens, Emu-wrens and Grasswrens. Mr. Salvadori will introduce us to some of these long-tailed wonders tonight. In 1980 Toni spent a year in Australia during which time he fell in love with Aussie birds-they are some of the most fascinating and intriguing birds on earth. During his latest visit to the continent in 2007 he traveled through some of the interior deserts to seek out some of these rare and elusive grasswrens.

Wednesday, October 1st at 7:30 PM

"Chasing Rarities in Gambell and St. Paul"

Presented by Dwight Chasar

In September of 2007 Dwight traveled to one of the most remote towns in Alaska. Gambell is on the Northwest Cape of St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea, 200 miles southwest of Nome. St. Paul Island sits in the Pribilofs also in the Bering Sea. Dwight will tell us about his adventures with rarities including first North American record of Brown Hawk Owl.

Welcome New KBC Member!

Robin Tener

Wednesday, November 5th at 7:30 PM

Elliot J. Tramer will present

"Miraculous Journeys"

Migrating songbirds weighing as little as nine paper clips routinely make non-stop flights of hundreds of miles often over water. How do they do this without running out of energy or dying of thirst? Which songbirds are the champion long distance travelers? What routes do they follow? The remarkable adaptations of migratory songbirds will be the subject of Dr. Tramer's presentation.

KBC Monthly Field Trips

Saturday, September 6th

Headlands Beach State Park at 8:00 AM

Gabe Leidy will lead us in search of 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.

Saturday, October 11th

Dike 14 at 8:00 AM

Andy Jones will lead us in search of migrating sparrows. And late migrants.

Directions: Cleveland Memorial Shoreway/I-90 to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive exit. Proceed west on North Marginal Drive to the first East 72nd Street parking lot closest to the gate.

Saturday, November 8th, 8:00 AM

To Perry Park and Moving West

We will visit locations along the shoreline with John Pogacnik. Our target birds are Cave Swallows and Jaegers and who knows what surprises we will find!

Directions: Take Rte 2 to Rte 20 and follow Rte 20 to Perry Park Road. On Perry Park Road turn left and follow the road north right into the park.

40 or so years ago...

By Owen Davies

During a wave of migrants in May it is not unusual to find flocks of warblers consisting of ten to fifteen species, or occasionally, up to twenty or more. In fall, warblers usually pass through in small flocks which can be overlooked; however, this definitely was not the case last fall. For at least a three-week period warblers were "popping" all over Lakewood Park. It seemed to make little difference what time of day it was, or how many people were in the park. Warblers were "popping" at nine o'clock, at noon, at three p.m., and even at six p.m. One of the best days was Labor Day. The only thing that seemed to reduce the number of warblers was a stiff wind blowing in off Lake Erie.

You could depend upon finding warblers in the hickories or elms in front of Lakewood City Hall, but even better than this-in low bushes where you could look down on them, both along the east and west sides of the park. One of the unexpected experiences was that of hearing a singing black-throated blue warbler in fall migration.

In other locations the warbler migration seemed normal, yet here in Lakewood Park you could watch warblers as long as you wished. It was easy to compare one species with another as the groups moved from tree to tree. That this heavy migration did not cover too wide a path appears from a comparison with the list of warblers that I observed in other locations.

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**It's time
to renew your
Kirtland Bird Club
Membership!**

If you joined KBC
after March 1, 2008
you are paid in full
until August 31, 2009

Announcing KBC's Ohio Avian Project Initiative Program

According to the American Bird Conservancy, numerous studies have shown an alarming decline in migratory songbirds and that "populations of once-common migratory birds such as the Cerulean Warbler have declined by 82% and the Rusty Blackbird has declined by over 90%." How should the Kirtland Bird Club (KBC), with a mission dedicated to "the serious study of ornithology" respond?

One approach was suggested by Scott Weidensaul, who in his "A Brief History of American Birding" wrote that his hope "for the future is a fusion of the science of birds with the love of chasing them, the best of the ornithologist and the lister, with a vehement commitment to avian well-being binding those approaches together."

Recognizing the desire of the KBC membership to increase knowledge of birds in Ohio and refusing to stand by while our modern day Passenger Pigeons pass the way of that once-common species, the Kirtland Bird Club is happy to announce the launch of an annual funding program called the "Ohio Avian Project Initiative". This program will provide annual support of grants from \$250 to \$1,000 to avian research, education and conservation projects in the state of Ohio. Preference will be given to projects that focus on bird species designated as "species of concern" by state and national organizations. Appointed by KBC president, Lisa Chapman, a five member committee will be responsible for soliciting appropriate projects, reviewing proposals and making funding recommendations to the KBC membership for a vote every March.

Grantees will be expected to submit a number of written reports to the membership, and they will be invited to share results at membership meetings.

- September - Determination of funds available to award
- October - Accept prequalification applications through our website
- November to December - Invite proposals
- January - Committee reviews proposals and decides on award(s) to propose to membership

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.

February - Motion made by the committee at February KBC meeting to award the grant(s)
February - Motion publicized in KBC's Spring Newsletter
March - KBC membership votes on motion at the March meeting

Other Events and Activities

September

September 5th - Conservation Symposium Series Keeping Current: Stream Ecology, Conservation & Restoration, CMNH. Fee: \$15 per person with registration before August 25, 2008. For more information, call (216) 231-4600 or 1-800-317-9155, ext. 3505.

September 26th - Bird Banding on Kelleys island with Tom Bartlett. 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Sponsored by CMNH. Members: \$8; nonmembers: \$10.

September 20th - Feathers & Foliage Bird Festival on Kelleys island. Sponsored by the Kelleys island Audubon Club. AM bird walk and bird banding at Long Point. Free of charge. For info call 419 746-2258.

September 20th - Ottawa NWR Auto Tour
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

September 27th & 28th - Lake Erie Raptor Seminar, Maumee Bay Resort & Conference Center. Sponsored by OOS & BSBO. For registration information visit: www.ohiobirds.org or www.bsbobird.org.

October

October 18th & 19th

Audubon Ohio State Assembly in Bellville, Ohio
Audubon Ohio's next State Assembly will be the weekend of October 18 and 19 in the heart of Mohican Country. They will be offering a day of workshops and outings in Bellville, Ohio on Saturday, October 18, and a number of exciting outings on Sunday, October 19. Info coming soon.

October 19th - Ottawa NWR Auto Tour
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

November

November 9th - Ottawa NWR Auto Tour
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Happy Thanksgiving!

Message from our President....

Though I am writing at the peak of the 'good ole summertime', we will soon be meeting again with the resumption of our fall calendar. I certainly hope you all have had a pleasant and interesting late spring and summer season. Mississippi Kite, Black-Necked Stilt, Black Rail: nice surprises for those who enjoy the chase. Perhaps there were fledglings in your backyard or local park that caught your attention. Whatever you saw, I hope you reported to Cleveland Bird Calendar, Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas, eBird or other project.

We have an interesting line up of speakers for the next calendar year which I hope will continue to appeal to a variety of interests. We will see our new Ohio Avian Project Initiative evaluate candidates for project funding that directly benefits our birds. We hope to see the CBC on-line project finished. Most of all, we will continue to be a resource for each others efforts to learn more about our birds, as well as a resource for other organizations and the public.

But, we have a problem. It threatens our success for the future and it leaves us weak in comparison to our stronger past. The problem is lack of membership participation in the running of this club. We need members to lead local field trips. We need members to help finish the CBC-on line project. We need members to write articles and supply data to our Cleveland Bird Calendar. Once more, I encourage you to raise a hand when able to lend your time and talents. —Lisa Chapman



**SEASONAL REPORTS for
The Cleveland Bird Calendar**
Your Summer report is due
September 10th

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
and at KBC meetings

KBC 12 Month 2009 Calendar

This year KBC will again design and print a monthly 2009 calendar using member photos of birds from Ohio and preferably from the "Cleveland Region". Money raised selling the 2009 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.
2. Horizontal orientation.
3. Taken in Ohio or better yet, the "Cleveland Region" (Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit counties).
4. Taken between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2008.
5. Suitable design for a 10 x 7 " printed size.
6. Submitted anytime until October 15, 2008 to info@kirtlandbirdclub.org or mail to
Delores Cole
1247 Roland Road
Lyndhurst, OH 44124
7. Photographer must be a current KBC member.

Photos from the 2008 Calendar



Golden-winged Warbler
By Jerry Talkington



Purple Sandpiper
By Sally Isacco

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