



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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Monthly Meetings

1st Wednesday every month, 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland Museum of Natural History — Guests are always welcome! Parking is free.

Wednesday September 7

Using Radar To Illuminate Bird Migration

Presented by Dr. Sarah Mabey

Birds have been showing up on radar scopes since World War II, often baffling early operators. But Dr. Sarah Mabey and her fellow scientists are using the technology to study bird migration. Weather-surveillance radar has great potential as a conservation tool because it can help us see long-term patterns and understand the big picture of dynamics of bird migration, and protect this phenomenon on a continental scale. Mabey has worked with the NASA Polarimetric Radar or NPOL, which can peer into the atmosphere with roughly 2,000 times more precision than standard Doppler radar. In addition, NPOL calculates objects as they move in both vertical as well as horizontal space. It may one day be possible to calculate whether the radar is seeing a goose or a sparrow. Researchers are using radar to pinpoint the landscape critical to bird migration.

Sarah Mabey, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at Hiram College. She received her B.A. at Bryn Mawr College, her M.S. at University of Maryland, College Park and her Ph.D. at University of Southern Mississippi.

Wednesday October 5

The Comeback Birds: Fall Birding in Northwest Ohio

Presented by Jen Brumfield

It doesn't stop after spring! Northwest Ohio is a jackpot for fall shore birding, hawk watching and warbler watching. From Golden Eagle to Hudsonian Godwit, Connecticut Warbler to Yellow Rail, autumn is Round 2 in the mega-migration hotspot on the Lake Erie shoreline. Jen Brumfield will give us the ins and outs of where to go and what to see during this "other migration."

Jen is a Naturalist/Artist for Cleveland Metroparks, bird illustrator, author of several natural history field guides, birding tour guide for Tropical Birding and rep with Nikon's Birding Optics Prostaff team. She runs dozens of weekend specialized birding tours and field trips throughout Northeast Ohio each year, through Local Patch Birding Tours.

Her illustration work, featuring birds, can be found in a number of publications, including the ABA's *Birding* magazine (cover artwork, January 2010 issue) and numerous KBC publications including the new CD covering more than 100 years of the *Cleveland Bird Calendar* and our *Birds of the Cleveland Region*. Since 2005, she's written and illustrated six field guides of the flora and fauna of Cleveland Metroparks, designed and illustrated a child's coloring book and provided countless illustrations and logos for Cleveland Metroparks events and publications.

Wednesday November 2

Birds, Flora and Fauna of Southern Florida

Presented by David Dvorak

Dave will share beautiful photos and his always-entertaining observations of wildlife and plants from his trip to Southern Florida. Migrant and resident birds make this a fascinating area.

David is a naturalist, writer, and photographer. He has authored research articles on tall grass prairies, and has contributed to many birding periodicals. As a young boy, David was an advocate for the natural world, writing his congressman to save the Colorado River, and continues to fight for the protection of endangered ecosystems. He is currently a naturalist for the Cleveland Metroparks at the Rocky River Nature Center, the vice president of the Ohio Prairie Association, and leads tours for the Institute of the Great Outdoors and privately.

NEW! Warbler Committee

Join a new committee to help with the process of publishing this newsletter. This publication needs your support and if you have content ideas, we need those too!

Here are the tasks that YOU can help with:



A. Proof-reading...this is done via email. It requires a little quiet time to carefully read the draft. You might want to print it for ease in reading and marking your copy. Then e-mail your suggested revisions OR call me!

B. Collating/labeling/mailing...this might be necessary only once or twice a year and can be done in 1—2 hours.

If you are willing to lend a hand, even if you'd be available just one time, please e-mail or call susanj@windstream.net

Thanks,



Susan Jones
Corresponding Secretary
Editor, *The Kirtland Warbler*

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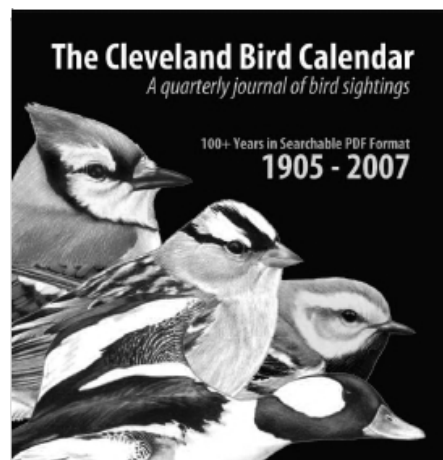
We are thinking about having another auction at a pre-holiday meeting, to benefit the club.

If you have any bird books, field guides or other items to donate (but not old magazines), please contact Glenn — grn52443@hotmail.com —and hold them until further notice.



Current members

pick up your free CD—100 years of the *Cleveland Bird Calendar* at the September meeting. More available for only \$10 each.



REMINDER:

Please pay your 2011—2012 Membership Dues

Extended Field Trips: August — November, 2011

Following are brief synopsis of the formerly named "Van Trips" for the remainder of 2011. Note that we carpool for day trips and rent a van for overnight trips.

Special Note:

Several van rental companies have recently closed. If a new source is not found we may be forced to cancel the overnight trips.

For more information please contact coordinator **Eileen Zimlich** at 216-509-4204 or via email at ezimlich@sbcglobal.net. Note that a full list of trips and a registration form is on the KBC website at www.KirtlandBirdClub.org



Friday, Oct. 21—Sunday Oct. 23

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

Kempton, PA (2 nights, 3 days)

Join Craig Caldwell for a return visit to the world's longest-running hawk migration count site. If the winds are cooperative, as many as 1500 raptors may be viewed.

Target Species: Northern Goshawk, Golden Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-shouldered and Red-tailed hawks

Difficulty Level: moderate to rugged

Departure: Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Return Sunday by 8:00 p.m.

Estimated cost: \$225—290/pp to share cost of van rental, gas, tolls & motel. Food on your own.

Required deposit: \$25 with each registration

Deadline: Reserve a spot before Sept 16



Friday, Nov 18—Sunday Nov 20

Niagara Falls, NY (2 nights, 3 days)

Explore the Niagara River and Niagara-on-the-Lake for winter migrants. The Niagara River has the largest and most diverse concentration of gulls in the world. It also hosts large numbers of wintering waterfowl.

Note: Remember your passport!

Target species: gulls and waterfowl

Departure: Friday, time to be determined
Return late Sunday evening

Estimated cost: \$200—\$300 to share cost of van rental, gas, tolls & motel. Food on your own.

Required deposit: \$25 with each reservation

Deadline: Reserve your spot before Oct. 15.



Local Field Trips

At this writing, there are no Local Field Trips scheduled. Look for postings in your e-mail inbox and on KBC's website. If you'd like to lead a field trip contact Glenn Novotny, President; grn52443@hotmail.com

Welcome New Members
Treavora and Peter Verchio

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. Your contributions of articles, event information, photos, and drawings are welcome. Please send them to the Editor, Susan Jones or to info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.



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MIDWEST BIRDING SYMPOSIUM 2011

September 15 - 18, 2011



MBS includes lectures, area field trips, boat trips, and a birder's marketplace. MBS is sponsored by Bird Watcher's Digest, Lakeside Association, the Ohio Ornithological Society, with support from birding information partner Black Swamp Bird Observatory.

Registration is underway for the Midwest Birding Symposium at Lakeside, Ohio. For a symposium schedule of activities or to register, go on line: www.birdwatchersdigest.com/mwb2011/main2011.php

Speakers include:

Al Batt

Jeff Gordon

Kenn & Kimberly Kaufman

Michael O'Brien

Louis Zemaitis

Pete Dunne

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Greg Miller

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