

The Kirtland Warbler

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Dues must be paid by the February meeting to remain a member in good standing.

Single person:	\$17.00
Couple:	28.00
Student (<24 yrs old)	8.00
Nonresident	8.00
(>100 miles away)	

Send to:

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Notify Mary Ann if you need a membership card and she will bring it to the next meeting, or she will send it in your self-addressed, stamped envelope.

You can also get a patch for \$3.00. They are full color with a Kirtland Warbler on a blue background.

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS!!

www.kirtlandbirdclub.org

Webmaster Delores Cole has moved the website from the Cleveland website to our own special place. It gives us more space for our activities and allows us to guide you to other birding sites. She has done a fabulous job of organizing this!! She credits Dwight & Ann Chasar, Karin Tanquist, and Paula Lozano for helping put the site together. Several club members have contributed content to the site.

The History of KBC and CBC is taken from an article Dwight Chasar researched and wrote.

Tom Romito put together the Observation Highlights page.

Paula Lozano provided the local trip schedule.

Karen Tanquist provided the van trip schedule.

Tom LePage supplied the Christmas Bird Count list.

We welcome any member photos and sketches for the Member's Gallery. Be sure to include id of bird and when and where taken.

We also welcome any input on content, corrections, additions, etc.

IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER: Follow the progress of the Zeiss team currently looking for the ivory-billed woodpecker in Louisiana at www.zeiss.com.

Local Birding Trips

When: Saturday, February 9, 2002, 8:30 a.m.
Where: Lorain county-Avon Lake to Lorain
Directions: Meet at Miller Park on the west side of the Avon Lake Power Plant. Take I-90 west to the SR-611 exit. Turn right (west) on SR-611 and right (north) on Miller Road at the first light after passing the McDonalds. Follow Miller Road until it intersects US-6. Turn right, and then left into the parking area.
Target species: Gulls, waterfowl, & wintering feeder birds.
Notes: After birding at Avon Lake, we'll stop at the French Creek Nature Center, before proceeding to Lorain Harbor.

When: Sunday, March 10, 2002, 8:30 a.m.
Where: Lorain Count: Wellington and Oberlin reservoirs, Carlisle Visitor Center.
Directions: Meet at the Wellington Reservoir. I-480 West to SR-10 West to SR-58 South. After driving through Wellington, turn right (west) on Jones Road and right at the entrance to the reservoir.
Target Species: Waterfowl and early spring migrants
Notes: This trip will include Lorain County back roads between the 2 reservoirs.

When: Saturday, April 20, 2002, 8:30 a.m.
Where: Sandy Ridge Metropark, Otten Road. Lorain County
Directions: Meet at the Perry F. Johnson Wetland Center. Take I-90 West to SR-611 South. At SR-254, turn right (west), left on Case Road (south) and left (east) on Otten Road.
Target Species: Bitterns, waterfowl, rails and spring migrants.

When: Saturday, May 4, 2002, 8:00 a.m.
Where: Firestone Metropark, Akron, Summit County 8:00 a.m.
Directions: Meet in the parking lot of the Little Turtle Pond Areas off Harrington Rd., north of Warner Rd. and East of South Main Street, in South Akron.
From I-277 South and US-224 East, exit at South Main Street. Go south 1 mile to Warner Rd. Go east on Warner to the park entrance on the left. Or, keep going ~ ½mile to Harrington Rd and turn left to the part entrances on the left.
Target Species: Spring Migrants
Leader: Ed Pierce

Upcoming Meetings: All meetings begin at 7:45 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

February 6, 2002

Lisa Pettit of the Division of Resources, CVNRA will discuss deer population impact on ground-nesting birds.

March 6, 2002

Jim Berry, President of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Jamestown. NY will be our speaker.

April 3, 2002 –to be announced

May 1, 2002

Linda Gilbert will speak on Images of Northeast Ohio

TRAVEL VAN TRIPS – Trips leave at 4 p.m. from the Sheraton Four Winds Hotel at Rockside and I-77 and will return to the same place early evening of the last day, unless otherwise noted. Contact Karin Tanquist at (330) 342-3886 or email slt@neo.rr.com for reservations and more details.

February 15, 16, 17, 18: Presidents' Day Weekend trip to “**the Sault**” in Upper Michigan for winter grosbeaks, Boreal Chickadees, Gray Jays, and (sometimes) a Hawk Owl. Cost is \$25 to reserve a seat on the van, plus food and lodging.

March 9: One day trip to **Killdeer Plains** for the owls and more winter birds. Cost and time of departure to be announced.

April 26, 27, 28: **Hocking Hills, Ohio** for early migrating warblers. Cost is \$25 to reserve your seat on the van, plus food and lodging.

May 10, 11,12: **Pt. Pelee, Ontario**, for more migrating warblers dripping from the trees (*if* we hit it right!) Cost is \$25 to reserve your seat on the van, plus food and lodging.

June 2002: A new KBC trip to **West Virginia** for nesting warblers including Swainson's warbler. This will be a weekend trip, with date to be announced.

September 20, 21, 22: A weekend at **Kelley's Island** is being planned.

Local Birding Trip Sightings – January 13, 2002

Pied-billed Grebe	Red-tailed Hawk	Common Crow
Canada Goose	American Kestrel	Black-capped Chickadee
Mallard	Black-crowned Night Heron	Tufted Titmouse
Black Duck	Common Snipe	White-breasted Nuthatch
Gadwall	Great Black-Backed Gull	Carolina Wren
Redhead	Ring-billed Gull	Northern Mockingbird
Ring-necked Duck	Herring Gull	Brown Thrasher
Lesser Scaup	Rock Dove	American Robin
Common Goldeneye	Mourning Dove	European Starling
Bufflehead	Snowy Owl	Northern Cardinal
Red-breasted Merganser	Hairy Woodpecker	House Finch
Hooded Merganser	Downy Woodpecker	Dark-eyed Junco
Accipter Species	Blue Jay	

Book Recommendation

Fateful Harvest: The True Story of a Small Town, a Global Industry, and a Toxic Secret, Wilson , Duff
HarperCollinPublishers, 2001, 322pp

A Civil Action and Erin Brokovich are small town scandals compared to the scope of this revelation about the repackaging of hazardous waste as fertilizer for farm and home use. Because of a loophole in the law and EPA regulations, fertilizer does not have to be analyzed for harmful substances (heavy metals, solvents, dioxins pcbs, etc); it needed only to be tested and proven to contain certain substances that promote plant growth, such as zinc, copper, phosphorous, etc. The author is a Pulitzer Prize finalist.