

The Kirtland Warbler

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Mea Culpa!!!! I am deeply sorry that some of you showed up for the January meeting on Thursday instead of Wednesday due to a misprint in the newsletter. I should have followed up much more diligently to be sure that *everyone* knew of the error. I apologize also to Ann and Dwight Chasar who gave a fascinating report on birding in a section of the Brecksville reservation over a 50 year period. I will try to be a better proofreader in the future, and if a mistake needs correcting, I'll do it.

Website The Local and Van Field Trip sightings are being posted on our website but we need your help. If you have photos and/or sightings list from the trips, please contact Delores Cole at delorescole@ndtc.net or call her at 440 461-1084. **All pictures will be returned.** Any trip photos or list sightings you can share will make our website more interesting.

Member e-mail listings

We currently add e-mail addresses to our printed roster so that members can contact each other individually (and will continue to do this). The club is now sponsoring a member e-mail list for member communications, trip information and rare sighting information. To be a part of the member list you must be a member of the Kirtland Bird Club and provide your approval to be included. To subscribe to this list, please forward your e-mail address to Delores Cole at delorescole@ndtc.net.

Upcoming Meetings: Meetings are at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History at 7:45 pm unless otherwise noted.

February 5, 2003: Paula Lozano and Tom Leiden on Redheaded Woodpeckers.

March 5, 2003: Dan Pettit – Coffee is for the Birds

April 2, 2003: Ben Fambrough – Nighttime Migrations

May 7, 2003 Doctors Lindstrom and Heather McDowell of the Animal Clinic Northview. They will speak on West Nile Virus incidents and impact. Dr.Lindstrom is also the avian veterinarian for the CMNH and Medina Raptor Center.

June 4, 2002 Scott Wright – Peregrine Falcon update

Local Field Trips:

When: Saturday, February 22 – 8:30 a.m.
Where: Geauga County back roads
Directions: Meet at Best Lake on SR-44
Target Species: Wintering buntings, longspurs and raptors
Leaders: Anders and Joyce Fjeldstad
Notes: Plan on lunch at Mary Yoder's Restaurant in Middlefield.

When: Sunday March 16, 2003 - 8:30 a.m.
Where: Erie County – Castalia, Resthaven Wildlife Area & Sandusky Bay
Directions: I-90 West to US-6 to the SR-101 exit for Castalia. Turn left (south) and meet at the parking lot on the north side of the pond. (Where SR-101 turns right, turn left and then immediately right into the lot).
Target Species: Waterfowl and early spring migrants.
Notes: Sites visited may change, depending on what's being reported.

When: Saturday, April 19, 2003 – 8:30 a.m.
Where: Bath Nature Preserve – Summit County
Directions: I-77 South to the Ghent Road exit. Turn right (north) on Cleveland-Massillon Road and left (west) on Ira Road. The entrance is on the south side of Ira Road.

When: Saturday May 3, 2003
Where: Firestone Metropark, Akron, Summit County, Tuscarawas Meadow Area off Harrington Road.
Directions: From I-277 and US Route 224 exit at South Main Street. Take South Main Street south one mile to Warner Road. Go east on Warner Road. There is a park entrance on the left. Or continue approximately ½ mile to Harrington Road. Turn left (north) on Harrington Road to the park entrances on the left.
Target Species: Warblers and flycatchers
Leaders: Ed Pierce
Notes: Bring snacks and beverages to share at Ed's home after the walk.

Cleveland Bird Calendar: Your KBC membership includes a subscription to the Cleveland Bird Calendar. It comes out 4 times a year and the one that came out in January covered the September, October and November sightings, etc. After I submit your new membership to the CBC, you will receive the next issue that comes out, which could be 3 months later if you just missed joining before the current mailing. They do not print enough copies to give out back issues, even if the back issue just came out. If you think you are not receiving your copies, let me know and I will follow up on it.

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 klt@neo.rr.com for reservations and more details.

February 14, 15, 16, 17, 2003: 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 your spot on the van, plus food and lodging. Trip is currently filled...contact Karen for cancellations.

March 8, 2003: One-day trip (Saturday only) to **Killdeer Plains** for the owls and more winter birds. Depart from the Sheraton at 7 a.m. and return, leaving after seeing short-eared owls at dusk at Killdeer Plains (i.e. 9-10-ish)

April 25, 26, 27, 2003: **Hocking Hills, Ohio** for early migrating warblers. Cost is \$25 to reserve your spot on the van, plus food and lodging.

May 9, 10, 11, 2003: **Warbler Grand Slam! Pt. Pelee, Ontario and Magee Marsh/Crane Creek State Park** 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 13, 14, 15, 2003: KBC's newest trip to **West Virginia** for nesting warblers including Swainson's warbler. Cost is \$25 to reserve your place on the van, plus food and lodging.

September 19, 20, and 21, 2003: A weekend at **Kelley's Island** to look for migrating warblers, hawk and other delights is planned. Contact Delores Cole for more details at (440) 461-1084 or delorescole@ndtc.net.

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You know you're a birder if:

Someone yells “DUCK!!”, and you look up and say “WHERE?”