

The Kirtland Warbler

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MEETINGS AND TRIPS 2004-2005: Check this section every issue, since changes in scheduling may occur. Meetings are held at 7:30 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History on the first Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Consider coming early to get a parking spot at the museum, since there are often multiple events being held the same night as our meeting. Parking is also available at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Local trip contact: Paula Lozano 216 226-7511

Van trip contact: Karin Tanquist 330 342-3886

Other inquiries: 216 556-0700

MARCH 2005

Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at 7:00 p.m (NOTICE EARLY START)

The Birds of the Cleveland Region Celebration, March 2, 7:00 p.m.

We are proud to announce that the 2005 edition of ***The Birds of the Cleveland Region*** is back from the printer and will be available for sale at the March 2 meeting for \$24.99 + sales tax. Larry Rosche, the editor, and the two artists, Kevin Metcalf and Jen Brumfield, have been invited to join us before the meeting starts at **7:00 p.m.** to celebrate their efforts as well as those of the many volunteers and donors responsible for making this project happen. Special recognition goes to Sheldon and Marilyn MacLeod, who are responsible for spearheading this enormous project; it wouldn't have happened without them. Thank you everyone!

Program - "The Value of Power Line Rights-of-Way to Migrating Birds" Thousands of miles of electric utility corridors criss-cross Ohio. While sometimes viewed as a blight on the landscape, these corridors often are managed to promote shrubby habitats, similar to those habitats that are required by declining populations of migratory birds. Do utility corridors provide valuable stop-over sites for birds migrating through northeastern Ohio? Come hear **Dan Petit** talk about a 2-year research project that examines what can be done to make these areas not only useful for moving electricity, but also for moving birds along their migration routes.

Local Trip: Saturday, March, 19, 2005, 8:30 a.m.

Where: NEW TRIP – Killbuck Marsh Wildlife area, Ashland & Wayne counties

Meeting Location: The Bob Evans parking lot on the corner of Rt. 30 & Madison Avenue/Robinson Road in Wooster at 8:30 a.m., breakfast at 7:30 a.m. for early birds.

Directions: Take I-71 South and at exit 204, make a left on SR 83. At the exit for US 30, take the ramp to SR 3. Follow the signs for Bob Evans to 550 Robinson Road.

Target Species: Waterfowl & early spring migrants.

Leader: Su Snyder

Website: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/wildlifeImages/wildarea/klbuck.g>

Van Trip to Killdeer Plains, Saturday, March 12, 2005. This is a one day trip targeting winter birds and owls. At this time, the trip is full. Please contact Karin Tanquist at (330) 342-3886 or email her at klt@neo.rr.com for additional information.

APRIL 2005

Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2005, 7:30 p.m., CMNH

Program: KBC member Julie West will speak about her ongoing banding project at The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

Local Trip: Sunday April 10, 2005, 8:00 a.m.

Where: Sandy Ridge – Lorain County

Directions: I-90 West to the SR-611. Turn left (south) on SR-611. At Detroit Road intersection, continue straight ahead on Stony Ridge Road. Turn right (west) on Barres Road and left (south) at **red barn** on Otten Road and left at park entrance. Meet in parking lot at the Perry F. Johnson Wetland Center.

Target Species: Early migrants, sparrows, and waterfowl

Leader: Paula Lozano

Website: www.loraincountymetroparks.com/maps/sandy.html

Van Trip: Shawnee State Forest & the OOS Annual Conference. This new trip will combine birding in Shawnee State Forest (the largest State Forest in Ohio) and OOS Conference programs.

When: April 29, 30 & May 1. The van is currently full, but you can still attend the OOS Conference. Please contact Karin Tanquist at (330) 342-3886 or email at klt@neo.rr.com for additional information.

MAY 2005

Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2005, 7:30 p.m., CMNH

Program: Mark Purdy of Greater Akron Audubon will tell us about his experiences birding in Iceland

Local trip: No trip this month

Van Trip to West Virginia over Memorial Day Weekend. This trip is currently full. Please contact Karin Tanquist at (330) 342-3886 to receive additional information.

JUNE 2005

Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2005, 7:30 p.m., CMNH

Program: To be announced

Local Trip: Saturday, June 4, 2005 – 8:00 a.m.

Where: NEW TRIP! Hinckley Reservation, Cleveland Metroparks

Directions: From I-71 North or South: Exit at SR 303 and go east on SR 303 to SR 606 (Hinckley Hills Rd.) Turn right (south) on SR606 (Hinckley Hills Rd) to Bellus Rd. Turn left (east) on Bellus Rd. The Hinckley Reservations' West Drive entrance is 1000 ft. on the right. Turn right (south) on West Dr. and meet at the Hinckley Lake Boathouse parking lot.

Target Species: Nesting Birds

Leader: David Dvorak

NOTE: Be prepared for wet hiking

Website: <http://www.clemetparks.com/visit/index.asp?ispopup=yes&action=rmaps&reservations id=1011>

Van Trip: No trip this month

JULY 2005

Picnic Pot Luck and Bird Walk - July 9th, 2005 8:00 a.m. - Bath Nature Preserve – Bath Township

A pot luck lunch will follow the bird walk at the preserve. Bring your tableware, a beverage, and a dish to share. Come for the walk or join us for the walk and lunch. All are welcome!

Directions: The Bath Nature Preserve has an entrance on Hickory Farm Lane at 4160 Ira Road. From I-77 South, take exit 10. At exit 143 turn right onto SR 176 (Wheatley Road). Make a right onto Brecksville Road (Cleveland Massillon Road) and turn right onto Ira Road. The entrance to the parking lot is on the left.

Target Species: Nesting birds and grassland species

Leader: Ed Pierce

Website: <http://www.bathtownship.org/parks/page5.html>

AUGUST 2005

Sunday, August 14, 2005 - 9:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. - Third Annual Dragonfly & Butterfly Walk and Picnic Picnic Potluck at Linda Gilbert's place at 1600 Bell Street in South Russell, OH. Bring your tableware, a beverage and a dish to share. Come armed with your Dragonfly and Butterfly guides and a butterfly net and join us to spend the morning on the Gilbert property. Larry Rosche and Lou Gardella will join us to lead this field trip. We will stop and have a picnic lunch at a picnic area on the property. Just follow the driveway back to the area. Please note the address: this is the driveway before the one you used to view the Brown-headed Nuthatch when going east down Bell street. For information, call Delores Cole at (440) 461-1084

Cleveland Bird Calendar Seasonal Reports Please be sure to report your bird sightings for the Bird Calendar on a timely basis. We have a new editor, Kevin Metcalf, and a new team of volunteers helping him, so timely reporting will spread the work out and not swamp them as deadline approaches. . In order to standardize (and streamline) the compiling of the data and to encourage us to more easily contribute our sightings, we have an entry form on our web site. The link is <http://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/cbc/cbc.htm> You have a choice of Excel or PDF formats. Or, you can mail your reports to Kevin at 12459 Fowlers Mill Road, Munson, OH 44024 or email him at skermetcalf@earthlink.net.

The Cleveland Bird Calendar is funded by a small portion of your membership dues and largely by your contributions. Thank you all for your past support. If you would like to contribute to the production of a future issue in its one hundred and first (101) year, send your contribution to: **Kirtland Bird Club, c/o Mary Anne Romito, 4310 Bush Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44109**. Please include a note and indicate that it is for the publication of the Bird Calendar.

Kaplan Donation Challenge for the Medina Raptor Center: The Kirtland Bird Club has been challenged again, and for a very good cause. KBC members Mike and Barb Kaplan were so moved by "Owl Rescue" by Judy Semroc, an article in the fall issue of *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* that they wanted to do something for the Medina Raptor Center. What they decided to do was match all KBC members' donations to the center up to a grand total of \$2,500.00!

The challenge runs from now through the end of May, culminating with the presentation of a check to the Medina Raptor Center at the June meeting. Please send your tax deductible charitable donation to: **Kirtland Bird Club, c/o Mary Anne Romito, 4310 Bush Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44109**.

Checks should be made payable to the **Kirtland Bird Club** with a note that it is earmarked for the Medina Raptor Donation Challenge. Or you can go on line to: http://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/current_projects/projects.htm and donate using your PayPal account. For information about the Medina Raptor Center visit: <http://www.medinaraptorcenter.org> .

Looking for Volunteers

We will have a KBC table at Wing Watch, April 9th and at the Rocky River Nature Festival (April 23 & 24, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). We will be selling both of our books and telling folks about the club. If you can spare some time to help, please call Delores Cole at 440 461-1084 to sign up for a time. Thank You!

Gull Symposium

The Symposium of the Gulls on Lake Erie, January 8, 2005, sponsored by the Ohio Ornithological Society and the Kirtland Bird Club was a great success! Despite heavy snowfall, more than 125 birders attended the morning programs at the Rocky River Nature Center, and close to 100 ventured out on a late afternoon field trip to East 72nd Street where Thayer's, California (later identified as just an odd Herring Gull), and Lesser Black-backed Gulls were found among the thousands of Ring-billed, Herring and Great Black-backed Gulls. The Kirtland Bird Club wishes to thank the following KBC volunteers for their help with this event: Karin Tanquist, Pat Coy, Ben Winger, Paula Lozano, Craig Caldwell, Vic Fazio, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Jen Brumfield, Fred Dinkelbach, Ed Pierce, Delores Cole, Lou Gardella, Bill Whan, Bill Deininger, Liz Clingman, Larry Rosche, and Jim McCormac

Spring 2005 Nature Events

- [March 9 - Wildlife Diversity Conference, Columbus, Ohio](#)
- [April 2 Shreve Spring Migration Sensation, Shreve, Ohio](#)
- [April 8-10 Wing Watch, Oak Harbor High School, Oak Harbor](#)
- [April 22-24 - North Coast Nature Festival, Rocky River Nature Center, North Olmsted, Ohio](#)
- [April 29 - May 1 - OOS Conference, Shawnee State Forest
Shawnee Resort & Conference Center
Conference Field Trip Descriptions](#)
- [May 8-14 - Nest with the Birds, Kelleys Island, Ohio](#)

Website Update

- Local and Van trip species lists and photos are published and archived under the "**LOCAL TRIP REPORTS**" and "**VAN TRIP REPORTS**" buttons. So if you want to see what you missed, check those pages.
- We are now archiving the weekly Plain Dealer column – Aerial View by Jim McCarty on the "**In THE NEWS**" page.
- For an update on area birding and nature festivals visit "**OTHER STUFF**".
- Monthly Meeting Minutes including the Observation section of our meetings are archived on the top of the "**MEETING & TRIP**" page.
- Member projects and services are listed on the "**MEMBERS**" page. If you have a project or service that should be listed here please contact our webmaster, Delores Cole.
- A Winter Lakefront Birding Trail guide is available in PDF on the "**LOOKING FOR BIRDS**" page. If you attended the Gull Symposium this was with your handouts.
- A "**CURRENT PROJECT**" page has been added to describe what the club is accomplishing in the current year. This page includes 2004 and 2003 accomplishments.

KBC Program Committee

Andy Lihani and Dwight Chaser will serve on a committee to help find speakers for our monthly programs. If you know of a speaker with an interesting topic suitable for the monthly meetings please contact Andy or Dwight with the information.

Nominating Committee

It's that time again, boy two years sure go by fast! President, Fred Dinkelbach appointed Tom Romito, Andy Lihani, and Susan Jones to nominate candidates for Vice President for the election this June. Anyone wishing to be put on the ballot for Vice President please let one of the committee members know.

Cleveland Metropark - Colorado Birding Trip: From the High Plains to the Rocky Mountains

The focus of this trip will be the great diversity of birds and habitats along the Front Range of the Colorado Rockies. Well over 100 species should be found. We should get great looks at **McCown's longspurs** doing their courtship flights, and see prairie specialties such as **chestnut-collared longspurs** (full breeding plumage), **lark buntings**, **burrowing owls**, **ferruginous hawks**, **Swainson's hawks** and **prairie falcons**. We have a good chance of seeing **mountain plover**. As we explore the Colorado Rockies we should see **mountain bluebirds**, **broad-tailed hummingbirds**, **black-billed magpies**, **pygmy nuthatches**, **Williamson's** and **red-naped sapsuckers**, **green-tailed towhees**, and possibly **three-toed woodpecker**, **American dipper**, **white-tailed ptarmigan** and **brown-capped rosy finch**. Of course, we won't overlook the **American elk**, **pronghorn antelope** and other wildlife that we are certain to see, as well as soak in the awesome mountain scenery and alpine tundra wildflowers.

Our base for several days will be the grand YMCA of the Rockies outside of Estes Park, and bordering Rocky Mountain National Park. This YMCA is not your typical YMCA - it is a campus of beautiful log buildings surrounded by stunning mountain scenery, and it is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The YMCA grounds alone are worth a trip for the birding - with broad-tailed hummingbirds and violet green swallows buzzing around all the time.

Trip participants must be moderately physically fit and able to walk a half-mile or more in the thin air of high elevations. Bring a camera!

Leaders: Kevin Metcalf and Dave Dvorak

Pre-trip Meeting: May 25, 7 - 9 p.m. NCNC

Trip: June 26 - July 3

Ages: adults (18 and over) Limit 12 - 14 participants.

Cost: \$850 includes on-site transportation, seven nights lodging and most meals. Participants provide some meals and transportation from Cleveland to Denver. \$395 is due May 16, payable to Cleveland Metroparks. For more information contact Kevin Metcalf at North Chagrin Nature Center, 440-473-3370 or Stacey Allen at 216-341-1704.

ROSTER UPDATE

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