

# The Kirtland Warbler

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**DIKE 14 ALERT!!** The ODNR has awarded Genevieve Ray a contract to collect and compile the views of the Public on the future use or uses of Dike 14. After the regular KBC meeting on Wednesday May 1, she will be on hand to hear and record the views of KBC members.

*Please take advantage of this opportunity to be heard!*

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

**May 1, 2002:** Linda Gilbert will speak on Images of Northeast Ohio.

**June 5, 2002:** We'll have a 5:30 pm potluck picnic followed by a birding walk at South Chagrin's Lookabout Lodge. Wendy Weirich will lead the walk.

**July 3, 2002:** No meeting because of impending Fourth of July holiday.

**August 7, 2002:** Another potluck picnic followed by a birdwalk in the CVNP led by Dwight and Ann Chaser. Specific location to be announced.

## **Local Birding Trips:**

**When:** Saturday, May 4, 2002, 8:00 a.m.

**Where:** Firestone Metropark, Akron, Summit County 8:00 a.m.

**Directions:** Meet in the **Tuscarawas Meadow Area** 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 ~ 1/2 mile to Harrington Rd and turn left to the park entrances on the left.

The wrong parking lot was named in past newsletters.

**Target Species:** Warblers and flycatchers

**Leader:** Ed Pierce

**Post walk gathering:** Bring snacks and beverage to enjoy and share at Ed's home after the walk.

**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](mailto:klt@neo.rr.com) for reservations and more details.

**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.

**Red-headed Woodpeckers:** Don't forget to report sightings and potential nest sights to Tom Leiden (216 514-4896, [tmleiden@prodigy.net](mailto:tmleiden@prodigy.net)) or to Paula Lozano (216 226-7511, [lozanopaula@hotmail.com](mailto:lozanopaula@hotmail.com)) for a study of breeding success of these birds in northeast Ohio, especially Cuyahoga County.

## **Red-headed Woodpecker Breeding Success in NE Ohio**

The Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*), once one of our most common summer birds and the most numerous breeding woodpecker in Ohio at the turn of the 20th century, is now a species of the most special concern due to population decrease throughout its range. The results of the Breeding Bird Survey from 1966 to 2000 indicated that this woodpecker had decreased at a rate of 2.5% per year throughout the USA. A 4.8% rate of decline in Ohio was almost twice the national rate. Concern over this decline placed this species on the National Audubon Society's Watchlist.

An important aspect of a species health is its breeding success rate. While nesting behavior of the Red-headed Woodpecker has been studied, there is not a lot of information available on nesting results. This spring we are undertaking a study of the breeding success of the Red-headed Woodpecker in northeast Ohio, particularly Cuyahoga County.

**We can use your help and would appreciate receiving reports of sightings of Red-headed Woodpeckers and potential nest sites. Please contact:**

**Tom Leiden @ 216 514896 or [tmleiden@prodigy.net](mailto:tmleiden@prodigy.net) or**

**Paula Lozano @ 216 226-7511 or [lozanopaula@hotmail.com](mailto:lozanopaula@hotmail.com)**

### **Website News**

Webmaster Delores Cole is putting together a new section on the website for publications or educational materials (research papers, articles by or about members, etc) produced by club members. Examples include [The Ohio Cardinal](#) and [Ohio Birds and Natural History](#). She would like you to send her information as follows.

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