

# The Kirtland Warbler

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Our fiscal year starts in September! Surprise our hard-working treasurer and pay your dues now so she can close the books on this. Make your check out to Kirtland Bird Club.

Single person: \$17.00  
Couple: 28.00  
Student (<24 yrs old) 8.00  
Nonresident 8.00  
(>110 miles away)

*Send to:*

Mary Ann Romito  
4310 Bush Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44109  
Phone (216) 741-2352

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.

## **Local birding trips**

**When:** Sunday, November 11, 2001, 8:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Cleveland Lakefront (West) - Lakewood & Rocky River  
**Directions:** From US-6 (Lake Road), turn north on Falmouth Drive. The park entrance is directly north of the intersection of Falmouth and Beach Cliff Boulevard. Meet inside the park.  
**Target species:** Waterfowl & gulls  
**Notes:** Other areas to be covered may include Clifton Beach, Lakewood Park and Lakewood's Gold Coast.

**When:** Saturday, December 15, 2001  
**Where:** Cleveland Christmas Bird Count  
**Coordinator:** Tom LePage (440 356-4035)

**When:** Sunday, January 13, 2002, 8:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Cleveland Lakefront (East) – Burke Lakefront to Gordon Park  
**Directions:** Take the Cleveland Memorial Shoreway East (I-90) to the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Exit. Meet in the East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street parking area.  
**Target Species:** Gulls, waterfowl & wintering feeder birds  
**Notes:** Other areas may include East 55<sup>th</sup> Street Marina and Burke Lakefront Airport.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** All meetings begin at 7:45 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

**November 7, 2001**

Members Ann and Bill Toneff will present “Many years, many places and some good birds.”

**December 5, 2001**

Member Perry Peskin will report on Summer in Australia (February 2001)

**January 2, 2002**

Larry Richardson, Director of the Lake Erie Science and Nature Center will present a program on the birds of Viet Nam.

**February 6, 2002**

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

**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.

**November 16, 17, 18:** KBC returns to **Niagara Falls** for search for Little Gulls, Glaucous gulls, and Snowy Owls among more Bonaparte’s and Ring-billed Gulls than you care to count. Cost is \$25 to reserve a place on the van, plus food and lodging.

**January, 2002.** One day trip to the **Ohio Museum of Biodiversity** in Columbus, Ohio for a close up view of bird specimens. Date, cost and departure time to be announced.

**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.

## Bill's Stamp Collection and the Kirtland Bird Club

By Nancy Klamm

Nowadays I imagine that there are not many members of the Kirtland Bird club who remember my late husband Bill. For forty years he and I used to cover the Cleveland lakefront regularly, sometimes every day during the peak migrations of hawks, warblers, water fowl, and shorebirds, from the coldest days of winter when we would count the red-breasted mergansers out on Lake Erie in huge rafts, to the hot, humid days of late summer, when the shorebirds would return on their way south. Many old-time members may recall seeing us parked by Edgewater Beach watching for snowy owls, or by the White City lagoon counting dunlins and dowitchers. Occasionally Bill would get written up by Cleveland newspapers as a constant observer of the Lake Erie shoreline.

From the '50s to the '90s, Bill poured lots of his energy into birding organizations and projects. As a life member of the national Wilson Ornithological Society, he served as treasurer for several years. He received the 1981 Seeley Award from the Cleveland Audubon Society for his contributions. From the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, an achievement award was given to Bill, commending him for 10 years of service to the North American breeding Bird Survey. (His 25-mile census route was in the Cleveland area). A letter from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History informed Bill he would be the recipient of a Special Recognition Award for a significant Contribution in furthering the mission of the museum. Just the thought pleased him! Most of all, Bill was grateful that he had been able to bird in all seven continents.

KBC Members remember him best for serving as president in the early '60s and giving a wonderful series of slide shows on nesting birds, based on our many trips in northern Ohio and later out West. (I would assist him in his nature photography by holding a mirror to focus sunlight onto the nests.) Readers of the Cleveland Bird Calendar will recall the many sightings he contributed to every issue.

However, birding wasn't Bill's only pastime. Starting at the age of 11, when he was a secretary of a stamp club meeting in a Lakewood elementary school and signed the minutes "Billy Klamm", he accumulated a huge collection. Throughout his life he would attend stamp auctions and fill up one stamp album after another. His collection seemed to take up space in every drawer and closet in the house, and he loved it for all the information on history and geography that stamps contain. He never gave much thought to selling his collection, thinking that it had little value, so I'm sure that he would have been as amazed as I was when I called in a dealer to make an appraisal. The value of the contents of the biggest albums, which was donated to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, came to \$25,000. The rest of the collection, mounted in little red albums or dumped loosely into cigar boxes, which were scattered all over the house, was intended for the Kirtland Bird Club. The dealer appraised it at \$13,400, and the Kirtland Bird Club will soon receive this as a gift without restrictions.

As a member and active participant of the Kirtland Bird Club for over four decades, Bill would have been happy knowing that his legacy will be serving such a useful purpose in the years to come.

## READING GROUPS FOR BIRD WATCHERS

The Cleveland area is fortunate to have several reader's groups for those interested in bird watching. The oldest group is the Rocky River Readers which has been in existence since the early 1990s. This group

meets at the **Rocky River Nature Center**, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted (phone 440 734-6660). The leader is Joni H. Norris, Seasonal Naturalist. The coming reviews are:

Ring of Ice, by Peter Stark contains true tales of adventure, exploration and arctic life. Meet Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 4.

Anatomy of a Rose, by Sharman Apt Russell and Nature a Day at a Time by Cathie Katz will be discussed on Saturday December 3 at 2 p.m.

Another group is **Nature Reads** which meets at **The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes**, 2600 South Park Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH. (phone 216 321-5935. The leader is Leslie Krebs, Senior Naturalist. The next review is Listening Point by Sigurd F. Olson on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

No reservations are required for wither group and you do not have to finish the book to attend.

I have enjoyed both of these groups, and, as a continuation of my hobby, I like to list the bird species mentioned in each book. The high so far is 134 Species in Scratching the Woodchuck by Ohio Amish author David Kline.

**By Dave Le Gallee**

## **Bird Lists**

Some people keep only one list, their life list, while others keep numerous lists for numerous times and places. I liked to list birds I heard on the golf TV tournaments until I found out they were dubbing them!! Let me know what kind of lists you keep and if I get enough interesting responses, maybe we can inspire others to keep multiple lists, also.

The Editor

## **KBC Roster**

The enclosed roster is a listing of last year's members plus new members who have joined since you got your last roster. This represents a leap-of-faith in that we expect almost everyone to renew their membership this year, and we certainly hope that they (YOU) will do so ASAP. Why subject yourself to this continuous membership drive when we could devote this space to more worthwhile and interesting subjects?