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Horseshoe Lake

The City of Shaker Heights is seeking grants to fund recreational development plan for Horseshoe Lake. In late September, a few KBC, Greater Cleveland Audubon, and Northeast Ohio Sierra Club members joined a member of the Shaker Heights Planning Commission for a walk about the lake to understand the proposed development plan better. The majority of the development will be in the area that contains grass and picnic area now. The goal seems to be to provide a more inviting area for the residents of Shaker and Cleveland Heights. As money becomes available through grants and donations, a path around the lake and a small boardwalk are planned. If you are interested in providing input and/or concerns, links to the Master Plan and additional information can be found on the KBC website along with addresses. It is our understanding that three of the five grant applications to fund the proposed Master Plan for Horseshoe Lake have now been denied (one for the paved trail, two for the picnic pavilions--all from ODNR) and that the largest grants from NOACA and Stephanie Tubbs-Jones' office have been tabled for now but will be up for reconsideration sometime in the future.

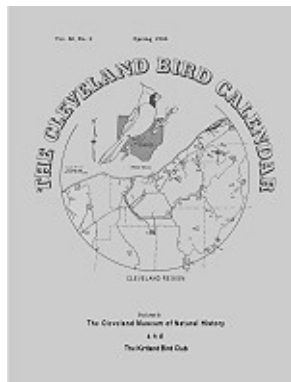
Cleveland Bird Calendar On-line Project

The Kirtland Bird Club is looking for past issues of *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* for a project to make them available on-line in searchable PDF format at:

www.ClevelandBirdCalendar.com

We have been able to obtain copies of most past issues but the earliest ones are the hardest to come by. We are especially interested in the issues listed below. If you have or know of anyone who may have these or any past issues please call Delores Cole at 440 461-1084 or email us at info@Kirtlandbirdclub.org. We would like to have originals if you will donate them, but we would appreciate just borrowing the issues to make copies and returning them to you. Thank You.

Any issue before 1931; 1931 Vol27 No3, No4; 1933 Vol31 No1, No3, No4; 1937 Vol33 No1; 1938 Vol34 No1 & Vol2; 1944 Vol40 No1, No3, No4; 1945 Vol41 No1, No3, 1947 Vol43 No1; 1948 Vol44 No1, No4; 1960 Vol56 No2 No4; 1961 Vol57 No1 No2, No3; 1963 Vol59 No1.



Fall Field Trip Highlights

The September Headlands Dunes trip led by Larry Rosche did not bring the 30 members any surprises. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were evident along with several warbler species and a Scarlet Tanager.

Then the "Rains Came" for the October 22, 2005 field trip to Red Lock and the Jaite areas of CVNP led by Dwight Chaser. Even though it was damp and overcast, birds seen included a flock of Rusty Blackbirds. The thirty or so members and guests (one evacuated from New Orleans) enjoyed a Pileated Woodpecker, both kinglets, and Red-breasted Nuthatches.

The highlight of the November 5th trip to Perry Park led by John Pogacnik was seeing several **Cave Swallows** with one close enough to positively ID along with large flocks of Snow Buntings and Pine Siskins.

Members organize "Big Sits"

Lisa Chapman's "Big Sit" at the Euclid Beach Club in Euclid, Ohio on October 9, 2005 tallied 30 bird species. This secluded section of the shoreline provided a wonderful vista of Lake Erie. The highlight was an Osprey spotted by Paula Lozano and seen by everyone as it soared over the lake. Thanks to the generous donations of the following members and friends, Lisa contributed \$297.50 to The Cleveland Bird Calendar's publishing fund: Karin Tanquist and Pat McCoy, Bill and Ann Toneff, Delores Cole, Gretchen Larson, Kathy Smith, Julie West and Gary Neuman, Nancy Renkert, Marianne Nolan, Sheryl and Charles Modlin, Allen Douglas, Linda Armstrong, Bob and Kathy Goodwin, Susan Shea, Sherryl Adamic, Susan Thomas, Pauline Farmer, Mary Anne and Tom Romito, Paula Lozano, Maura Berkelhamer, Debra Williams, Alice Goers. Debby Corman

Julie West organized a "Big Sit" at Shaker Lakes to raise money for the banding station she manages there. This sit tallied 53 bird species and raised \$205.50. A special bird for this sit was a Wood Thrush.

Young member, Ethan Kistler held his "Big Sit" at his home in Newton Falls. His list totaled 40 species including Eastern Bluebird, Rusty Blackbird and Purple Finch.

50 OR SO YEARS AGO...

Snowy Owls - The 1941-42 Flight

These spectacular visitors from the far north this winter provided many a Clevelander with one of the most thrilling sights in the bird world. Altogether our observers reported seeing 17 Snowy Owls - 6 in November, 9 in December, 1 in January, and 1 in February. Inquiry of four of our local taxidermists late in February disclosed that they had received a total of 11 birds sent in for mounting. Twenty other sight records are reported by the taxidermists as having been made or received by them.

This makes a total of 48 birds thus reported. Undoubtedly some of these records are duplicates, yet on the other hand we cannot assume that all Snowy Owls present were seen and reported.

With one exception (Akron) these reports are based on observations on an area relatively close to the Cleveland lake front. If we consider the Cleveland region as extending along the Lake Erie shore from Lorain to Painesville (about 30 miles each way) and as far south as Akron (30 miles from the lake shore) then we have an area unreported upon about four times the size of that which the reports cover. It thus seems reasonable to suppose that from 100 to 150 Snowy Owls may have invaded the Cleveland region this winter.

This we must not think of as a resident population, November and December records were relatively numerous, January and February records scant. An additional record comes from 75 miles South of Medina (O. T. Downer).

It is instructive to note that Snowy Owls, while here, seem to have subsisted largely on Norway rats. This is evidenced by at least one stomach examination as well as by direct observation in a few cases. One report was to the effect that at a certain refuse dump in the Cuyahoga Valley where rats were numerous, there were as many as "a dozen big white owls" in December and January, roosting under the bridge and feeding upon the rats. Source: Volume 38 No. 1, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar*

June 2006 - It's your meeting!

Are you interested in sharing a few of your photos/slides from a trip or vacation but don't have enough for an hour's program? Next June's KBC meeting will be your opportunity to do this. We would like to have 6-8 people. Each would have approximately 7 to 8 minutes for their part of the evening's program.

Here's all you have to do to be a part of this program. Choose up to ten photos or slides -- birds, animals, habitat or culture -- really anything, and prepare a short talk, too. If you have slides bring them in a carousel. If you have digital files and can, create a power point program. If you need assistance with scanning photos or creating a power point program, call Delores Cole at 440 461-1084.

Holiday Gift Gallery

Available at KBC Meetings



- ◆ Gift Memberships - \$17.00
 - ◆ *Birds of Cleveland* - \$24.99
 - ◆ *Field Book of the Birds of the Cleveland Region* - \$5.00
 - ◆ KBC Patches - \$4.00
- Contact KBC at 216 741-2352
- ◆ \$19.99 Subscription to Bird Watcher's Digest
- Call 800 879-2473

Membership Dues

It's not too late, but almost, to renew your KBC membership!

We thank you for your support in the past and want to remind you that our Kirtland Bird Club's membership year starts in September and ends in August so your membership fee is due now. On the back you will find a membership application. If there is a check mark in the upper right hand box we have not received your dues. If you want to be included on the member email list (only used for member announcements and not shared) please include your email address on the line provided.

Remember that one of our membership benefits is a subscription to our quarterly publication: *The Cleveland Bird Calendar*. Your subscription to the *Calendar* will end in December if you decide not to renew your membership now.

The Kirtland Warbler, the newsletter of the Kirtland Bird Club (KBC), Cleveland Ohio is published quarterly. It contains KBC meeting and trip information, web site updates, other events and programs of interest, and issues of local concern. A subscription to *THE KIRTLAND WARBLER* is a benefit of club membership. Contributions of articles, event information, photos, and drawings are appreciated. Send them to the Editor, Lou Gardella, or to kirtlandwarbler@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB, a Northeast Ohio Birding Club

Other Events & Programs

SEASONAL REPORTS

Your Fall report is due

December 10

Mail to:

Kevin Metcalf

12459 Fowlers Mill Road

Munson, Ohio 44024

Or email to:

skermetcalf@earthlink.net

New reporting forms are available on
the KBC Web site or at KBC meetings

Raptors and Owls of the Ohio Grasslands

December 3, 2005

Holiday Inn Zanesville

Sponsored by The Ohio Ornithological Society

8:00 a.m. to dusk

Registration forms available at KBC meetings or on

www.ohiobirds.org

The Wilds:

Wild Birds - Bird ID Days on December 10, 2005

Walkabout the Wilds with one of our educators to discover bird habitats, songs, and signs.

Eagle Survey Day on January 7, 2005

Discover some favorite places for Bald and Golden Eagles with the Wilds conservation education staff as we travel around the Wilds and Muskingum Valley. Data that we collect will be added to the National Mid-Winter Bald Eagle count.

Winter Hawk - Raptor ID Day on January 14, 2006

The Wilds is home to many types of raptors in the wintertime. The open grasslands attract short-eared owls, harriers, rough-legged and red-tailed hawks; even golden eagles and prairie falcons have been seen.

Hawk Talk - Raptor Field/Zoo Bird Day on February 11, 2006

See live raptors from the Columbus Zoo up close and personal! Join the Wilds conservation educators for a walking and driving trip across the Wilds looking for winter birds of prey.

Reservations and pre-payment are required. Call Al Parker 740 638-2116 or email aparker@thewilds.org) to set up your winter visit. Cost for the program is \$12/adult, and \$6 for children. All fees are non-refundable. Winter on the Wilds, 14000 International Road, Cumberland, OH 43732

Black Swamp Bird Observatory Annual

Banquet - February 4, 2006

Westlake, Ohio

Featured Speaker is Scott Weidensaul.

Mark your calendars for this fun evening!

Bird Watcher's Digest Subscription Fundraiser



We have partnered with Bird Watcher's Digest to help raise funds for *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* publishing fund. For every new subscription purchased through the link on the KBC website or by calling 800 879-8473, KBC will receive \$10. An annual subscription to this publication makes a wonderful holiday gift.

Parking at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History for KBC Meetings

Lately there has been a lot of confusion about the parking fee for the museum parking lot and whether we can have our tickets validated. I spoke with the Membership Services Manager, Mary Hyrinko, and she said that for now the fee will be waved on Wednesday evening for our club meetings. You will need to stop at the desk on your way in and get your parking ticket validated. This situation may change again in the future but for now this is the policy. I encourage you to support the museum by way of becoming a member if you can. — Delores Cole

Northern Ohio Christmas Bird Counts

OHAA, Ashtabula, Marc Hanneman, mkkd93@hotmail.com, 800-888-9446, 12/17/2005, Ashtabula
OHCL, Cleveland, Tom LePage, djhoff@ix.netcom.com, 440-356-4035, 12/17/2005, Cuyahoga/Lake
OHFI, Firelands, Carol Andres, chickadee1956@yahoo.com, 419-668-8126 x3300, 12/17/2005, Huron/Erie
OHCF, Cuyahoga Falls, Marie Morgan, mmorgan3@neo.rr.com, 330-867-9850, 12/18/2005, Summit/Portage
OHME, Mentor, Anders Fjeldstad, deneb59@hotmail.com, 440-257-7611, 12/18/2005, Lake/Geauga
OHLK, Lakewood, Nancy Howell, nhowell@cmnh.org, 213-231-4600 x3225, 12/31/2005, Cuyahoga/Lorain
OHBU, Burton, Linda Gilbert, lgilbert@geaugaparkdistrict.org, 440-286-9516, 1/1/2006, Geauga
OHOT, Ottawa NWR, Thomas Bartlett, tomb@tiffinohio.com, 419-447-0005, 1/1/2006, Ottawa/Lucas
OHLE, Lake Erie Islands, John Pogacnik, jpogacnik@lakemetroparks.com, 440-259-2751, 12/18/05, Erie

Kirtland Bird Club Membership Application

Membership year - September 1, 2005 - August 31, 2006

Your membership dues are due.

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\$ _____ The Cleveland Bird Calendar Donation

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\$17 - Individual
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 \$4 - KBC Patch

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