

# The Kirtland Warbler

September 2001

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We start off the fall season with a new slate of officers, elected at the May meeting. They are as follows:

President: Andy Lihani  
Veep: Craig Caldwell  
Treasurer: Mary Anne Romito  
Secretary: Tom Romito

I, Nancy Renkert, am taking over the newsletter from Tony Hess, who did a fine job for several years. I would like to update the roster ASAP and want to hear from anyone who has made any changes in his/her life, such as new phone, email address, etc. You may call me at 216 371-7632, email me at [renkert@brightdsl.net](mailto:renkert@brightdsl.net) or even drop me a post card at 2722 Southington Rd. Shaker Heights, OH 44120. I hope to have the roster out with the October newsletter.

I'm also interested in your ideas for newsletter items. Birding anecdotes, book reviews conflict, pertinent movie info, even cartoons can help fill up the white space here.

**Fall Meetings Begin.** The KBC will resume evening meetings beginning September 5, 2001 at 7:45 pm at The Museum of Natural History. Our first program will be on Birds of Florida by Gary Meszaros. He has presented several excellent programs for us in the past and is an outstanding nature photographer.

**September Field Trip.** The September van trip to Kelley's Island has been cancelled due to a conflict.

Long-time member Martha Minns passed away recently. There will be a memorial service held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2001 at:

Lakewood United Methodist Church  
15700 Detroit Avenue  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

It's located at the corner of Summit and Detroit, a few blocks west of Warren R

**Local birding trips** are being set up for the year ahead. Here's a preview.

**When:** Sunday, September 9, 2001, 8:00 a.m.  
**Where:** Medusa Marsh, Bay View, Erie County  
**Directions:** Take I-90 West to US-6 West to the SR-269 exit for Bay View. Turn right (north) and, at the first stop sign, turn right (east) on Barrett Road. Park on the right (south) berm about a mile from this intersection.  
**Target species:** Waders, waterfowl, shorebirds & passerines  
**Leader:** (Paula Lozano)  
**Notes:** There are no signs for Medusa Marsh. Exercise caution when birding along edge of this road. Bring a picnic lunch. If time permits, Pickerel Creek and/or Pipe Creek Wildlife Areas will be covered.

**When:** Saturday, October 13, 2001, 8:00 a.m.  
**Where:** Whiskey Island Marina, Cleveland  
**Directions:** Take the Cleveland Memorial Shoreway West to the first exit for Edgewater Park. Turn right (north) at the stop sign and immediately turn right (east). Meet in the parking lot on the west side of the Westerly Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Target species:** Warblers & sparrows

**Leader:** (Sean Zadar)

**Notes:** If arriving late, you should continue around the south side of the Westerly and, at the stop sign, go straight ahead on Whiskey Island Drive. If the marina gate is closed, press the call button on left side and identify yourself as a birder. Once through the gate, follow the gravel road east and then north to the parking area nearest the harbor.

**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

### A Birder's Restaurant Guide

Since some of the KBC local birding trips are taking place at locations different from those of previous years, I thought the participants might like a recommendation or two to restaurants near the birding areas.

The first trip is at Medusa Marsh in September. As you head back from Medusa marsh on route 2, exit at route 250 and go north 2.2 miles to the Econo Lodge (on your left). The Jolly Roger Seafood House is in the front parking lot of the Motel. It is a limited menu self-service seafood and Lake Erie seafood establishment. I have eaten there a number of times and can recommend the lobster bisque in a bread bowl. The bisque is creamy and nicely flavored. It is a meal in itself (for \$5.89). For those with a lighter appetite, have the bisque in a plain bowl (\$3.50). The Jolly Roger also has Lake Erie yellow perch sandwiches and various salads. There is a 10% Golden Buckeye discount.

A similar restaurant nearby is DeMore's Fish Den on E. Perkins Ave., 0.7 miles west of route 250. E. Perkins Ave. is 2.8 miles north of the route 2 exit on route 250. DeMore's has a mildly spicy tomato-based turtle soup (\$1.95) and Lake Erie perch sandwiches (\$3.59). In addition, they have other fish and salad items.

I hope you enjoy these places and I would like to hear your comments.

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**Birding tip of the month:** Pesky fall warblers getting you down? Check with parks and nature centers in your area for fall banding schedules. Seeing the birds "in hand" can sort out some of the subtle color variations and other confusing differences.