

# The Kirtland Warbler

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**WELCOME TO THE 2003-2004 KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB!!** Your officers are already making plans for upcoming meetings, day trips and van trips for another great year of birding nirvana. Support your officers by paying your 2003-2004 dues promptly and spare our loyal, extremely competent, and conscientious Treasurer, Mary Anne Romito, months and months of woe awaiting late dues trickling in. Really, our dues are quite reasonably low...there is just no justification to putting off paying them month after month. Our dues structure has not change for many years.

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)	

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Notify Mary Anne 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.

***Prompt payment of dues will ensure your entry in the new roster coming out soon!!***

## KBC Events for 2003-2004

HERE IS A LIST OF OUR EVENTS FOR THE YEAR AS THEY ARE NOW CONSTITUTED. THERE MAY BE CHANGES IN THE FUTURE, SO READ YOUR NEWSLETTERS DILIGENTLY AND CALL THE LEADERS OF EVENTS IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION.

Please note that meeting times this year are at 7:30, 15 minutes earlier than previous years.

### September

#### Meeting

**Wednesday, September 3, 2003**

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Time: 7:30 p.m.

#### "Life's Aquatic"

Join naturalists John Miller and Sharon Hosko of the Cleveland Metroparks to experience a year along the Rocky River and its streamside forest. Discover the rich diversity of life supported by the river and learn who lives on, between and under all those river rocks.

#### Local Trip

**Sunday, September 14, 2003 - 8:00 a.m.**

**Where:** Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve and Mentor Lagoon- Lake County

**Directions:** From downtown Cleveland take I-90 East to US-20 East to SR44 (Heisley Road) north to park entrance. Meet at the north end of the fishermen's parking lot.

**Target species:** Early fall migrants, including passerines & shorebirds

**Leader:** Larry Rosche

#### Kelleys Island Van Trip

**September 19, 20, 21, 2003:** A trip to Kelleys Island for warblers and migrating hawks. Please contact Delores Cole at 440 461-1084 or e-mail at [delorescole@ndtc.net](mailto:delorescole@ndtc.net) for reservations and additional information.

### October

#### Meeting

**Wednesday, October 1, 2003**

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Time: 7:30 p.m.

#### "KBC Special Projects".

This meeting will not have a guest speaker and will be dedicated to discussing options proposed by the Special Funds Committee. This committee, members may recall, was formed to decide what to do with the Klamm donation. "

#### Local Trip

**Saturday, October 11, 2003 - 8:00 a.m.**

**Where:** Sandy Ridge Reservation, 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) on Otten Road (watch for red barn). Meet at the Perry F. Johnson Wetland Center.

**Target species:** Fall migrants, including sparrows & waterfowl

**Leader:** Paula Lozano

### **Holiday Beach Van Trip**

**October 10, 11, 12, 2003:** Join KBC members at Holiday Beach, Ontario, looking for golden eagles, hawks, and vultures migrating south. The trip will leave Friday at 4 p.m. from the Sheraton Four Winds Hotel at Rockside and I-77 and will return Sunday early evening. Cost is \$25 to reserve your spot on the van, plus accommodations and food. Please contact Karin Tanquist at 330 342-3886 or email at [klt@neo.rr.com](mailto:klt@neo.rr.com) for reservations and additional information.

### **November**

#### **Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 5, 2003**

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Time: 7:30 p.m.

#### **"Birding in the Bobolink Area"**

Presenter: Bruce Glick, editor of The Bobolink

Enthusiasm runs high in the Amish community for learning about birds 12 months of the year. This unique setting has resulted in Christmas Bird Counts that routinely are near the top in the state, Big Day lists that rival statewide attempts and significant rare bird records over the last decade.

### **Local Trip**

**Sunday, November 9, 2003 - 8:30 a.m.**

**Where:** Avon Lake Power Plant, Lorain Co. Lakefront & Reservoirs

**Directions:** I-90 West to SR-611. Turn right (west) on SR-611 and right (north) on Miller Road. At US-6 (Lake Road) turn right (east) and turn left into the parking area at Miller Park.

**Target species:** Gulls, loons & waterfowl

**Leader:** Paula Lozano

### **Niagara Falls Van Trip**

**November 21, 22, 23, 2003:** KBC returns to Niagara Falls to search for Little Gulls, Glaucous Gulls, and Snowy Owls among more Bonapartes and Ring-billed Gulls than you care to count. This is a club favorite. The trip will leave Friday at 4 p.m. from the Sheraton Four Winds Hotel at Rockside and I-77 and will return Sunday early evening. Cost is \$25 to reserve your spot on the van, plus accommodations and food. Please contact Karin Tanquist at 330 342-3886 or email at [klt@neo.rr.com](mailto:klt@neo.rr.com) for reservations and additional information.

### **December**

#### **Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 3, 2003**

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Program to be announced.

### **Christmas Bird Count**

**Date: ???**

**Where:** Cleveland Christmas Bird Count Area

**Coordinator:** Tom LePage (440-356-4035)

### **January**

#### **Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2004**

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Program to be announced.

### **Local Trip**

**Sunday, January 18, 2004 - 8:30 a.m.**

**Where:** Cleveland Lakefront – E. 72<sup>nd</sup> St. to Burke Lakefront Airport

**Directions:** Cleveland Memorial Shoreway East (I-90 East) to Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Meet in the parking lot at East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Target species:** Wintering gulls, owls & waterfowl

**Leader:** Paula Lozano

### **Van Trip**

**January ?, 2004:** One-day trip to the Ohio Museum of Biodiversity in Columbus, Ohio for a close up view of bird specimens. Date and time of departure to be announced. Please contact Karin Tanquist at 330 342-3886 or email at [klt@neo.rr.com](mailto:klt@neo.rr.com) for reservations and additional information.

### **February**

#### **Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2004**

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Program to be announced.

### **Local Trip**

**Saturday, February 21, 2004 - 8:30 a.m.**

**Where:** Geauga County Back roads

**Directions:** Meet at Best Lake on SR-44

**Target species:** Wintering buntings, longspurs & raptors

**Leader:** TBA

### **The Sault Van Trip**

**February 13, 14, 15, 16, 2004:** Presidents' Day Weekend trip to "the Sault" in Upper Michigan for winter grosbeaks, Boreal Chickadees, Gray Jays, and (sometimes) a Hawk Owl. The trip will leave Friday at 4 p.m. from the Sheraton Four Winds Hotel at Rockside and I-77 and will return early Monday evening. Cost is \$25 to reserve your spot on the van, plus accommodations and food. Please contact Karin Tanquist at 330 342-3886 or email at [klt@neo.rr.com](mailto:klt@neo.rr.com) for reservations and additional information.

### **March**

#### **Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2004**

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Program to be announced.

### **Local Trip**

**Sunday, March 14, 2004 - 8:30 a.m.**

**Where:** Erie County –Castalia, Resthaven Wildlife Area & Sandusky Bay

**Directions:** I-90 West to US-6 West to the SR-101 exit for Castalia. Turn left (south) and meet at the parking area on the north side of the pond. (Where SR-101 turns right, turn left and then immediately right into the parking area!)

**Target species:** Waterfowl & early spring migrants

**Leader:** Paula Lozano

### **Killdeer Plains Van Trip**

**March 6, 2004 (Saturday only):** Killdeer Plains for the owls and more winter birds. Date, cost and time of departure to be announced. Please contact Karin Tanquist at 330 342-3886 or email at [klt@neo.rr.com](mailto:klt@neo.rr.com) for reservations and additional information.

**Note:** Once again, depending on what's being reported, sites visited may change.

## April

### Meeting

**Wednesday, April 7, 2004**

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Program to be announced.

### Local Trip

**Saturday, April 17, 2004 - 7:30 a.m.**

**Where:** Cuyahoga Valley National Park – Ira Road

**Directions:** Take I77 South to Brecksville Road (Route 21) South and then turn left (East) on Ira Road. Click Here for a map.

**Target species:** Spring migrants

**Leaders:** Mary Anne and Tom Romito

### Hocking Hills Van Trip

**April 23, 24, 25, 2004:** Hocking Hills, Ohio, for early migrating warblers. The trip will leave Friday at 4 p.m. from the Sheraton Four Winds Hotel at Rockside and I-77 and will return Sunday early evening. Cost is \$25 to reserve your spot on the van, plus accommodations and food. Please contact Karin Tanquist at 330 342-3886 or email at [klt@neo.rr.com](mailto:klt@neo.rr.com) for reservations and additional information.

## May

### Meeting

**Wednesday, May 5, 2004**

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Program to be announced.

### Local Trip

**Saturday, May 1, 2004 - 8:00 a.m.**

**Where:** Firestone Metropark, Akron, Summit County

Tuscarawas Meadow Area off Harrington Road.

**Directions:** Take I-77 South to I-277 East/US Route 224 East. Exit at South Main Street, turning right (south) and continuing for approximately one mile, Turn left (east) on Warner Road, left again on Harrington Road and immediately left into the Tuscarawas Meadow's parking lot. An alternate way from I-277 East/US Route 224 East is to continue approximately ½ mile to the Harrington Road Exit. Continue straight ahead on Schwartz Road, turn right on Harrington Road and right at the entrance to the Tuscarawas Meadow parking lot.

**Target species:** Warblers and flycatchers.

**Leader:** Ed Pierce

### Pelee and Crane Creek Van Trip

**May 7, 8, 9, 2004:** **Warbler Grand Slam!** Pt. Pelee, Ontario, and Magee Marsh/Crane Creek State Park for more migrating warblers dripping from the trees (if we hit it right!) The trip will leave Friday at 4 p.m. from the Sheraton Four Winds Hotel at Rockside and I-77 and will return Sunday early evening. Cost is \$25 to reserve your spot on the van, plus accommodations and food. Please contact Karin Tanquist at 330 342-3886 or email at [klt@neo.rr.com](mailto:klt@neo.rr.com) for reservations and additional information.

## June

### Meeting

#### Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Shaker Lakes Nature Center

Bird walk at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting.

Program Time: 7:30 p.m. Program to be announced

### West Virginia Van Trip

**June 11, 12, 13, 2004:** KBC's newest trip to West Virginia for nesting warblers including Swainson's warbler. The trip will leave Friday at 4 p.m. from the Sheraton Four Winds Hotel at Rockside and I-77 and return Sunday early evening. Cost is \$25 to reserve your spot on the van, plus accommodations and food. Please contact Karin Tanquist at 330 342-3886 or email at [klt@neo.rr.com](mailto:klt@neo.rr.com) for reservations and additional information.

## July

**Date to be announced.**

### Picnic Pot Luck

Location to be announced.

Bring your tableware and a dish to share.

5:30 p.m. Pot Luck

## August

### Sunday, August 1, 2004

#### Second Annual Dragonfly & Butterfly

#### Walk & Picnic

Linda Gilbert's - 1600 Bell Street

South Russell, Ohio

Dragonflies, Butterflies, & Birds

Picnic Potluck

Bring your tableware, a beverage and a dish to share.

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come armed with your Dragonfly & 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.

Directions to Gilberts property: From 271N take 422 East to SR 306 and go north. Turn right on Bell Street to 1600 Bell Street, South Russell, Ohio. Bell Street runs between SR 306 and SR44.

## September

### Kelleys Island Van Trip

**September 17, 18, 19, 2004:** A trip to Kelleys Island for warblers and migrating hawks. Please contact Delores Cole at 440 461-1084 or e-mail at [delorescole@ndtc.net](mailto:delorescole@ndtc.net) for reservations and additional information.

## **ROSTER ADDITIONS**

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**WEBSITE NEWS:** Your newsletter editor has been constantly amazed at the quality of our website and the diligence our webmistress, Delores Cole. It paid off for me when I recently went to Australia where my daughter lives with her Aussie husband and who was about to have her first child. Quite by accident, I came across the Cumberland Bird Observation Club of New South Wales on the internet, and contacted them about birding opportunities while I was there. I believe my invocation of the KBC website earned me a whole day of birding in a wide variety of habitats with the President of the club, and I have since joined the club in anticipation of many more trips to Australia. Their website is [cboc.org.au](http://cboc.org.au) if you are interested, plus I have other Aussie websites you might like to peruse if you are planning a trip.

**[www.kirtlandbirdclub.org](http://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org)  
by Delores Cole**

Almost two years old, our club website is growing and growing with a lot of new information all of the time thanks to many contributors. On the home page I frequently change out the photo and welcome any contributions of photos by the members. I can accept a digital file by e-mail or I can scan a slide or photo. And don't forget the member's photo gallery, a place for you to share your photos from your latest birding adventure. I've also posted a reminder (on the "Home" page) as to when the next quarterly bird sighting report is due in, along with a PDF sighting form on the "CBC" page to help you with listing your observations "in taxonomical order" for the season. To try to encourage new subscriptions, a past CBC issue in PDF format is available. This PDF issue will give you a glimpse of how you can view and search through past issues on line when we start working on that project.

There are many categories to surf through, "What's New" will give you a link to the latest updates and "Other Projects" highlights member activities. Meeting minutes can be found in PDF format on the "Meetings and Trips" page and our bylaws are included on the "About KBC" page. Past issues of our *Kirtland Warbler* Newsletters in PDF format can be read behind "Newsletters".

What I think is the most fun are the Local and Van trip reports. Many of them include photos and or a list of species seen. Just click on "Local Trip Reports and "Van Trip Reports" for a listing. I have begun including archived reports and have ten years of Hocking Hills trip reports along with some wonderful old pictures thanks to Ed Pierce. The latest report published was the August Dragonfly & Butterfly Walk and Picnic at the Gilberts. Thanks to Mrs. Gilbert's generosity we can make this August activity and annual event.

And to end I just want to say that this is your website, so feel free to contribute input, material, corrections, and photos. I would enjoy hearing what you like and don't like about the site. You can send this information to: [webmistress@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:webmistress@kirtlandbirdclub.org) .

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**"Forest Habitat Ecology & Conservation" An all-day symposium presented by The Cleveland Museum of Natural History .** This report is from member, Tom Leiden,

## **The Cleveland Museum of Natural History**

### **Forest Habitat Ecology and Conservation Symposium**

Fragmentation and invasive species are threatening the mosaic of habitats encompassed by our forest ecosystems. Sharing information and gaining a better understanding of our forested resources are key to their preservation and conservation. To aid in the effort to share information and gain an understanding of our forest habitats, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History Conservation Symposium Series will host the **Forest Habitat Ecology and Conservation Symposium** on September 5, 2003.

Participants will attend multiple contributed sessions with themes ranging from forest food webs to biodiversity given by forest biologists, ecologists and conservation specialists. Behind-the-scenes tours of the Museum's biological collections and conservation biology areas also will be available. A panel discussion will end the symposium.

The Museum recently established a Center for Conservation and Biodiversity. This Center encompasses the Departments of Botany, Vertebrate and Invertebrate Zoology, the Natural Areas Division, the Ohio Conservation Alliance (OCA) and a planned Ornithology Research Center. Center staff is establishing a series of conservation symposia.

This year's theme is **Forest Habitat Ecology and Conservation**. The main goal of the symposium is to educate and provide information to land managers in Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Others in the target audience are representatives from land trusts, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Museum members and those of the general public who are interested in regional conservation issues.

The keynote speakers are Dr. Bruce G. Peterjohn and Dr. Lisa Petit. Dr. Peterjohn will speak on forest fragmentation and its effect on forest birds. He is a Wildlife Biologist at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Maryland. Dr. Petit, Wildlife Biologist at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), will talk about her research on the effect of deer on forest birds in her park and the Cleveland Metroparks.

Following the keynote speakers, participants will be able to choose from breakout sessions in two sections. Talks will run 15 minutes plus five minutes for Q&A. Museum staff—Dr. Jim Bissell, Curator of Botany and Director of Natural Areas; Dr. Joe Keiper, Curator of Invertebrate Zoology, and Dr. Tim Matson, Curator of Vertebrate Zoology—also will contribute to the breakout sessions.

- • **Section 1a—Food Webs/Biogeography/Forest Succession**

- • **Section 1b–Rare and Invasive Species**
- • **Section 2a–Aquatic Systems**
- • **Section 2b–Ecotone Ecology/Fires**

During the lunch break, students who have received research grants from the OCA will do poster presentations on their research. The OCA is a collaborative association of Cleveland-area professionals dedicated to research, conservation and education. This consortium facilitates multidisciplinary projects, including awarding mini grants for students to conduct research projects supervised by OCA members.

Another key aim of the symposium is to bring 25 local K-12 teachers together with the forest ecologists and conservationists. With the new more rigorous state science education standards, teachers are required to teach more advanced concepts and use innovative teaching techniques when presenting these concepts to their students. The **Forest Habitat Ecology and Conservation Symposium** and the follow-up session will help teachers accomplish both. A follow-up session on September 6, 2003, will be required of participating teachers. The follow-up session will train teachers to use Project Learning Tree, a nationally acclaimed environmental education curriculum designed to teach about the forest habitat. The follow-up session is designed to help teachers put what they learn in the scientific portion of the symposium together with sound educational pedagogy.

On September 4, participants will be able to attend one of 12 field trips to outstanding regional forests. Sites will include:

- • Little Mountain (Lake County)
- • West Woods Park (Geauga County)
- • Mueller Woods (Lorain County)
- • Edison Woods (Erie County)
- • Singer Lake Preserve (Summit County)
- • Grand River Terraces Preserve (Ashtabula County)
- • Cathedral Woods and North Kingsville Sand Barrens (Ashtabula County)

The last three trips will visit four of the Museum’s 26 nature preserves, encompassing nearly 3,500 acres, throughout Ohio.

Healthy forests, clean rivers, wetlands and green space enhance the quality of life for residents of any region. The Cleveland Museum of Natural History is at the forefront of land preservation in this area. As part of its commitment to conservation, the Museum is hosting the first in a series of symposia on **Forest Habitat Ecology and Conservation**, on September 5, 2003.

**If you are interested in joining us or would like additional information, please 216-231-1177 or 800-317-9155 extension 279.**