

The Kirtland Warbler

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

April 3, 2002: Stan Searles, Bird Curator at the Cleveland Zoo, will speak on the Zoo's avian research program in Venezuela.

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

Local Birding Trips

When: Saturday, April 20, 2002, 8:30 a.m.
Where: Sandy Ridge Metropark, Otten Road. Lorain County
Directions: Meet at the Perry F. Johnson Wetland Center. Take I-90 West to SR-611 South. At SR-254, turn right (west), left on Case Road (south) and left (east) on Otten Road.
Target Species: Bitterns, waterfowl, rails and spring migrants.

When: Saturday, May 4, 2002, 8:00 a.m.
Where: Firestone Metropark, Akron, Summit County 8:00 a.m.
Directions: Meet in the parking lot of the Little Turtle Pond 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.
Target Species: Spring Migrants
Leader: Ed Pierce

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 for reservations and more details.

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.

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.

1. Description of the publication, paper or article (include the actual paper or article with permission to reprint.)
2. History and length of time published.
3. Brief bio of the publisher and editor.
4. Scanned cover of the issue you want to be represented in jpg format.
5. How to subscribe.
6. Anything else you think is appropriate.

Website excellence recognized. The following is a condensed version of a recent email to the club.

The reason for this message is to inform you that our staff at A-Zclubs.com has selected your club as the 'Featured Club' on our site for the months of March and April. This award is in recognition of outstanding clubs and is only awarded to those organizations which obeyed by the following rules:

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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:

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