

# THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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## Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II

It has been nearly 20 years since the completion of fieldwork on the first Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas, and preparations are now under way for Ohio's second breeding bird atlas (2006-2010). We are eagerly awaiting the start of atlas fieldwork this coming spring, and look forward to working with Ohio's birders in this exciting endeavor! Indeed, the ultimate success of Ohio's next breeding bird atlas depends on the active participation and efforts of birders and outdoor enthusiasts from throughout the state.

The next breeding bird atlas for Ohio will generate immense amounts of new and important information that will be essential for the effective conservation and management of birds in Ohio. By engaging Ohio's citizens in this cooperative effort OBBA II will foster interaction among bird enthusiasts of all experience levels and will heighten public awareness of birds in Ohio.

### The specific goals of Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II are to:

- Document the current distribution of breeding birds in Ohio.
- Assess changes in breeding distributions since the first Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas.
- Provide measures of abundance of breeding birds in Ohio.
- Identify important habitats and breeding locations that support high diversity or species of concern.
- Collect distribution and abundance data for species that are difficult to survey, such as owls, nightjars, various wetland birds.
- Collect new information on the status of Ohio's rare, threatened, and endangered birds.

You will also be able to sign up by visiting our website at: <http://www.ohiobirds.org/obba2/>. The Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II website will provide additional information about the atlas, including plans for the 2006 field season. Atlas blocks will be available for selection in mid to late-January 2006. Periodic updates will be posted to the OOS web site and through other outlets, or mailed to participants if necessary.

The OBBA II is a joint project of The OSU, School of Environment and Natural Resources, and the ODNR-Division of Wildlife. Principle investigators for OBBA II are Paul Rodewald and Aaron Boone (OSU) - [rodewald.2@osu.edu](mailto:rodewald.2@osu.edu) and Scott Hull (Division of Wildlife) - [Scott.Hull@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:Scott.Hull@dnr.state.oh.us).

- Aaron Boone, Columbus

## Next Meetings and Trips

Meetings held at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History

### March

**Meeting:** Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. "Wonderful Waterfowl: Dabblers, Divers, and Sawbills" Author, Botanist, OOS President, Jim McCormac was fascinated with birds at an early age and was actively seeking them out in the field at the age of 10. Now his Ohio list stands at 345. Tonight he will share his knowledge of Ohio's waterfowl.

**Field Trip:** Sunday, March 26, - 8:00 a.m. at Sandy Ridge Reservation - Leader - Paula Lozano.

**Van Trip:** One day trip, March 18, 2006 to Killdeer Plains. Trip leaves Saturday at 7 a.m. from the Independence Hotel (old Clarion) at Rockside and I-77.

### April

**Meeting:** Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. "High Quality and Low Fidelity: Factors Influencing Mating Behavior in American Goldfinches" by Dr. Keith Tarvin Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Oberlin College Whose specialty is Ecological and genetic influences of behavior and life history evolution; sexual selection and mate choice; social organization; and avian natural history.

**Field Trip:** Saturday, April 22 - 8:00 a.m. at Sheldon's Marsh State Nature - Erie County.

**Van Trip:** Heading to Shawnee State Park for the annual OOS Conference on April 28, 29 & 30.

### May

**Meeting:** Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. "I see warblers, it must be spring!" Member, author, and past Cleveland Bird Calendar editor, Larry Rosche, will give us a spirited program on the warblers we see In the "Cleveland Region".

**Local Field Trip:** Saturday, May 6, 2006 - 8:00 a.m. at the Tuscarawas Meadow Area, Firestone MetroPark - Summit County. Leader: Ed Pierce.

**Van Trip: The Warbler Grand Slam!** May 19, 20 & 21 to Pt. Peele and Crane Creek State Park/Magee Marsh for warblers. This trip will leave May 19 at 4:00 p.m. from the Independence Hotel (formerly Clarion) on Rockside and I-77.

For Van Trip reservations contact Karin Tanquist at 330 342-3886, and for Field Trip info contact Paula Lozano at 216 226-7511.

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## 50 OR SO YEARS AGO...

### Henslow Sparrows - Protectors of the Pines

These secretive birds of neutral colors and insignificant vocal powers usually go unnoticed by the passer-by as well as by many an amateur ornithologist. When Mrs. Clisby reported 100 Henslow Sparrows, therefore, the Editor came to sharp attention and wondered what the answer might be. Mrs. Clisby writes from Wellington, Ohio, most interestingly as follows. "About the Henslow Sparrows. They are scattered over several fields planted with evergreens in the Findley Forest Reservation. The trees are from 3 to 5 feet high, with weeds and grasses all over the field—over 100 acres of it. The 100 Henslows reported were an estimated number, arrived at by counting carefully a portion of one field and listening to their song (if you call it a song) over the whole territory. The birds nest here. We do not see them elsewhere in this vicinity. The ranger on the Reservation tells us that the white pines are often damaged to a considerable extent by the saw fly, and that he was expecting to use a spray to counteract the attack of these insects, but that the Henslow Sparrows arrived before the spray, and by their efficient work in disposing of the insects made the use of the spray unnecessary." Source: Vol 39 No. 2 *The Cleveland Bird Calendar*

### Winter Field Trip Highlights

The November 5, 2005 field trip to Perry Park led by John Pogacnik was very exciting and productive for over 35 members who gained a new Ohio Bird for their lists. The group had good looks at the first Ohio record of a **Cave Swallow**. A large flocks of Pine Siskins and a few large flocks of Snow Buntings were also seen.

**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](mailto:kirtlandwarbler@kirtlandbirdclub.org).

A Young Birder field trip to the eastern Lake Erie shore was scheduled on December 28, 2005. Despite the lack of ice, the young lads netted some fine gulls, **Glaucous and Little Gull**. A second young birder trip was scheduled in January, but was canceled when an **Ivory Gull** was discovered at Wheatley Harbor, Ontario Canada. So with much encouragement from the boys, parents and KBC members drove the young birders to the Ontario shore on Saturday, January 14, 2006 to search for this very rare gull. With the bird having been seen as late as the afternoon before and very regularly every day before Saturday, three cars made the 4 1/2 hour journey before dawn that Saturday morning. After 7 hours of gale force winds, frigid temperatures, and a lot of chapped faces, the bird did not appear. Over 100 birders from all over the US and Canada searched the beaches all daylight hours with no success.

Quite a crowd showed up for the January 22, 2006 field trip to East 72nd St. led by Vic Fazio. It was a moderate, partly sunny day in January with no ice on the lakefront and no snow on the ground. Besides the estimated 2,400+ Bonaparte's Gulls the group saw a **Little Gull** and a **Snowy Owl** sitting on the breakwall. At Avon Lake pier and Lorain Harbor no other "special winter gulls" were added to the list. While there Vic got word of a Northern Gannett at Fairport Harbor. So part of the group went east to try for the gannett, and the rest went south to Wellington. At Caly Reservation 2 **Long-eared Owls** were found in the Pine trees and an assortment of ducks, including Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked, and Bufflehead were found at the Wellington Reservoir. While in the area a flock of 50+ Horned Larks were seen as well as American Tree Sparrows, many American Kestrels, and Red-tailed Hawks.

### **Lisa Chapman's Big Sit Contributor Additions:**

Gretchen Larson  
Alice Goers

Thanks for your support!

**SEASONAL REPORTS**  
Your Winter report is due  
**March 10**  
Mail to:  
**Kevin Metcalf**  
12459 Fowlers Mill Road  
Munson, Ohio 44024

Or email to:  
[skermetcalf@earthlink.net](mailto:skermetcalf@earthlink.net)

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

## Welcome New KBC Members !!

Lawrence & Nadia Aufderheide, Helen M Baber, Judy Biscan, Jason Clancy, Ed & Meredith Clebsch, Eric D. Faber, Henry & Barbara Fortlage, Bruce Glick, Anita Graham, Clay Graham, Cheryl Harner, Patricia Hartman, Bob Hopp, Linda Lee Horvath, Laura & Bill Jordan, Jim McCarty, Jim & Merry McConnor, Ellen Picard, James R Reyda, Larry Richardson, Dorothy Smitko, Connie Workman.

## Endangered Species Act Needs Your Help!

In September of 2005, the House of Representatives passed Congressman Richard Pombo's (R-CA) "Wildlife Extinction" bill, which would gut the Endangered Species Act. The fate of the Endangered Species Act will ultimately be decided in the Senate. This bill would require the government to compensate property owners if measures to protect species thwart development plans. It would also give political appointees the power to make some scientific determinations and stop "critical habitat" designations, which limit development. Help us ensure that the Pombo "Wildlife Extinction" bill does NOT become law. Send a message and encourage your family and friends to send their comments to your Senators now!

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## Other Events, Programs & Trips

### March:

March 4 - "3rd Annual Adams County Amish Bird Symposium" at Yoder Log Homes, 1372 Freeland Hollow Road. Call 937 544-2880

March 8 - "Looking Beyond the Surface", the annual Division of Wildlife Diversity Conference at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus. call 800 WILDLIFE.

March 11—Ohio Reptile Research and Conservation Conference in Columbus and sponsored by the Ohio Division of Wildlife and The Ohio Biological Survey. Call 614-457-8787.

March 17 & 18 - A symposium "Educating Ourselves About Global Climate Change" sponsored by The Cleveland Museum of Natural History and John Carroll University.

March 25, 2006 , 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., "Shreve Spring Migration Sensation" at Shreve Elementary School 598 N Market St (State Rte 226), Shreve, OH. Call 800 362-6474.

### April:

April 7, 8 & 9 - Lake Erie Wing Watch Weekend. Call 800 255-3743.

April 28, 29 & 30 - OOS Annual Conference at Shawnee State Forest.

April 28, 29 & 30 - North Coast Nature Festival at Rocky River Nature Center in North Olmsted. Call 440 734-6660.

### May:

May 14 - 20 - "Nest With the Birds Bird Festival" on Kelleys Island. Guided Bird walks and nature programs. Call 419 746-2258.

## SPRING WALKS -73rd Year

April 16, 23, 30 & May 7, 14, 21  
7:30 a.m.

### Cleveland Metroparks:

Huntington  
Rocky River  
Big Creek  
Brecksville  
Hinckley  
Bedford  
South Chagrin  
North Chagrin  
Canal Way Park  
Garfield Park

### Audubon Society Of Cleveland:

Aurora Sanctuary  
Blanche K. Novak Sanctuary

### Holden Arboretum: Lantern Court

**Shaker Lakes  
Mentor Marsh  
Gates Mills**

# Kirtland Bird Club Membership Application

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

Your membership dues are due.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to Kirtland Bird Club

- \$17 - Individual
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- \$8 - Student
- \$4 - KBC Patch

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