



# THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

Quarterly Newsletter of the Kirtland Bird Club, Cleveland Ohio  
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## KBC Monthly Meetings

*All meetings held at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History  
1 Wade Oval, University Circle, Cleveland, Ohio*

**On Wednesday, March 7, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.**

KBC member, Hans Clebsch will present

**"The Strongest Link in the Chain:  
The Incomparable Biodiversity of the  
Oaxacan Sierra Juarez"**

Of the twenty-five world biodiversity hotspots, two intersect in Mexico at *la Chinantla* or Chinantec region of the Sierra Juarez in northeastern Oaxaca. This incredible location sustains one of the most biologically diverse areas on our planet. Hans has been visiting the surrounding area for the past eighteen years. During this past summer he spent two weeks taking sound field recordings of bird calls and doing research on parasitic wasps. In addition to the flora and fauna of the area he will also speak on the complex web of factors, social and environmental, that bind this fascinating region.

**On Wednesday, April 4, 2007—7:30 p.m.**

Executive Director, Alicia Craig  
of the Bird Conservation Alliance will present:

**"Bird Migration"**

This presentation demonstrates the journeys of migratory birds. Through PowerPoint videos and map simulations, Alicia shares the wonder and movement of bird migration with the audience. This presentation is full of adventure and captures the joys and sorrows of the journeys of our local and neotropical birds.

**On Wednesday, May 2, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.**

Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist,  
Kevin Metcalf will present

**"Wonder Warblers of the Eastern U.S."**

Birders on the North Coast anticipate the arrival of wood-warblers each spring. We marvel at their diverse colors and songs. But warblers are more than just pretty feathers; they are tough-as-nails marathoners whose migrations take them across continents. Kevin Metcalf will highlight some of the incredible journeys that these small birds undertake, as well as where they are going and where they came from.

## KBC Carpool Trips

**On March 18, 2007 to Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area**, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, for Long-eared and Saw-whet Owls. This one-day trip starts at 7:00 a.m. from a designated location. We will look for owls and other wintering species, with stops for lunch and dinner. Only the cost of gasoline will be shared. Meals are the responsibility of each person. Please contact Karin if you are interested in going - 330 342-3886.

**On April 27, 28 & 29, 2007 we go to Zaleski State Forest Area** for migrating and nesting warblers. Groups will depart either Thursday or Friday afternoon, depending on drivers' schedules. We will stay in rented cabins at Lake Hope State Park in Zaleski State Forest, and Bruce Simpson will be our leader. All meals will be prepared and served in the cabins. Shared costs include food, lodging and gasoline. Contact Karin at 330 342-3886 for reservations. This trip will require a deposit of \$50 for cabin rental. Camping is an option but must be arranged separately.

**On May 18, 19 & 20, 2007 we head to the OOS Annual Conference** at Mohican State Park. Check <http://www.ohiobirds.org> for the schedule and details. Only the cost of gasoline will be shared. Lodging and meals are the responsibility of each person. Contact Karin for the carpool list - 330 342-3886. Beginning birders welcome.

## KBC Spring Local Field Trips

**On Sunday, March 25th** at 8:30 a.m. we meet at Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area, Trumbull County. Led by member Ethan Kistler, our target birds will be waterfowl. Directions: Parking lot for Pintail Pond on Mahan-Denman Rd. Take SR-87 east to North Park Rd., turn right and then turn left on Mahan-Denman Rd. Parking lot is on the left. Beginning birders welcome.

**Saturday, April 14th** at 8:00 a.m. we will go to Holmes County (locations to be determined day of field trip). Bruce Glick will lead us to search out Spring migrants. Directions: I-71 S to Exit 204/SR-83 S. Proceed south on SR-83 to US-30 exit. Take ramp to SR-3, known locally as the Madison hill exit off US-30. Follow

## KBC Spring Local Field Trips (cont'd)

signs to Bob Evans, 550 Robinson Road. Meet in Bob Evans parking lot. Car pool from this point.

**On Saturday, May 5th** at 8:00 a.m. we visit Tuscarawas Meadow Area at Firestone MetroPark, Summit County. Our leader, Ed Pierce, will help us search out Spring migrants. Directions: I-77 S to I-277 E to I-76/I-224 E to South Main Street exit. Continue south one mile on Main Street, turn left (east) on Warner Road and left into parking lot. (Alternate route: I-76/I-224 E to Harrington Road exit. Follow Harrington Road to the 2<sup>nd</sup> park entrance on the right.) We have a potluck lunch at Ed's house following the trip. Bring your tableware, a beverage, and a dish to share.

### 40 or so years ago...

#### Century Run Nets 105 Species

Accompanied by Mrs. Gilbert Tramer and James S. Surman, Jr., I set out on May 19 on my second annual Chagrin River Valley century run. The first, undertaken on May 15, 1962, netted 101 species, and we were out to better that total.

We started out at 4:00 a.m. for the marsh on Rock Haven Road, about four miles east of Chesterland. Several birds - Barred Owl, Common Snipe, American Woodcock - were identified by ear alone before it was light. Thanks to a good deal of early-morning activity, we built up a long list, getting 66 species in two and one half hours at Rock Haven Road. The most notable of these was the King Rail. We heard one bird "chacking" near the roadside before it was light enough to see. Later we saw one King Rail and heard another about one hundred feet away.

After stops at North Chagrin Reservation and at Squire Valleevue Farm (for Cliff Swallows), we had 89 species and still had to get such common species as the Tufted Titmouse and Green Heron. At this point (about 11:00 a.m.) a strong wind came up and the sky became overcast. We began struggling to increase our list. A Red-headed Woodpecker on Sperry Road just south of Holden Arboretum helped, but what finally put us over 100 was a trip to the beach at Mentor Headlands. That evening we rounded off the day with Upland Plovers at Cooley Farm in Warrensville Heights and a Common Nighthawk at Lower Shaker Lake, giving us 105 species

for the day. Oddly enough, we did not record several very common species, among them the Green Heron, Red-shouldered Hawk, and Turkey Vulture.

~~ELLIOT TRAMER

Source: Cleveland Bird Calendar Vol. 59, No.2—March, April, May 1963

## Welcome New KBC Members !!

Constance Magoulias & David Beach, Tom Bartlett, David Dvorak Jr., Bill Butler, Mike Edgington, Steve Cadwell, Doug West, Kenn & Kim Kaufman, Thomas Pienknowski

## New KBC 12 Month 2007 Calendar

The Club sold 80 calendars and made \$370. WOW! Thanks to all who contributed your photos and to those of you who supported this project by purchasing one or more calendars. So start taking those "Birds of the Cleveland Region" photos now and we will do it again at the end of this year and produce a 2008 KBC Calendar.

## Inquiries

For questions, address and/or email address changes, please send them to [info@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:info@kirtlandbirdclub.org) or leave a message on the Northeast Ohio Rare Bird Alert number - 216 556-0700.

## KBC Scholarship Fund

The KBC Scholarship Committee has developed a set of guidelines and an application form to be used by anyone who is applying for financial support from the our Scholarship Fund. You can find this information on our website or receive it by mail by calling Bob Finkelstein at 216 283-8734.

## KBC's Mission - the Study of Birds

Please be sure to look closely at your spring issue of *Birding* magazine for a photo from one of our past KBC Van Trips.

## 2007 Officer Election

In May of this year we will have our bi-annual elections of officers. The nominating committee consists of Beth Cagan, Mickey Lewin and Tom Romito. If you are interested in a KBC Officer position, such as Vice President, please contact one of them.

**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).



## Update on the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II

Thanks to the efforts of the Ohio birding community, the first field season of Ohio's 2<sup>nd</sup> Breed-

ing Bird Atlas has produced nearly 45,000 breeding bird observations, which represent almost 8,000 volunteer hours. At the moment, some 675 atlas blocks have at least one reported breeding bird observation. At the regional level, northeastern Ohio experienced the most hours of atlas effort with 40% of statewide effort; in addition, 39% of blocks with data occurred in this region.

Despite these impressive numbers, there is still plenty of work that needs to be done, and we look forward to the continued participation of Ohio's birders in the upcoming field season of this exciting project. If you are new to the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II, please fill out the postcard included in this newsletter so that we can get you more information on the project. If you have already volunteered for the Atlas, you can use this postcard to update your contact information or request additional atlas materials, such as field checklists and the new block maps. Also, the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II will soon begin publication of the first issue of its newsletter. Please help us update our mailing list by filling out the postcard and indicating whether you would prefer to save paper by receiving an electronic copy of the newsletter.

There will also be an upcoming *Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas Regional Workshop*, which will be a great way to learn more about this project and ways in which you can participate. The workshop will be held at the Toledo Zoo on March 3, 2007 and is cosponsored by the Toledo Zoo, Toledo Naturalists' Association, and Toledo Metroparks. A detailed workshop agenda is expected in the coming weeks with presentations covering a variety of topics ranging from conducting atlas block surveys to recording and submitting observations. The workshop, lunch, zoo entrance fees, and parking will all be free of charge.

For details and registration, contact us by email at [ob-ba2@osu.edu](mailto:ob-ba2@osu.edu) or by phone at (614) 247-6458. Please indicate the number of people that will be attending, and include their contact information and lunch preferences (*available sandwich options are turkey, ham, and vegetarian.*) The registration deadline for this workshop is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Please note** that it is important to

register before February 22<sup>nd</sup> so that parking and admission fees at the zoo can be waived.

Thanks again to all who have contributed time and effort to make the first year of this project a success. We look forward to your continued support of your Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II!  
~ ~ Aaron Boone

## KBC Sponsors a Winter Gulling Field Trip for the Ohio Young Birders Club

On January 13th, KBC sponsored a Winter Gulling Field Trip at E72nd Street led by Larry Rosche. Sixteen members and guests attended this trip on this rainy cold Saturday in January.



The highlights of this trip includes seeing hundreds of Red-breasted Mergansers landing and taking off, and an Iceland and Glaucous Gull. Even though the weather could have been better, everyone had a great time. Thanks Larry for helping us support this neat organization.

## Help Kenn Kaufman & Black Swamp Bird Observatory share the joy of birding....

In the spring of 2005 Kenn Kaufman's *Birds of North America* became the first field guide to the birds of the US and Canada to ever to be published in the Spanish language. *Guia de campo a las aves de North America* is a testimony to Kenn's commitment to championing the cause of nature. Kenn funded this project himself in the hopes that this book would help to recruit scores of new birders from among the more than 28 million Americans who speak Spanish at home. In today's world our natural resources are facing countless threats. Kenn's idea is that the more people we can awaken to the beauty and importance of our natural world....the more support we win for conservation.

BSBO believes in Kenn's vision. They have entered into

a partnership with an organization known as the Sonoran Joint Venture (SJV) to distribute copies of Kenn's Spanish language bird guide to people across the southwestern US and northern Mexico. The SJV is a partnership of organizations and individuals striving to conserve the unique birds and habitat of this region. Visit [www.sonoranjv.org](http://www.sonoranjv.org) to learn more about this dynamic organization. BSBO is teaming up with other organizations across the state such as the Ohio Ornithological Society and the Ohio Division of Wildlife to get as many books distributed as possible.

### Here's how you can help!

- BSBO has arranged to purchase copies of the book at the discounted price of \$12.00.
- You purchase a book (or books!) at this special low price at a KBC meeting.
- Sign the name plate that will go inside the book that recognizes you as the donor.
- KBC will send the signed book-plates and money to BSBO.
- BSBO then ships the books to their partners are SJV to be distributed to people such as teachers, naturalists, environmental educators, and youth groups.



To purchase a book for donation and sign a name plate, please see Delores or Mary Anne at a monthly meeting. Payment can be made by check made out to KBC or cash. KBC will submit the donations and nameplates to BSBO in your behalf and BSBO will ship the guides. Remember, your donation is tax deductible.

## Other Events & Programs

**March 8: BSBO'S Thursday Night Bird Study**, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Birds and Wildlife of Morocco presented by Jack and Jan Vollker. A species profile of the Northern Harrier will be given by Paul Hemminger. Call 419 898-4070 to register.

**March 17: Ottawa National WR** - Auto Tour.

**March 19: April 9: Heirs of Audubon**, 4 sessions - 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Discover how contemporary scientists, artists and craftsmen carry on the tradition of John James Audubon. View The Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Audubon exhibit and hear from Mr. Larry Isard, the Museum's taxidermist; Dr. Andy Jones, the Museum's Curator of Ornithology; Greg Petusky, the Museum's Head Photographer; and Ms. Pat Sigmier, artist. Classes are demonstrative. Meet in Museum Lobby. The fee is \$45 (includes Audubon exhibit) To register, please call Edith Kaplan at CWRU's Continuing Education Office, (216) 368-2090.

**March 21: Dead Birds Tell Many Tales at CMNH** at 7:00 pm presented by Dr. Andy Jones, Curator of Ornithology.

## SEASONAL REPORTS

Your Winter report is due March 10

**Mail to: Fred Dinkelbach, CBC Editor**  
6320 Greenwood Pkwy, Apt 406  
Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067

Or email to:  
[seasonalreports@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:seasonalreports@kirtlandbirdclub.org)

Reporting forms are available on the KBC website or at KBC meetings

thology.

**March 24: Shreve Migration Sensation**, Shreve Elementary School, 598 North Market Street (State Route 226), Shreve, Ohio 44676. Cost is \$10.00, or \$15.00 per family, payable at the door.

**April 13-14: Lake Erie Wing Watch** - Oak Harbor High School. Call 800 255-3743 for information .

**April 21: Ottawa National WR** - Auto Tour.

**May 12: International Migratory Bird Day** - Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

**May 18 - 20: The Ohio Ornithological Society's 3rd Annual Conference** will be held Friday through Sunday at Mohican State Park. For more information visit [www.ohiobirds.org](http://www.ohiobirds.org).

**June 1-3: The Wilds - Bearding by Ear** - Choose advanced or beginner classes. For information call 740-638-2116.



### "The Skinning Group"

Dr. Andy Jones, Curator of Ornithology at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, asked for volunteers at a KBC meeting. He expected a handful and got a dozen!