



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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KBC Monthly Meetings

All monthly meetings are held at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval, University Circle in a downstairs classroom

Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 7:30 PM

"Weather and Bird Migration"

Hear about how weather affects bird migration and how you can take advantage of watching the weather to be able watch for those great days. John Pogacnik will explain what to watch for in spring and fall as well as how it affects the hawks. He will also share with us how the weather had an affect on a few rare birds over the last few years.

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 7:30 PM

"Spring Avian Migration along Ohio's North Coast" by Mark Shieldcastle

Mark's program will take us through a spring migration highlighting species timing and what habitats are of importance. The migration wave theory developed by the speaker in the 1980s will be explained including species dominants of each neotropical wave.

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:30 PM

"The Cloud Forest in Ecuador"

Sheila Thorpe will be sharing her photos and stories from birding the Cloud Forest in Ecuador last summer. She was one of eight participants on a trip organized by Tim Krynak from the Cleveland Metroparks Institute of the Great Outdoors. The group tallied up 257 bird species, but more importantly, they were able to experience the great biodiversity and culture that makes that region of the world so special.

KBC Winter Social, March 8th

The KBC Winter Social will be at the Canalway Center on Whittlesey Way in the Cleveland Metroparks. This is a potluck and starts at 6:30pm. Call Henry Burton for ideas of what to bring 216 255-1919.

Welcome New KBC Members!

Audrey J. Smith, Dr. Susan A Dupstadt,
Mary Finley, Martha Armstrong & John W. Sampliner

KBC Monthly Field Trips

Sunday, March 30th at 8:30 AM

Where: Sandy Ridge Reservation - Lorain County

Leader: Bill Deininger

Target species: Ducks

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 at red barn. Meet at the Perry F. Johnson Wetland Center.

Saturday, April 19th at 8:00 AM

Where: Station Road, CVNP

Leaders: Dwight & Ann Chasar

Target Species: Early spring migrants

Directions: I-77-South to Exit 149A, State Route 82 East (Royalton Road). Continue east on State Route 82, crossing State Route 21 (Brecksville Road). Go left (south) at Riverview Road and left (east) at entrance to Station Road at bottom of hill.

Saturday, May 3rd at 8:00 AM

Where: Tuscarawas Meadow Area,
Firestone MetroPark - Summit County

Leader: Ed Pierce

Target species: Spring migrants

Directions: From I-277 East and U.S. Route 224 East, exit at South Main Street and continue south one mile to Warner Road. Turn left (east) on Warner Road and left into parking lot.

Notes: Bring something to share for brunch at Ed's home after the walk.

KBC Long Distance Trips

March 1st - Killdeer Plains Wildlife Refuge. This will be a one day trip to look for Long-eared and Short-eared Owl. Call Henry Burton for departure time - 216 255-1919.

April 19 & 20th - We will head to **Southern Ohio** to look for migrating warblers. Call Henry Burton for further information - 216 255-1919.

May 3 & 4th - We are heading for the **Magee Marsh Bird Trail** to search for warblers. Call Henry Burton for further information - 216 255-1919.

40 or so years ago...
COMMENTS ON MIGRATION AND ON
THE PERIOD AS A WHOLE
by W. Earl Godfrey

The spring migration of 1946 in the Cleveland region was most memorable for its many early species arrival dates. Venture-some individuals of several species set apparently all-time records in early arrival dates in March and April. The unusually warm weather of March (see weather summary, p. 2) brought ahead of schedule 89% of the common migrant species that usually arrive in that month. Of those common species the arrival dates of which normally occur in April, 83% appeared more or less ahead of time. In May, however, only 69% were noted earlier than usual and most of these were only a day or so early.

While the species list (pp. 3-7) contains many surprisingly early arrival dates, first dates of the following seem especially abnormal: Great Blue Heron, Wood Duck, Coot, Chimney Swift, Phoebe, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Ovenbird, Baltimore Oriole, Vesper, Chipping and White-throated Sparrows. In addition, a Greater Yellowlegs at Sandusky on March 17 is noteworthy. It will be noted that all of these extremely early dates occurred in March or April. May produced no such surprises.

On the other hand, some individuals of the Evening Grosbeak winter visitors seemed reluctant to leave, and four were reported from Pepper Pike through the second week in May. A Red-breasted Nuthatch lingered as late as May 25 and a very late Rough-legged Hawk was reported on May 12.

Warbler migration was apparently of rather even flow and distribution with no noteworthy waves, reaching a peak between May 17 and 20. There after numbers dwindled quickly.

Unquestionably the most amazing record of the spring was Bole's record of an Eared Grebe (see p. 3). This, the second for Ohio, was discovered by the same observer at the same place on almost the same date (3 days difference) as was the first Ohio specimen five years ago, which was later collected by the writer.

On May 5, Carrothers, Ramisch, Dobbins and the writer watched at Bay Village an impressive hawk flight at the edge of Lake Erie. A strong south wind prevailed at the time and from 10:15 until 10:45 A.M. at least some hawks were in sight constantly, all moving in a general easterly direction. In that half-hour some 65 Cooper, 15 Red-shouldered, 30 Sharp-shinned, 2 Marsh, and 1 Sparrow Hawk, and 1 Turkey Vulture were identified. Later in the day, in the Sandusky region, 14 Broad-winged, 10 Red-shouldered, and a Pigeon Hawk were noted. In this connection mention might be made of small flights of Red-shouldered Hawks on May 18(10) and on *May 25(9)* near Sandusky Bay, noted by Carrothers and the writer. These are in line with Morse's observation (Bird Calendar, Vol.

35, No. 2, p. 8) of 30 Red-shoulders at Sandusky Bay on the late date of May 27, 1939.

Source: Cleveland Bird Calendar, Volume 042 Number 2, March, April & May - 1946.

To see more archived issues of the Cleveland Bird Calendar visit www.ClevelandBirdCalendar.com.

**President Seeking Volunteers for a
Planning Committee**

KBC President, Lisa Chapman, is accepting names to be considered for a planning committee that will formulate the guidelines and working framework for a "KBC Donation Fund Program". Interested parties will be expected to meet two to three times this fiscal year to create the program's rules and structure so that this program can begin in September of 2009.

Once operating the KBC donation fund committee will solicit input from the membership of worthy organizations for donation consideration on an annual basis. Using the guidelines formulated by the initial planning committee recipients will be selected.

If you are interested in participating on this planning committee or the ongoing donation program fund committee please contact Lisa at 216 731-2867.

SEASONAL REPORTS
Your Spring report is due June 10th
Mail to: Fred Dinkelbach, CBC Editor
6320 Greenwood Pkwy, Apt 406
Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067
Or email to:
seasonalreports@kirtlandbirdclub.org
Reporting forms are available on the KBC website
and at KBC meetings

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From our President ---

As this Cleveland winter continues to unfold, allow me to share with you some updates and review of some of our ongoing and past initiatives. Once again, thank you for responding to the survey that was sent out with your membership renewal. Membership is at an all time high and at this writing stands at 187 paid members. Although we don't all bird for the same purpose, in the same places, or with the same intensity, we have a common interest. I hope we have a common interest also in investing in the future.

As has been announced before, our club is financially strong. In addition to our dues we generate income through donations, fund raising activities (Big Sit pledges, calendar sales, book sales) and co-hosting symposiums. We keep two years of operating expenses in reserves and invest the remainder in CD's. Let's make another investment. Let's make an investment consistent with our mission as outlined in the third article of association which provides us the facility to support avian research. (See website for articles of association and by-laws,) Let's annually contribute up to \$1000 to one or more non-profit entities dedicated to ornithology.

I have brought up the idea at the February meeting, that a Donations Program Committee of three members be formed and appointed by the president. This standing committee will annually award to 501c3 recipients all or part of the \$1000 donation. The annual donation will not exceed \$1000 nor must it be awarded in its totality. The donation may be invested locally or internationally. There are no age requirements. The details of how this committee will operate will be formulated by a planning committee.

My thanks go to all who helped with the Winter Bird Atlas. Our first day out was reminiscent of an early spring day complete with birdsong at dawn. We added data to seven blocks that had previously been neglected and a good day in the field to boot!

KBC will have adopted its own Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas block also by the time this letter arrives. If you've never done this kind of birding, you are in for a different kind of birding fun. In fact, our June local trip will be to this site. More details to follow. If you are a list keeper, OBBA wants your data. We will enter any lists you can give us, generated dur-

ing breeding season. T. Martincic from CMNH is working with area birders to get these lists and corresponding location compiled. Please mail or email me at ljchapman@yahoo.com or 155 Sunny-cliff Dr. Euclid Ohio.44123.

~ ~Lisa Chapman

Other Events and Programs

March:

March 1st: Black Swamp Bird Observatory

Annual Banquet: Columbus, OH. For details visit www.bsbobird.org.

March 9th: Spring Wings East: Pymatuning and Beyond;

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, CMNH. For details visit www.cmnh.org

April:

April 5th - Shreve Migration Sensation: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, at the Shreve Elementary School, 98 N. Market S., Shreve, OH,.

April 11 - 13th - Lake Erie Wing Watch:

at BGSU Firelands College, Huron Ohio. For details visit www.lakeeriewingwatch.com

April 25 - 28th - North Coast Nature and Art Festival:

Rocky River Nature Center. For details visit www.clemetparks.com.

April 27th: BSBO Spring Bird Walk:

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Meet at the BSBO Nature Center.

May:

May 4, 11, 18 & 25th: BSBO Spring Bird Walk,

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Meet at the BSBO Nature Center.

May 10th - Migratory Bird Day - Magee Marsh Wildlife Refuge Bird Trail.

May 11 - 17th: Nest With the Birds on Kelleys Island.

For details visit www.kelleysislandnature.com .

May 16 - 18th - 4th : Annual OOS Conference: Mohican State Forest .

For details visit

www.ohiobirds.org

May 30 - June 1st: Birding by Ear Workshop at

The Wilds. For details visit: www.thewilds.org

June 1st: BSBO Spring Bird Walk,

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Meet at the BSBO Nature Center.

75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

APRIL 13, 20, 27; MAY 4, 11, 18

Bird walks start at 7:30 A.M.

Refer to www.kirtlandbirdclub.org for walk locations.

Cleveland Christmas Bird Count - December 15, 2007

1749 Canada Goose	2 American Coot	1 Golden-crowned Kinglet
1 Wood Duck	3 Wilson's Snipe	27 Eastern Bluebird
2 American Wigeon	1 American Woodcock	123 American Robin
25 American Black Duck	132 Bonaparte's Gull	9 Northern Mockingbird
460 Mallard	6043 Ring-billed Gull	599 European Starling
1 Northern Shoveler	4006 Herring Gull	6 Cedar Waxwing
8 Redhead	1 Thayer's Gull	1 Eastern Towhee
1 Ring-necked Duck	1 Iceland Gull	176 American Tree Sparrow
4 Lesser Scaup	7 Lesser Black-backed Gull	3 Field Sparrow
1 Long-tailed Duck	60 Great Black-backed Gull	19 Song Sparrow
20 Bufflehead	896 Rock Pigeon	2 Swamp Sparrow
5 Common Goldeneye	163 Mourning Dove	38 White-throated Sparrow
2 Hooded Merganser	3 Eastern Screech Owl	1 White-crowned Sparrow
4 Common Merganser	2 Great Horned Owl	519 Dark-eyed Junco
12000 Red-breasted Merganser	1 Barred Owl	17 Snow Bunting
12 Ruddy Duck	5 Belted Kingfisher	237 Northern Cardinal
12 Wild Turkey	1 Red-headed Woodpecker	97 House Finch
2 Pied-billed Grebe	73 Red-bellied Woodpecker	3 Common Redpoll (CW)
4 Horned Grebe	105 Downy Woodpecker	284 American Goldfinch
5 Great Blue Heron	24 Hairy Woodpecker	14 Evening Grosbeak
3 Bald Eagle	4 Northern Flicker	383 House Sparrow
2 Northern Harrier	11 Pileated Woodpecker	
10 Cooper's Hawk	264 Blue Jay	67.75 Hours on foot
1 Northern Goshawk	125 American Crow	15.5 Hours in car
3 Red-shouldered Hawk	307 Black-capped Chickadee	83.25 Total Hours
30 Red-tailed Hawk	155 Tufted Titmouse	73 Miles on foot
1 American Kestrel	7 Red-breasted Nuthatch	170.8 Miles in car
2 Merlin	104 White-breasted Nuthatch	243.8 Total Miles
1 Peregrine Falcon (CW)	3 Brown Creeper	
	11 Carolina Wren	
		78 Total Species
		29470 Number of individuals

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