



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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KBC Monthly Meetings

Guests are welcome!

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:30 PM

**"Tiny Denizens of Ohio's Forests...
Northern Saw-whet Owls"**

Presented by Kelly Williams-Sieg

Northern Saw-whet Owls, *Aegolius acadicus*, are tiny denizens of our northern forests. While there are published reports of nesting in 24 Ohio counties, Peterjohn (2001) observes that most reports of summering birds date from before 1940. In the past, fall migration of saw-whets in Ohio has not been well described, but was thought to occur October through November. The species was considered to be "casual to rare" near Lake Erie and "accidental to locally rare" in the rest of the state during fall. In 2003, our banding team set up nets to determine that status of saw-whet owls during fall migration and have since found that they are not rare in Ohio but migrate through our state each fall.

At the March meeting, Kelly will share what she has learned about the fall migration of this tiny owl as well as some of the fascinating tidbits that we have learned about this species that has captured our hearts and curiosity.

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 7:30 PM

**"From Churches to Chaffinches, the Birds
and Beauty of Britain"**

Presented by KBC member, Dave Lewis

Have you ever seen the grave of Little John, friend of Robin Hood? Dave's presentation will feature photos and music surrounding his trip to Britain and Whales. It will include the reserves, woodlands, moors, and historical sites as well as the birds.

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 7:30 PM

"Researching the Gran Pajonal in Peru"

Presented by Ben Winger

Between September and November of 2008, Ben was on a team of young biologists in this remote region of Peru conducting its first ornithological inventory. Ben will give us his personal recollections of this adventure and share information and pictures including new species, and scientific revelations the team encountered. Ben has been a member of KBC for some time and is now a "professional" birder, having chosen to make it his life's work.

Monthly Field Trips

Contact Lisa Chapman if you would like to lead a trip.

Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 9:00 AM

Killdeer Plains Wildlife Refuge

Leader: Henry Burton

Target species: Northern Saw-whet, Long-eared, and Short-eared Owls

Directions: Meet at the Sportsman's Center at the intersection of Twp Hwy 108 and Co. Hwy 75 at 9:00 AM. Henry will lead a half day walk for the Owls and other birds. Those lucky enough to have the time to make a day of it can continue in the afternoon in the area. Call Henry, 216 255-1919 to arrange carpooling or meet at the Sportsman's Center at 9:00 AM.

Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 8:00 AM

Sandy Ridge Reservation, Lorain Metropark

6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Leaders: Jim and Bret McCarty

We will start the trip at the Sandy Ridge parking lot. Waterfowl and shorebirds are target species with possible extension to the Wellington/Oberlin Reservoir area.

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, May 2, 2009 at 8:00 AM

Firestone Metro Park, Tuscarawas Meadows

Area, 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron, OH, 44319

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 and your tableware for brunch at Ed's home after the walk.

All monthly meetings are held at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval, University Circle, Cleveland, Ohio in a downstairs classroom. No museum admission fee is required. Parking is available in the a joining parking lot. Non-members welcome!

KBC Considers Support of Groundbreaking Avian Research

The membership present at the February meeting of the KBC was presented with the Ohio Avian Project Initiative (OAPI) Committee's selection of a \$1,000 grant to an innovative study of juvenile Acadian Flycatchers in Ohio; A vote from the membership for approval will be requested at the March 4th meeting (as provided for in Article 7, Section C of the KBC By-laws). The grant would be the first issued by KBC's OAPI.

Entitled "Post-fledgling Ecology and Survivorship of Neotropical Migratory Birds Across an Urbanizing Landscape" the two-year study will produce exciting data for a Master's Thesis that will also be submitted for publication. The study's principal investigator notes that "studying the intersection of urban and post-fledgling ecology is imperative in improving our understanding of how juvenile survivorship limits avian populations in a rapidly urbanizing world." Ian Ausprey is a Graduate Research Associate at Ohio State University (the grant would be made to OSU's tax-exempt, 501c3 Foundation). He notes that the Acadian Flycatcher is a species of concern and that the population has "shrunk by at least 50% within the Bird Conservation Region that includes the section of central Ohio that is being studied." While much research has been conducted on Neotropical migratory bird populations, this novel study has two groundbreaking factors. First, it focuses on the poorly studied post-fledgling stage which "is defined as the time period between fledging and migration when juveniles are limited in mobility and dependent upon parents for resource acquisition." Second, unlike research that has been conducted in undeveloped areas, this study focuses on the urban habitats which obviously have an important impact on survival for Acadian Flycatchers as well as other eastern woodland species.

During the first year of research the project participants placed radio transmitters on 13 flycatcher fledglings to allow for study of their habitat use and mortality. The KBC grant will provide a professional grade GPS receiver which is not only critical to improving data collection for this second year of field work, but will also greatly assist with other avian conservation research at the lab. This is a great opportunity for KBC to support research understanding factors that impact on the Acadian Flycatcher and other bird species in our state. Please join in the discussion at our next monthly meeting on March 4th! Members with questions are also welcome to contact OAPI Committee Chair Scott VanValkenburg at 216-397-1082 or Dobieboy@roadrunner.com.

President's Message,

It is always heartwarming to turn your thoughts to spring on a cold day as I am doing now. Such a pleasure to think about ducks, shorebirds, and warblers being within reach once again—a road trip not dependent on whether or not the plow truck comes on time.

But what surprises the winter of 2009 held for us. Pine siskins and White-winged crossbills in numbers that gave many a chance for satisfying looks. The 72nd street gull feast that when it was good was marvelously good. Venturing further from home, one could find the other seasonal varieties that are the best antidote for cabin fever a birder can find.

I am proud to say that Tom's Christmas Bird Count teams took to the field again and turned in a count with good numbers and some rarities. Species of particular note are the Black-headed gull reported by R. Lowry (with photos), Cackling geese by R. Hannikman, and Osprey by D. Rickard. My personal thanks to Jean Hoffman who helped me with the reporting and to Jerry Talkington who will be the future compiler.

I was pleased to have the Ohio Young Birder group represented by former youth member and now an adult supporter, Ariel VanDerLaar who was our January speaker. I am equally pleased that OYBC member, Bret McCarty, will be leading a field trip with his Dad in April.

I am also very pleased with our first Ohio Avian Project Initiative effort. The committee lead by Scott VanValkenburg, executed a complex plan to get very well qualified people to apply. These grants will be another example of the spirit of nature loving people who believe we have a responsibility that comes with this gift that nature gives us.

We could still use some help! A new slate of officers will soon be submitted for your approval. We have a lot of members. Some have been doing the same jobs tirelessly for years. Please let me know if you would consider a two year commitment to keep us going. Don't hesitate to call me if you would like to chat about this opportunity.

Don't forget to get your KBC calendar, still on sale for \$15.00 at any meeting and starting in February the new Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ohio is available for the discounted price of \$2.00.

Best wishes for fun filled days afield,
Lisa Chapman
President

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, Delores Cole or to info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

ON SALE AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

KBC 12 Month 2009 Calendar - \$15

KCB Patch - \$4

*A Field Guide to the Birds of the
Cleveland Region* - \$5

Birds of the Cleveland Region - \$20

New Ohio Birds Checklist - \$2

Other Northern Ohio Events

March

Auto Tour

March 21, 2009

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 West State Route 2

Oak Harbor, OH 43449

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Shreve Migration Sensation

Saturday, March 28, 2009

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Shreve Elementary School

598 North Market Street (State Route 226),

Shreve, Ohio 44676

Kenn Kaufman will be speaking

For information visit:

<http://www.valkyrie.net/~rehmje/migration/>

April

Lake Erie Wingwatch

April 3 - 5, 2009

Port Clinton High School

<http://www.lakeeriewingwatch.com/>

Auto Tour

April 18, 2009

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 West State Route 2

Oak Harbor, OH 43449

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

76th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

The walks will be held each Sunday from April 12 to May 17, 2009. The walks start at 7:30 AM

Visit the KBC website for locations.

North Coast Nature Festival

April 24 - 26, 2009

Rocky River Nature Center

Rocky River Reservation, North Olmsted, OH

Visit www.clemetparks.com for information.

Free!

Welcome New KBC Members!

Nancy Flogge

Andrew Eade & Terese D'Amico

James Thompson

Michael Kaplan

May

International Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Magee Marsh Bird Trail and BSBO

Visit www.bsbobird.org for information.

All day event

Auto Tour

May 9 & 10, 2009

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 West State Route 2

Oak Harbor, OH 43449

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Nest With the Birds

Kelleys Island, Ohio

May 10 - 16, 2009

Visit www.kelleysislandnature.com for information.

Free!

OOS Annual Conference

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Oak Openings Preserve

Visit www.ohiobirds.org for information.



SEASONAL REPORTS for The Cleveland Bird Calendar Your Winter report is due March 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

Ohio Birds Records Committee New Checklist

The Ohio Birds Records Committee has made available the "Annotated Checklist or the Birds of Ohio". This book is being distributed exclusively by Time and Optics in Millersburg, Ohio. Kirtland Bird club has purchased fifty copies at the reduced price of \$2.00 per copy and it is now available at club meetings.

The Ohio Bird Records Committee became a committee of the Ohio Ornithological Society in 2004 and was founded in 1991. The primary function of this committee is to "evaluate and endorse records of rare bird species reported in Ohio. In addition the committee exists to increase knowledge of Ohio's bird life by validating records of rarities, maintaining public archives of rare occurrences of birds in the state, and establishing the official list of Ohio bird species. As of August, 2008, the species count stands at 420.

Nomenclature and order follows that of the AOU standard. Histograms or bar graphs denote abundance and brief annotations of species are included. Make it a point to study the first five pages to get the most out of the information compiled and also become an active participant in the process by reporting additions or discrepancies. Complete information for proper documentation and reporting of rarities is given to ensure a valid scientific examination of the report.

This is a must have for your library and field pack and is available by mail or at KBC monthly meetings for \$2.00.

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