



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

Quarterly Newsletter of the Kirtland Bird Club, Cleveland Ohio
www.KirtlandBirdClub.org

Northeast Ohio Rare Bird Alert: 216 556-0700
Summer 2006 Issue No. 4

From the High Desert

When I was working in Albuquerque, New Mexico I had the opportunity to visit some quality birding "hotspots". One of those is Bosque del Apache NWR. Although the majority of Sandhill Cranes and Snow Geese left a week or so before I got there I was still impressed with area. Or just happy to get out and about. I hope to share some of my photos with all of you at the June Member's Program. — Lou Gardella



Next Meetings and Trips

Meetings held at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History

June

Meeting - Wednesday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

"June is our Member's Program" which includes:

Dwight Chasar – "An obscure preview to 'Past Ornithologists and Conservationists in the Cleveland Region'"

Paula Lozano – New Years in Pohnpei

Bob Finkelstein – "2006 Bird Travels"

Bill Toneff – Alaska Travels

Lou Gardella – Wild West Adventures

Christine Bucknell from the Friends of Wendy Park will also give us an update on what is happening on Whiskey Island.

Our **Local Field Trip** goes to the Ledges area of Virginia Kendall State Park on Sunday, **June 4** at 8:00 a.m. Pat & Karin Tanquist will lead us to find local nesting birds. A picnic lunch will follow so bring something to share along with your table service. **Directions:** From I-271 or I-71, take Route 303 Exit east to Peninsula. Head south on Akron-Peninsula Road and turn left on Truxell Road at the sign for the Ledges. Continue past Kendall Lake to the Ledges driveway on the left.

The next KBC **Van Trip** heads to Adams County on June 9, 10 & 11.: Returning to southern Ohio for nesting warblers and late migrants including Chuck-wills-widow and Blue Grosbeak. The trip will leave Friday at 4 p.m. from the Independence Hotel at Rockside and I-77 and return Sunday early evening. Cost is \$25 to reserve your spot on the van, plus accommodations and food. Please contact Karin Tanquist at 330 342-3886 or email at klt@neo.rr.com for reservations and additional information.

July

No Meeting or Van Trip this month.

The July Picnic and Bird Walk is on Sunday, July 30 at 8:00 a.m. at **Conneaut Harbor** to look for shorebirds. We will bird the harbor area and afterward move to the park area for the picnic. Bring your tableware, a beverage and a dish to share. **Directions:** From Route 20, take Route 7 north. Route 7 turns into Broad Street. Take Broad Street north to Lakeside Drive and turn right. From I-90, take Route 7 north to Route 20. Follow Route 20 east till you reach Route 7 exit and follow north.

August

No Meeting or Van Trip this month.

The Fourth Annual Dragonfly & Butterfly Walk & Picnic at the Gilbert's at 1600 Bell Street in S. Russell is **Saturday, August 12** from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bring your tableware, a beverage and a dish to share. Come armed with your Dragonfly & Butterfly guides and a butterfly net and join us to spend the morning on the Gilbert property. A picnic lunch at this location will follow the walk. This will be held rain or shine. There is plenty of room to bring family and friends, bocce balls, and crochet balls, etc. **Directions to Gilbert's property:** From 271N take 422 East to SR 306 and go north. Turn right on Bell Street to 1600 Bell Street, S. Russell, OH. Bell Street runs between SR 306 and SR44. Just follow the driveway back to the area.

KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB, a Northeast Ohio Birding Club

40 or so years ago...

Caspian Tern Feeding Young

During August a considerable number of adult and young Caspian Terns occurred along the Lake Erie shoreline. The young were easily recognized by their mottled wing feathers and orange bill. On August 8 at White City, I observed an adult feeding a young bird. The adult would flyover the lagoon until it spied a fish, whereupon it would plunge into the water, catch its prey, and immediately mount into the sky with the fish in its bill. Then in typical tern fashion it would drop the fish, only to dive after and retrieve it in mid-air, after which it would carry the fish to the young tern which was sitting on the sand spit in the lagoon. This catching and feeding process was repeated three or four times. On the final feeding the young bird took the fish the adult bird had brought and flew high into the air with it. The young tern then dropped the fish, promptly dived after it but failed to retrieve it, and thus lost a meal. - DONALD A. SIEBERT.

This feeding of the young was also observed by other contributors. One observer noted "two adult Caspian Terns feeding two juveniles at frequent intervals throughout the day on August 4 and 8 at White City. Also, on August 15, two juvenile Caspian Terns were often observed begging for food from one adult both in flight and while perched. However, the adult did not feed the young" (Knight). Another observer commented that in early August along the Cleveland lakefront all three species of terns were still feeding their young (Klamm). - Ed.) Source: Volume 60, Number 3 - June, July, August 1964

New KBC 12 Month 2007 Calendar

For the 2007 calendar year, KBC will design and print a monthly 2007 calendar using member photos of birds from the Cleveland Region. Money raised selling the 2007 calendars will help to support *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* publishing fund. The Photo Review Committee includes, Lou Gardella as Chairman with Claire Johnson, and Fred Dinkelbach.

Photo Requirements :

1. Color JPG (200 DPI), slide or photo.
2. Horizontal orientation.
3. Taken in Ohio or better yet, the Cleveland Region (Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit counties).
4. Suitable design for a 10 x 7 " printed size.
5. Submitted by October 1, 2006.
6. Photographer must be a current KBC member.

Please submit your photo no later than October 1, 2006 to email: info@kirtlandbirdclub.org or mail: Delores Cole, 1247 Roland Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44124 and include your name, address, phone no., name of bird, date taken, and location.

Thirteen photos will be selected. The best photo will be used for the cover and the winner will have a \$25 dollar donation made in their behalf to the CBC publishing fund. The 2007 Calendars will be available for purchase at the November, December, and January monthly meetings (they make wonderful holiday gifts) and on the KBC website.

Local Field Trip Reports

The March, April and May local field trips were well attended by members, guests and birds. On the March trip to Sandy Ridge Reservation a good variety of ducks, Bald Eagle and Wilson's snipe were seen. Although the April trip to Sheldon's Marsh had a cool, foggy start, by mid-morning it was a beautiful, sunny spring morning. American Woodcock, Eastern Screech-Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Blue-headed Vireo were seen, as well as spring wildflowers. (Thanks to **Claire Johnson** for her help in this area!) Of course, the annual trip to Firestone Metro Park/Tuscarawas Meadows led by **Ed Pierce** netted the most species - 73 this year, including Virginia Rail, Black-throated Blue Warbler and Scarlet Tanager. The brunch at Ed and Cheryl Pierce's home was a perfect ending. (Special thanks to **Cheryl** for hosting us again!) There's one more thank you. Many of each trip's highlights were photographed by KBC member **Dave Lewis** and posted in the "Local Trip Reports" section on the KBC web site. Thank you, Dave! — Paula Lozano

KBC Website Forum

Soon you will find a new link on our KBC website - **Member Community Forums**. These forums will give you the flexibility to post items under an unlimited number of topics such as:

KBC Birding Buddies, this will give you the opportunity to join other members on local birding trips which can help to offset the cost of gas, and promote fellowship.

Other Events, a place to post other nature, conservation related events, programs and field trips.

Noteworthy Bird Sightings, a place to record sightings occurring in Northern Ohio.

Issues of Environmental Concern, a place to post information related to conservation and environmental issues.

Dragonflies & Butterflies, a place to share your sightings of these delightful creatures.

Member Email List - If you are receiving this by US mail we either have an incorrect email address or not one at all. We do not share email addresses with anyone outside of the club. We use the member list to send out the newsletter, meeting and trip reminders and notices of other events or important environmental issues. So, if you have email, help the club save money and trees by sending us your correct address to info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

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.

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

Or email to:
skermetcalf@earthlink.net

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

Other Events, Programs & Trips

June

June 2 - 4 - Birding by Ear Weekend Workshop at the Wilds. For info call 740-638-5030.

June 3 & 4 - The Breeding Birds of Holden Arboretum, sponsored by OOS and Holden Arboretum. For more info visit: www.ohiobirds.org/calendar/society_events/current/holden.php

June 3 - Hike the Dikes Walk- 9:00 AM. Meet at the Migratory Bird Center at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area for an enjoyable walk to explore a portion of the marsh that is usually closed to the public. For more information call 419-898-4070.

June 17 - Cedar Bog with OOS when the very rare and largest orchid in North America is in peak bloom, the Showy Lady's-slipper. Check the OOS website for details.

June 17 - Annual Butterfly Count- 9:00 AM. Meet at the observation tower located on SR 6 by Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area, Vickery, OH. Bring a sack lunch. Call the BSBO Nature Center (419) 898-4070 for more details

June 27-29 - "TOWARD WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY WIND POWER: A FOCUS ON THE GREAT LAKES BASIN" in Toledo, Ohio Check: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/windpower.htm> for further information.

July

July 15 - Magee Marsh Bug Fest 12 - 4:00 pm. Sponsored by the Friends of Magee Marsh.

August

August 19 - Special Shorebird Walk, Magee Marsh bird Center at 8:00 a.m.

Young Birders Club to Start

Black Swamp Bird Observatory is working with KBC's young birders to start an Ohio Young Birder's Club. An initial get together will be held on Saturday May 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the BSBO Nature Center. On the agenda for the morning is a visit to the BSBO's Passerine banding station. The meeting will follow. For information contact Kim Kaufmann, BSBO Education Director, at 419 898-4070.

Calling all Bluebird Box Monitors...

The Greater Cleveland Audubon Society is looking for interested volunteers to monitor Bluebird boxes at the Blanche Katherine Novak Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary in Aurora. If you are interested, please contact Christi Carlson by e-mail at christicarlson@mac.com or by telephone at 216-509-3324.

Welcome New KBC Members !!

Judith Evans, Karen & Howard Forest, &
Andy Jones

Our Tower Falcons, Buckeye & SW
Photos courtesy of Scott Wright, Falcon Monitor



We have an Egg!

March 13, 2006

Chick #1 hatch on May 18
Chick #2 hatch on May 19
Chick #3 hatch on May 19
Chick #4 hatch on May 20



Fledging expected in early June.

Kirtland Bird Club Membership Application

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

\$ _____ Membership Dues

\$ _____ The Cleveland Bird Calendar Donation

\$ _____ General Donation

\$ _____ Patch

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

Make check payable to Kirtland Bird Club

- \$17 - Individual
- \$28 - Couple
- \$8 - Student
- \$4 - KBC Patch

Mail to:
Kirtland Bird Club
C/O Mary Anne Romito
4310 Bush Ave
Cleveland, Ohio 44109

If your company matches gift donations, please send us the paperwork with your donation.

Delores Cole - President
Lisa Chapman - Vice President
Mary Anne Romito - Treasurer
Tom Romito - Recording Secretary
Lou Gardella - Corresponding Secretary
Kevin Metcalf - Editor, Cleveland Bird Calendar
Ed Pierce - Van Trip Leader
Karin Tanquist - Van Trip Coordinator
Paula Lozano - Local Trip Coordinator
Kevin Metcalf - Editor, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar*
Delores Cole - Webmaster

Kirtland Bird Club
4310 Bush Ave
Cleveland, Ohio 44109
Publisher of:
The Cleveland Bird Calendar
Field Book of the Birds of the Cleveland Region
Birds of the Cleveland Region