

THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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KBC Monthly Meetings Field Trips

Wednesday, June 6, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.
at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Trish Guenther will present:

**"A Ghost from the past:
The Ivory-billed Woodpecker"**

Trish will talk about the history of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker's extinction and its reoccurrences throughout the years. Her program includes biological information as to the Ivory-bill's appearance, characteristics, habitat, and the major factors involved in its decline, as well the efforts to save its habitat in the 1940's, in which President Roosevelt himself was involved. Trish will also share how the study of birds was forever changed because of Arthur Allen's expedition in 1935.

Sunday, June 3, 2007, 8:00 a.m.
**June Local Field Trip to
Sandy Ridge Reservation, North Ridgeville**
Our leader is Jen Brumfield

Target species are late spring migrants & nesting birds
Directions: I-90 to SR-611 exit. South on SR-611, cross Detroit Road and continue south on Stony Ridge Road. Turn right (west) on Barres Road and left (south) at red barn on Otten Road. Meet in parking lot at the Perry F. Johnson Wetland Center.

Saturday, July 28, 2007
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Dragonfly-Butterfly Walk & Picnic/Potluck
1600 Bell Street, South Russell, Geauga County

Our leader and host is Linda Gilbert and our target species include butterflies, dragonflies & nesting birds. There is plenty of room to bring your family and friends.

Directions to 1600 Bell Street: I-271 to SR-422E to SR-306N. Turn right (east) on Bell Street. Watch for KBC sign on south side of Bell Street and park at end of driveway by the picnic shelter. Please note a potluck picnic will follow the walk. Bring a dish to share and your table service and a beverage.

Sunday, August 19, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.
Conneaut Harbor, Ashtabula County
Leader: Paula Lozano

Our target species are shorebirds, terns & late summer migrants. A potluck brunch follows the walk at Conneaut Township Park.

Directions: I-90E to SR-7N. Follow SR-7N signs through downtown area, turning right (east) on Main Street, left (north) on Broad Street. Cross SR-531, turn left at bottom of hill, follow signs through boat launch area, continue west on paved road and, finally, sandy road. Meet at end of sand spit nearest harbor.

KBC Weekend Trips

June 15, 16 & 17, 2007
Oak Openings Preserve
4139 Girdham Road, Toledo Ohio

This weekend trip will begin at Oak Openings Preserve to look for Lark Sparrow, Summer Tanager and Blue Grosbeak. Possible stops at Kitty Todd and Irwin Prairie State Nature Preserves. Members can camp or rent a primitive cabin at Camp Sabroske or stay at a nearby motel. For further information and date confirmation call Henry Burton at 216 555-1919.
Map: [Oak Openings Preserve Map \(PDF\)](#)

Directions: Take the turnpike from 280 South Gate 5, go West to Gate 3A which is Airport Highway (Route 2) exit, turn right to Route 295 (Charlie's Restaurant on corner). Travel past the restaurant and veer to the right at Wilkins Road. Look for park signs for your desired destination.

Kirtland Bird Club Officer Elections



At the May meeting our new KBC officers were elected; Henry Burton - Vice President, Lisa Chapman becomes President, Delores Cole - Corresponding Secretary, Tom Romito - Recording Secretary, and Mary Anne Romito - Treasurer. These offices commence at our September 5, 2007 meeting.

40 or so years ago...

NESTING OF AN ACADIAN FLYCATCHER

By Donald L. Newman

(The following account is based upon notes supplied by Robert Sullivan, who first discovered the nest, and from my own notes beginning on June 2.)

The nest of an Acadian Flycatcher was found on May 31, 1955, in the Middle Woods of the Shaker Lakes park system. It was located at a height of about eight feet in the forked outer end of a horizontal branch of a large witch hazel bush which grew at the base of a steep slope where it was well shaded under the heavy canopy of foliage of the surrounding tall red oaks. Although this Flycatcher customarily builds in a loose, rather careless fashion, this particular nest, composed of fine grasses, rootlets, and slender fibers of grapevine bark, was fairly well made, with a tight bottom through which light did not penetrate. The loose ends of several heavier strands of wild grapevine bark hung some three to four inches below the bottom of the nest, making the structure as a whole appear like a small mass of woodland debris that had lodged in the forked branch.

On June 2, a Cowbird was first to deposit her egg in the nest; and it was not until June 4, that the Flycatcher laid her first egg after which she laid her second and third egg on the 5th and the 7th. The first two Flycatcher eggs were a soft peach-pink with tiny flecks of chestnut brown on the larger end, while the third egg seemed somewhat paler and was more sparsely marked. On June 8, the Cowbird egg was removed by an outside observer. Regrettably, not enough time was spent at the nest site to determine the date on which incubation began, but presumably it started with the completion of the laying of the full clutch of eggs on June 7. Judging from an earlier intensive study of a nesting of the Acadian Flycatcher, I believe that the male does not participate in the incubation of the eggs, but this question will not be finally resolved until studies are made of banded pairs of breeding birds.

All three eggs were still intact on the evening of June 20, but at 7:45 a.m. on June 21, two of the eggs had hatched, and the female was sitting close, not leaving the nest until I walked directly beneath. Upon my return at 7:15 p.m., there were still just the two nestlings and the one unhatched egg, which appeared from its distinctive coloring and markings to be the third egg laid. Both of the young, whose skin was a dull pink, had a scant

edging of white down on the crown, the shoulders of the wings, and along the line of the backbone; their eyes were covered by a thick black membrane. When I touched the rim of the nest, they gave the typical food response, raising their heads and opening their bills.

By 7:40 a.m. on June 22, the third egg had hatched. Assuming, then, that incubation did begin on June 7, the incubation period for the first two eggs was 14 days and for the third egg, 15 days.

On my visit to the nest on the evening of July 4, I found that the three young, which were then almost two weeks old, filled the nest to overflowing. One nestling faced southwest with its bill resting on the rim; the middle bird faced northeast, its clean white breast showing through a large rent in the nest just below the rim - an opening as large as a twenty-five cent piece; and the third young one faced south, its stub of a tail protruding through the hole in the nest and its bill resting on the opposite rim. Both parent birds appeared when I walked under the nest, but neither flew at me with snapping bill, which one or sometimes both had done on my earlier visits, and even their alarm notes did not seem as emphatic as before. The ground immediately beneath the nest was marked with the excreta of the young.

All three young were still in or on the nest upon my arrival at 7:30 a.m. on July 5. One was standing on the rim, the second sitting high on the opposite side, while the third occupied the center of the nest with its bill extending out of the hole in the side. As I had always done on previous visits, I placed a small step ladder below the nest and mounted to the second step to obtain a closer look, without disturbing the nestlings. But when I advanced to the third step bringing my head even with the nest and only about a yard distant, the two outer birds suddenly flew off (not fluttered) and were almost immediately lost to sight in the dense understory. The parent birds, in a state of alarm, quickly appeared and called repeatedly without any response from the two young that had left the nest; nor could I find them in a hasty search of the immediate area.

Welcome New KBC Members !!

Marc J Nolls, Hope Orr & Mark S. Pastor

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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.

Other Events and Programs

May 26: 1st Annual Ohio Young Birders Conference at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, see flyer for details.

June: 1-3: 3rd Annual Birding by Ear Weekend Workshop at the Wilds. Call 740 638-5030 ext.2286, or e-mail reservations@thewilds.org for registration information.

June 9, 7 am to 4:30 pm: Rare Breeders Road Trip, Call CMNH at 216 231-4600 or visit http://www.cmnh.org/site/classesandprograms_adult.aspx to register.

June 16: Auto Tour, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

July 7: Ohio Young Birders Club Bioblitz at Crown Point Farm and Education Center, Bath OH. Call BSBO for details 419 898-4070.

July 21: Auto Tour, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

August 18: Auto Tour, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

KBC 12 Month 2008 Calendar

This year KBC will again design and print a monthly 2008 calendar using member photos of birds from Ohio and preferably from the "Cleveland Region". Money raised selling the 2008 calendars will help to support *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* publishing fund.

So snap those photos and we welcome your submissions for this next calendar!

Submission Guidelines

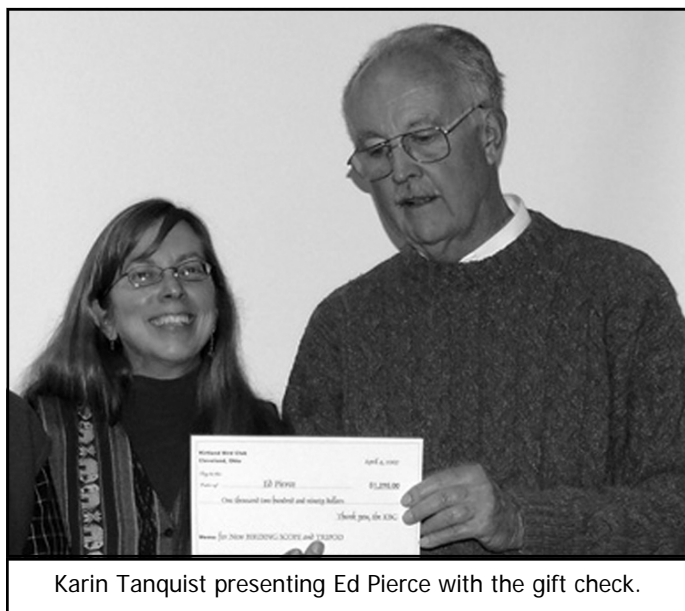
1. Color JPG (200 DPI), slide or photo.
2. Horizontal orientation.
3. Taken in Ohio or better yet, the "Cleveland Region" (Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit counties).
4. Taken between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007.
5. Suitable design for a 10 x 7 " printed size.
6. Submitted anytime until September 1, 2007.
7. Submissions limited to 3 entries per member.
8. Photographer must be a current KBC member.

Spring Cleaning?

If you do not know what to do with those old *Cleveland Bird Calendars* send them our way. The newer issues we will give to the Ohio Young Birders Club and the older ones will be used to complete sets for The Western Reserve Historical Society and The Cleveland Museum of Natural History Archives.

Thank You Celebration for Ed Pierce

At the April 4, 2007 KBC monthly meeting club members thanked Ed Pierce for his dedication, patience, and earnest in leading 17 years of KBC van trips. The celebration began with Bill Toneff reading a tribute to Ed with a list of Ed's many contributions to Club members and to the birding community. Delores Cole and Eileen Zimlich presented Ed with an honorary lifetime KBC membership and a van trip memory scrapbook filled with photos and thank you letters from trip participants. The presentation concluded when Karin Tanquist presented Ed with a gift check made from club and member gifts meant for Ed to purchase a spotting scope.



Karin Tanquist presenting Ed Pierce with the gift check.

Keep us Up To Date

For mailing and/or email address changes, please let us know. Just call 216 556-0700 and leave your change in a message or email us at info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

SEASONAL REPORTS

Your Spring report is due June 10

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
or at KBC meetings**

Kenn Kaufman's Spanish Guide



We received donations towards the purchase of thirteen of Kenn Kaufman's Birds of North America Spanish guides. This set of books will not be sent to the Sonoran Joint Venture to be distributed in the southwest, but will be taken to Oaxaca by Hans Clebsh as announced at the March KBC meeting. If you want to help spread the joy of birding by donating a Spanish Birds of North America guide, see Mary

Anne Romito or Delores Cole at a monthly meeting or visit our website for details.

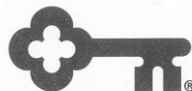
Thanks to all who contributed!

Paula Lozano, Bob Finkelstein, Brenda Baber, Andy Lihani, Nancy Renkert, Craig Caldwell, Karin Tanquist & Patrick Coy & Tony Hess

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Be sure to visit our website often since new information is published regularly. Page updates are listed under "What's New", Jim McCarty's Aerial View columns are posted in PDF format, under "In the News" and don't forget to visit and post to the "KBC Community Forums" which include, Bird Sightings, Trip Reports, Conservation Concerns, and Book Reviews.

Key Foundation



Once again the Key Foundation has awarded the Kirtland Bird Club a Community Gift Grant of \$500 in behalf of Delores Cole serving as an officer. KeyCorp encourages their employees to volunteer within their communities by offering these grants. Delores has asked that this gift be used to help distribute our book, *Birds of the Cleveland Region*, to Ohio college libraries.

Thank you KeyCorp!

1st Annual OYBC Conference

Enclosed you will find a registration form for the OYBC 1st Annual Conference on May 26, 2007 at the new Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center in Oak Harbor. Please share this event with any young nature enthusiasts you know. All of the presentations will be given by young birders, two of which are KBC members, Ethan Kistler who will be presenting "Night Flight Calls of Birds" and Philip Chaon who will share his "Field Journaling and Sketching". You can help to support this event by registering (adults are welcome, providing there is room) or by sending in your tax deductible donations.

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