

THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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KBC Monthly Meetings

Guests are welcome!

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland Museum of Natural History

***"Golden Birds and Golden Opportunities
for Birders in Geauga County"***

Although not the migration "highway" of the lakefront, Geauga's variety of forest types, glacial wetlands, streams, reservoirs and Amish farm country host a wonderful variety of birds, including rare northern nesters, "prairie passerines", and wintering raptors. Dan Best, Senior Naturalist – Geauga Park District, presents an overview of Geauga County birdlife through the seasons.

Dan will also provide an update on the Upper Cuyahoga River Prothonotary Warbler Nesting Project, now entering its 18th year.

Friends and family welcome

**We do not have meetings
in July & August**

Local Trip

**Saturday, June 6th, 2009
8:00-11:00 a.m.**

Eldon Russell Park, Geauga County, Ohio

As a follow up to Dan Best's Wednesday program, we will walk where the nesting Prothonotary Warblers are. This is an area of good songbird diversity: swamp and upland forest, meadow and shrub thickets.

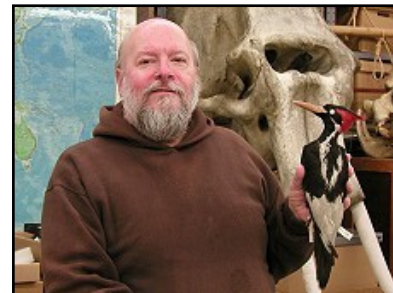
Meet at the parking lot of the park.

Directions: From the west; 480 East to 422 East, from the north or south on I-271 to 422 East; then 20 miles to Rapids Road (CR-1), turn left and go 2.7 miles, turn right and go .2 miles to park.

(Trips continued on the back of this issue.)

In Memoriam

**~ Tony Hess ~
1950 – 2009**



Tony with an Ivory-billed Woodpecker specimen, on the KBC Museum of Biological Diversity field trip, 2004.

Last month our dear friend Tony Hess died quite suddenly, leaving family members and countless friends to mourn his death. His entire working career was at Holcomb Educational Resources. He had many outside interests, including baseball and birding. He was a very unique and knowledgeable person. In high school he appeared twice on Academic Challenge and was on Jeopardy once, leaving with winnings of about eight thousand dollars. Part of that jackpot went toward a trip on a Russian ice breaker to the Arctic. That was one of his many birding trips to foreign destinations, including Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago. Right before his untimely death Tony and Chris shared a family trip to the Cayman Islands. Many KBC members have fond memories of trips near and far that were shared with him.

Tony felt very strongly about the importance of knowledge and education. Throughout his birding years Tony mentored young people whenever he could. To honor Tony's memory, Christine Lotenero, his widow, has decided to establish the Tony Hess Ohio Young Birders Memorial Fund at the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, which will be used for OYBC educational programs.

If you would like to honor Tony in this way, you can make a tax deductible contribution in his memory by sending a donation to the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, 13551, W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449, noting that it is for the Tony Hess OYBC Memorial Donation Fund.

Thank you!

40 or so years ago...

LIST OF BREEDING SPECIES REPORTED Cleveland Bird Calendar - Volume 37 No3—1941

For the purpose of breeding bird population studies the "Cleveland Region" is taken to be the area within approximately 30 miles of the Cleveland Public Square. This takes the form of a great semi-circle bounded on the north by Lake Erie, reaching Fairport Harbor on the east, touching the northern limits of Akron on the south, and including Lorain and Amherst on the west.

If some of the names in this, and following lists, have an unfamiliar look, blame it on the Committee. The Editor is adopting the forms recommended by William H. Cheesman and Paul H. Oehser in a report in *The Auk*, July 1937, page 333. Their recommendations will become standard usage later, so that it is well that we become accustomed to them. For instance—black-pollled warbler, waterthrush, redwing, roughleg, and others.

Note: Starred species are reported also in the breeding census studies.

Pied-billed Grebe - Breeding at Holden Arboretum and Aurora Sanctuary.

Great Blue Heron -Many summer records. Several small rookeries in the region.

Green Heron - Many summer records.

Black-crowned Night Heron -June, July, and August records.

American Bittern - Aurora Bird Sanctuary (Deutschlander).

Least Bittern -June, July, and August records.

Mallard -Adults with young 6/25, 7/17, 7/27 (Hill, Wharram, Williams).

Black Duck -2 adults with 7 young, Hinckley Lake, 7/23 (Scheele).

Blue-winged Teal -Young birds reported 8/14 (O'Reiley).

Wood Duck -Adults with young 6/30, 7/10, 7/20, 7/31 (Walters, Wharram, Williams).

Turkey Vulture - Many summer records.

Sharp-shinned Hawk - June, July, and August records.

Cooper Hawk - June, July, and August records.

*Red-tailed Hawk -Young birds on the wing 7/10 (Williams).

*Red-shouldered Hawk -Many summer records.

Marsh Hawk - Many summer records.

Sparrow Hawk - Young leaving nests 7/4 (Shankland).

*Ruffed Grouse -Adult with young, 6/3 (Williams).

*Bobwhite -Many summer records.

Ring-necked Pheasant -Many summer records.

Virginia Rail - Young bird 8/14 (O'Reiley).

Sora - June, July and August records.

Florida Gallinule - June, July, and August records.

Coot - June, July, and August records.

Piping Plover - Richmond Beach 7/17 where previous nesting reported (Hill).

Killdeer - Very many summer records.

*Woodcock - Nest, 3 eggs 6/17 (late date) (Walters, Williams).

*Upland Plover - Many summer records.

Spotted Sandpiper - Many summer records.

*Mourning Dove -Very many summer records. Nest, 2 young 8/17 (late) (Shankland).

Rock Dove -Common resident nesting species in downtown Cleveland.

*Yellow-billed Cuckoo -Many summer records.

*Black-billed Cuckoo - Many summer records.

Barn Owl - 6/5 (3).

*Screech Owl - Reported nesting in suburban residence sections.

Great Horned Owl - June, July and August records.

*Barred Owl -Many summer records.

Whippoorwill -"All summer in Chagrin Valley" (Goodsell).

Nighthawk - Many summer records.

*Chimney Swift -Many summer records.

*Ruby-throated Hummingbird - Many summer records.

*Belted Kingfisher - Many summer records.

*Flicker - Very many summer records.

Pileated Woodpecker - Many summer records.

*Red-bellied Woodpecker - June, July, and August records.

*Red-headed Woodpecker - June, July, and August records.

*Hairy Woodpecker - Very many summer records.

*Downy Woodpecker - Very many summer records.

*Kingbird - Very many summer records.

*Crested Flycatcher - Many summer records.

*Phoebe - Very many summer records.

*Acadian Flycatcher - Many summer records.

Alder Flycatcher -Many summer records.

Least Flycatcher - June, July, and August records.

*Wood Pewee -Many summer records.

*Prairie Horned Lark - June, July, and August records.

Tree Swallow - Nesting records for Holden Arboretum.

Bank Swallow - June, July, and August records.

Rough-winged Swallow - Many summer records.

*Barn Swallow - Many summer records.

Cliff Swallow - June, July, and August records.

*Purple Martin -Many summer records.

*Blue Jay -Many summer records.

*Crow - Many summer records.

*Black-capped Chickadee - Very many summer records.

*Tufted Titmouse - Very many summer records.

*White-breasted Nuthatch - Very many summer records.

*House Wren -Very many summer records.

Prairie Marsh Wren -Breeding colony at Holden Arboretum.

*Catbird - Very many summer records.

*Brown Thrasher - Many summer records.

*Robin - Very many summer records.

*Wood Thrush - Very many summer records.

*Wilson Thrush -Breeding in wet beech woods (Carrothers, Morse).

*Bluebird - Very many summer records.

*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - June, July, and August records.

*Cedar Waxwing -Many summer records.

Migrant Shrike -June, July, and August records.

*Starling - Very many summer records.

*Yellow-throated Vireo - Many summer records.

*Red-eyed Vireo - Many summer records.

*Warbling Vireo - Many summer records.

*Blue-winged Warbler - Many summer records.

*Yellow Warbler - Many summer records.

*Black-throated Green Warbler - Many summer records.

*Cerulean Warbler - June, July, and August records.

*Ovenbird - Unusually abundant this year.

*Louisiana Waterthrush - Many summer records.

*Yellowthroat - Many summer records.

*Yellow-breasted Chat -June, July, and August records.

*Hooded Warbler - Many summer records.

*Redstart - Many summer records.

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.

- *English Sparrow - Very many summer records.
- *Bobolink - Many summer records.
- *Meadowlark - Many summer records.
- *Redwing - Many summer records.
- *Baltimore Oriole - Many summer records.
- *Bronzed Grackle - Many summer records
- *Cowbird - Many summer records.
- *Scarlet Tanager - Many summer records.
- *Cardinal - Very many summer records.
- *Rose-breasted Grosbeak - Many summer records.
- *Indigo Bunting - Many summer records.
- *Goldfinch - Many summer records.
- *Red-eyed Towhee - Many summer records.
- *Savannah Sparrow - June, July, and August records.
- *Grasshopper Sparrow - Many summer records.
- Henslow Sparrow - Apparently more abundant than usual (O'Reilly).
- *Vesper Sparrow - Many summer records.
- Slate-colored Junco - Adults and young 7/20, 7/27, 8/7, 8/15 (Sherwin, Williams).
- *Chipping Sparrow - Very many summer records.
- *Field Sparrow - Very many summer records.
- Swamp Sparrow - June, July, and August records.
- *Song Sparrow - Very many summer records.

The above reported list of 114 species probably contains all but about a half-dozen species known to nest in the Cleveland region as previously defined. Perhaps of greatest interest is the probable nesting of the Junco in greater numbers than heretofore supposed. Of course we know that the Junco breeds regularly on Little Mountain, but now come reports of adults and young being seen in the North Chagrin woods and at the Halle farm near Kirtland. The occurrence of these birds in the beech woods away from the Mountain brings forcibly to mind the statement of Dr. Jared P. Kirtland, made in 1838 in the Second Annual Report of the Ohio Geological Survey, that the "Lead-colored Snowbird", as our Junco was then called, breeds "in the dark beech woods of the Western Reserve". Perhaps, like the deer, the Junco may again appear in his ancestral home.

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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

President's Message,

"The Times They Are A'Changin'"

It is again time to change the guard and welcome some new blood into the group of volunteers who attempt to keep KBC a vibrant, relevant, and fun organization. Henry Burton will now lead as President, and Scott VanValkenburg will enter as the new Vice-President. Two very well informed and energetic gentlemen will join the core repository of history and knowledge that resides with the Romitos and Delores Cole. I know they will welcome your input and help. Please consider donating some time to lighten the load if you haven't already done so.

Thank you to everyone who supported the monthly meetings by being there, especially those that contributed to sightings or who otherwise exercised inquiring minds. Thanks to members who contributed programs all of which were so well received. Thanks to committee members; the behind the scenes workers who contributed so much to a long list of projects and programs. Another thank you to those who led walks near and far and to those who walked with them.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for me. Thanks for your support and I'll see you at the meetings and in the field.

Best wishes for fun filled days afield,

Lisa Chapman
 President



**SEASONAL REPORTS for
 The Cleveland Bird Calendar
 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

Welcome New KBC Members!

Christine McAnlis
Fred D Riley
James Schmidt

**Van Trip to Oak Openings Preserve
June 13, 2009**

Leader: Henry Burton

Target species: Nesters; Lark Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak, Summer Tanager, Red-headed Woodpecker

Departure east: From 1173 Sylvania Rd, Cleveland Hts., 5 a.m. (Sylvania is off of Noble, South of Monticello & North of Mayfield).

Departure west: From Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, Wolfe Rd, Bay Village, 5:30 a.m.

Note: Bring a lunch. There will be numerous restroom stops and dinner will be at a location decided on the way home. The minimum number of participants is 8 people; at that level cost is \$35 per person; there is a 10 person maximum and if there are ten the cost is \$30 per person. For more information contact Henry at 216-255-1919.

**Saturday, July 18, 2009
Dragonflies, Damselflies, Butterflies
& all else that flies!**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

1600 Bell Street, South Russell, Geauga County

Host & leader: Linda Gilbert

Target species: Butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies & nesting bird

Directions to 1600 Bell Street: I-271 to SR-422 east to SR-306 north. 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.

Note: Potluck picnic will follow the walk. Bring a dish to share and your tableware.

Sunday, August 16, 2009

Bellevue Sky Ponds

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Leader: Paula Lozano

Target species: Migrating shorebirds

Directions: Meet at the railroad tracks on SR-18 southwest of Bellevue, Ohio. Take the Ohio turnpike west to the SR-4 exit. Go south on SR-4 and bear right on SR-113. Keep straight onto SR-18 and head south on SR-18 until you reach the railroad tracks.

Alternate site: If sky ponds are dry - Lorain Impoundment. Check our website for updates.

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