



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

Quarterly Newsletter of the Kirtland Bird Club, Cleveland, Ohio
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KBC Monthly Meeting

Wednesday June 1

eBird: Good for Birds Good for You

Presented by Ken Ostermiller



Ken Ostermiller

eBird, a real-time (immediate), online checklist program, launched in 2002 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, can help you keep track of birds you have seen and show where other birders have found the birds you want to see. eBird is a citizen science project. See a live demonstration of the eBird web site and learn how using eBird can help you.

Ken is an avid birder who remembers his first bird identification in Michigan when he was seven; a Yellow-shafted Flicker (now a Northern Flicker). He enjoys observing the common birds of an area as much as seeking rare birds. As a volunteer with eBird, Ken reviews suggested bird-reporting hot spots in Ohio.

Please remember:

We do NOT have club meetings in July and August so plan to join members on one of our outings this summer. See pages 2 and 3 and be alert to emails for more outings.

Message from Scott

Dear Members,

The *Cleveland Bird Calendar* (CBC) lists many rare records of species appearing in Northeast Ohio. But the club's archives and web site have an additional set of rare records; the names of KBC members who have stepped forward to insure that the highly-respected CBC has been published for more than 100 years, that the *Birds of the Cleveland Region* was published, that seminars and trips were held to educate and entertain new and veteran birders alike, and so much more. I think of Tom LePage, who ran the Cleveland Christmas Bird Count for more than 30 years, and for whom our scholarship program is named; people like William and Nancy Klamm, who gave throughout their life and later through their estate, and of many of you who have given so much to this club over the years.

As I write this, the future of the club is uncertain. Birding is attracting greater public interest nationwide, but we're struggling to find volunteers to be officers and committee chairs to help KBC meet its potential. Just as species evolve or disappear, our club may need to change to survive. The contributions of present and past members will not be diminished whatever happens. The records speak for themselves.

Thank you and good birding!

~ Scott



KBC Monthly Meetings

1st Wednesday every month, 7:30 p.m. EXCEPT JULY and AUGUST

Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Guests are always welcome! Parking is free.

Extended Field Trips, June — November, 2011

Following are brief synopsis of the formerly named "Van Trips" for the remainder of 2011. Note that we carpool for day trips and rent a van for overnight trips.*

For more information contact Coordinator **Eileen Zimlich** at **216-509-4204** or via email at ezimlich@sbcglobal.net. Note that a full list of trips and a registration form is on the KBC website at www.KirtlandBirdClub.org



Saturday, June 18 (day trip)

In Search of Barn Owls

Join owl bander, Tom Henry, as he bands Barn Owl chicks. We will also bird the surrounding countryside, perhaps the Killbuck Marsh area.

Departure: 6:30 a.m.
Return in the evening

Estimated cost: under \$20/pp to share cost of gas

Required deposit: \$10 with registration

Deadline: Reserve a spot now.

Saturday, August 13 (day trip)

Glacier Ridge, Hoover Reservoir & Pickerington Ponds

Join us in exploring the Columbus area where wetlands are a magnet for migrating waterfowl and shore birds.

Target Species: Sora & Virginia Rails, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Grasshopper Sparrow, Osprey, Northern Harrier and other fall migrants.

Departure: 6:00 a.m.
Return in the evening

Estimated cost: under \$20/pp to share cost of gas

Required deposit: \$10 with registration

Deadline: Reserve your spot before July 30.

Friday, Oct. 21—Sunday Oct. 23

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

Kempton, PA (2 nights, 3 days)

Join Craig Caldwell for a return visit to the world's longest-running hawk migration count site during the colorful fall. If the winds are cooperative, as many as 1500 raptors can be viewed.

Target Species: Northern Goshawk, Golden Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-shouldered and Red-tailed hawks

Difficulty Level: moderate to rugged

Departure: Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Return Sunday by 8:00 p.m.

Estimated cost: \$225—290/pp to share cost of van rental, gas, tolls & motel. Food on your own.

Required deposit: \$25 with each registration

Deadline: Reserve a spot before Sept 16.

Friday, Nov 18—Sunday Nov 20

Niagara Falls, NY (2 nights, 3 days)

Explore the Niagara River and Niagara-on-the-Lake for winter migrants. The Niagara River has the largest and most diverse concentration of gulls in the world. It also hosts large numbers of wintering waterfowl.

Note: Remember your passport!

Target species: gulls and waterfowl

Departure: Friday, time to be determined
Return late Sunday evening

Estimated cost: \$200—\$300 to share cost of van rental, gas, tolls & motel. Food on your own.

Required deposit: \$25 with each reservation

Deadline: Reserve your spot before Oct. 15.

***Special Note:**

Several van rental companies have recently closed. If a new source is not found we may be forced to cancel the overnight trips.

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. Your contributions of articles, event information, photos, and drawings are welcome. Please send them to the Editor, Susan Jones or to info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

New Officers of the Board

Two members have stepped forward and agreed to fill important positions on the KBC Board.

Glenn Novotny is immediately moving into the vice president position. One of our newest members, Glenn has found the monthly programs very interesting and informative. He holds graduate and undergraduate degrees in both biology and education and has retired from teaching in the Beachwood Schools.

Howard Besser is a long-time birder and KBC member. He is a retired attorney, interested in keeping the club strong and healthy. Howard will move into the vice president position in the fall, however he will participate on the Board immediately.

Join me in thanking Glenn and Howard for their generosity. A more in-depth bio is forth-coming in the fall issue.

Summer Birding Bonanza

Saturday July 2, 2011

Medina Metroparks Hidden Hollow **8672 Richman Road, Lodi, OH**

(30 minutes south of Wellington, along the Black River and Killbuck Creek headwaters.)

Join in the fun: help Black River Audubon Society census the nesting birds in block 40D2SE for the revised breeding bird atlas.

Meeting times: 7:30 a.m.— pick up maps
1:00 p.m.— turn in checklists
7:30 p.m.— get maps for owling

Note: Bring your own lunch; refrigerator/cooking facilities available. Also, if you have it, bring audio equipment for owling.

All levels of birders are encouraged to participate in this important citizen science project. Tent camping is available on Friday and Saturday nights, contact Terri Martincic for details.

For more information contact **Terri Martincic** at **Naturenut@wowway.com** or **440-759-8220**.

*We sadly announce the passing,
April 28th, of our friend*

Dave LeGallee

Dave was a rock in the birding community and an active KBC member for at least 40 years. A reliable presence on van and local trips, he was full of laughter, stories, suggestions for where to find the good eats and willing to look for one more bird. Dave will be missed very, very much by so many birders.

The Kirtland Bird Club
acknowledges
Dottie McDowell
for making a generous gift to the
Tom LePage Scholarship Fund
in memory of her late husband,
Duane McDowell.

*We thank you
for your generosity.*

CLEVELAND BIRD CALENDAR

When is a calendar not a calendar? We most often think of a calendar as a tool for daily planning. The *Cleveland Bird Calendar (CBC)*, however, is a journal, an old fashioned definition for calendar. It is a birding journal that covers a seven-county area in Northeast Ohio, written and published on a quarterly basis by the Kirtland Bird Club (KBC) and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH). Each issue reports bird sightings, articles, surveys, sketches and photos submitted by members.



This is an historical record of birds seen in the Cleveland Region of Northeast Ohio for 100-plus years. It includes the following counties: Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit Counties. The CBC specifically documents earliest and latest dates a species was seen for that time period in the Seasonal Report section.

In 1950, the first 50 years of recorded bird sightings were summarized and published in the book, *Birds of Cleveland*, edited by A. B. Williams. It was published by KBC and CMNH. An update to this book, *Birds of the Cleveland Region* that includes reports to the year 2000 was published in 2004. This book was edited by club member, Larry Rosche. It is available at club meetings and in nature stores in Northeast Ohio

Why Document Bird Species?

A significant amount of work goes into documenting bird species and summarizing the reports. You may wonder why we do this. Let's take the example of the Evening Grosbeak. Records show that it was once "formerly widespread" during the years 1963 to 1976 as an "irruptive migrant and winter resident". Now, they "no longer grace the Cleveland region in numbers on a regular basis, therefore, they must be considered uncommon to rare at this writing [2004]", excerpted from *Birds of the Cleveland Region*. This data will be important in the future to help researchers answer many questions. We do not know what we may be losing if we never document a bird's presence in the first place.

As a personal benefit, this information will help you as a birder to understand what birds can be found in various habitats at specific times of year.

The *Cleveland Bird Calendar* cannot exist without the contributions of members' bird sightings. You are encouraged to document your sightings in the appropriate manner and submit them by the season deadline (see the reverse side). You are also invited to submit articles, sketches, bird surveys and photographs to the editor for consideration in a publication. To determine what should be reported, refer to past issues of the CBC found on the website, or the *Birds of the Cleveland Region*.

NOTE:

Print this and page 5 to keep for a handy reference.

CLEVELAND BIRD CALENDAR REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

How do I Begin Reporting?

There are two helpful forms found at www.kirtlandbirdclub.org to use for reporting. Go to the BIRD CALENDAR button on the left side of the screen and scroll to FORMS TO DOWNLOAD. You may choose from the PDF or Excel versions of the Seasonal Reporting Forms with bird species and the same form without the bird species listed. You may also pick up paper versions at the KBC monthly meetings.

Which Birds Do I Report?

The CBC editor is interested in knowing all birds you see in the Cleveland Region, not just rare sightings. This includes birds at your feeders, birds you see on your way to work, as well as birds you see on special outings. Remember, the CBC includes birds found in the Cleveland Region ONLY, which includes the following counties:

CUYAHOGA, GEAUGA, LAKE, LORAIN, MEDINA, PORTAGE AND SUMMIT

When Do I Report?

Bird sighting reports should be sent, via email or USPS, to the CBC editor by the following dates. We suggest you mark these dates on your calendar, now.

<u>SEASON</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>DEADLINE DATES</u>
WINTER	DEC, JAN & FEB	MARCH 10
SPRING	MAR, APR & MAY	JUNE 10
SUMMER	JUN, JUL, & AUG	SEPTEMBER 10
FALL	SEPT, OCT & NOV	DECEMBER 10

How Do I Report?

For a specific season, and by the listed deadline date, use the supplied forms or a similar format that you devise. Always list the birds in taxonomic order. Note the location and dates of the sightings. If you visit a location frequently, be sure to include the first and last date seen, along with the date the maximum of this species was seen. The form includes columns for this purpose. Include any pertinent comments regarding unusual behavior, habitat, or plumage, etc. Keep a copy and send the report to the CBC Editor, 6320 Greenwood Pkwy #406, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067, or by email to seasonalreports@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

We encourage you to send species accounts (a short article describing your experience with that bird), artwork, or photographs for the editor's consideration. If you have any questions regarding your submission, contact the editor at the above email address.

All submitted reports are archived at CMNH, as are past issues of the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*. You will also find them in PDF format at www.ClevelandBirdCalendar.com and on the recently produced CD available to all KBC members free of charge.

Happy Birding, Happy Reporting!



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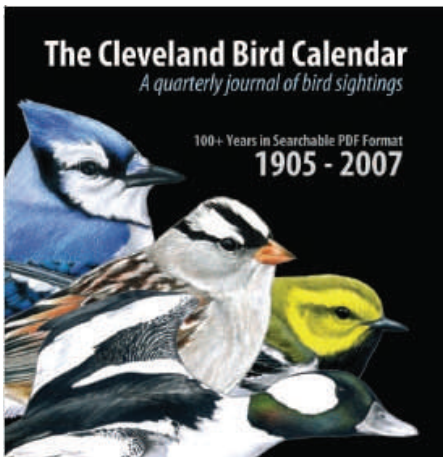
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Six-year Project, Complete!



The last phase of the *Cleveland Bird Calendar* (CBC) Online Project was to produce a CD of almost 400 journals. This meant that every journal was either scanned,

if in appropriate condition, page by page, or meticulously retyped, line by line, by the dedicated volunteer committee members.

The CD contains copies of all the quarterly journals from 1905 to 2007 and a master index that allows digital search through all the

issues at once using Adobe Reader.

We congratulate and acknowledge the following members who contributed to the Online Project with such outstanding results are: Delores Cole, Fred Dinkelbach, Ann Chaser, Dwight Chaser, Jean Hoffman, Dick Hoffman, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Paula Lozano, Bob Finklestein, Craig Caldwell and Larry Rosche. The CD artwork is by local artist and birder, Jen Brumfield.

Every KBC membership is entitled to a complimentary copy of the CD. You may obtain your copy during any KBC monthly meeting at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

It is also available from our website: www.kirtlandbirdclub.org for only \$10, plus shipping & handling. You might consider a gift to a non-member birding friend.