



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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KBC Monthly Meetings

*All meetings held at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History
1 Wade Oval, University Circle, Cleveland, Ohio*

On Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

David Dvorak, Jr. will present:

"Ecosystems of Colorado"

Colorado has always been a favorite destination for David. The combination of Great Plains prairies and wetlands, along with the challenge of high country hiking in the mountains has made Colorado irresistible. Colorado is a great spot for wildlife and bird watching. Varied ecosystems with numerous habitats provide living space for a variety of creatures. The prairie, forest, and alpine wildflowers combined with some breath taking scenery makes Colorado a naturalist's treasure. Even though this state is rapidly growing it has many protected areas that helps to keep Colorado's Big Sky Country relatively intact.

On Wednesday, January 3, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

KBC Member, Dwight Chasar will present:

"Past Ornithologists and Conservationists in the Cleveland Region"

Ornithological history since 1830 in the Cleveland region is replete with examples of people who have made significant contributions to birding and conservation, both locally and elsewhere in North America. This presentation will explore many of these pillars upon which birding and bird research was built in the Cleveland region. The audience will learn about these people and their contributions to Cleveland ornithology and along the way, all kinds of remote and twisted trivia related to these figures and Cleveland history.

On Wednesday, February 7, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

John Blakeman will present:

"Of Hawks and Men--- Modern Adventures with Raptors"

John Blakeman is an Ohio raptor expert with over 38 years of field and lab studies on birds of prey. His program will outline the natural history and ecology of common Ohio raptors and the historic relationships, good and bad, between hawks and humans. Mr. Blakeman is an accomplished wildlife photographer and will use selections from his extensive slide and digital image library in his presentation. Presently, he is an advisor and commentator on the new Red-tailed Hawk population breeding in Central Park, New York City.

KBC Carpool Trips

January 6, 2007: Museum of Biological Diversity in Columbus and The Wilds for Golden Eagle, Rough-legged Hawk, and Short-eared Owl: This one-day trip departs at 7:00 a.m. from a designated location. We will spend the morning at the museum, looking at study skins. After lunch in the Columbus area, we will proceed to The Wilds, near Cumberland, to look for wintering raptors and owls and stop for dinner on the way home. Only the cost of gasoline will be shared. Meals are the responsibility of each person. Please advise Karin if you are willing to be a driver - 330 342-3886.

February 16, 18, 17 & 19, 2007: Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan: Departure time will be as early as possible on Friday, February 16, 2007. We will spend three nights and two full days in the Upper Peninsula, looking for Snowy, Northern Hawk and Great Gray Owls as well as Bohemian Waxwing, Pine and Evening Grosbeaks, and Common and Hoary Redpolls. Other stops may be made as information becomes available. Only the cost of gasoline will be shared. Lodging and meals are the responsibility of each person. Please advise Karin if you are willing to be a driver - 330 342-3886.

KBC Local Field Trips

Saturday, December 16, 2006

Cleveland Christmas Bird Count

To join a team call Tom LePage 440 356-4035

Sunday, January 14, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

East 72nd Street, Cleveland Lakefront State Park, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County

Leader: Vic Fazio

Target species: Wintering species

Directions: Cleveland Memorial Shoreway/I-90 to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive exit. Proceed west on North Marginal Drive to East 72nd Street parking lot.

Saturday, February 10, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

West Side (locations to be determined day of field trip)

Leader: Larry Richardson

Target species: Wintering species

Directions: I-90 W to Columbia Road exit. Stay right at split on exit ramp, turning right (north) on Columbia Road. Cross railroad tracks, turn left (west) at traffic light at Wolf Road and continue 1.7 miles to Huntington Reservation entrance. Turn right (north) and meet at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Road. Car pool from LENS.

KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB, a Northeast Ohio Birding Club

New Bird Calendar Editor

We are pleased to announce that Fred Dinkelbach has accepted the editorship of *The Cleveland Bird Calendar*. Fred is a past KBC President and resides in Sagamore Hills with his wife, Cheryl. You will find the seasonal report mailing information on the last page of this newsletter.

40 or so years ago... Hawk Owl at Lorain Harbor

One of the outstanding events of the winter season was the occurrence of the Hawk Owl. It is conspicuous because of its habit of hunting in the daylight and perching in exposed spots. Not since March 1957 has one been reported in our region. The comments of several observers are of interest:

"I first sighted it rather far out on the lake ice in front of my home in Lorain on January 3 at about 2:15 p.m. It was almost three-quarters of a mile away but flew in quite close and sat facing the shore and preening. Several times it opened its mouth and I thought it might be calling but on opening the window I heard nothing. The fine barring on the breast was plainly seen and the marking on the head and the dark place below the beak were quite noticeable. The tail length was very apparent. I had the Owl under surveillance for more than an hour and it was observed by others for a shorter period. It flew east and was not seen again by me" (Dolbear).

"After observing the Hawk Owl with others on the 3rd, I went about one-half mile east to where it had flown and there saw it make three or four passes, in flight, at gulls that dropped away to surface level and escaped. My later sighting on January 10, as it perched in full view on the breakwall at Municipal Pier, extended for over 1.5 hours" (Ward).

Our last report was for January 20 when "this long-tailed owl was observed in a slow flight over the ice at Lorain harbor at a fairly close distance" (Siebert).

Source: *The Cleveland Bird Calendar*, Winter 1968 Vol. 64, No. 1

A Thank You to KBC from Ethan Kistler— ABA Young Birders Conference

This was one awesome trip and I would like to thank those who made it all possible: American Birding Association, Ohio Ornithological Society, Kirtland Bird Club, and the Mahoning Valley Audubon chapter. I also want to thank Michael O'Brien, Louis Zemaitis, Steve Howell, Bill Schmoker, and Ted Floyd for leading this trip. I'm looking forward for the next YBC.

To read Ethan's entire trip report visit the Members section of the KBC website.

Welcome New KBC Members !!

Rich & Donna Sweet, John Pogacnik, Henry Burton, Christopher Followay, Klemensas Krasaitis, Joanne Wrobel, Susan Prior, Virginia Ehrbar, Meg Anderson, Terry & Joanne Gorges, Kathy Mock, and Scott Val Valkenburg, Stan & Sue Kaufman.



New KBC 12 Month 2007 Calendar

The photos have been selected by the judges and out of fifteen member submissions and 60 photos, thirteen members are represented in the 2007 calendars. These calendars will be available for sale at the December 6th meeting for \$12.00. To order a calendar call Delores at 441 461-1084.

The photos selected are as follows:

Cover, Dwight Chasar, Henslow's Sparrow; January, Tony Hess, Saw-whet Owl; February, Steve Cagan, Barred Owl; March, Bill Toneff, Green Heron; April, Dave Lewis, Redstart; May, John Pogacnik, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher; June, Paula Lozano, Least Bittern; July, Brenda Baber, Bobolinks; August, Hugh Rose, Buff-breasted Sandpiper; September, Robert Roach, Mallard; October, Delores Cole, Wood Duck; November, Scott Wright, Sandhill Crane; December, Tom Lepage, Snow Geese.

NE Ohio Rare Bird Alert

216 556-0700

The Rare Bird Alert is now being manned by Lou Gardella. Thank You Lou!

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.

OCTOBER 8, 2006 BIG SITS

Species	SP	SL	NF	Species	SP	SL	NF
Canada Goose				White-breasted Nuthatch			
Mallard				Brown Creeper			
Wood Duck				Golden-crowned Kinglet			
Red-Breasted Merganser				Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
Double-crested Cormorant				Eastern Bluebird			
Turkey Vulture				Hermit Thrush			
Great Blue Heron				American Robin			
Bald Eagle				Gray Catbird			
Cooper's Hawk				Northern Mockingbird			
Red-shouldered Hawk				European Starlings			
Red-tailed Hawk				Cedar Waxwing			
American Woodcock				Carolina Wren			
Killdeer				Winter Wren			
Ring-billed Gull				Tennessee Warbler			
Herring Gull				Nashville Warbler			
Great Black-backed Gull				Magnolia Warbler			
Rock Pigeon				Black-throated Blue Warbler			
Mourning Doves				Yellow-rumped Warbler			
Screech Owl				Black-throated Green Warbler			
Great Horned Owl				Palm Warbler			
Barred Owl				Blackpoll Warbler			
Chimney Swifts				Eastern Towhee			
Belted Kingfisher				Chipping Sparrow			
Red-bellied Woodpecker				Song Sparrow			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				Swamp Sparrow			
Downy Woodpecker				White-throated Sparrow			
Hairy Woodpecker				White-crowned Sparrow			
Northern Flicker				Dark-eyed Junco			
Pileated Woodpecker				Northern Cardinal			
Eastern Wood-Pewee				Red-winged Blackbird			
Eastern Phoebe				Rusty Blackbird			
Blue -headed Vireo				Common Grackle			
Blue Jay				House Finch			
American Crow				American Goldfinch			
Black-capped Chickadee				House Sparrow			
Tufted Titmouse				Total Species	43	45	45

SP = Sims Park, Lisa Chapman
SL = Shaker Lakes, Julie West
NF = Newton Falls, Ethan Kistler

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Lisa Chapman and Julie West wish to thank all of you who generously donated to these events. The proceeds of the Sims Park Big Sit will fund the publishing of *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* and the money made at the Shaker Lakes Big Sit will go toward the banding operation located there.

Winter Bird Atlas

The Black Swamp Bird Observatory is coordinating the 2007 Ohio Winter Bird Atlas and needs your help. The Atlas is conducted during the month of January anywhere in Ohio and they are looking for people to count birds on a weekly basis if possible (1 - 4 hours a morning at your favorite birding spot or pick a quadrangle block from the Ohio Gazetteer DeLorme. This is a great opportunity to venture out with friends and contribute to Ohio winter bird knowledge. More information and forms are available on the BSBO website at <http://www.bsbobird.org> or call the Observatory at 419 898-4070 and they will send you an information packet and/or answer your questions.

Northeast Ohio Project FeederWatch
Ambassador - Judy Kolo-Rose

Sign up for Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Project Feeder-Watch, a winter long survey of birds that visit feeders in back yards, nature centers, community areas and parks in North America. Feeder watchers count the highest numbers of each species from November through April, helping scientists track movements and population trends. Those interested can go to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Web site at www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/, call 1-800-843-2473, or e-mail feederwatch@cornell.edu. For local information, write to Northeast Ohio's project ambassador, Judy Kolo-Rose, at judy@kolorose.com.

SEASONAL REPORTS Your Fall report is due December 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

Area Christmas Bird Walks

Dec 16 - Cleveland - Tom Lepage, 440 356-4035
Dec 16 - Ashland - Tim Leslie, 419 289-2626
Dec 16 - Elyria-Lorain, David Bragg, 440 988-4433
Dec 17 - Cuyahoga Falls, Marie, Morgan, 330 867-9850
Dec 17 - Mentor - Anders Fjeldstad, 440 257-7611
Dec 17 - Trumbull County - Carole Babyak, 330 856-6160
Dec 30 - Lakewood - Nancy Howell, 216 461-2300 ext 3225
Dec 30 - Wellington - Tom Reed, 440 647-4088
Dec 31 - Ottawa N.W.R. - Tom Bartlett, 419 447-0005
Jan 01 - Gypsum - Vic Fazio, bcvireo@sbcglobal.net

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