



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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KBC MONTHLY MEETINGS

at 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Guests are welcome! Parking is free!

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

"Birds of Northeast Ohio"

Presented by Larry Rosche

The authoritative *Birds of the Cleveland Region* states that "three hundred seventy-six species have been documented in the history of the Cleveland region..." *BOCR* author, past KBC president and Cleveland Bird Calendar editor, and noted conservationist Larry Rosche returns to give an overview of the fascinating diversity of birds that we find in Northeast Ohio throughout the year, and will address your questions on when and where to find those more rare species you've been searching for.

Larry Rosche is Conservationist Specialist for the Natural Areas Division, Conservation & Biodiversity Department, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Larry is an Honorary Lifetime Member of the KBC, having served as Editor of the *Cleveland Bird Calendar* for 16 years and as a President. In addition to the *BOCR*, Larry authored *Dragonflies and Damselflies of Northeast Ohio*, edited the 1988 and 2004 editions of the Field Book of Birds of the Cleveland Region, co-authored the chapter on Cleveland area birding for the *Birder's Guide to Metropolitan Areas of North America*; inventoried and atlased birds in eastern Ohio for the Ohio Department of Natural Areas and Preserves, reviewed all the distribution maps pertaining to Ohio birds for all of the Peterson Field Guides including *Birds*, *Sibley's Guide to Birds* and the National Geographic Society's *Birds of North America*.

We do not have meetings in July or August.

LOCAL FIELD TRIPS

KBC Blockbusting for OBBAI

Saturday, June 5, 2010

8:00 AM to Noon

Data collection is underway for the second edition of the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas. Join us as we survey the block assigned to KBC (Block 40D2SW; near Homerville) in this important statewide effort. Our block occupies an interesting area where the city meets farm country. Habitats are still varied and Greg Emmert of Wild Wood Lakes (who is a great birder himself, and was the only one in our last survey group to spot a chat!) has again given permission for us to survey their land. We will be looking for birds within "safe dates" for breeding, paying particular attention to nest building or tending behaviors, eggs or fledglings. If you have been curious about Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas 2, this is a good introduction. Much useful information and further explanation is available at www.ohiobirds.org/obba2. It is hoped that KBC members will visit this sector on their own to continue to add data, as well as submitting data on other areas. Please email Scott at ScottVanV@gmail.com or call him at 757-943-0317 for more information or if you are willing to take riders or need a ride. We will meet a short distance from the campground where we'll do the survey. Take I-71 south and exit on SR - 224 west at Lodi. At the exit there is a McDonald's on the left. We will meet there 8:00 AM; this location is about 54 miles from Cleveland.

Northwest Ohio Shorebird Banding Trip

Saturday, July 24 or 31 (TBD), 2010

Leaving Cleveland metro-area 7 a.m.

We'll visit a shorebird banding station in northwest Ohio with master bander Tom Bartlett. Tom will select a location the day before based on weather, migration, etc, but it would be either Ottawa NWR, Winnous Point or a private wetland in Sandusky. Participation is limited to 20 participants (5 cars) in car pools. Each car can

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decide whether to bring lunch or have lunch in the area. We return in the late afternoon, time TBD depending on what birds are around. If you are willing to drive or wish to be a passenger (and contribute cash for gas!), contact Scott at ScottVanV@gmail.com or call 757-943-0317. First come, first served.

WEEKEND VAN TRIPS

To register contact Eileen Zimlich
At 216-509-4204
Or email at ezimlich@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010

Pickerington Ponds &

Other Columbus Area Parks (Day Trip)

Trip Leader: Eileen Zimlich

Join us in exploring this Columbus area IBA (Important Birding Area) where its wetlands are a magnet for migrating waterfowl and shore birds. Pickerington Ponds Metro Park is a 1,387-acre preserve containing some of the last glacial kettle lakes in Central Ohio. Over 260 species of birds have been recorded in the area. Rarities at Pickerington Ponds include: glossy ibis, American avocet, marbled godwit, American white pelican, surf scoter and little blue heron. Target species include: shorebirds and waterfowl, Osprey, Northern Harrier and fall migrants. There are several other parks in the area which we may visit.

We will depart at 6:30 a.m. and return in the evening. Participants will share travel costs (van rental or car pool, gas) Deposit of \$25 with registration.

September - Date TBA

**Lake Erie Metropark, Michigan - Hawk Watch
(Day Trip) Leader needed**

We will depart at 6:30 a.m. and return in the evening. Participants will share travel costs (van rental or car pool, gas) Deposit of \$25 with registration. (Since the date is not yet set, please

let Eileen know if you are interested in participating before submitted a registration fee.) This park is one of the premier hawkwatching sites in North America and it is relatively close by. Thousands of hawks follow the Lake Erie shore during fall migration. Although many species may be seen, mid-September is the peak for Broad-winged Hawk migration. Target species: hawks.

**Friday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Kempton, PA**

3 day, 2 night trip

Trip leader: Craig Caldwell

Visit the world's longest-running hawk migration count site during fall color time. We'll spend Saturday and Sunday mornings on North Lookout, where we'll expect to see from 100 to 1500 raptors of as many as 12 species. Saturday afternoon we can stay on the lookout if there's a hot passage or explore other parts of the sanctuary. We hope to include a tour of the Sanctuary's Acopian Center for Conservation Learning, coordinator and clearing house for world-wide raptor research projects. Prime target birds include Northern Goshawk and Golden Eagle, both reasonably probable, and the almost-guaranteed Northern Harrier and Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-shouldered, and Red-tailed hawks. Craig has six times taken groups to Hawk Mountain for week-long outings. He'll regale you with tales of the Sanctuary's history and lore until you shut him up.

We will depart at 1:00 pm Friday and return by 8:00 pm Sunday. Participants will pay their own motel and meal costs plus a share of van rental, gas, and tolls. The motel will be about \$100 per person, double occupancy, for the two nights, which includes light breakfasts. There's also a \$7 per day trail fee for (Sanctuary) non-members. Total costs estimated for trip is between \$200-\$265. A deposit of \$25 is required with each reservation. Limit of 8 participants.

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.

UNUSUAL NESTING HABITAT TABLOID

The song of the Veery, or Wilson Thrush, is sometimes heard in damp woods during the nesting season in the Cleveland area, but the nest has seldom actually been found near Cleveland.

Usually the Veery builds her nest on the ground, or a few inches up in small shrubbery, and often near a stump or an old log. It is loosely made and rather bulky, consisting of grapevine bark, weed stems, dead leaves and rootlets, depending on the type of material at hand.

A nest of the Veery which we found on May 28, 1942 in a wet beech-maple woods near the corner of Cedar Road and Gates Mills Boulevard, east of Cleveland, had 3 eggs in it. A fourth was added the next day, and all hatched in about 12 days.

This nest was built on the ground in a rather open place in the woods. There were several pools of standing water near by but the nest was in a fairly dry situation where there were no large trees. It was located in a clump of weeds and so well concealed that it hardly would have been discovered had not the sitting bird flushed almost from under foot during the progress of a systematic search for it.

The outside of this nest was loosely constructed of wide strips of grapevine bark, the main part was of weed stems, and the lining was of dry grasses. Margarette E. Morse and Vera Carrothers.

Congratulations to Miss Carrothers and Miss Morse on finally finding the nest which for two previous summers eluded their steady search! Ed.

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Don't Shrug Off The Atlas

A female Eastern Towhee showing nesting material to a singing male; an American Crow pair that always takes a circuitous route with cautious stops in several trees before they go to the tree where the nest is located; 3 male Wood Ducks watching two females jockeying for one hole in a snag; I've enjoyed all these recent observations of what David Sibley calls the "most complex and important social interactions among birds.." *Sibley's Guide to Bird Life & Behavior* is a wonderful reference that helps explain some of the avian behavior I observe. I'm always grateful to those who have studied and reported on birds. And that is where every single KBC member comes in right now.

The Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II (OBBA II) is underway, and your reports are needed. As the organizers note, this "effort relies on the participation of bird enthusiasts to document the current distribution of breeding birds in Ohio." You are already looking at birds, my friends, so while keeping notes to share with Fred for the Cleveland Bird Calendar, just add a few extra notes related to breeding behavior and don't forget to pay attention to all the species not just rarities. And if you've kept such notes, data from 2006 through 2011 is needed! This critical data collection effort will compare results with that first OBBA (1982-87) and provide information that is vital to both an understanding of birds in our state and to development of effective conservation measures.

KBC "owns" Block 40D2SW and I hope you'll lend your enthusiasm and experience when we take a field trip to a great campground there on June 5th, and also visit the block on your own. But you can report breeding behavior anyplace you see it. You can visit the OBBA II site at Ohiobirds.org/obba2/ or if you don't have internet access call me and I'll get you some materials.

Future birders will also be grateful to you for joining in the OBBA II. Thank you in advance!

Good birding,

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**WYATT MILLER AWARDED
A KBC SCHOLARSHIP
FROM THE TOM LEPAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

At the April 7, 2010 KBC monthly meeting, President Scott VanValkenburg presents 16 year old Wyatt Miller from Avon, a \$250 scholarship to attend Camp Chiricahua.



**SEASONAL REPORTS for
The Cleveland Bird Calendar
Your Spring report is due
June 10th**

**Mail to: Fred Dinkelbach, CBC Editor
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**or email to:
seasonalreports@kirtlandbirdclub.org
Reporting forms are available on the KBC website
and at KBC meetings**