



# THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

Quarterly Newsletter of the Kirtland Bird Club, Cleveland, Ohio

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## Monthly Meetings

Guests are always welcome — Cleveland Museum of Natural History...Parking is free.  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month except July and August, 7:30 PM

### Wednesday September 7, 2016

## Conservation Land Trusts: The Future of Conservation

Presented by Lukas Padegimas



It was 1984 and America's natural lands were in a crises. A little more than a hundred years after the founding of America's first National Parks, Reagan era budget cuts had effectively prevented national parks from expanding and preserving additional lands. Meanwhile, suburban sprawl and development was destroying important biodiverse areas at an unprecedented rate.

In the place of publically-owned parks, a new savior of our nation's open spaces has appeared exponentially every decade since: conservation land trusts. These private, non-profit institutions either acquire land outright, or the right to develop that land, solely for the purpose of preserving that land from development. This talk will discuss the origins of the land trust movement in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, their importance throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the challenges surrounding land trusts in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The focus of these organizations is varied, but in a country where the ranges of almost 60% of all our endan-

gered species lie completely outside the boundaries of our publically owned parks, it is necessary to know of the mechanisms that aim to preserve our biodiversity for generations to come.

Of final note, the talk will also discuss the importance that we, as a community, ought to place in land trusts and to encourage the voting public to have conservation easements given to such land trusts over our park lands – most importantly to prevent the Judge Grendell's of the world from exploiting our public resources without any recourse. Thus, we will fulfill our duty as humans to preserve the habitats that our birds and other wildlife need to continue to survive into the future.

This talk will be followed by an interactive Fall Warbler/shorebird review for folks interested in sharpening their skills before going out into the field.

Lukas Padegimas is an avid traveler, birder, and photographer. He loves to write about his travels and has published his first book, "From Alpine Scenes to Jungle Dreams, the Spectacular Sites and People of Ecuador" in early 2016. His first adventure was a two month Fish and Wildlife Service expedition in the Alaskan Arctic at age 17. Lukas also served as the youngest president of Ohio's oldest ornithological organization, the Kirtland Bird Club. He actively seeks to protect Ohio's natural areas from unnecessary development. Lukas also leads birding field trips and gives presentations. He is currently in his third year of law school at Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

## Fall meetings

**Wednesday October 5, 2016**

### **2nd Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas**

**Presented by Matthew Shumar**



Twenty-five years after the publication of the state's first breeding bird atlas, *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio* brings our knowledge of the state's bird populations up to date and provides important new information. The Atlas documents the current distribution and changes in status for more than two hundred bird species in Ohio, including five new breeding species and five species not known to have bred in over fifty years.

More than nine hundred dedicated birdwatchers completed surveys of birds across the state from 2006 to 2011. In addition, trained staff collected new data on bird abundance using point-count surveys. These counts tabulated not only species but individual birds as well, enabling precise estimates of the actual statewide populations for many of the breeding species detected. In all, more than one million bird records were compiled by birders and professional researchers for the second Atlas, providing an unprecedented snapshot of the bird life of Ohio.

Matthew is a wildlife biologist specializing in ornithology and landscape ecology, with specific interests in assessing anthropogenic effects on wildlife. He was the Coordinator for the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II, and is currently the Program Coordinator for the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative. Prior to his work on the Atlas, Matthew collaborated on wildlife research throughout the eastern United States and Latin America.

**Wednesday November 2, 2016**

### **To the Edge of the Earth - Nome, Barrow, and Bering Sea Islands**

**Presented by Craig Caldwell**

Craig Caldwell, KBC member, made eight birding trips to Alaska and will be showing highlights from all of them.

Craig worked as a chemist in the environmental testing industry for 20 years and was then, for 10 years, a self-employed real estate investor and renovation contractor. He is now retired.

For many years Craig served in the leading positions of several environmental organizations. He was on the Board of Directors for the Miami Group of Sierra Club (SW Ohio). He also worked as a National Outings leader. Craig has been a member of National Audubon Society since 1970. He served on Ohio Audubon Council Board of Directors. He was a Treasurer then the President of the Oxford Audubon Society (now Audubon Miami Valley) and also chaired field trips and conservation committees at various times. He is a field trip leader in Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society.

Craig is a Director and field trip leader in Ohio Ornithological Society. He is Editor-in-Chief of *The Ohio Cardinal*. As a member of Kirtland Bird Club since 1999, he has served on various committees and currently leads field trips.



## President's Corner

### More fun with jays

By Dave Dvorak

On one of many trips to Florida I was leading friends to see Florida scrub lands to investigate this habitat. We started our investigation at Oscar Scherer State Nature Preserve near Florida's west coast. One of the birds I wanted everyone to see was the endangered Florida scrub jay. I had observed the birds here several times and I was confident we would see them again. But we came up empty. So I started talking about the habitat when out of the trees and shrubs arrived several scrub jays one landing on my head another my camera lens. Lucky for me I still had a full head of hair. The birds flew around and landed on another head, luckily with a hat on. Since the jays were so entertaining I threw them sunflower seeds I brought in case I needed to attract them. Once again the jays showed how to handle humans!



Photographs by Dave Dvorak

## Upcoming Field Trips

### Fall Warblers at Erie Street Cemetery

2254 E 9th St,  
Cleveland, OH  
44115

**Saturday  
September 24  
Trip Start: 9:30  
a.m.**



**Description:** We will search for warblers and early sparrows by walking through this migrant trap in the middle of Downtown Cleveland. Depending on what we see that day and other factors, we might continue to another place afterwards..

### Sharp-tailed Sparrows at Wake Robin Trail

Wake Robin Trail,  
Mentor Marsh

**Sunday October 9  
at 9:00 am**



**Description:** Now is the prime weekend to find Le Conte's Sparrows and Nelson's Sparrows at the Marsh as well as many other more common sparrows.

**Reference Address:** parking lot next to 8920 Woodridge Rd, Mentor, OH 44060

## Upcoming Field Trips (continuation)



### Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center Field Trip

Near Beaver Creek Reservation, Columbiana County

Tentatively on Saturday November 12, 2016

Trip Start: 1 p.m.

Trip Leader: Bob Lane

**Description:** Over 350 bird and mammal mounts are on display in natural settings. If you were to take an Ohio Division of Wildlife "Birds of Ohio" field checklist, you would be able to find bird mounts of 187 species on the list, including Passenger Pigeon. The newest addition to the Ohio birds collection is a breathtakingly beautiful male Harlequin Duck. First time visitors to The Center will be amazed to find full sized mounts of mammals in-

cluding musk oxen, mountain goat, grizzly bears, mountain lions, bighorn sheep, timber wolves, and caribou, just to name a few. We may search for local living birds afterwards.

**Directions:** 12798 Echo Dell Road, East Liverpool, Ohio, at the entrance to Beaver Creek State Park

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**Summer REPORTS  
Due By September 10**

**[www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org)**

or email to:

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Please send submissions to the New President **Dave Dvorak** or to [info@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:info@kirtlandbirdclub.org).

# Observations by KBC members

## Golden-crowned Sparrow on Granger Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio

Text and Photographs by Paula Lozano

May 3, 2016, was an amazing birding day in our small, urban backyard six houses from the railroad tracks. When I came downstairs about seven o'clock in the morning, I noticed a lot of bird activity, including Nashville Warblers, Brown Thrashers, White-throated and White-crowned Sparrows and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks. Even though I was still in my pajamas and flip flops, I filled the feeders, put more seed around the edges and made a decision to do a feeder watch from the yard, not the porch.



I positioned a white, plastic chair half way between the house and the back feeders and settled down with pen, paper, binoculars and my camera, too, in case something "good" appeared.

The first bird I photographed was a White-crowned Sparrow.

The second one was a Golden-crowned Sparrow! I immediately recognized it as I had seen it at Discovery Park in Seattle. I was super excited because I knew what an unusual bird it was to find in NE Ohio! It was 7:22 am, and I had no idea how long the sparrow would stay. Before getting dressed and contacting other birders, I took a few more for-the-record photographs. My next step was to wake up my sister. I said, "Get up, Jan. We've got a rare bird in the backyard!"



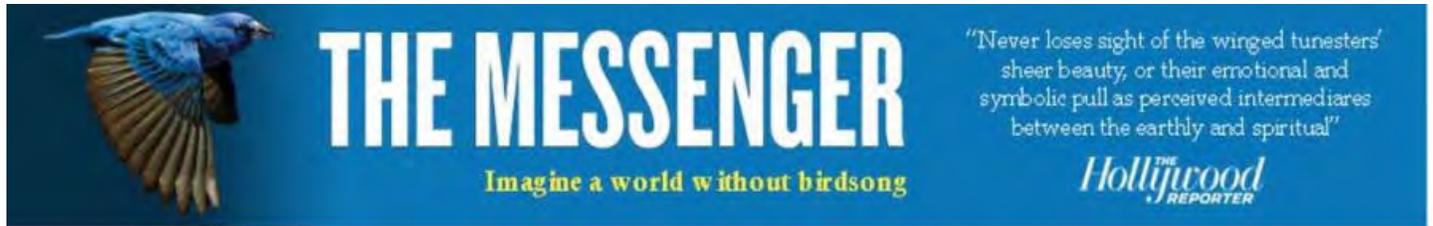
As soon as the sighting was posted on Ohio-Birds and the Ohio Rare Bird Alert, birders started arriving. To my great relief and delight, the Golden-crowned stayed all day. Forty-five people from near and far saw it, and it was a life bird for many of them. The Granger Avenue Golden-crowned Sparrow was a one-day wonder, but what a day!



Here's the link to my eBird report: <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S29389452>

Special thanks to Jan Ranahan, my sister, for baking oatmeal raisin cookies, the manager where I work for accepting my unusual reason for requesting an unscheduled day off - a rare bird in our backyard, and Jen Brumfield for confirming my sighting and assisting with spreading the word of its presence.

# Kirtland Bird Club



**6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Enviro-Fair**

**7 p.m. Film Screening**

**The Cleveland Museum of Natural History**

**Free with paid Museum admission**

The Kirtland Bird Club is partnering with The Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Great Lakes Brewing Company to bring to you an *Enviro-Fair* at the screening of the documentary film titled, *The Messenger*, <http://messengerfilm.com>. This powerful documentary reveals several problems facing migratory songbirds around the world. Educators and curators at the Museum believe this film can have a tremendous impact on conservation minded people and citizens to step up and take action.

**KBC is the best birding club in NE Ohio.  
Become a member now.**

**It's time to renew or join KBC. See membership form on next page.**



# Kirtland Bird Club

Club named in honor of Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland, Ohio Naturalist.  
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## Membership Renewal Notice

August 23, 2016

Dear KBC Member,

Now is the time to renew your membership to Kirtland Bird Club for the 2016/2017 membership year. This year we have a number of exciting speakers lined up as well as local field trips up through January. For the most up to date information, please look at the Fall issue of Kirtland Warbler Newsletter or our website at [www.kirtlandbirdclub.org](http://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org).

The KBC membership year begins in September so please complete the form below and, with your check made out to Kirtland Bird Club, bring it to the September 2 meeting OR mail it to Mary Anne at the address found below. Alternatively, renew with a credit card at our secure online PayPal page <http://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/become-a-member.html>

Along with your membership fee please consider a tax-deductible donation to publish the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*, to increase the KBC Scholarship Fund or the general fund. Thank you for your generosity. It means a great deal.

And, meantime, enjoy the cooler morning or evening hours for some early migration birding.

Sincerely,  
Your Kirtland Bird Club

### KBC Membership Renewal 2016—2017

Print name/names as appropriate for roster: \_\_\_\_\_

For student membership print school name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd e-mail for couple members: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** By giving your email address you agree to receive notices of two online newsletters, meeting and field trip changes and reminders.

KBC respects your privacy and does not share member information with any other person or organization.

**Single \$20**

**Student \$10** (Under age 24)

**Couple/Family \$30**

I also include a tax-deductible contribution to KBC in support of:

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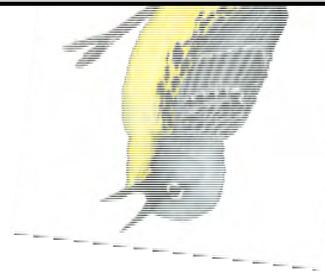
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