Kirtland Bird Club of NE Ohio Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2025

1. The meeting was started by President Sean McCleery at 7:04 PM in the Shaker Lakes Nature Center. 27 people were present and there were 5 screens on Zoom
2. Prior to the meeting there was a bird walk on the boardwalk starting a 6 PM. There were 17 species observed, including a Bald Eagle and a Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker.
3. Field Trip Recaps
    a. Chagrin River Bird Quest. There were 8 birders and 67 species seen, including Pileated woodpecker and a fly-over rail.
    b. Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve: 24 birders present with 47 species seen, including Horned Grebe and Red Headed Duck.
    c. Metzger Marsh, Howard Marsh and Ottawa NWR with Gautam Apte where 40 species were observed, including Wilson's Snipe and American White Pelicans.
4. Announcements
    a. Laura Gooch is staring volunteer bird counts at Horseshoe Lake, to see how this changes over time now that the lake is drained, and there are plans for additional park space. Commitment is at least 1/month for 1.5-2 hours/shift. Contact Laura if interested at lgooch@alum.mit.edu
5. Upcoming Events
    a. Meetings
        i. Wednesday, November 5 at the Nature Cener at Shaker Lakes at 7 PM. The speaker will be Linda Rainsong talking about "Birds and Insects are Listening"

ii. Wednesday December will be the annual Holiday Dinner at the Nature Cener at Shaker Lakes at 7 PM. Gary Gerrone will be the speaker.

b. Field Trips
    i. October 11, Saturday, at 9 AM Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve
    ii. November 15, Saturday, at 9 AM Rocky River Park and Westside Lakefront

c. Other
    i. Sunday, October 12, from dawn to sunset, Julie West will be doing a Big Sit at the Nature Center Shake Lakes Boardwalk.
    ii. Saturday, November 8, the Ohio Young Birders Conference will be at the Toledo Zoo.
    iii. Saturday, November 22, the Ohio Avian Research Conference will be at the Grange Insurance Audubon Cener in Columbus.

6. Speaker Dave Tomashefski, from Meadow City Native Plant Nursery, will talk about “Pollinator Town.” Where do bees, moths, beetles, and others go to find shelter, and how can we modify our gardens to give these insects a home? Dave grew up birdwatching in Lakewood, and his gift is finding the perfect plant for everyone. Prior to co-founding Meadow City, Dave worked at the Soil, Water and Environmental Lab at Ohio State, where he also earned his master's degree in the Ecological Restoration specialization area.
7. The program ended at 8:30 PM