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KBC President's Letter

By Patricia Kellner

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We live in interesting times. Many of us count on birds to bring us joy, but they are at high risk due to climate change, the environmental degradation of land, air, and water, and the decline in biodiversity. Many see our current political environment as putting birds – and humans – at risk. Political action in the form of phone calls to people in positions of power, protests, emails, and petitions all carry weight. Activating your friends, family, and colleagues on these issues helps too. Only through our actions, including voting, can we hope for change. To do nothing is to give in. We can all come together in these difficult times to support birds, the environment, and each other in our birding community. Birds are not partisan and we don't have to be partisan when we stand for science, environmental and wildlife protections, and climate action.

Even though this has been a long winter, it's been productive for people venturing out to see birds. You can read about our February field trips to Rocky River Reservation and the Backroads of Geauga County. Newer birders were able to see quite a few life birds, and at least one birder got introduced to "Lifer Pie", the tradition of celebrating the sighting of a life bird with pie – in this case an Amish fry pie at the Market Express in Parkman. The "January 100" challenge was taken up by several KBC members, with some reaching the 100 mark for species seen in January. Braving snow, sleet, ice, and flat tires their diligence and patience were rewarded!

March will bring us a talk about bird conservation priorities and activities in Ohio, and April will feature a talk on how to scientifically maximize your opportunities to see the birds of our region. A March trip to Sandy Ridge Reservation in Lorain County will allow us to enjoy the spring migration of waterfowl, wading birds, and early-arriving songbirds. An April trip to Frohring Meadow in Chagrin Falls should produce more migrating songbirds. This year, we'll have at least two May field trips: the first to the lakefront at Euclid Creek Reservation's Wildwood and Villa Angela units and the second, also along the lakefront, at the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area in northwest Ohio during the Biggest Week in American Birding festival. We will be hosting three other

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events in April and May with three other local organizations: Friends of Euclid Creek, Trust for Public Land and Journey On Yonder. We hope to attract new and newer birders to our Euclid Creek Reservation field trip on the morning of Saturday, May 3rd. We hope more experienced birders will join us on the walk as well – the birds are great and the new and newer birders will appreciate your help! In order to help new birders prepare, we've scheduled an Introduction to Birding program with Matt Valencic Saturday, April 26th, a week before that walk. Friends of Euclid Creek will host a kids' event during the Introduction to Birding program so parents and grandparents can attend the talk. Details and registration links for all programs are in this newsletter and on our website.

Many other opportunities to enjoy birds this spring are in this newsletter, and more are on the Northeast Ohio Regional Bird Calendar which can be found on our website. The Shreve Festival on Saturday, March 8th, 90 minutes south of Cleveland, will give people who attend an excellent opportunity to view birds migrating in early spring. A highlight of spring every year are the series of Spring Bird Walks, organized by Nancy Howell of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society. These walks take place on three Sunday mornings in April and three Sunday mornings in May all over northeast Ohio, and these are great for beginners.

Last but not least, two important votes for members are coming up at our March and May meetings. At our March meeting, members will vote on spending club funds to support two bird science researchers' projects through our KBC's Ohio Avian Project Initiative (OAPI). Come to the meeting to hear about the projects and vote on them. On May 7th at 7:30 PM on Zoom, members will vote on club officers and bylaw changes. Each vote requires votes from at least twenty members present at the meetings, so we encourage member to attend. If you're not already a member, join the club and vote! And if you're available to volunteer for the club's work, we have tasks of all sizes and types for you!

I encourage everyone to enjoy the wonders of spring and to stand up for what's at stake so those who come after us can continue to enjoy birds for years to come!

Patty Kellner

Quiz: Find the bird in this photo and identify it!

Hint: This bird visits our area in the spring. in this photo!

Answer: to be revealed at our March 5th KBC meeting!

Monthly Meetings

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM - on Zoom

Ohio's All-Bird Conservation Plan

Speaker: Matthew Shumar
Program Coordinator, Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative

Click **HERE** to register

Over the last 25 years, conservation plans have been developed for water birds, waterfowl, shorebirds, and land birds at national and regional scales. These plans have been crucial roadmaps for researchers and state and federal wildlife agencies to develop conservation strategies and new research questions to try to address declines in avian populations. In 2010, the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative (OBCI) produced the state's first All-bird Conservation Plan, which helped inform updates to the State Wildlife Action Plan and develop programming such as Ohio Lights Out for OBCI. In 2023, an updated version of the plan was published, which greatly expanded the focus to include more emphasis on the full annual cycle of birds. Led by Kelly Williams from Ohio University, the team that produced the plan included 16 researchers and biologists from 12 different institutions within the OBCI network. Matthew Shumar, OBCI Program Coordinator, will discuss the process of developing this much-needed plan for Ohio, and the plan for implementing recommendations.

Matthew Shumar is based in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at Ohio State University where he is Program Coordinator of the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative, a collaboration of non-profit groups, businesses, state and federal government agencies advancing avian conservation in Ohio and the region. He was the Project Coordinator and co-editor for *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio* and is Co-Director for the upcoming Ohio Bird Atlas 3. Matthew's research interests include landscape ecology, and in particular, anthropogenic effects on Neotropical migrant songbirds. He is also interested in engaging the public into community science efforts and exploring new opportunities for collaborative efforts between academia, agency professionals, and amateur ecologists. Matthew also runs a private research station with a year-round bird banding program in southeastern Ohio with his wife, Molly, and is currently serving as President of the Association of Field Ornithologists, an international professional society dedicated to the study of birds and their habitats.

APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM - LIVE!

Birding during migration:
Making decisions based on science and technology

Speaker: Sean Williams, PhD

Location: South Euclid Public Library
1876 S Green Rd, South Euclid

Click **HERE** to register

It's May, and your goal is simple: to see as many migratory birds as possible. There's a seemingly unlimited selection of hotspots, yet you can only choose one hotspot per morning. In order to maximize encounters with migrants, it's critical to understand the physical and biological forces that lead to the spatial and temporal distribution of migrants. In this talk, we will explore the patterns and underlying mechanisms of migratory birds to help you make important decisions for birding during the spring and fall migration seasons.

Sean Williams is a lecturer at Cuyahoga Community College. He grew up in South Boston, Massachusetts, where his childhood passion for observing birds led to a PhD from Michigan State University on antbird flocking behavior in Peru. At Tri-C, he teaches introductory biology for majors and non-majors, as well as ornithology. His research interests are mechanisms of migration, sources of individual variation, and patterns of vagrancy. In the field, Sean enjoys searching for poorly known phenomena, taxa, and aberrant individuals.

Monthly Meetings (continued)

APRIL & MAY MEETINGS

Saturday, April 26, 2024, 3-5 PM

New Birder Orientation

Location: Memorial-Nottingham Library
17109 Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland
Speaker: Matt Valencic

Click **HERE** to register

Matt will go over all the basics needed to begin identifying birds: what to look and listen for, how apps like Merlin can help, and photos of birds we're likely to see on our May 3rd walk. No reservation needed.

Do you have kids? Friends of Euclid Creek will host a nature activity for children under 12 at the library during Matt's talk! Details and registration information will appear on our website soon!

KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB
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Kirtland Bird Club's Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 7:30 PM on Zoom

Please register **HERE** to attend so we can ensure a quorum to vote on officers and proposed bylaw changes. All are welcome at the meeting, but only KBC members may vote.

If you want to run for President, Secretary, or Treasurer of the Kirtland Bird Club of Northeast Ohio, please get in touch with our nominating committee at info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

Other KBC Board members are appointed by the leadership. Some available positions include Field Trip Coordinator, Membership, Newsletter, Publicity, and Website. If you are interested in one, please get in touch with the KBC Board at info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

Field Trips

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9:00 AM

Sandy Ridge Reservation

Location: 6195 Otten Road
North Ridgeville, OH
Click **HERE** for Google map
Meeting place: Johnson Wetland Center
Leader: Fred Dinkelbach
Click **HERE** to register

We will walk the 2-mile trail through the woodlot and around the marsh impoundments, looking for migrating waterfowl, early spring songbird migrants, and year round residents of the marsh. Trail is flat and smooth except for the steps at the marsh lookout.

From Birding Hotspots:
Detailed Birding Info about Sandy Ridge, with directions & map
From ebird:
Recent sightings at Sandy Ridge
Bar Chart for Sandy Ridge - can take up to 30 seconds or so to load

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Saturday, April 19, 2025, 8:00 AM

Frohring Meadows

Location: 16780 Savage Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH
Click **HERE** for Google map.
Meeting place: End of the driveway
in the second parking area by Katydid Lodge

Leaders: Michelle Brosius, Bob Opper, and Andrew Steinmann

Click **HERE** to register

Tree Swallow. Photo by Michelle Brosius

Frohring Meadows is a 298-acre park that offers trails through prairie, wet sedge meadow, and woodland habitats. Michelle and Bob have been leading bird walks here in April for the last two years, and Andrew Steinmann is joining them this time. Last year, our group saw Killdeer, Wilson's Snipe, Greater Yellowlegs, Northern Harrier, Tree Swallow, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Meadowlark, and heard a Sora making its whinny call. Please join us to see what this location has to offer this year!

Saturday, May 3, 2025, 9:00-11:00 AM
(Rain day is Sunday May 4.)

Urban Birding at Euclid Creek Reservation's Wildwood & Villa Angela

Meeting place: Parking lot at **Wildwood Marina.**
16975 Wildwood Ln, Cleveland, OH

Leaders: Kirtland Bird Club Club Members

Click **HERE** to register.

This event is a joint effort of the Kirtland Bird Club and the Friends of Euclid Creek with new birders in mind. We will look for spring migrants in various habitats, and many of them should be relatively easy to see. We will scan the marina area and then look on the beach for gulls, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Crossing the bridge to Villa Angela, we will check the tangles and open woods. After we return to the parking area, we will check the creek and the grassy areas on either side of the creek. Shrubby tangles, native trees, and wetlands are the other habitats we will explore.

We expect to see swallows, wading birds, kingfishers, early warblers, and other passerines. There should be lots to see!

Black-crowned Night Heron. Photo by Anna Kozlenko

Binoculars are not necessary, but bring them if you have them. We will have a limited number of binoculars to loan. Please bring a driver's license or ID which we will hold while you have the binoculars.

From ebird:

Sightings from Wildwood

Bar chart for Wildwood

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 8:30 AM

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

Location: 13229 State Route 2
Oak Harbor, OH 43449
Click **HERE** for Google map.

Meeting place: West End of the Magee Marsh Boardwalk

Leaders: Patty Kellner & Paula Lozano
Click **HERE** to register.

Blackburnian Warbler by Jim Heflich

Magee Marsh is 2000 acres of wetlands on Lake Erie, and one of the top ten bird-watching sites in the country. Several trails are open for birding, with the Magee Marsh Bird Trail or Boardwalk the most popular. There are also pull-off areas for viewing along the road. Visitors can stop by the Bird Center to pick up a checklist or map and find out what birds have been recently sighted.

Magee Marsh Boardwalk – 1.2 miles
You may use the eBird hotspot to report birds you see on the Boardwalk or along the wood edge on the south side of the parking lot .

From Birding Hotspots:
https://birdinghotspots.org/group/G369756919
Bar Charts: March-May, 2014-2024
https://ebird.org/barchart?byr=2014&eyr=2024&bmo=3&emo=5&r=US-OH-095

Prothonotary Warbler by Anna Kozlenko

Cape May Warbler by Anna Kozlenko

Migration Sensation 2025 – Shreve, Ohio

March 8, 2025 | Clinton Township Building, 135 E. McConkey St., Shreve, OH 44676

MIGRATION SENSATION
www.shreveohio.com

Visit Shreve for a day of birding, nature exploration, and family-friendly activities in the heart of Ohio's prime bird migration corridor!

Registration, Map Pick-up, Breakfast, Speakers and Vendors
Clinton Township Garage
225 E. McConkey St., Shreve, Ohio
Breakfast 7:30 - 10:30, Clinton Twp Garage

Spotting Locations: Experienced birders will be set up with scopes to help locate and identify birds.

Maps with GPS coordinates are available at registration.

Event Schedule

* **7:00 AM – Doors Open & Registration** (Clinton Township Building)
* **7:30 - 10:30 AM – Breakfast** (Clinton Township Building)
* **7:30 - 4:00 PM – Passport Activity for Kids** – Collect at least five stamps and earn a plush owl! (Ages 2 - 18). Get more information at Registration where Passport Pick and plush owls will be located.
* **8:00 - 12:00 PM – Spotting Stations** – Expert birders at designated locations. Maps available at the Clinton Township Building.
* **9:00 - 12:00 PM – Browns' Bog Tours**
***10:00-1:00 – Marsh Animals with Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown** at the Clinton Twp. Building. See real duck wings, mammal pelts, and more! Lots of cool stuff to see!
* **10:00 - 12:00 PM – Dip Netting @ Willow Road** – Explore aquatic life up close.
* **10:00 - 2:30 PM – Kids' Nature Activities at Shreve Library** – Games, crafts, and fun!
* **11:00 - 2:00 PM – Watercolor Notecard Workshop with Verna Horvath** (Shreve Library) – Sessions start every half hour. Limited to 8 participants per session. Register at the library or call 330-567-2219.
* **1:00 - 4:00 PM – Speaker Series** (Clinton Township Building)

1:00 PM – Native Plants for Birds & Insects – Matt Valencic (Greater Cleveland Audubon Society)
2:00 PM – Going for the Gold: Three Decades of Prothonotary Warbler Husbandry – Dan Best
3:00 PM – Adventures in Birding the Local Area – Dennis Kline

For more information click **HERE**

February 8, 2025, Field Trip Report

KBC & WCAS Field Trip - Rocky River Reservation

By Michelle Brosius
Photos: Michelle Brosius

Our usual trails during the Second Saturday Bird Walk were covered in ice on February 8, 2025; therefore, we chose to walk a slightly different route on the well-maintained All Purpose trail. Birding was very slow at first, and a photographer in the group had even resorted to taking photos of decay on a fallen tree (I'm looking forward to seeing those shots, though!). However, our luck turned when we reached the Cedar Point Road Bridge that crossed the Rocky River. Here, we had a Bald Eagle sighting, a mature individual sitting in a tree, a Brown Creeper and a couple of Tufted Titmice. My shots here did not turn out as these birds were all at a distance, but it was so nice to see something finally!

We crossed the field at the Little Cedar Point Picnic Area and found that the trails from this side of the nature center offered some respite from the ice. It was still primarily icy in the center, but the edges were melted, and you could walk that part more safely. I also wore my Yaktrax, so I had an easier time with the icy conditions. Therefore, we dipped into the Wildlife Management Loop Trail and found a robust foraging flock! Fifteen White-throated Sparrows (wow!), five Northern Cardinals, as well as Song Sparrows, Tufted Titmice, Black-capped Chickadees, a Red-bellied Woodpecker, and a White-breasted Nuthatch. At this spot, we also saw another Bald Eagle soaring overhead; this time, it was a juvenile.

On the return journey, we spotted a third mature Bald Eagle, differing from the previous mature Bald Eagle, calling to each other. (It's the time of year for breeding for this species.) There were three individual eagles seen on the walk.
We then checked out the feeders around the nature center and counted eight American Tree Sparrows, a Downy Woodpecker, two Dark-eyed Junco, and seven House Finch.

February 22, 2025, Field Trip Report

Backroads of Geauga County Field Trip

Leaders: Matt Valencic & Kelly Stanek
Photos: Matt Valencic

Saturday, February 22, 2025, was a beautiful, sunny day for Matt Valencic and Kelly Stanek's annual KBC/ASGC caravan trip around eastern Geauga County to look for winter birds. The temperature started around 15 and rose to 30 degrees by noon, with plenty of snow on the ground to showcase the birds.

We met at the LaDue Reservoir boathouse to get organized and enjoyed great looks at a perched Cooper's Hawk. Next was a slow drive down Hoover Road, looking for the Merlin that had been there all winter but not today. On Payne Road near Soltis Farms, a flock of about 200 Snow Buntings and an American Kestrel entertained us for almost an hour. Then, we had an early lunch at the Market Express in Parkman, enjoying the pizza, pepperoni rolls, Amish fry pies, and warm coffee. At Patch Road, we saw our first Rough-legged Hawk, 3 American Kestrels, a Northern Mockingbird, and several White-crowned Sparrows. A surprise flyover by a Killdeer was a real bonus for those who saw it. On Bridge Road near Swine Creek Reservation, fresh manure was near the road, attracting snow buntings, horned larks, and two Lapland Longspurs. After stopping at Swine Creek Lodge to look at the feeders and use the restrooms, we made the 4-mile journey north on Hayes Road. The first 2 1/2 miles were uneventful, but when we got to Fox Run School, about 150 snow buntings kept us busy as we searched the fresh manure spread and found a single Lapland Longspur. Finally, the resident Rough-legged Hawk took flight and showed off its hovering and soaring skills.

Many participants saw 'lifers' - birds sighted and identified for the first time. KBC Board members Al Cadesky and Sean McCleery added one and four birds to their life lists, respectively. Doug Powell, a KBC member, also increased his life list with four new species. Finally, first-time guests Sandy Wilson and Isabella Wang each added a notable six species to their life lists!

2024 Christmas Bird Count

Report by Laura Gooch, compiler

Effort

Seventeen party leaders organized 79 field observers for the day, with 3 additional participants counting at feeders. Field observers covered 81 miles in 81 party hours, thoroughly surveying the likely habitat within our 15-mile diameter count circle on the east side of Cleveland. The number of observers was consistent with the high participation of the past several years. The party hours were a bit lower than in recent years, probably due to the weather, but were in line with effort since 2000

Count Totals

Together, we observed 75 species and counted 12,507 individual birds in our circle, which includes the Lake Erie shore from Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve east to Eastlake and features popular inland birding areas such as Lake View Cemetery, North Chagrin Reservation, Shaker Lakes, area around Cuyahoga County Airport, Dusty Goldenrod Nature Preserve and Oakwood Green Park. The number of species was just above the average of 74, and the number of individual birds was below the average of 30,396.

A Circle First and an Unusual Sighting

Buster Banish's party at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve counted the first **Turkey Vulture** ever recorded on our circle's CBC. Craig Caldwell and Tim Colborn heard at least two **Sandhill Cranes** calling from the east in the inland part of Eastlake. This was only the second time that Sandhill Cranes have been observed.

Species High Counts

We tallied record-high counts for an impressive 6 species this year! The most exciting of these was the observation of a total of 569 Tundra Swans, with flocks seen and heard along the eastern edge of the circle and lakeshore by multiple parties. (Note 3) This eclipsed the previous high count of 124 observed in 1999.

Species Low Counts

No species was recorded in record low numbers this year, but there were some notably low counts. Rock Pigeons were recorded in the second lowest numbers since 1973 . Only one Cooper's Hawk was recorded, which was the lowest count since the early 1980s, with between 4 and 18 recorded in other years during that period. Similarly, only one Northern Mockingbird was observed, while between 4 and 12 have been recorded every year since the late 1990s except one. American Crow numbers remain low in our area, never having recovered after the West Nile virus outbreak in 2002.

THANKS!!

Last, but far from least, thanks to all who participated! Thanks especially to the hard working party leaders, who stepped up promptly when I asked, organized all the individual parties, quickly sent me their data, and patiently answered all my questions.

To see more details and a table of bird species and their quantities click HERE.

Spring Bird Walk Series 2025

The *Series of Spring Bird Walks* is one of the oldest community science partnerships between Northeast Ohio park systems, Audubon chapters, and other organizations now in its 92nd year. It is also a celebration of migratory birds. Walks are led by experienced birders and will be held on Sundays, April 13, 20, and 27, and May 4, 11, and 18 at 7:30 AM unless otherwise noted. The following locations are participating in the Series:

Aurora Sanctuary - Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland Sanctuary, parking lot east of Page Rd. on E. Pioneer Trail, east of routes 306 and 43, Aurora. 216-337-2202. Terrain: 2.5 miles, packed soil with some hills and MUD! Boots highly suggested.

Bedford Reservation - Hemlock Creek Picnic Area, off Button Rd., Bedford. 330-715-6300 Terrain: natural surface, may be muddy and uneven footing. 2 miles with an additional (optional) 3 mile spur.

Big Creek Reservation - Lake Isaac, southern terminus of the Lake-to-Lake Trail, Cleveland Metroparks Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Heights. Contact: info@wcaudubon.org Terrain: natural surface, some off trail, short boardwalks, footing can be rough, muddy, and slippery. 2 miles.

Brecksville Reservation - Parking area at Station Rd. Bridge Trailhead, off Riverview Rd. south of Route 82, Brecksville. 330-467-3664. Terrain: varies, 3 or more routes.

Gates Mills - Various locations. Takes place rain or shine, footwear and clothing for the weather. Children with adults are welcome. Call 216-316-1621 for details or questions.

April 13 - Hach-Otis State Nature Preserve - the End of Skyline Drive (Off of River Rd.), Willoughby Hills, OH and continue at Hach-Otis John & Carol Lillich Meadows, 2685 Dodd Road, Willoughby Hills, OH
April 20 - Orchard Hills Park -11340 Caves Road, Chester Township, (north of Mulberry)
April 27 - Frohring Meadows - 16780 Savage Road, Bainbridge Township
May 4 - Squire Valleevue Farm - CWRU, 37125 Fairmount Blvd., Hunting Valley, OH
May 11 - White North Property - 3160 Chagrin River Road (Corner of River Road and Shaker Blvd.) Park next to garages on right side of property
May 18 - Squire Valleevue Farm CWRU, 37125 Fairmount Blvd., Hunting Valley, OH

Geauga Park District - Various locations in Geauga County, see list below. Contact info@geaugaparkdistrict.org or 440-286-9516 for details.

***April 13* - Burton Wetlands –** 15681 Old Rider Rd, Burton OH
April 20 - Frohring Meadows – 16780 Savage Rd, Chagrin Falls OH
April 27 - The Rookery – 10110 Cedar Rd, Chesterland OH
May 4 - Eldon Russell Park – 16315 Rapids Rd, Troy Township, OH
May 11 - Big Creek Park – 9160 Robinson Rd, Chardon, OH
May 18 - Swine Creek Reservation – 16004 Hayes Rd, Middlefield OH

Hinckley Reservation - Bridge at the south end of Hinckley Lake, on State Rd., Hinckley. Terrain: varies, 3 routes. Contact: info@wcaudubon.org

Hiram - James H. Barrow Field Station (Hiram College), 11305 Wheeler Road, Hiram *use the south driveway not the employee/delivery driveway please.* 330-569-5787. Terrain: natural surface, may be muddy. 2.5 miles.

Audubon Spring Bird Walks Continue on next page

Spring Bird Walk Series 2025—continued

Holden Arboretum - Corning Visitor Center, 9500 Sperry Road, Kirtland. Registration is required https://holdenfg.org/upcoming-classes/ The bird walks are free for members. For nonmembers the Arboretum admission is $20. 440-946-4400. Terrain: Combination of paved and unpaved pathways. Often muddy in portions. 4 miles

Lake Metroparks - Lake Erie Bluffs, 3301 Lane Rd., Perry Township. Meeting time is 8:00 AM. For information contact 440-256-1404, ext. 2118. Terrain: 2 miles.

Lorain County Metro Parks

Vermilion River Reservation - Bacon Woods https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L274600
Note: Walks begin at 8:30 AM! Drive to the back of the park to meet at the trailhead at the far northern lot. Walk includes the beginning sections of the parking lot and the red and blue trails. Terrain: crushed gravel, short boardwalks, and sometimes mud on the grass trail. Approx 2 miles. Contact: 440-787-7736

Mentor Marsh - parking at Shipman Pond parking lot, 9600 Headlands Rd., Mentor. 440-257-0777. Terrain: Approx. 3 miles.

North Chagrin Reservation – North Chagrin Nature Center parking lot, 401 Buttermilk Falls Parkway, Mayfield Village. 440-473-3370. Terrain: 2.5 miles.

Novak Sanctuary - Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland Sanctuary, parking lot north of Rt. 82 on Aurora Town Line Rd., Aurora. 330-388-9279. Terrain: 1.5 miles, with potential for wet and muddy areas. Please wear/have mudproof footwear.

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation - CanalWay Center, 4524 E. 49th Street, Cuyahoga Hts. 216-206-1000. Terrain: 2.3 milesprimarily on all purpose trail.

Rocky River Reservation - Rocky River Nature Center parking lot, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted. Contact: info@wcaudubon.org. Easy to moderate terrain; some paved, crushed gravel, boardwalks, and potential mud: Approximately 2 miles.

Shaker Lakes - The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes parking lot, 2600 South Park Blvd., Shaker Heights. 216-321-5935 Tuesday - Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM) . Terrain: Mix of all purpose trail, asphalt and dirt, 2 miles. **Registration is appreciated but not required www.shakerlakes.org - Events/Programs, Programs, Birding Programs**

Don’t miss the migration!

Co-sponsored by Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, Blackbrook Audubon Society, Black River Audubon Society, Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Gates Mills Birders, Geauga Park District, Hiram College, Holden Arboretum, Lake Metroparks, Lorain County Metro Parks, Medina County Park District, Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, and Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society

JOIN KBC OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

I would like to support the activities of Kirtland Bird Club with my membership:

$ _____ Single membership ($20)
$ _____ Household membership ($30)
$ _____ Student membership ($10)

I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution to support:

$ _____ The speaker program - sponsor a speaker ($100)
$ _____ Loaner Binocular Fund – we accept cash and gently used binoculars
$ _____ KBC Scholarship Fund – to help young birders attend young birder camps
$ _____ Cleveland Bird Calendar
$ _____ Ohio Avian Scholarship Initiative – supporting bird research (up to $1000 per grant)
$ _____ Unrestricted Donation

$_____ Total

In addition:

- Please consider using your employer's matching gift program to donate to KBC.
- Please consider including Kirtland Bird Club in your estate plans.

Our membership year is September 1st to August 31st of the following year. People joining as new members after March 1st will receive membership benefits through August 31st of the following year.

☐ Check here if you would like to help us with any of our programs or activities – we'll be in touch!

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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For household membership:
Additional name(s): _____
Additional mobile phone(s): _____
Additional email(s): _____

Mail check to:
KBC Membership
c/o Mary Anne Romito
4310 Bush Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44109

To pay via PayPal credit card:
https://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/become-a-member.html

Thank you, once again, for your support of the Kirtland Bird Club!

Yellow-throated Warbler Photo credit: Jim Heflich

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