



Kirtland Bird Club

Extended Field (Van) Trips - March - Dec., 2011

Killdeer Plains, Ohio - Saturday, March 5, 2011 (day trip)

We will criss-cross the Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area & Upland Reservoir in search of wintering hawks, owls & waterfowl. Target species include: Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting, Horned Larks, N. Saw-whet, Long-eared & Short-eared Owls, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Rough-legged and Red-tailed Hawks, Northern Shrike, Pheasant, Bob-White and, if there is open water, swans, ducks & grebes.

We will depart at 6:30 a.m. and return in the evening. Participants will share mileage costs, estimated to be under \$20/pp. Deposit of \$10 with registration. Reserve your spot before Feb. 19.

Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, IL -TRIP FULL Friday April 1, - May 3, 2011 (3 day, 2 night trip)

Travel to Illinois in search of Greater Prairie Chickens and more. We have a blind reserved (Note we will have a very early start to the morning on Sunday. We must be at the park 1 hr, & 15 min. before sunrise. Target species include: displaying Greater Prairie Chickens, Smith's Longspurs, Lesser Golden Plovers, Pectoral Sandpipers, "winnowing" Wilson's Snipe, Northern Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Loggerhead Shrike, Ring-necked Pheasants, American Pipit and Smith's Longspur.

We will depart Friday at 8:00 a.m. and return late Sunday evening (probably around 10). Motel reservations will be arranged. Participants will pay individually for motels & meals. Participants will share travel costs (van rental, gas & tolls). Total costs (travel & lodging) estimated between \$200 - \$325. Deposit of \$25 is required with each registration. Limit of 8 participants. This trip is full, but you may add your name to a wait list for possible cancellations.

In Search of Barn Owls - Tentative date June 18, 2011 (Day trip)

Barn Owls have become fairly rare in Ohio. Our tentative plans are to meet with owl bander, Tom Henry, to view his banding the chicks of an active nest. We will also visit birding sites in the surrounding countryside (perhaps the Killbuck Marsh area).

Tentatively we will depart at 6:30 a.m. and return in the evening. Participants will share mileage costs, estimated to be under \$20/pp. Deposit of \$10 with registration. Reserve a tentative spot now.

Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011 - Glacier Ridge, Hoover Reservoir & Pickerington Ponds (Day trip)

Join us in exploring this Columbus area where wetlands are a magnet for migrating waterfowl and shore birds.

At Glacier Ridge Metro Park we will pass by fields of beautiful aster, goldenrod and purple coneflower while we head for the Honda Wetlands Education Area. Last year we saw both Sora & Virginia Rails here. Our trip will be earlier this year, so we hope to also see the Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks, and Grasshopper Sparrow which nest there.

We will stop at Hoover Reservoir before lunch and explore a couple of the many great sites there for viewing waterfowl and shorebirds.

Then we will head over to Pickerington Ponds Metro Park. "Pick Ponds" 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. (Trip leaders Eileen Zimlich and Craig Caldwell)

We will depart at 6:00 a.m. and return in the evening. Participants will share mileage costs, estimated to be under \$20/pp. Deposit of \$10 with registration. Reserve your spot before July 30.

Friday, Oct. 21 - Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011 - Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Kempton, PA.

(3 day, 2 night trip. Trip leader Craig Caldwell.) Join KBC's second visit to 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 if the winds are cooperative. 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. A deposit of \$25 is required with each reservation. Limit of 8 participants. Reserve your spot before Sept. 16th.

Niagara Falls - Friday, Nov. 18 - Sunday, Nov. 20, 2010 (3 day, 2 night trip)

We adjusted the dates back to the after-Thanksgiving Day weekend in order to be able to meet up with one of the Ontario birding groups.

Explore the Niagara river and Niagara-on-the-Lake for winter migrants. The Niagara River has the largest and most diverse concentration of gulls in the world. It also hosts large numbers of wintering waterfowl. Target species: gulls, waterfowl. Passport needed. Reserve your spot before Oct. 15.