Wednesday, September 1, 2021
7:00 PM on Zoom

Let's Talk - Birdwatching with the Kirtland Bird Club in Northeast Ohio

Join us as we share short stories and photos - and talk about ways to support birds, people, and the Northeast Ohio area we live in. Club members will share highlights of birding adventures in NE Ohio and talk about Kirtland Bird Club programs - we'll talk about our speaker meetings, field trips, introductory birding classes, and share LOTS of great photos.

We've invited some organizations we might partner with to tell us about themselves and their organizations!! What do you think of us? How would you like to engage with birding and/or our club??
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
7:00 PM on Zoom

Plants for Birds and Pollinators

Presented by Matt Valencic,

Why do birds and pollinators need our help? How do native plants figure into the lives of birds and insects?

Matt will share with us many of the native plants, woody and herbaceous, that we can use in our landscapes in Northeast Ohio - and show us some of the birds these plants attract.

At the end of this presentation, you will want to get out and plant something new in your yard or on your property!

Matt Valencic is a long time birder, educator and bird photographer in Geauga County and Greater Cleveland. He is a member of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021
7:00 PM on Zoom
Speaker: TBD - Announcement pending.

The Kirtland Warbler, the newsletter of the Kirtland Bird Club (KBC), Cleveland Ohio, is published quarterly. It contains KBC meetings 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. Your contributions of articles, event information, photos, and drawings are welcome. Please send submissions to the Editor, Anna Kozlenko, at annajulnes@yahoo.com
Upcoming Field Trips

Registration is required for each field trip. Group size is limited to 10 participants. (Larger groups will be split into smaller ones with additional leaders.) Masks are required as directed by the Ohio Department of Health. Additional guidelines for safety during Covid-19 will be provided to all registrants.

Register by sending e-mail to info@kirtlandbirdclub.org

Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve

Saturday, September 18, 2021, 7:30 am

Meet: CLNP parking lot, 8701 Lakeshore Boulevard, Cleveland


Leader: Paula Lozano

September is the peak of the fall songbird migration. The Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve is one of the best locations to see many bird species. Its location and abundant food supply attract birds looking to rest and refuel. Expect to have the opportunity to study "confusing fall" warblers, as well as vireos, thrushes and sparrows.


Sandy Ridge Reservation, Lorain County Metro Parks

Saturday, October 18, 2021, 8:15 am (Gate opens at 8:00 am.)

Meet: Johnson Wetland Center, 6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville


Leader: TBD

In October Sandy Ridge Reservation provides habitat for wading birds, waterfowl and sparrows. Bald Eagles and Sandhill Cranes are often seen, too, as well as other fall migrants. Spotting scopes are useful but not necessary. There are restrooms at the Johnson Wetland Center.

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Wendy Park, Cleveland Metroparks

Saturday, November 13, 2021, 8:00 am

Meet: 2800 Whiskey Island Drive, Cleveland (Edgewater Park exit on OH-2)


Leader: TBD

This is a good place to see an interesting variety of gulls, ducks, loons and grebes. Besides birding from the shore, a walk to the old Coast Guard Station at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River will give us close-up looks of everything. Depending on the weather, there may be stops at additional locations on the lakefront or in the Flats.

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Field Trip Report

KBC Field Trip, Richfield Heritage Preserve

By Fred Dinkelbach

For our June 12th field trip, the club's first post-COVID bird outing, we chose the 336-acre Richfield Heritage Preserve in Richfield Township, Summit County. A large team of local volunteers administer the park and do all the heavy maintenance and restoration, and over the past 3 years their efforts have really paid off. I’ve covered this park in June the past two years for the Greater Akron Audubon annual breeding bird survey and the undisturbed woods, woods margins and ravines were excellent for birding. The weather favored us with comfortable temperatures and sunny skies as we walked about 2 of the 5 or more miles of trails. Cutting through the park is a one-mile section of the Buckeye Trail that took us along a beautiful rock-ledged creek and a wide hemlock gully. The countless House Wrens, Pewees and Towhees joined the 34 other species we encountered, all the while keeping a lookout for my target birds, a Louisiana Waterthrush and Dark-eyed Junco singing on territory in June the previous two years, and hopefully also the previous summer's Canada Warbler, Red-breasted Nuthatch and Barred Owl pair. None of these were present this year, but that was all right: the historic original estate owner's homes, a to-be-restored 1920s dance hall, and some of the biggest oak and tulip trees I have ever seen kept the walk interesting. The Preserve's past life as the Girl Scouts’ Crowell-Hilaka campgrounds from 1937 to 2011 also meant there were picnic pavilions and rustic restrooms here and there along the mostly level well-kept trails. When you plan your visit, an excellent set of trail maps are available on birding-in-ohio.com's Summit County link.
Two community festivals sponsored by Cleveland Metroparks brought Kirtland Bird Club to the lakefront at North Gordon Park this summer

By Patricia Kellner

Highlights of our time at the two events:
- Multiple kids (and a Dad) and others saw a Bald Eagle thru Steve Cagan’s spotting scope and they all left with ODNR pamphlets showing the 100 most common birds in Ohio.
- Three young women went on a bird walk with club members Christi Carlson and Anna Kozlenko. They were delighted to see American Goldfinch, Indigo Bunting, Cedar Waxwing, Double-crested Cormorant, and Barn Swallows among other birds. Two of the women used our loaner binoculars, all three signed up for our newsletter, and one joined KBC!
- We met three retirees - one from Akron who birds with Mary Anne Romito & Nancy Howell on Mondays, and two who are waterfront/watershed habitat restoration activists. Both of them signed up for our newsletter.
- An outreach specialist from the Famicos foundation offered to find us a meeting room in the neighborhood and the Commodore of the InterCity Yacht Club invited us to birdwatch from the deck of the club!
- With a tent and a table provided by Cleveland Metroparks and food and ice cream provided by festival organizers we had a nice place to hang out with friends from KBC
- Beth made a terrific KBC sign showing a green-headed bird - species to be determined!

Feel free to join us when we’re back at North Gordon Park on Saturday, September 25 at 3 p.m.

Latest vision for CHEERS:

**CHEERS - PROPOSED PHASING**
KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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

$ ______ Single membership ($20)
$ ______ Couples membership ($30)
$ ______ Student membership ($10)

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

$ ______ Unrestricted Donation
$ ______ 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
$ ______ Ohio Avian Scholarship Initiative – supporting bird research (up to $1000 per grant)

$ ______ 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. Any membership payments received after March 1 will be include membership through August 31st of the following year

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

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