



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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Monthly Meetings

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

Wednesday September 2, 2015

"Birding without Binoculars with Bill"

Presented by Bill Deininger



Come along on Bill's video adventures of our feathered friends. He will take us to many locations in northeast Ohio. The clips include interesting behaviors, some comic relief, a few rarities and, of course, our local favorites. Sit back and enjoy Bill's presentation from the comfort of your chair and without binoculars.

Bio: Bill Deininger, a long-time Lakewood resident, has been birding Northern Ohio's trails for four decades and is an active member of the Kirtland Bird Club and the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society. In addition, Bill is a regular at the Audubon spring bird walks in the Rocky River Reservation and one of its leaders for more than twenty-five years. He also participates in the Lakewood Christmas Bird Counts. In 2001 Bill began filming the birds he sees and has accumulated a vast volume of footage. His favorite bird is the one he is looking at through his binoculars or lens.

Bill Deininger has been married for thirty-six years and has three children and one grandson.

Announcing Our New Officers

At our May 2015 Meeting, we elected the following officers for the next two years:

President: Dave Dvorak

Vice President: Dale Gaul

Recording Secretary: Tom Romito

Treasurer: Mary Anne Romito

Field Trip Coordinator: Lukas Padegimas

Corresponding Secretary: Anna Julnes

CNLP Survey Coordinator: Laura Gooch

Christmas Bird Count Coordinator: Andy Jones

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Cleveland Bird Calendar Editor: Fred Dinklebach

The Kirtland Bird Club also voted at the May Meeting to update membership dues for next year starting in September. The rates are as follows:

Adult: \$20

Couple: \$30

Student: \$10

Fall meetings

Wednesday October 7, 2015

"From the Ground Up: Forest Communities of NE Ohio"

Presented by Ryan J. Trimbath .



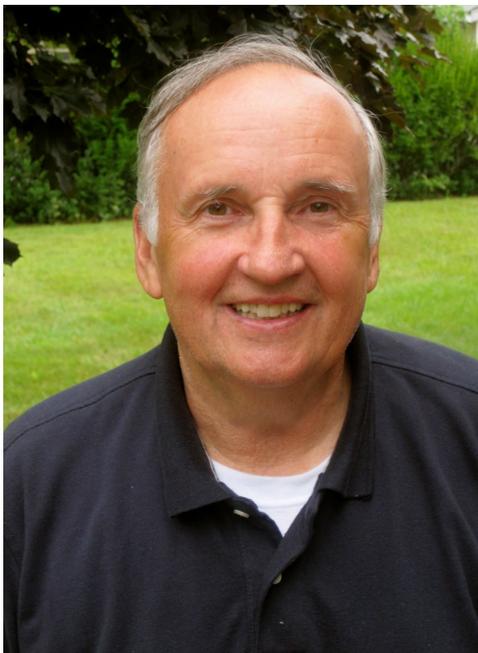
Ryan John Trimbath graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Wildlife & Conservation biology and has since pursued a career studying forest ecology with a focus on forest breeding songbirds. Ryan has worked as a field biologist on a number of projects throughout Ohio, Maryland, New Hampshire, Oregon and Wisconsin for groups including Ohio State University and the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center. Currently Ryan is a Park Biologist at Summit Metro Parks and a student in the Integrated Biosciences PhD program at the University of Akron. Over the past four years Ryan has been studying forest communities in Northeast Ohio drawing from his experiences in forests across the country.

For his program Ryan will share findings from his masters thesis on the interactions between White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) and exotic earthworms in shaping forest plant communities. These interactions have dramatically altered the forest understory composition which can have significant consequences for our breeding bird communities. To make this connection he will share results from a three-year study on Hooded Warblers (*Setophaga citrina*) in and around the Cuyahoga Valley.

Wednesday November 4, 2015

"Ohio Breeding Songbirds "

Presented by Gary Meszaros.



Gary Meszaros, an art teacher in the Cleveland Schools for thirty years, used his vacation time to study nature, travel, and take amazing photographs along the way. After retiring from teaching, he dedicated himself to his photography and research.

Gary Meszaros has over 3,000 published images that are available on his web site <http://meszarosphotography.com/>. He also has contributed photographs for many books, including *Birds of the Lake Erie Region*, *Wild Ohio*, *The Best of our Natural Heritage*, *Native Fishes of Ohio*, *Creatures of Change: An Album of Ohio Animals* and *Ohio Hill Country: A Rewoven Landscape*.



Neighborhood Birds

I love the rush of the spring migration that starts with the waterfowl and ends on the high note of those wonderful passerines. After the migration the birds are all business singing, nest building, and preparing to raise young. Many of the birds that thrilled me are now spread out over North America. If I am doing a bird study, it usually keeps me in touch with some migrants. But I always watch my neighborhood birds . Sometimes there are unusual ones like fish crows that I watched feeding on my street and nesting only a mile or so away. On an average day from my yard I hear or see 10-15 bird species. Since I've landscaped my yard in mostly prairie plants seed eating birds like goldfinch, chickadees and house finch are frequent visitors.

As I am writing this, a ruby throated humming bird is feeding on royal catchfly, cardinal flower and occasionally Indian cup plant. A couple migrants do nest in the vicinity of my yard. Those are catbirds and house wrens. A few years ago some recently fledged house wrens were frantically calling for food as the adults foraged in the hedge next to my driveway.. They would come and go in the hedge. Finally the family settled down temporarily when they were all fed. I really enjoy the singing of the catbird. The repeated notes are soothing to me as well as those of the brown thrasher and mockingbird that visit my neighborhood infrequently. A few years ago mourning doves built a nest in the redbud in the front yard, but it blew down in a thunderstorm. Cardinals, blue jays, flickers, downy and red-bellied woodpeckers, robins, house finch, chickadees, white breasted nuthatches, screech owls and the European house sparrows all nest in the neighborhood.

Upcoming Field Trips

Early Warblers at CNLP

Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve

Saturday September 26 at 8:30 am



Description: We will search for early warblers and early sparrows by walking along the beautiful trails of this lakefront property.

Reference Address: 8701 Lakeshore Boulevard, Cleveland OH 44103

Sharp-tailed Sparrows at Wake Robin Trail

Wake Robin Trail, Mentor Marsh

Sunday October 4 at 8:30 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)



Lake Erie Loons at Rocky River

Rocky River Park

Saturday, November 21 at 8:30 am

Description: This should be the week to see lots of Loons and Grebes offshore. We will meet together with WCAS and go West or East from here – depending on where the birds are being seen.

Reference Address: 20200 Beach Cliff Blvd, Rocky River, OH 44116



Photographs by Anna Julnes.

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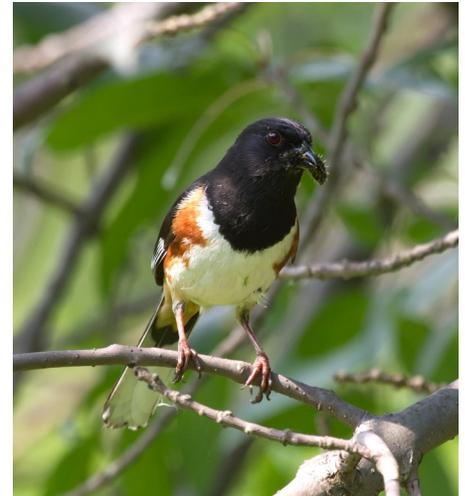
Please send submissions to the New President **Dave Dvorak** or to info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve bird survey

Text and photographs by Laura Gooch



Seen any cuckoos lately? Volunteer surveyors at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve have! Surveyors heard and saw Black-billed Cuckoos on ten surveys and Yellow-billed Cuckoos on eleven surveys in June and July. Over the summer, the cuckoos have been joined by many other breeding birds. In addition to super-abundant Red-winged Blackbirds, Willow Flycatcher, and Yellow Warblers, we observed Wild Turkey (a hen and 7 poults), Northern Flicker, Eastern Wood-peewee, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird (observed with nesting material), Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo,



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, House Wren, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, Gray Catbird, Wood Thrush (one or two probable breeding pairs), Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart (singing male and young birds observed), Eastern Towhee, Indigo Bunting, Orchard Oriole, and Baltimore Oriole.

Volunteers have conducted 105 surveys so far, and reported a total of 169 species. All survey data have been initially entered by the volunteer surveyors, compiled in a central database, and uploaded into Cornell's ebird database.



The future of CLNP as a nature preserve seems to be increasingly secure. The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority is in the process of renewing the 50-year submerged land lease for the site (which will expire in 2016) with the area designated as a nature preserve. In addition, the Port Authority has commissioned a land restoration plan for CLNP, focusing

primarily on the control of invasive species. The proposed plan envisions phased treatment of invasives over a number of years (5-10 years), with some accompanying seeding and planting of native species. Treatments will be timed in late summer (August) in an effort to minimize the impact on breeding birds and fall migrants, and will involve only one section of CLNP per treatment. The first treatment is scheduled for the week of August 17. Initial seeding will be with a temporary seed mix, and the same areas will be treated again next year before a longer-term seed mix is applied. The Port also plans to mow open areas of the site on a two year rotation to maintain meadow habitat.

Interested in lending a hand avian surveys at CLNP? Contact Laura Gooch at lgooch@alum.mit.edu or 216-932-1002 for more information.



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