Kirtland Bird Club of Northeast Ohio Speaker Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2026

1. **Welcome:** The meeting was started at 7:06 PM, at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes by president Sean McCleery. There were 36 people present and 12 screens on the Zoom Platform.
2. **Announcements:**
    a. There was a pre-meeting bird walk. Highlights were a Nashville Warbler, a Lincoln Sparrow and a Red-Tailed Hawk. There was a total of 19 species seen.
    b. Membership: there was a total of 211 members in 2025-2026. The 2026-2027 membership drive is underway. Seans urged renew or join.
    c. Sean reviewed the club's history and mission statement.
3. **Events**:
    a. Past events:
        i. New Birder Walk at Forest Hills Park on 9/5/26 was good, and there will be another one on 10/10/26.
        ii. Chagrin River Bird Quest from 9/11/26 to 9/12/26 went well with many species seen despite the rain.
        iii. A combined event with Queer Birders of Cuyahoga County in Chagrin River Park included sighting of a Raven.
    b. Future KBC Events:
        i. Sat. Oct. 10 @ 9:00 AM New Birders Walk at Forest Hills Park.
        ii. Sat. Oct. 17 @8:30 AM Field Trip at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.
        iii. Wed., Nov. 4 @7 PM speaker meeting: "Avian Connectivity" with Ron Canterbury.
        iv. Jon O'Brien will be able to post our bird photos to social media. A QR code for KBC's social media was shown.
    c. Future non-KBC events:
        i. Sunday Oct. 11: Big Sit at NCSL
        ii. Sat. Oct. 17 Fall Perennial Plant Sale at NCSL

iii. Judy Semroc Talks:
    1. Oct. 20 “Raptors” (Western Reserve Land Conservancy)
    2. Nov. 3 “Nest Quest” (Black River Audubon Society)
    3. naturesparkohio@gmail.com
iv. Sat Nov. 21 Ohio Ornithological Society Annual Meeting and gull symposium.

4. **Speaker Program**: Judy Semroc talking about “ Chimney Swifts, Nature’s Amazing Insectivores”. Judy is the founder of Chrysalis in Time, the first Ohio chapter of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA). Judy also serves on the board of the Ohio Ornithological Society (Conservation Committee) and the Ohio Biological Survey. She has co-authored two natural history guides, "Dragonflies & Damselflies of Northeast Ohio” and "Goldenrods of Northeast Ohio: A Field Guide to Identification & Natural History.” For the past 20+ years, Judy was a Conservation Specialist in the Natural Areas Division of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. As a former Petroleum Geologist and science teacher, Judy loves to learn about and share her passion for the natural world through field trips, interpretive programs, and photography. Learn more about Judy’s latest adventures & offerings through her new company, Nature Spark (www.naturesparkohio.org)!
5. **Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.