

Kirtland Bird Club of Northeast Ohio Meeting Minutes

January 7,2026

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sean McCleery at 7AM on the Zoom platform. There was a maximum of 63 screens logged in. Sean welcomed all attendees and reviewed our mission statement.
2. Announcements :
 - a. The local Christmas bird count and the January 100 (trying to count 100 or more bird species in January) were reviewed.
 - i. Laura Gooch runs the Christmas Bird Count. There were 19 groups with 89 participants. Laura will post final results once they are validated. Species were about the usual. Eagles were up and black capped chickadees were down.
 - ii. For the January 100 Andy Jones has 122, and Al Cadesky has 70 .
 - b. Sean urged people to get involved with the bird counts ongoing at Shaker Lakes.
 - c. Sean also urged members to get involved more with helping in the club.
3. Upcoming events.
 - a. Speaker meetings
 - i. Wednesday , February 4 at 7 PM “Planting is for the Birds:” with John Barber on ZOOM.
 - ii. Wednesday, March 4 at 7 PM TBD on ZOOM.
 - b. Field Trips
 - i. Saturday January 10 at 9 AM :Geauga Back Roads.
 - ii. Saturday February 14 at 9 AM: Rocky River Reservation. Joint Field Trip with WCAS.
 - c. Non KBC events:
 - i. Thursday January 8 at 8 PM “ The Tail of Silyan” at the Cleveland Cinematheque.

- ii. Wednesday January 21 at 7 PM “ A Bird in the Hand” at the Capitol Theater (sponsored by WRLC)
<https://wrlandconservancy.org/event/a-bird-in-the-hand/>
 - iii. Calendar ; Ken tries to get all local events on our website:
KBC's NE Ohio Bird Calendar:
<https://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/calendar.html>
4. Speaker: DR Andy Jones on Shorebirds and other birds in the low country.
Dr. Andy Jones is a lifelong naturalist, with a passion for the biodiversity of the southeastern United States. Andy originally hails from Kingsport, TN, and Raleigh, NC. He studied biological sciences at the University of Tennessee and completed his PhD on the evolutionary history of Philippine birds at the University of Minnesota. From 2006 until early 2022, he worked as curator of ornithology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. There, he continued research on birds using genetic tools, spanning topics such as the taxonomy of terns of the world, identifying newly discovered hybrid combinations in the wild, and the evolutionary history of boreal bird species. He also became one of the team leads on Lights Out Cleveland, a group working with building managers to turn lights off during migration as well as coordinating volunteers to recover injured and dead birds that collided with buildings. In May 2022, he joined the Spring Island Trust and Lowcountry Institute as Executive Director.:
5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM