

**Kirtland Bird Club**  
**3/5/24– Meeting Minutes**

1. **Meeting started at 7:00 PM** Patty Kellner, president, on zoom. There were 47 screens logged on( and at least 5 had 2 people each).

2. **Welcome & Speaker Introduction**

The speakers will be Ken Vinciquerra and Louise Acheson.

3. **Announcements, led by Patricia Kellner, president:**

A. Upcoming Festivals

- i. Mosquito Lake State Park Big Birding Weekend, May 17-19  
<https://sites.google.com/view/ohio-naturalists/big-birding-weekend?pli=1>
- ii. Migration Sensation Shreve, OH March 9  
<https://shreveohio.com/>
- iii. Biggest Week in American Birding May 3-12  
<https://web.cvent.com/event/8d28a676-f3f7-4f25-baf5-533b86471122/summary>

B. Sightings: A Fisher was seen in Geauga County by Dan Best . This is most likely a spill over from species introduction into Pennsylvania. Other sightings locally were Great Horned Owl and a Woodcock. Kathryn Clark posted a Laysan Albatross in Hawaii.

C. Field trip report: The February Field trip was done with WCAS at Rocky River Reservation. There were 34 people present and 31 species seen. There were Red Tailed Hawks, Carolina Wrens, and Eastern Blue Birds. Afterwards they went to breakfast at Big Egg in Lorraine. KBC will arrange gatherings to eat and socialize after future field trips.

D. Committee reports

- i. Program Committee: Christi Carlson and Al Cadesky will be organizing speaker programs for next year – if you have suggestions, email [info@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:info@kirtlandbirdclub.org)

- ii. Black Birder Initiative : The Trust for Public Land will have multiple walks in the city (and try to get city residents to participate). There may be opportunities to assist new birders at CLNP, Wendy Park, Wildwood Marina area of Euclid Creek Park, Sandy Ridge and in Tremont – email [info@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:info@kirtlandbirdclub.org). Let Patty know if you have an extra pair of binoculars and would like to participate.
- E. Proposal for a vote at next meeting to be one of 2 sponsors of Ohio young birder ( NEO chapter). Tyler McClain is in charge. This comprises children ages 12-18. We set aside \$1000 to be available to young Birder club if they have a “need”, such a field trip support. This requires 3 board members to approve
- F. Upcoming field trips and other birding activities.
  - i. March 16 1 PM : Lake Erie Nature and Science Center field trip Bay Village starting 11:30 AM at the Huntington reservation. Meet at the water tower. Then at 1 PM, at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, Tim Jasinski will talk about rehab center and lights out program. Email [info@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:info@kirtlandbirdclub.org).
  - ii. April 7 ASGC warbler warm-up from 2-3:30 PM at the West Woods Nature Center.
  - iii. April 13 6:30-8:30 AM: Midwest Crane Survey. It can use a few extra people to help, as some regulars will be away. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact a county coordinator, Tom Leiden, or Matthew Shumar ([obcicoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:obcicoordinator@gmail.com)).
  - iv. Sunday mornings ( last 3 in April and first three in May) there are the annual series of spring bird walks at multiple locations. April 14 through May 19.  
<https://clevelandaudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-SPRING-BIRD-WALK-SERIES.pdf>
  - v. April 20 Frohring meadows with Michelle Brosius and her uncle, Bob Opper. The rain date is April 21.
  - vi. May 4 Richfield Heritage Reserve lead by Fred

vii. May 7 Tuesday Paula and Patty will be at Magee Marsh for “bird walk on the boardwalk”.

**4. Program Speakers:** Our speakers were Ken Vinciguerra and Louise Acheson. Ken Vinciguerra is a Kent State Emeritus Professor in Computer Technology and volunteers with the Kirtland Bird Club, contributing to many bird surveys and keeping records for the club. He serves on the KBC Board of Directors. Louise Acheson is a family doctor at University Hospitals and a Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at CWRU. Louise is a keen observer of birds and enjoys contributing her observations to citizen science projects. They presented: “Birding the University Circle Area of Cleveland part 2”.

**5. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM

Meeting notes submitted by Toby Briskin, then reviewed and approved by the Board, and posted to the KBC website.