

Kirtland Bird Club
3/1/2023– Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting started at 7 PM by Patricia Kellner on Zoom

43 Screens were signed on, with 3 of those being 2 person screens.

2.-Welcome. To attendees and our speaker, tonight will be Laura Erickson. Attendees were welcome to put interesting sightings in chat (see the end of minutes).

3. Announcements:

A. Club Business Meeting – part 1: the vote on an OAPI grant – Dwight Chasar stated this is up to \$1000 for a proposal on bird research. The committee has recommended awarding a grant to Gabriella Lindsey from OU. She will do a project with Kelley Williams (who was the recipient of an OAPI grant in the past) about following Henslow’s sparrow. This will include monitoring behavior during breeding, post-breeding, dispersal, and migration. Henslow’s sparrow is a bird of concern in Ohio. She will use a MODUS tower to identify where the HS are nesting (in grassland in a recovered strip mine in Adams County). Plans include using a mist net, banding, and putting a transmitter on the birds. Much of this is already in place, but she needs help with transportation back and forth.

The vote was 22 in favor, and 0 opposed. Dwight will e-mail the recipient tonight with the result.

4. Speaker: Laura Erikson. She is a returning speaker for KBC.

Laura is a passionate birdwatcher, as she describes it – and she does have a terrific eye for observing bird behavior. She is or has been a prolific writer, blogger, radio program host, educator, scientist, teacher, writer, licensed wildlife rehabilitator, blogger, public speaker, photographer, and Science Editor at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Laura is a keynote speaker at the Biggest Week in American Birding, May 8, at 4 PM at Maumee Bay State Park Lodge. She won the American Horticultural Society Book Award for her book **100 Plants To Feed the Birds – Turn Your Home Garden into a Healthy Bird Habitat**. Laura’s also a busy grandmother!

Links to Laura’s website and her book:

<https://www.lauraerickson.com/>
<https://www.lauraerickson.com/book/100-plants-feed-birds/>
<https://www.amazon.com/100-Plants-Feed-Birds-Healthy/dp/1635864380/>

5. Presentation about Local plant options:

A. Julie Slater talked to us about Meadow City Native Plant Nursery in the Waterloo arts district in Collinwood. The seeds they use are collected from native plants growing in NE Ohio. This will open in May. When asked about amending soil, Julie felt it was probably not needed as these do well locally.

B. Steve Cagan mentioned the following:

i. Plant sale at Shaker Lakes Nature Center. Order online from March 20 – through April 7, for May 6 delivery. The catalog is online at shakerlakes.org. There will be a few trees available online. On May 6 one can pick up orders between 8:30-11 AM, or buy plants that you see. Last year they ran out of plants. Almost all of the perennials are native, while most of the annuals are exotic. There will be a number of consultants available.

ii. The “Homegrown Plant Sale” at Shaker Lakes Nature Center is Saturday 6/10. Plants are supplied by local gardeners and are almost entirely local native plants that were grown in this area.

C. The West side has Nodding Onion Gardens. They tend to sell their plants at pop ups and at the Frost Museum at Rocky River Nature Center. Nodding Onion Garden’s website is: <https://noddingoniongardens.com/>

6. Announcements part 2

A. Upcoming KBC programs:

i. April 5 – Ken Vinciquerra and Louise Acheson on Birding around University Circle, 4/5 at 7 PM via Zoom

ii. May 3 – Sam Bachtel – a younger birder and videographer talks about being a birder and some of his favorite places to go birding around northeast (and northwest) Ohio.

iii. June 7 – KBC picnic & walk at Squire Vallevue Farm in Hunting Valley.

B. Field Trip report: February 11 at Rocky River Nature Center, combined with WCAS, found 31 species , including a pair of Red Tailed hawks.

C. Upcoming field trips:

- i. March 26 at 8:30 AM at Sandy Ridge Reservation with Tyler McClain. Target birds are Bald Eagles, ducks, Sandhill cranes, and spring migrants.
- ii. April 22 Frohring Meadows in Geauga County with targets of meadowlarks, Wilson's snipe, Virginia rail, sparrows, and other spring migrants.
- iii. May 6 Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve. There may be an Eventbrite link. This may also be done with WCAS.

D. The Newsletter was emailed to members this past weekend.

7. Business meeting Part 2:

A. Secretary's Report: not given

B. Treasurer's quarterly report: none

8. Sightings in Chat:

From Judy Schuster: Slaty-backed Gull in Wendy Park

4 Harlequins continue at Rocky River Park

Approx. 20 Fish Crows Chapel

2 Common Ravens at Canalway

Eurasian Wigeons - Nimisila Summit County and Reeder Rd Stark County

From Teresa Brick: First red wing blackbird (female) at my backyard feeder

9. – Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM