

## **Kirtland Bird Club of Northeast Ohio Meeting Minutes**

**April 8, 2026**

### **1. The Meeting was started at 7:05 PM**

There was a maximum of 194 screens signed in to the Zoom Platform.

### **2. Announcements**

- a. Welcome: Sean gave a brief history of the club and its mission statement. The club is volunteer run. It is named after Jared Potter Kirkland, a physician, abolitionist and naturalist. There are currently over 200 members.
- b. Those wishing to get involved can check the website for opportunities.
- c. Bird sightings included Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Blue-grey Gnatcatcher, American Creeper, Bald Eagles (nesting), Common Loon, and Fish Crows.
- d. At the next meeting, there will be voting on funding for young birder's programs. By by-laws an outlay over \$500 must have a notice of the motion 30 days before the vote.
- e. This program is being co-hosted by Western Reserve Land Conservancy. Renee Boronka, who is Director of Conservation Education & Outreach, was present on Zoom. This is Ohio's trusted source for land conservation, restoration, and preservation.

### **3. Future Events**

- a. Next field trip Station Road in Cuyahoga Valley National Park with Fred Dinkelbach. 8:30 AM-Noon, on April 25.
- b. Next meeting will be May 6 7:00 PM -8:30 PM on the Zoom platform. The topic is Birding: The Comic Book You Get to Live, with Killian Sullivan - 2025 ABA Young Birder of the Year.

### **4. Speaker Program.** Tonight's Speaker is Trish O'Kane, the author of "Birding to Change the World." Trish, a former investigative Journalist, found that watching birds helped relieve her depression (post Hurricane Katrina), and pushed her life in a new direction (environmental activist).

5. After the talk, there was a Q&A session.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.