

**Kirtland Bird Club**  
**11/2/2022– Meeting Minutes**

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

43 Screens were signed on, and at least 3 screens were viewed by 2 people.

**2.-Welcome.** To our speaker tonight will Gautam Apte

**3. Announcements:**

A. Sightings included Evening Grosbeak, Mourning Warbler, Purple Finches, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, Surf and White-winged Scoters, Fox Sparrow, and Cattle Egret.

B. Field Trip Reports & Upcoming Field Trips – Paula Lozano

i. Report: October trip to West End Mentor Marsh. It was very windy. There were a lot of good sparrows. Some went to Wake Robin trail afterwards.

( Mentor Marsh will also have 2 open houses/month- through Black Brook Audubon – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday there is an open house that Mentor Marsh sponsors- just past Wake Robin Boardwalk. )

ii. Upcoming:

KBC: 11/19 8 AM Rocky River Park on the lakefront – wintering ducks are a target. Members were asked to bring spotting scopes. We may continue on to additional nearby sites depending on other sightings.

C .The CHEERS project was granted \$3.75 million grant from Cleveland Port to develop a “shovel-ready” plan.

D. Bird Coalition update: Look for a notice about activities for the Bird Coalition ( it has not met for a while). Would anyone be interested in how park commissioners are chosen in Ohio. This may be an issue in Geauga County?

E. Long term member Bill Toneff had died at age 103 . One can contact Karin Tanquist or Susan Jones . They are planning a memorial service.

F. Sherwin Williams is looking at Feather Friendly (Bird Tape) for mitigation – it’s expected to last 8-12 years from time of application and is one of the most effective deterrents. This is what Tim Jasinski recommends.

Upcoming Programs of note from other organizations:

- i. ASGC: Migrating Waterfowl & Winter Birds 11/17 on Zoom - [auduboncleveland.org](http://auduboncleveland.org). Speaker: Matt Valencic
- ii. WCAS: Mary Anne Romito is the area coordinator for Climate Watch program, a National Audubon Program. Over 600 birds are climate vulnerable. People count birds twice a year – summer and winter. There will be a link to that. If you want to volunteer to be a Climate Watch surveyor: contact Mary Anne Romito, C: 216-990-2632, [maryanneromito@wcaudubon.org](mailto:maryanneromito@wcaudubon.org) Territory is south to Stark County and all of NE Ohio. There is a coordinator for Stark County and the Canton area.
- iii. XMAS BC – home page on website Laura Gooch is the Cleveland area coordinator ( [lgooch@alum.mit.edu](mailto:lgooch@alum.mit.edu)). The count date is 12/17/22 If you have already participated in a count – get in touch with the coordinator

**3. Speaker:** Gautam Apte – Shaker Heights native, recent graduate of The Ohio State University – Gautam got a bachelors in wildlife management and has been counting birds at Higbee Beach for Cape May Bird Observatory this Fall. He spoke about his experiences at Cape May and shared photos. Results for all Cape May counts can be found at [trektellen.org](http://trektellen.org).

**4. Transition:** Next meeting will be Wed 12/7; the speaker will be Kyler Sonney talking about Glacier National Park . This is in the northern Rockies, Western Montana: a beautiful area that has some unique birds.

**5. Business meeting:**

- A. Facebook- Fred Dinkelbach noted that there were no new postings since last month. Volunteers for this would be appreciated.
- B .Membership options: Judy Schuster had some suggestions and may meet with Patty.
- C. Christi Carlson may lead a new birders walk this winter.
- D. We are considering trips- such as Shawnee in spring ( and perhaps reserve some motel rooms) or restarting van trips.

E. Dot Bambach sorted records of our minutes in our Google Workspace so they are searchable by date. She and Patty will continue to work together on organizing KBC records.

**6. Recording Secretary report :** not done. September's minutes were done by Christi Carlson.

**7. Treasurer's Quarterly report ( given by P Kellner):**

A. Membership: so far we have about ½ of last year's members up to date with dues.

**8 – Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM