

**Kirtland Bird Club**  
**1/5/2022– Meeting Minutes**

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

A maximum of 101 screens were online on the ZOOM platform

**2.-Welcome.** Online included viewers from:

Madison WI

Ann Arbor MI

Philadelphia PA

Pittsburgh, PA

Toronto, ON

Rhode island

New Jersey

Montreal , QC

Swanzey, NH

Hello from southwestern Indiana

Beth Keely: one of the youngest birders on line

Wendy in New Orleans eating pierogis ( and missing the real thing)

**3. –Announcements:**

A. Sightings:

Snow Buntings and Lapland Longspurs in and around Ann Arbor MI

There's a regular catbird at Chagrin River Park in Willoughby

White wing scoter in a pond in Southern Louisiana up to when we got a cold front on Sunday

Brown creeper, Peregrine falcon, merlin, yellow bellied sap sucker

Megan from Akron noted that a brown creeper had hit the Summit Lake nature center window- - bird friendly windows reviewed by Tim Jasinski

B. Upcoming Field trip with Paula Lozano: January 8, 9:00 AM at Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted, OH :Meet in the parking lot. Loaner bins available. e-mail info@kbc

Leaders: Bill Deininger and Dave Graskemper

If you don't have binoculars, ask Paula to tell the leads .

C. Upcoming KBC Programs – meeting with speaker programs :

February 2 – Sergei & Elena Smirenski on Threatened Cranes of Far Eastern Russia

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Refer to December 2021 minutes for future field trips.

E. Christmas Bird Count: 12/2021: results are still being compiled.

F. Volunteer opportunities:

i. We've grown big enough we are looking at sending notices through Mail Chimp – if anyone has had experience with this platform, we could use your help.

ii. Let us know if you would like to help with an event, a speaker program, an educational program, publicity, or Join our Board

G. Upcoming Programs of note from other organizations:

i. ASGC Matt Valencic 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in January mushroom program- go to [clevelandaudubon.org](http://clevelandaudubon.org) to register: many Sides of the Mushroom

Third Thursday Series (via Zoom)

January 20, 2022 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

ii. Matt Valencic from ASGC, Nancy Howell from WCAS, and Patty Kellner from KBC are working on forming a NE Ohio Bird Coalition to advocate for conservation and expansion of bird habitat and for bird safety in our region. Development and re-development of private and public lands present opportunities for preserving and expanding safe bird habitat. The goal is to educate the public and advocate at the government and industry level. Anyone who is interested in working with them on developing this coalition and/or guiding its work, or think your organization might like to join the coalition, email [info@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:info@kirtlandbirdclub.org) and let them know how you'd like to be involved.

iii. Check out the NE Ohio calendar we host on our site for other events, such as Semroc program on Chimney Swifts, John Barber and others on native plants, several programs on owls, and lots of birdwalks.

iv. Russ Hack, a KBC member who has moved to Rhode Island, suggests virtual nature tours, put on by a British tour company – he says they're really great:  
<https://www.naturetrek.co.uk/news/naturetrek-online-winter-roadshow> - available online - next "tour" is southern Africa – Zambia, Botswana, Namibia – on Tue, 1/11

**4. Vote on name change:** to Kirtland Bird Club of NE Ohio – will better reflect our geographic reach. This will be by email; you must be a member to vote

**5. Speaker:** Andy Jones, the Nancy & Wm Klamm endowed Curator of Ornithology at CMNH, Secretary of American Ornithological Union, Cleveland Christmas Bird Count Compiler, ebird reviewer for several Ohio counties, and KBC Board Member

**6. Recording Secretary report:** November 2021 minutes were reviewed by officers and posted to KBC website. Motion to approve made by Patty Kellner,

seconded by Anna Kozlenko. Minutes were approved. Please submit corrections in advance of our meetings.

**7. Treasurer's Quarterly report:**

A. Membership: There are 44 late and 96 paid

**8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM by Patty Kellner