



THE KIRTLAND WARBLER

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Monthly Meetings

Guests are always welcome — Cleveland Museum of Natural History...Parking is free.
1st Wednesday of every month except July and August, 7:30 PM

The Latest in Ornithology Research Dr. Andy Jones, CMNH, 3 December 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Andy Jones returns for his annual talk to the Kirtland Bird Club to highlight the recent exciting findings from the world of ornithology.

There are thousands of academic papers published every year on the biology of birds. These new discoveries are sometimes highlighted in newspapers, magazines, and on your Facebook feed, but far too many simply don't get the public attention that they deserve. Dr. Jones will highlight the taxonomic changes that birders will want to know about, as well as other discoveries that will simply make you a more observant and more informed birder. From sandpiper behavior to impacts of Emerald Ash Borers on bird populations, this talk will cover many exciting aspects of bird biology that were discovered in the last two years.

Andy Jones, Ph.D., is the Curator of Ornithology at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History. He is the first person hired as the William A. and Nancy R. Klamm Endowed Chair of Ornithology, thanks to a major donation from the Klamms to the museum. In 2011, he was named Director of Science, overseeing all activities in the Collections & Research Division.



Dr. Jones received his BS in Biological Sciences from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and his PhD in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior from the University of Minnesota. He originally hails from east Tennessee, where his passion for natural history began at an early age; his current research involves the evolutionary history of birds from the Appalachian mountains as well as the Andes and the Philippines.

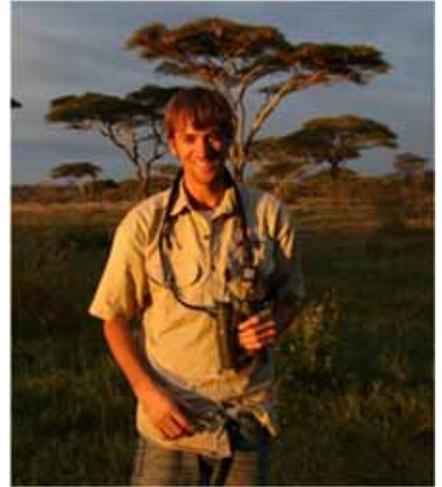
Dr. Jones is responsible for the Museum's collection of avian specimens, which consists of approximately 30,000 study skins and 4,000 egg sets from the Ohio region and western North America as well as approximately 1,000 osteological specimens from Ohio. He is also responsible for specimen acquisition and preservation, maintenance of specimen records, and carrying out original research. His other tasks include providing various services to the scientific community, the media, the Museum's exhibitions and education divisions as well as the public at large. Dr. Jones was among 14 prominent American ornithologists to be named an elective member of the American Ornithologists' Union in 2009.

Monthly Programs continued

South Africa: Africa's Premier Birding Destination

Ethan Kistler, CMNH, 7 January 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Africa's highest level of endemism in the most accessible setting: 185 bird species are endemic or near endemic to southern Africa. With its scenic and botanical wealth, South Africa contains two of Africa's four biodiversity hotspots as defined by Conservation International. Join Ethan Kistler as he shows you what South Africa has to offer. From the majestic Drakensberg Mountains, where Lammergeiers circle above, and the endemic-rich fynbos laden with sunbirds; to the infamous mammal-rich game reserves in the east, and sensational pelagics off the coasts, South Africa will certainly move to the top of your list if it hasn't so already!



Ethan moved from Ohio to Cape Town, where he is specializing in Africa's birds and leading tours for Birding Africa in South Africa, Namibia, Tanzania and Ethiopia. Ethan studied biology at the University of Cape Town, gaining extensive knowledge of the ecology and birdlife in Southern Africa. He has traveled widely from Cape Town in South Africa to the Mount Kilimanjaro region of East Africa, birding all the way. Previously the Education and Outreach Specialist at Black Swamp Bird Observatory and board member of the Ohio Ornithological Society, when not guiding, Ethan is now busy as Southern Africa's eBird data reviewer.

Twenty Years of Observing Raptor Nests in the Cleveland Metroparks

Becky MacKay, CMNH, 4 February 2015, 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Metroparks Raptor Survey began in 1995 with a small group of volunteers who became interested in the nesting habits of raptors near the Brecksville Nature Center. The group has expanded since then and is comprised of approximately 30 volunteers who begin searching the metroparks in the late winter and early spring looking for active raptor nests. Nests are then monitored by the volunteers to determine dates for incubation and fledging, as well as the number of young that fledge from the nest. Nesting sites for five species of hawks and three species of owls have been monitored along with those of bald eagles and peregrine falcons. The presentation will discuss the data collected from 500 active raptor nests in 11 different metroparks reservations over the 20-year raptor survey history.

Becky MacKay is a materials research engineer who has developed advanced metallic materials for turbine engines for aerospace applications and has led an agency-wide team in solving a critical failure in the Space Shuttle. She recently retired from NASA Glenn Research Center after 32 years of government service. Becky has been an active volunteer for both the Cleveland Metroparks and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park during the past 8 years. In the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, she serves on the Steering Committee for the Trailblazer Program, which is comprised of over 100 volunteers who assist park visitors as well as law enforcement rangers. In the Cleveland Metroparks, she has participated in a wide variety of natural resource surveys that have ranged from identifying invertebrates in local rivers to studying the movement of deer and coyotes. During the past 3 years, Becky has served as the Coordinator of the Raptor Survey, and has been responsible for training new volunteers and maintaining and analyzing the raptor survey database.



Lukas' Thoughts



With the beauty of our waterfowl migration in full swing, here comes winter. I would like to look back upon a number of successes the Kirtland Bird Club has undergone this past Fall, and to provide an outlook towards the future.

First, the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve Surveys are fully under way. I would like to thank the individuals who go out there and gather this highly important data. Not only is it vital to the greater understanding of the importance of the Cleveland lakeshore to migration, this survey also provides data to make this area closed to development in the long run.

Hopefully, you also had a chance to participate in the Wind Energy Symposium which we sponsored together with the WCAS and ASGC. There, the heads of the American Birding Conservancy and the Sierra Club discussed together with

the head of LeedCo (the leading wind energy developer in NE Ohio) the impacts of the wind industry on our migrants. During the brunch discussion prior to the meeting, each of these societies agreed that the wind industry will continue to proliferate, for better or for worse, in Ohio. All agree – for better or worse - that the alternatives, such as coal, natural gas, and nuclear, were less than feasible at this time. Despite varied views on this topic, it was nice to hear that a developer expressed interest in mitigating the impact its wind turbines will have on migrants by promising to abstain from placing these turbines in areas where our migrants, a public resource, are particularly vulnerable. We want to hold them to that promise and hope that the dialog opened this fall will result in a safer future for our birds in the future.

It appears that powerful forces within our state are especially active now at hindering the progress made by the conservation movement in the last few decades. It is our duty to protect our birds by writing to our representatives and officials, and making a media presence. I would especially like to applaud Sandy Buckles and everyone else who continues to participate in the battle to preserve the Geauga Parks from destruction. It is a sober reminder that a stronger effort must be put to preserve our parks, our birds, our biodiversity—the biodiversity which the powerful and most influential part of our population has unfortunately forgotten about while blinded by money and short-term profits. But at what loss? That of the irreplaceable? The vulnerable? Of our children's futures? Or our world's future? Our better health? Our very own survival? Thoughts to consider....

Meanwhile, there are several things to look forward to this winter within the Kirtland Bird Club. We still have our collected funds for Project SnowStorm from last year. Hopefully, more snowy owls will arrive in the area, in which case, our transmitter will be the next one set unto a captured owl. Additionally, this upcoming April, we will also host another joint meeting where Bill Thompson will provide a program filled with stories. Preceding that talk, Marnie Urso from the National Audubon Society will provide an enlightening talk. And of course, plenty of meetings and fieldtrips are upcoming for your enjoyment! Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
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The Kirtland Warbler, the newsletter of the Kirtland Bird Club (KBC), Cleveland Ohio, is published quarterly. It contains KBC meeting and trip information, web site updates, other events and programs of interest, and issues of local concern. A subscription to *The Kirtland Warbler* is a benefit of club membership. Your contributions of articles, event information, photos, and drawings are welcome.

Please send submissions to the Editor, Sarah Winnicki or to info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

Local Field Trips and Events

2014 Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

Saturday, December 20, 2014

Please join in this historical bird census. Since last year, it has become totally FREE—the fee for the ABA count has been discontinued, as has the publication.

Jerry Talkington is our count compiler and organizer. He will contact people who have counted in the past, but if you are not on his list please contact him by cell (440-946-0063) or email (jerry073352@att.net)

The Christmas Bird Count began in 1900 to promote conservation of birds, rather than the killing of birds for trophies and decorations. Now in its second century, it has evolved into being far more; the results are accepted and used by scientists and conservationists and considered the best tool available for assessing the long-term trends of the early winter bird populations.

CBCs are open to everyone at all levels of birding skill. It is another way to enjoy the camaraderie of those with a similar passion.

This will be Jerry's last year as organizer of this event, so if you are interested in maintaining this tradition by volunteering to lead this count in 2015, please email Jerry or write to info@kirtlandbirdclub.org to express your interest.

For information on all the CBCs in Ohio go to:
ohiobirds.org/site/library/wintercounts/about.php

Gulls Galore at E. 72 St. and Beyond

Saturday January 17, 2015

Trip Start: 9:00 am

Leader: TBA

Location: E. 72nd Street at Cleveland Lakefront Reservation

Target Species: Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Thayer's Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Snow Bunting, Purple Sandpiper, Parasitic Jaeger, Pomarine Jaeger, Snowy Owl, Common Loon, White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, and other waterfowl.

Description: Today we will brave the cold to try to find some Arctic species that will be visiting during the winter months. Once the lake is frozen in most areas, large numbers of gulls as well as waterfowl should be attracted to the warmer waters around power plants such as E. 72nd Street. Depending on the sightings noted, we will either move east or west from there in hopes of finding more of our target birds.

Directions: Drive along Cleveland Memorial Shoreway/I-90 to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive exit. Proceed west on North Marginal Drive to East 72nd Street parking lot.

Local Field Trips continued

Gulls and Ducks at Avon Lake Power Plant

Sunday February 15, 2015

9:00 am

Leader: TBA

Location: Avon Lake Power Plant

Target Species: Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Thayer's Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Peregrine Falcon, Parasitic Jaeger, Common Loon, White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, and other waterfowl.

Description: The Avon Lake Power Plant attracts large numbers of fish – and therefore gulls and ducks—due to its warm water output. After birding there in the morning, we may then head east or west depending on what's being seen around the area.

Directions: Miller Road Park, Avon Ohio

33740 Lake Rd, Avon Lake, OH 44012

The park is a quarter of a mile west of the Avon Lake Power Plant and will be off of Route 6.

The above address leads you directly to a little museum located inside the park. Once you arrive at the park, go to the pier.

Remember KBC in Your Giving Plans!

Americans are bombarded everyday by charities asking for money. The Kirtland Bird Club is no different. We're asking you to include KBC in your will or retirement plans.

You're probably asking yourself right now, "What's in it for me?" Simply this: By including KBC in your will or other estate plan, you can help ensure that future generations will enjoy birds as you do now.

If you have not yet written a will, we urge you to do so. A properly-prepared will is the only way to be sure that your wishes will be carried out after your lifetime. It is important that you have your will prepared by an attorney who understands your needs and is familiar with the laws of Ohio. If you have already written your will, you may add a bequest to KBC by asking your attorney to prepare an amendment or codicil. Your attorney may find the following paragraph helpful in preparing your will:

"I bequeath to the Kirtland Bird Club, a non-profit organization with its principal offices located at 4310 Bush Ave., Cleveland, OH 44109 and tax ID number of 34-1748091, the sum of \$_____ for its general unrestricted purposes in the study of ornithology."

You can save taxes by naming KBC as the beneficiary of your estate, trust, or other financial plan. Assets remaining in your plan at your death will otherwise be subject to estate and income taxes in the hands of your heirs. A good way to maximize benefits is to bequeath cash, securities, and real property to your family and leave your financial plan assets to KBC. To name KBC as a beneficiary of the assets in your retirement plan, you should request a beneficiary designation form from the plan sponsor.

Please contact your tax advisor for further information.

Field Trip Reports

Trip Report on September 21st Field Trip to Wendy Park By: Lukas Padegimas

On September 21st twelve members birded around the vicinity of Wendy Park. Despite a great deal of movement in the week prior, the movement of migrants slowed down a bit for the trip. A rainy morning cleared up into a beautiful day. Highlights include an Osprey which took a fish out of the water right before our eyes, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, a Philadelphia Vireo, and a Winter Wren. Despite very windy conditions, we saw a total of 9 warbler species, including a Northern Parula and numerous Blackpoll Warblers.



Osprey by Lukas Padegimas



Species list:

Canada Goose	9	Winter Wren	1
Mallard	5	Swainson's Thrush	2
Double-crested Cormorant	100	American Robin	4
Great Blue Heron	3	Northern Mockingbird	3
Osprey	2	European Starling	8
Unknown Hawk Sp.	1	Black-and-White Warbler	2
Killdeer	1	Nashville Warbler	2
Spotted Sandpiper	2	American Redstart	1
Ring-billed Gull	12	Northern Parula	1
Herring Gull	2	Magnolia Warbler	2
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	Bay-breasted Warbler	2
Unknown flycatcher sp	1	Blackpoll Warbler	10
Philadelphia Vireo	1	Wilson's Warbler	1
Red-eyed Vireo	1	Song Sparrow	1
Blue Jay	3	House Sparrow	22
American Crow	2		

October 5, 2014

Note by Jerry Talkington

The October trip was a great birding day at Headlands State Park and The Wake Robin Trail! The Kirtland Bird Club outing tallied 17 species of warblers plus Scarlet Tanager, Nelson's Sparrow and Sedge Wren. I want to thank everyone that joined me on this brisk October day.



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Membership Renewal Notice



Dear KBC Member,

If you haven't done so already, now is the time to renew your membership to Kirtland Bird Club for the 2014/2015 membership year. The Kirtland Bird Club appreciates and has enjoyed your support in the past year, and we hope to see you in 2015. The KBC membership year runs from September 1st to August 31 of the next year. According to our bylaws, members who have not paid by December 31st must be dropped from the roster. So please don't leave us, and renew your membership now!

This year, besides our monthly field trips and meetings, we look forward to a number of new developments. These include the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve Surveys, a vital citizen science project for conservation, a joint meeting in April, and a whole new Cleveland Bird Calendar.

So please complete the form below and, with your check made out to Kirtland Bird Club, bring it to the December 3rd meeting OR mail it to Mary Anne at the address found below. Alternatively, renew with a credit card at our secure online PayPal page www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/join/join.htm.

Along with your membership fee please consider a tax-deductible donation to publish the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*, to increase the KBC Scholarship Fund or the general fund. Thank you for your generosity. It means a great deal.

And in the meantime, enjoy those winter avian visitors!

Sincerely

Lukas Padegi-
President

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KBC Membership Renewal 2014—2015

Print name/names as appropriate for roster: _____

For student membership print school name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail _____

Daytime Phone: _____

2nd e-mail for couple members: _____

Note: By giving your email address you agree to receive notices of two online newsletters, meeting and field trip changes and reminders.

KBC respects your privacy and does not share member information with any other person or organization.

Single \$17

Student \$8 (Under age 24)

Couple/Family \$28

I also include a tax-deductible contribution to KBC in support of:

\$ _____ **Cleveland Bird Calendar Fund**

\$ _____ **KBC Scholarship Fund**

\$ _____ **General Donation**

\$ _____ **Total Amount Enclosed** (please make your check to Kirtland Bird Club)

Mail this form to: **KBC Membership, C/O Mary Anne Romito, 4310 Bush Ave, Cleveland, OH 44109**

Wind power experts engage citizens

by Tom Romito, WCAS President Emeritus

Eighty-two concerned citizens participated in an inspiring forum on wind power at the Independence Civic Center on October 19, sponsored by WCAS, Kirtland Bird Club, and the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland. Three noted speakers presented their views on this subject and entertained questions from the audience.

Dr. Michael Hutchins of the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) maintained that birds should not become collateral damage to wind power, but the problem is estimating how many birds are actually killed by wind turbines. ABC is studying where to best place wind turbines because Western Lake Erie is the most important migration corridor in Ohio. Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation (LEEDCo) works with Ohio Department of Natural Resources to find places to site turbines that benefit humans and does not threaten birds and bats, according to LEEDCo president Lorry Wagner. The Sierra Club's Ohio chapter fights fossil fuel pollution, protects parks, and tests water quality. Jen Miller, Director of the chapter, noted that there is no perfect energy source, but wants to replace fossil fuels with wind and solar energy.

Moderator and WCAS board member Stan Searles followed the presentations with questions for the panelists on various aspects of wind power. On the subject of future development in wind power, Michael Hutchins noted that changes in turbines will feature technology that detects bird strikes and even deter them. Jen Miller said wind power is changing the market because it is cheaper than coal. Lorry Wagner noted that the United States will follow the European model of testing turbines for impacts on wildlife.

The panelists agreed that post-construction mortality on birds and bats is hard to assess offshore because the technology to do so is untested. They also agreed that government must pass legislation that addresses how climate change is impacting wildlife. Michael Hutchins said that citizens can help in this area by educating themselves and getting involved in the political process to get government to look at the big picture. For instance, he said carbon dioxide levels are rising in spite of our growing reliance on sustainable energy sources. Further, we can contact the Environment Protective Agency and thank it for placing a carbon limit on coal plants.



Dr. Mike Hutchins, American Bird Conservancy's National Coordinator of the Bird Smart Wind Energy Campaign

Dear KBC Members,

For over a decade, the Kirtland Bird Club has sustained and awarded the Tom LePage Scholarship yearly to subsidize deserving young birders' participation in an Audubon camp, birding conference, or perhaps fund supplies to join an expedition in Alaska (as was my case a few years back). The Tom LePage Scholarship opens up a new world to many of these birders, and in return, they give back. Some provided us with amazing talks, others became ornithologists, and some heads of birding organizations. Currently, the scholarship is a little low on funds.

The chair of the scholarship committee, Robert Finkelstein, has suggested that perhaps we should review on how to sustain this fund into the future. Please see his public letter below. I think we all agree that the Tom LePage Scholarship truly reflects upon our club's mission to educate and promote the serious study of ornithology for our future generations. In the meanwhile, while renewing your membership this winter, please consider earmarking an additional sum to help maintain this wonderful program.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Lukas Padegimas
President of the Kirtland Bird Club

LePage Scholarship Fund

I'm writing this letter to inform you of the financial status of the LePage Scholarship Fund. The Fund has a balance of \$120 according to Mary Anne Romito, which is less than the amount we have been awarding in recent years, and much less than the charge for attending bird-related camps, such as the ones sponsored by ABA and the National Audubon Society. Unless money is added to the Fund over the next 4-6 months, KBC will be unable to make awards in the next camp season.

The Fund was originated in 2003 with \$2000 from money willed to KBC by Bill and Nancy Klamm and Martha Minns, all three of whom were long-time members of KBC. The Fund receives no money from KBC, and the only additional money that the Fund gets is from directed donations from KBC members. Most of the LePage Scholarship Fund awards went to club members. Club membership, however, is not a requirement for an award. In recent years, as there were no young club members who met the minimum age requirement, KBC made awards to non-members, who were qualified by activities and interests, which were verified by membership in a club such as the OYBC.

After the fund was initiated, the first award was to Ben Winger. Instead of the award coming from the Scholarship Fund, it was authorized by a motion, approved by KBC members, to use KBC funds. Ben is completing his PhD in Evolutionary Biology, as I understand, from The University of Chicago. The last LePage Scholarship award was to Kayla Parry to attend ABA's Camp Colorado this past summer. Kayla is in high school, is very energetic and is eager to learn as much about birds as she can. In between there was Ethan Kistler, who will present a program on Africa at the KBC January meeting. Also, Lukas Padegimas, the current KBC President, was an awardee. Lukas used the money to help finance a trip to Alaska, where he monitored shore bird nests for the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

There are several other awardees, but, the bottom line is that the LePage Scholarship Fund will be a memory unless the money in the fund is replenished. Money from the Scholarship Fund has helped a number of young people pursue their interests in birds and bird study, and some are on their way to finding careers in related fields. I would not like to see the end of the LePage Scholarship Fund. Instead, I would hope that during this dues-paying time members would consider contributing to the fund to help keep it afloat until a more permanent funding solution can be found.

Bob Finkelstein, co-chair
LePage Scholarship Fund

Updates

Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve Update

By Laura Gooch, Project Coordinator

Do you think Winter Wrens are cute? You should have seen them and their friends the kinglets dripping along the trails at the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve in October. Conducting point counts as part of the CLNP Avian Survey team gives you a great excuse to spend time at the site! Here are some of our survey results so far.

Seventeen CLNP survey volunteers have conducted 34 surveys since mid July, documenting 126 species of birds at the site. Song Sparrows were the most common species on the site itself and were observed during 42% of the counts and 97% of the visits to the site. American Goldfinch, American Robin, Gray Catbird, and Northern Cardinal were similarly numerous and common.



Winter Wren by Laura Gooch

Approximately 35 species were observed during the breeding season (July) and are either presumed or known to be breeding at the site. These include Willow Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Song Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, and Orchard Oriole.

All survey data have been initially entered by the volunteer surveyors, compiled in a central database, and uploaded into Cornell's eBird database.



Dark-eyed Junco by Laura Gooch

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Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067



Golden-crowned Kinglet by Laura Gooch

Finance Update

At the November meeting, an overview of KBC's finances was given by Karin Tanquist. The overview was as follows.

Income for the KBC:

1. Membership dues: averages \$2,700 per year
2. Book sales of Birds of Cleveland Region and the Field Guides: \$90 last year
3. Contributions: can be made "unrestricted" to be used in general operating costs or "designated" for *Cleveland Bird Calendar* publication.
Last year's contributions, "unrestricted" = \$470 and "designated" = \$213

2013-2014 Total = \$3,473.

Expenses for the KBC:

1. Cleveland Bird Calendar (CBC): about \$650 per issue.
Our goal is to publish 4 per year that would cost \$2,400 per year. In 2014, we have published one. We pay only for the publishing and mailing costs. Fred Dinkelbach volunteers his time to collect the data and write each issue.
2. Speakers: \$100 are offered to each speaker.
This could be as much as \$1,000 for 10 meetings per year. Last year \$600 was spent on speakers (often speakers decline the stipend, or request it be donated back to KBC).
3. Joint Meeting Expenses: April 2014 Joint Meeting at the Zoo cost \$472.
The October 2014 Joint Meeting on Wind Power cost \$200, but KBC has not received all the bills yet.
4. Ohio Avian Project Initiative (OAPI): \$1,000 per year (only \$500 was awarded last year)
5. Marketing: \$225 for our KBC sign, fliers, rack cards, tables at conferences.
This amount will vary year to year.
6. Office Expenses, mailings, website, printing *Kirtland Warbler*: \$500
7. Monthly Meeting Room Rent: \$500 per year
8. Liability Insurance: \$700 per year
9. Tax Preparation: \$350 per year
10. Donations to other organizations: Requests for donations continually come to the KBC. Recent donations have been made to CMNH (sponsoring wildlife programs for children), Medina Raptor Center, and Ohio Young Birders Club. Decisions to donate and the amount to donate are decided by membership vote at the monthly meetings. When decisions for donation requests need to be made before the next KBC meeting, the Executive Committee can authorize an amount less than \$249 without membership vote. The Executive Committee recommends a total of \$500 per fiscal year to be used for donations. Last year = \$575

2013-2014 Expenses = \$5,272

In addition, the KBC holds two collections of money that can only be used for their designation. Donations are made specifically to these funds. Presently, these funds contain:

Tom LePage Scholarship Fund: \$347
Project Snowstorm: \$639

In summary, KBC is spending more each year than it receives. The needed money presently comes out of the assets of \$28,584. These assets were described in the Spring 2014 issue of *Kirtland Warbler*.



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