

Kirtland Bird Club
12/2/20– Zoom Meeting Minutes

1. – **Meeting called to order at** 7:30 PM by Patty Kellner
57 screens were signed in.

2. – **Introduced:**

A. From our chat , the following locations were represented:

- 1)Canada
- 2)Denver, CO
- 3)Green Bay, WI
- 4)Jacksonville, FL
- 5)Iowa
- 6)Maine
- 7)New Orleans, LA

B. For newcomer to our group, we invited you to stay at the end of the meeting and ask any questions you might have – and sign up for our newsletter if you'd like: info@kirtlandbirdclub.org

3.-**In honor of Bert Szabo's 100th birthday**, a picture was taking of multiple screens/people present holding a bird mug.

4. -**Recording Secretary report:** Minutes of last month's meeting were posted on website. Motion to approve by Fred Dinkelbach. Seconded by Mary Anne Romito. Minutes were approved .Reminder: please submit corrections in advance of the meeting.

5.- **Treasurer Report:** None this month. Patty Kellner mentioned we appreciate and welcome memberships, donations to the club and to the loaner binocular fund, and volunteering of your time.

6. – **Quick Bird Photo ID:** anonymous new birder member sighting – 2 photos from Broadview Heights/Richfield border—red shouldered hawk.

7.- **Other updates/announcements:**

A. Bird Nerds Christmas feeders request – Christi Carlson has not heard back from Buster Banish. Four of his students want bird feeders for their homes. He is looking for people to contribute financially- If we could raise some money, we could get him some help like a bag of bird feed. Further suggestions:

1)Matt Valencic- Buster is trying to spread out his requests. Get a squirrel proof feeder.

2)Get a 50 lb. bag of feed and split it between 3-4 kids.

B. Christmas Bird Count- Andy Jones was not at meeting . It will be Sat 12/19 . We are not encouraging new birders due to COVID-19. Get in touch with leader of your last group. Everyone will be expected to wear masks and keep distance. Patty will check with Andy about evening gathering to share reports – **poll:** 5PM vs 7PM – bring photos to share – 7 PM won.

C. Patty may try to incorporate a photo sharing and/or story sharing time into our future meetings – poll- one picture OK.

D. WCAS Christmas Bird Count

1)Nancy Howell: WCAS is having A Christmas Bird Count Bird ID session on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 PM. They'll cover some of the tougher bird identifications, discuss areas that need coverage in their Count Circle and get more participants signed up! Or December 7 and how to get information into the compiler.

2)Laura Erikson will speak Dec 13- you have to register – it will be via free conference call “ December book club” as part of their author series – to discuss her book: *The Love Lives of Birds*, on Sunday, December 13 at 7PM. Laura actually has two books about bird families are very different. *Into the Nest: Intimate Views of the Courting, Parenting, and Family Lives of Familiar Birds* is chock-full of photos and detailed information about bird reproduction. *The Love Lives of Birds* is much more fanciful.

3)Post Christmas count wrap up in January.

4)To register for Bird ID

Session: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-bird-count-2020-bird-id-tickets-129932283959>

5)Contact nancyhowell@wcaudubon.org if you want to join the count on Sun 12/27.

6)Small groups and no carpooling, etc.

9.- **Speaker:** Laura Erickson – Paula introduced Laura. We recorded . See Above for her books. Laura recommended: saxzim.org. Get the map (which mentions bathroom, gas, and feeding stations). For a tour guide she recommended Erik Brunhke (<https://www.naturallyavian.com/>), and John Richardson- the naturalist at Hawk Ridge

<https://www.hawkridge.org/about-us/staff/#:~:text=John%20Richardson%20hails%20from%20East,Interpreter%20and%20Count%20Director%20roles>.

Best time to see Owls: early February

(There is a birding festival in non-COVID-19 times in February. Bring an Ice scraper for the school bus windows when they ice up)

Air B&B's better for the bog, opinion of Tim Colburn

10.- **Closing:**

Thanks:

Our next KBC meeting is Wed 1/6 – Andy Jones will speak - Updates from the world of Ornithology and Andy will report on the results of the KBC Christmas Bird Count.

11. **Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM