



## Nature Month on Kelleys Island Showcases the Island Spirit of Cooperation

### Judy DuShane

September was a wonderful month for eco-tourism on Kelleys Island! At a recent Kelleys Island Audubon (KIAC) board meeting it became obvious that efforts to promote our wonderful island included almost all the active organizations on the island and some from further away. These events brought several groups of people with different interests to the island.

**Kelleys Island Nature Month** kicked off with a "Glacial Glimpses" walk at the Glacial Grooves on Labor Day weekend which included a stop at the **North Shore Alvar**. Over 40 people participated and a hardy 15 or so wanted more and kept on the trail after the beginning walks. This was led by **Audubon President Pat Hayes** and was promoted as part of **Ohio's Coastal Week's** program.

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## Nesting birds of Kelleys Island

### Shane Roberts

Back in early July of 2005 as **Laura** [Roberts] and I were birding **North Pond Trail** and the boardwalk we happened upon a pair of mating Yellow-billed Cuckoos.

Those of you that know me, know I almost always have my camera, so yes I did get the shots that prove cuckoo are comfortable enough to mate here. On Sunday, July 15 we attended a **KIAC board meeting** and made certain we had time to do some birding. On the trail we came across several pairs of cuckoo that were filling their bills with grasshoppers and other cuckoo delicacies then returning to feed their young. We did not find the nest or any young but they were there.



*Yellow-billed cuckoos.* Photo by Shane Roberts

July of last year while Laura, Pat Hayes and I were out and about on the island birding we discovered that a pair of Great Belted Kingfishers had taken over a burrow that a community of Northern Rough-winged Swallows use for nesting. We stood and watched both adult kingfishers fly back and forth well above our heads with beaks full of food giving their warning call. We were probably a bit too close to the burrow for the parents' comfort. From within the burrow we could clearly hear the chicks squawking for food even though the adults were warning them of danger.

## President's Message

I'm not kidding—September has been a busy month here on Kelleys Island. Tragedy, joy, weddings, funerals. Add a nature event every weekend and one of our best Audubon programs this year, you can bet the month flew by. A special thanks to all Audubon members and businesses who helped **September** become the **Nature Month**.

The deer are out in all our yards eating clover. Someone told me a fawn with a collar walked up to them the other day! I thought it must have been a large dog, or maybe a long visit at the Pump had altered their vision. A few nights ago I was putting air in my Mother-in-law's bike tire and lo and behold up walked a small deer with a collar. I hope this tamed beast makes it through bow season.

Two hawk episodes interrupted our lives. One large Coopers hawk was found dead by **Chuck Herndon**. I think he planned on painting it after a photo was taken. Another was alive and in **Werner Minshall's** screened gazebo overlooking Lake Erie. I captured said bird and released the confused Coopers. He went back to work keeping order on **Fran's** [Minshall] land.

This summer was dry and warm until August when all the greenery came back to Kelleys Island and brought our lawnmowers back to life. As always the ten weeks flew by. The days are getting shorter and our friends are starting to migrate to wherever they go.

The hawks are on the move and warblers too. If you look up you are likely to see eagles.

**Pat Hayes**

**2007 DUES ARE DUE—THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID!**

# KELLEYS ISLAND AUDUBON CLUB 2006 FINANCIAL REPORT

Submitted by Jean Kuyoth, Treasurer

**Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2006** **\$ 1704.80**

**Income**

Membership Dues 2006	1805.00
Donations	469.00
Pape Memorial	55.00
Merchandise Sales	250.02
Calendar Sales	244.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	675.00
50/50 Raffle	136.00
Interest	17.02
Miscellaneous	136.00
Nature Camp Donation	385.00
Corso Paintings Raffle	580.00
Bird/Butterfly Adoptions	95.00

**Total** **\$4847.04**  
**\$6551.84**

<b>First Federal Savings of Lorain Bank Statement as of 12/15/06 \$1941.67</b>
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Outstanding Checks	<u>270.58</u>
Balance	\$1671.09
Checking Account	\$1671.09
Petty Cash	50.00
Pape Memorial Savings	\$2011.53
Memorial Fund	<u>759.95</u>
<b>Total in all accounts.</b>	<b>\$4492.57</b>

**Expenses**

Transportation	379.00
Supplies/Materials	95.79
Newsletter	707.73
Postage	60.65
Raffle Expense	296.34
Donations to Other Organizations	225.00
Miscellaneous	114.43
Internet Fees	179.30
Liability Insurance	251.00
Nest with the Birds	171.09
Nature Camp	575.42
Advertising	150.00
Brochures	402.00
Educational Conference	30.00
Chamber Dues (2 yrs.)	370.00
Bird Census	873.00

**Total** **(\$4880.75)**

**Balance as of December 31, 2006** **\$1671.09**

## KIAC Donations 2006

Thank you!

Ray & Lori Arnold  
Gary Kornblith & Carol Lasser  
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Bill & Barb Coleman  
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Kevin Pape & Kimberly Starbuck

## A couple more Shane Roberts photos



Left—a Barn Swallow preening and  
Below—Eastern Fox Snake



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The following weekend at the **Kelleys Island Historical Association's "Butterfly Festival"** a monarch butterfly tagging demonstration took place. About 40 people watched as Pat and **Lori Hayes** and helpers placed small tags on butterflies to track their journey to Mexico. The same weekend the **Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce** had their island wide "**Treasure Island**" day and many avid treasure hunters stopped by the festival to support the island organizations.

On Sept. 15, the annual **Kelleys Island Kayak Poker Paddle** brought a colorful array of **80 kayaks** and their owners to the island. This event is co-sponsored by the **Kelleys Island State Park**. Though the rough weather that day resulted in a slight change of course for the kayakers, a good time was had by all and many kayakers extended their stays because they so enjoyed the island.

The **Fall Feathers and Foliage Festival** on Sept. 22 featured **internationally known author Kenn Kaufman** who led a morning bird walk; **Kim Kaufman, Education Specialist for the Black Swamp Bird Observatory**, who was very pleased about

35 participants in her program on "**Mentoring Young Birders**"; and our own **Mike Monnett, Manager of the Kelleys Island State Park**, assisted by **Jeremy Berger** and Mike's 6 year old daughter **Regan Monnett**, who led the tree identification walk.

Well known **Master Bird Bander Tom Bartlett** had a team at **Long Point** where birds are fitted with small "bracelets" to track their migration. The "**Young Scientists**" from the **Cleveland Museum of Natural History** came by to watch as did a couple of scout troops.

Not to be forgotten was August's cooperative sponsorship of "**Back to the Wild**" by **KIAC** and the **Kelleys Island Landowners Association (KILA)** at the annual **Kelleys Island Homecoming**. **Mona Rutger** of "Back to the Wild," a wildlife rehabilitation center, said that the contributions at **KI Homecoming** offer some of the best support for their efforts. Their display of several different live animals is always a popular draw at this event.

**Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce** helps publicize all these events and island businesses contribute

through donated prizes at **Poker Paddle**, specials for the visitors, and a warm welcome. Many participants remarked about the friendly attitude on Kelleys Island and plan to make these annual visits. To keep up with the schedules for next year visit [www.kelleysislandnature.com](http://www.kelleysislandnature.com), the **KI Audubon website** and [www.kelleysislandchamber.com](http://www.kelleysislandchamber.com) **KI Chamber website** for island places to stay and services.

### Closing out 2007

Additional meetings for this season include **Thurs., Oct. 18** when our own **Kelleys Island State Park manager, Mike Monnett** will fill us in on "**The Emerald Ash Borer**". Worried about your ash trees? Find out the latest at this meeting which will be held at **St. Michael's Hall**. The hand carved loon will be raffled off at the October meeting. (If you haven't gotten your tickets see any Audubon board member.)

And last, but not least, don't miss the annual "**End of Year Gathering and Party**" will be held at **The Inn on Sat., Nov. 10**. That event includes ham and beverages so bring a "go with ham" dish and come enjoy a recounting of the year.

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Amount Enclosed:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Individual Member

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will be sent to you when your dues are received. Prompt payment will  
assure that you receive all issues of the *Hoot Owl* and other important  
member correspondence.

**Seasonal birds to look for**

**September**

Blue winged  
teals, green  
winged teals,  
rails, great egrets,  
terns, gulls, bald  
eagles, warblers,  
vireos, thrushes,  
white-throated  
sparrows.



**October**

Dabbling and  
diving ducks,  
Tundra swans, dunlin, American woodcock, white-  
throated sparrows, kinglets, thrushes, myrtle warbler.

**November**

Dabbling and diving ducks, herons, egrets, loons,  
northern harriers, rough-legged hawks.

**December**

Red-breasted merganser, goldeneyes, mallards,  
American black duck, Canada geese.