

Spring Migration

Kelleys Island is an Ohio Important Bird Area nestled in the western basin of Lake Erie. Many migrating birds stop here to feed and rest during their springtime journey to northern breeding grounds.

Among the migrating warblers you might see are Blackburnian, Blue-winged, Golden-winged, Prairie, Prothonotary, Northern Parula or any of the 29 warbler species seen during previous "Nest with the Birds" festivals. Past bird walks have recorded 143 species of birds for the week! Highlights include Lawrence's Warbler, Willet, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Clay-colored and Lincoln sparrow, Red-headed Woodpecker, Scarlet Tanager, Chuck-will's-widow, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Black and Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Bald Eagle to name a few.

Your generous support through KIAC membership and donations enable us to keep all of our scheduled events free. Donations help cover costs for guided bird walks, afternoon lectures, bird banding, monthly census, nature camps and other nature related activities.

For Kelleys Island birding information contact the Kelleys Island Audubon Club at 419-746-2258 or visit <http://www.kelleysislandnature.com>

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It's time for the annual KIAC

"Nest with the Birds" Festival

Kelleys Island, Ohio
May 9 - 15, 2010

Guided bird walks,
afternoon nature programs

and

"The Great KI Bird Hunt"
(details inside)

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Nest with the Birds

Program Schedule

May 9 - 15, 2010

Guided Bird Walks - 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Greg Miller ("The Big Year")

Tuesday & Wednesday a.m. - Greg Miller

Wednesday p.m. & Thursday a.m. - David Kriska

Thursday p.m. & Friday a.m. - John Pogacnik

Friday p.m. - KIAC member

Nature Programs - 1:00 p.m.

Sunday - Guided Nature Walk - Allison Cusick

Wednesday - Greg Miller

Thursday - David Kriska

Friday - John Pogacnik

"The Great KI Bird Hunt"

will take place *Monday & Tuesday only* during the scheduled Bird Walks.

Entry fee \$5.00 each per walk. One prize per person per bird walk.

Cash prizes determined by species and the winners by the walk guide.

Full rules available at www.kelleysislandnature.com

Woodcock Watch and Birds of the Night

Every night at 8:30 p.m. on the corner of Monagan and Hamilton Roads (on your own, no guide assigned)

Bird Banding at Long Point with Tom Bartlett

Saturday, May 15, 2010 - 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Beginner Bird Walks at 8 and 10 a.m. - Pat Hayes

(Speakers, guides and programs subject to change without notice.)

All programs start at St. Michael's Hall.

Kelleys Island

Kelleys Island is one of the stepping stones used by migrating birds crossing Lake Erie. This 2800 acre island has more than 17 miles of shoreline and a 600 acre state park. Diverse habitats provide opportunities to see a large variety of birds including hawks, owls, herons, ducks, shorebirds, cuckoos, woodpeckers, flycatchers, thrushes, vireos, warblers and orioles.

The Island's boardwalk provides easy access to North Pond and the North Shore. The trail head is on Ward Road.

There is plenty of lodging available at island B&B's, cottages and the Kelleys Island State Park campground.

The Island is easily accessible by ferry boat March through November. Ferries run on a regular schedule from Marblehead taking about 30 minutes each way. For more information and ferry sailing schedule check with Kelleys Island Ferry at www.kelleysislandferry.com.

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