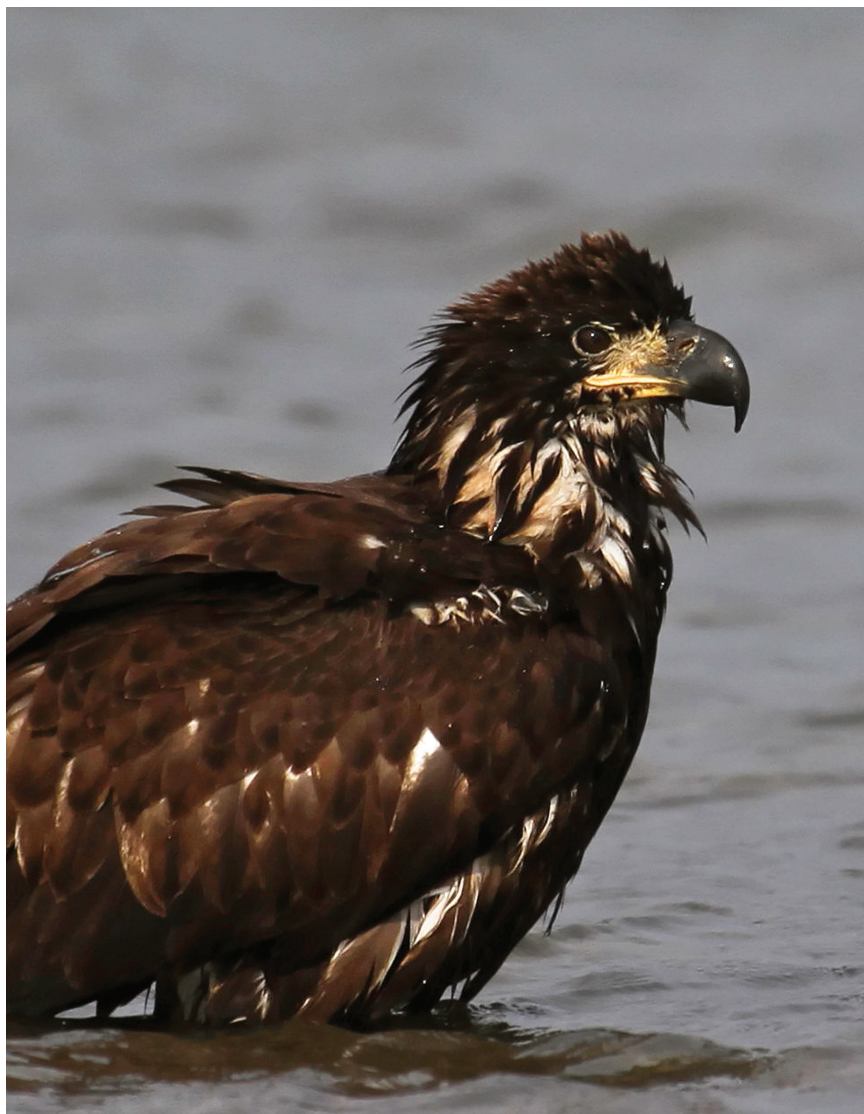


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Laura Keene captured this outstanding photo of an immature Bald Eagle bathing at Conneaut, *Ashtabula*, on 12 July.

On the cover: Ben Warner was able to photograph this gorgeous male Vermilion Flycatcher (one of only a handful of records for Ohio) present only one day, 14 June near Millersburg, *Holmes*.

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SEASON OVERVIEW

SUMMER 2010 SNAPSHOT

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Following our erratic spring, it is no surprise that June and July were also inconsistent. The southern and central part of the state, including Cincinnati and Columbus, had four or five days in June in the 70s, 23 or 24 days in the 80s, and only two or three days with 90 degree readings. The northern areas of the state, including Cleveland, had at least two days with highs in the 60s; another 12 days in the 70s, and 13 days in the 80s with a similar three-day hot spell in the 90s. Rain was frequently encountered over much of the state in June, with the south and central portions recording rainfall on about 50% of the days and the northern tier recording 11 of 30 days with precipitation. In contrast, July in the south was hot and wet with Cincinnati recording 16 days over 90 degrees and 17 days with precipitation. The central and northern areas were cooler and dryer, with less than 10 days over 90 degrees and under 9 days with precipitation.

Five review species were reported during our summer period. One of them will probably be leaving the list soon - the Eurasian Collared-Dove, which is now a nesting, year-round resident in the west-central counties particularly in areas around Celina. There were three sightings of White-winged Doves from **Hamilton** and **Franklin**; the numerous sightings of Purple Gallinule in spring led to Ohio's second known nesting record with fledged young noted in early July in **Richland**; a Black Rail was reported one day in mid-July from the Ottawa NWR in **Ottawa**; and what was probably the bird of the season and our cover image, a Vermilion Flycatcher appeared for

one day in **Holmes** in mid-June. Trumpeter Swan, though “established”, remains a review species because no truly wild birds have been documented.

Efforts surrounding the *Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II* produced thousands of observations over the period and offered valuable insight into the current status of breeding birds in Ohio. In the second to last year of this effort (2006-2011), 2010 produced some unusual findings. Merlins again nested in **Knox**; with 25 nests and 36 fledged young, Sandhill Crane numbers increased of over 40 percent from last year’s totals; Bell’s Vireos were located in four survey blocks; Lark Sparrows were in six blocks in the western third of the state, from **Lucas** to **Hamilton** and a species that has taken the state’s gravel pits by storm in the past few years - Blue Grosbeaks - were reported in 77 survey blocks as far north **Lucas** and east as **Holmes**.



Dave Russell with Puff, the youngest Boreal Owl fledgling at the Boreal Owl Project research site in Interior Alaska.

CONVENTIONS

The following conventions are used throughout all seasonal reports. Taxonomic order and nomenclature are those of the *Check-list of North American Birds* (1998: 7th ed), as updated through the 51st Supplement (2010) available at <http://www.aou.org/checklist/north/print/php>. Common names are capitalized as used by the American Ornithologists' Union. All credible sightings are published even if they have not yet been reviewed by the Ohio Bird Records Committee. Underlined Common Names indicate those on the OBRC Review List; documentation is needed to add reports of these species to official state records, or to attribute their reports to the observer herein. **County names** are in bold italics.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used throughout all seasonal overviews and reports:

et al. = and others

fide = "on the authority of", used for third party submissions

m. obs. = multiple observers

Hocking = Hocking Hills SP

Killdeer = Killdeer Plains WA

Magee = Magee Marsh WA

Maumee = Maumee Bay SP

MP = Metropark

Metzger = Metzger Marsh WA

NP = Nature Preserve

NWR = National Wildlife

Refuge

OBBA II = Ohio Breeding Bird

Atlas II, 2006-2011

OBRC = Ohio Bird Records
Committee

ODW = Ohio Division of
Wildlife

ONWR = Ottawa NWR

RBA = Rare Bird Alert

Shawnee = Shawnee SF

SF = State Forest

SNP = State Nature Preserve

SP = State Park

WA = Wildlife Area

WS = Wildlife Sanctuary

SEASONAL REPORT

SUMMER 2010 SPECIES ACCOUNTS

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Much of the information included in this report was taken from the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II database; more than 150,000 breeding bird observations were submitted by volunteers and staff during the June-July reporting period. Additional information came from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources-Division of Wildlife (much of which was provided by Dave Sherman), Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's eBird program, and reports submitted to *The Ohio Cardinal*, Ohio Birds listserv, and *rarebird.org*. Though information was processed from these various sources, we have made our best attempts at crediting the original observers with the record.

The 2010 summer reporting period took place during the fifth field season (out of six) for the Atlas. The Atlas provides an excellent framework to report on annual breeding bird observations; however the structure does not allow for information to be reported on non-breeding species or

abundance counts. Additionally, if a species was recorded in a block in a previous year, it may not be reported again for that block in future years. However, an increase in Atlas effort compared to previous years likely helped contribute observations in areas that typically experience below-average birding coverage.

Canada Goose

Similar to previous years, the species was detected on approximately 25% of Ohio eBird checklists and in at least 52 counties for June and July. Additionally, the species was reported throughout the state on OBBA II checklists, and by the end of the breeding season it had been confirmed in 1,174 Atlas blocks (39%).

Mute Swan

Observations were concentrated in northern counties along Lake Erie; however, breeding records were submitted in 11 counties from around the state, including several from *Fairfield*. Fledged

young were reported in seven Atlas blocks. The species has shown an increase in numbers over the last 20 years; however, the extent of that expansion is somewhat unclear because observers/records may not distinguish between “wild” breeding birds and domesticated swans.

Trumpeter Swan

Similarly to Mute Swan, observations were concentrated near Lake Erie in **Lucas**, **Ottawa** and **Sandusky**. However, fledged young were also reported farther south near other release sites in **Guernsey**, **Marion**, **Trumbull**, **Wayne**, and **Wyandot**. Of the OBBA II records (including ODW data) submitted, 66% confirmed breeding.

Wood Duck

As in previous years, reported in good numbers from at least 42 counties in the state. Additionally, sightings of fledged young spanned the entire period. In this reporting period, the species was recorded in 37% of OBBA II blocks.

Gadwall

Two pairs were reported in adjacent Atlas blocks on 19 and 29 Jun in **Ottawa** and **Sandusky** (Mark Shieldcastle).

American Wigeon

One individual was observed on 31 Jul in **Erie** (Chris Pierce).

American Black Duck

Observations were reported in only four OBBA II blocks from **Ashtabula** (Craig Holt), **Guernsey** (Leo Deininger), and **Cuyahoga**, where a bird seen on 20 Jun with a large number of Mallards was believed to have been present since the previous Christmas Bird Count (Terri Martincic). Perhaps most interesting was a pair seen on 26 June at Pickerington Ponds MP, **Fairfield** (Katrina Schultes).

Mallard

Reported in every OBBA II survey region; 776 records were submitted during the period. The species was reported in at least 43 counties, but reports were more sparse in the Allegheny Plateau.

Blue-winged Teal

Reported from 13 counties and numerous records (n=47) reported to OBBA II, with five breeding confirmations during the period. Fledged young were reported in **Hancock** 12 Jul (Robert Sams), **Mahoning** 04 Jul (Jim Dolan), **Hamilton** 07 Jul (Gary Stenger), and **Trumbull** 11 Jul (Carol Babyak). Additionally, a nest with eggs was reported in **Ottawa** 29 Jun (Mark Shieldcastle).

Northern Shoveler

Two single individuals were reported in adjacent Atlas blocks on 19 and 29 Jun in **Ottawa** and **Sandusky** (Mark Shieldcastle).

Northern Pintail

One report from *Sandusky* on 19 Jun (Mark Shieldcastle).

Green-winged Teal

Two pairs reported during period: birds present for a single day on 23 Jun in *Hamilton* (Gary Stegner), and courtship behavior observed on 10 Jun in *Van Wert* (David and Judy Hochadel). Additionally, a single bird was reported at Sandy Ridge Reservation, *Lorain* on 06 Jun (Mike Bracken).

Redhead

One report of a male on territory on 26 Jun from Little Portage WA, *Ottawa*, (Mark Shieldcastle) and one individual 3 Jun- 4 July *Mahoning* (William Jones).

Ring-necked Duck

Reported in 3 counties including a male and female that remained in *Athens* through 01 Jun and a female found at the same site on 21 Jun (Glen Crippen) One adult male was seen at the *Paulding* sewage lagoons on 08 Jun (Doug and Micki Dunakin) and at Sandy Ridge Reservation, *Lorain* (Black River Audubon).

Lesser Scaup

Two individuals reported from *Ottawa* on 12 Jun and *Lucas* 18 Jul (Laura Keene).

Hooded Merganser

Observations reported from 12 counties throughout the state. Many breeding confirmations

came from northerly counties, though fledged young were reported as far south as *Hamilton* (Gary Stegner) and *Vinton* (David Gagne).

Common Merganser

Reported in four OBBA II blocks during the period. Most observations have been made near the Pennsylvania border, including reports of fledged young on 01 and 21 Jun in *Columbiana* (Jim Dolan) and 30 Jun and 20 Jul in *Ashtabula* (Craig Holt, Craig Caldwell). However, a pair was observed as far west as *Lorain* on 24 Jun (Hope Orr). Nest-boxes placed throughout the region seem to be helping the species to expand into eastern Ohio.

Red-breasted Merganser

Stragglers were reported on 12 Jun in *Wayne* (Greg Cornett), 19 Jun in *Ottawa* (Chris Pierce), and 26 Jun in *Sandusky* (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo).

Ruddy Duck

For the fourth year in a row, Ruddy Ducks bred at the *Hardin* wetlands where four adults were seen with three young on 17 Jul (Richard Counts). Birds were reported in *Ottawa* on 09 and 16 Jun (Mark Shieldcastle) and just south in *Sandusky* on 11 Jun (Karen Willard). Other birds were reported in *Geauga* 02 Jun (Dwight and Ann Chasar) and as far south as *Hamilton* on 21 Jul (Mark Artmayer).

Northern Bobwhite

Reports were similar to those of previous years (from 15 counties). Records were submitted for 205 OBBA II blocks, mostly in southwestern counties.

Ring-necked Pheasant

Reports were submitted from 12 counties throughout glaciated Ohio, as in previous years. During summer 2010, the species was confirmed with fledged young in only three OBBA II blocks; in **Fulton** 01 Jul (Tom Kemp), **Butler** 10 Jul (Sue Tackett), and **Ross** 22 Jul (David Hess).

Ruffed Grouse

Only 12 reports of this declining species were received during the period, including only two confirmed breeding records from OBBA II: a nest with eggs found on 12 Jun in **Coshocton** (Adam Yoder), and fledged young observed on the same date in **Harrison** (Scott Pendleton).

Wild Turkey

Reported in expected numbers from 32 counties, with 18% of reports of nests or fledged young confirming breeding in OBBA II blocks.

Common Loon

Reported from 4 counties including an individual from Lou Campbell SNP, **Lucas**, between 09 and 20 Jun (Ryan Schroeder, Matt Anderson) and

individuals 12 Jun **Hancock**, 03 Jul **Wyandot**, and 31 Jul **Lorain**.

Pied-billed Grebe

Reports similar to previous years. Observations submitted for 41 OBBA II blocks in glaciated Ohio.

Double-crested Cormorant

Cormorants were detected in at least 15 counties across the state throughout the period, but many represent non-breeding individuals. Breeding confirmations were reported for six OBBA II blocks. At least nine occupied nests (adults and young) were reported on an island in a quarry on 06 Jun in **Franklin** (Marcia Brehmer). This is the third year in a row the species has been reported nesting at the location, and nearly double the number of nests from the previous years. Larger colonies were again active in **Erie**, **Lucas**, **Mercer**, **Ottawa**, and **Summit** (ODW).

American White Pelican

Three birds flew past Magee Mash WA east beach, **Ottawa**, on 16 June (Scott Hites, Sr.).

Brown Pelican

A single bird was observed near Magee, **Ottawa**, 01 Jun (Greg Wagener *vide* Joe Schoelein).

American Bittern

Though reported in several blocks in May, the species was reported only in four OBBA

II blocks in *Lorain*, *Marion*, *Ottawa*, and *Sandusky* in June and July.

Least Bittern

Twenty-one records were submitted from typical northern counties. A notable territorial bird was recorded during surveys on multiple visits in *Warren* (Bryce Adams).

Great Blue Heron

The species was widely reported (60 counties) throughout the state. However, only 3% of observations confirmed breeding in OBBA II blocks. ODW reported 154 nests at Green Island, *Ottawa*, and only five at Turning Point Island, *Erie*.

Great Egret

Widely reported in at least 18 counties, but especially in western Lake Erie counties, with observations from three rookeries confirming nesting for the species. Six nests occupied by adults were observed on 06 Jun in *Franklin* (Marcia Brehmer); on 18 Jun, four nestlings were seen in one nest and three in another. Contents of the other nests were unknown. The number of nests were down from 2009 at the Green Island, *Ottawa* (n=56) and Turning Point Island, *Erie* (n=100) colonies (ODW).

Snowy Egret

A single bird was detected on a survey in *Ottawa* on 05 Jun (Karen Willard), and another

on 15 Jun (Mary Warren). At ONWR, *Ottawa*, nine birds were reported on 04 Jul (Douglas Vogus), and 10 were reported on 25 Jul (Bill Whan). The species was reported in double digits at Pipe Creek WA, *Erie*, on 31 Jul (Jim Heflich, Patty Kellner). Ten nests were reported at West Sister Island, *Lucas* (ODW).

Little Blue Heron

Gary Stegner reported a bird on 23 Jun in *Hamilton*: it stayed at least five days. An immature was seen 07 Jul at Pickerington Ponds MP, *Franklin*, and it lingered for multiple days (Ben Warner). An adult was reported at ONWR, *Ottawa*, on 04 Jul (Douglas Vogus). Two nests were reported at Green Island, *Ottawa* (ODW).

Cattle Egret

An adult in breeding plumage was reported at Darby Creek wetlands, *Franklin*, on 13 Jun (Bob Baran). Eight nests were reported at West Sister Island, *Lucas* (ODW).

Green Heron

Similar to Great Blue Heron, the species was reported throughout the state, but with a low breeding confirmation rate (6% of OBBA II records).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

A handful of observations were reported from 10 counties during the period. Notably, a breeding confirmation with fledged young was reported on 29 Jun at

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, **Mahoning**, where they are annual breeders (Jim Dolan). Of the ODW-monitored colonies, 48 nests were reported at Turning Point Island, **Erie**, and a single nest at Green Island, **Ottawa** (ODW). Other notable records were birds observed in **Franklin** on 13 July at Pickerington Ponds MP (Jim Fry) and 10 July on the Ohio State University campus (Dave Slager). Though small numbers regularly winter at the OSU location, summer reports in the Columbus area have been very infrequent in recent years.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Paul Chad reported a single bird in **Putnam** 20 Jun. A nest with young was reported in Columbus, **Franklin**, at the Preston Road site on 24 Jun. Fledged young were observed two days later (Craig Caldwell).

Black Vulture

Reported numbers similar to previous years (10 counties), across the state. A nest with eggs was reported from **Coshocton** on 10 Jul (Hallie Mason).

Turkey Vulture

Widely reported in 69 counties. Of the approximately 2,500 observations, only 13 nesting records were submitted which is typical of previous OBBA II years.

Osprey

Another excellent year for the species, with records from volunteers and ODW submitted for 78 OBBA II survey blocks. Of those nesting records, 82% confirmed breeding and fledged young were later recorded from at least 18 nests.

Bald Eagle

An official ODW report identified 180 nesting pairs for the year, with a minimum of 207 fledged young produced. This number is down by four nests from 2009, though ODW reported having fewer volunteers during the period. Of nests documented in 2010, 33 were from newly reported locations (ODW). Nests were located throughout the state, though concentrated in **Erie**, **Ottawa**, and **Sandusky**.

Northern Harrier

Records were submitted for 15 OBBA II survey blocks in 13 counties. Most observations came from either northwestern or northeastern counties; however, a bird was observed in **Washington** on 29 Jun (Doreene Linzell), and fledged young were reported in **Ross** on 22 Jul (David Hess).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Records submitted for fewer than 30 OBBA II blocks (12 counties), with a single observation of fledged young on 30 Jul in **Hocking** (Dave Slager).

Northern Goshawk

A single sighting from Hunters Ridge, *Richland*, on 14 Jun.

Coopers Hawk

Nearly 400 reports submitted from 42 counties with 11% confirming breeding in OBBA II blocks. Reports of Cooper's Hawk, particularly nesting records, were concentrated around urban centers.

Red-shouldered Hawk

Widely reported in the state with 269 observations, though reports were more sparse in the agriculturally dominated landscapes of northwestern Ohio.

Broad-winged Hawk

Fledged young reported in three OBBA II survey blocks: 10 Jul in *Pike* (Bob Kemp), 17 Jul in *Belmont* (Greg Park), and 31 Jul in *Scioto* (Sam Fitton).

Red-tailed Hawk

More than 1200 records submitted to the OBBA II database during the period, with 13% of observations confirming breeding. Since 2006, volunteers have helped to document the species in 78% of OBBA II survey blocks and confirm breeding in 25%.

American Kestrel

Records were submitted for 441 atlas blocks across the state, 11% of which confirmed breeding for the species within the block.

Merlin

Ohio was fortunate enough to have another nesting record for the species, the second during OBBA II. Courtship and copulation was first observed on 24 May in *Knox* (Danielle McCament). The pair continued nesting behavior throughout the period, and one fledged chick was observed on 10 Aug. Additionally, a bird was seen hunting on 30 Jul (Craig Holt). Recent Ohio breeding records are consistent with increasing breeding records in New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Peregrine Falcon

An official report from ODW identified 29 successful nests, fledging a total of 67 young falcons.

Black Rail

A single individual was reported 17 Jul at ONWR, *Ottawa*.

King Rail

OBBA II volunteers and an OSU research project reported six observations of King Rails, a solid number for recent years. As usual, most records came from Lake Erie marshes (in *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, and *Sandusky*), but very interesting was a report of at least three fledged young at a privately-owned restored wetland on 21 Jul in *Union* (Bryce Adams), only the third confirmed breeding record since OBBA II began in 2006.

Virginia Rail

A total of 61 observations were reported, primarily from counties adjacent to Lake Erie. Fledged young were reported on 04 Jun in *Richland* (John Herman) and at another site on 17 Jul in *Hardin* (Richard Counts). Additionally, the southernmost records of Virginia Rail for OBBA II included a bird on 14 Jul in *Vinton* (Bill Lynch) and a territorial bird on 07 Jul in *Jackson* (Paul Rodewald).

Sora

A solid 37 records were reported to OBBA II with one confirmation of breeding, an adult bird performing a distraction display observed on 15 Jun in *Trumbull* (Chad Incorvia).

Purple Gallinule

After a spring season in which several Purple Gallinules were reported around Ohio, the species successfully nested in *Richland*. This was only the second known nesting record for Ohio; the previous one was documented in 1962. A pair was first observed in early May at Clearfork Reservoir and monitored periodically into June (John Herman). Fledged young were first discovered on 07 Jul (Adam Yoder) and up to six fledged young were seen in the following weeks (m.obs.).

Common Moorhen

Reported in eight counties including fledged young in

five: 13 Jun in *Richland* (John Herman), 09 Jul in *Lucas* (Karen Willard), 10 Jul in *Medina* (Sarah Winnicki), 18 Jul in *Trumbull* (Carole Babyak), and 29 Jul in *Marion* (Charles Bombaci).

American Coot

Of the 13 OBBA II block records submitted from 8 counties during the period, only one confirmation of breeding was reported; Charles Bombaci reported fledged young on 29 Jul in *Marion*.

Sandhill Crane

ODW reported 36 fledged young from 25 nests throughout the state in 2010 (a 44% increase from the previous year). New nesting locations were reported in *Ashtabula*, *Columbiana*, *Medina*, *Pickaway*, and *Richland*. The Pickaway nest represents the southernmost confirmed record for the Atlas.

Black-bellied Plover

One report from Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, on 11 Jun.

Semipalmated Plover

Observed in nine counties including at Conneaut harbor, *Ashtabula*, on 08 Jun and 25 Jul (Craig Holt). Other July records came from *Darke*, and *Montgomery*.

Killdeer

Reports of nesting Killdeer were similar to previous years. As of the 2010 field season, Killdeer

have been documented in 71% of Ohio's atlas blocks. The species is distributed throughout all counties, though in fewer numbers in unglaciated Ohio.

American Avocet

A single June report came on 25 Jun at Metzger, *Lucas* (John Pogacnik). July birds were reported in *Ashtabula*, *Erie*, *Sandusky*, and *Wyandot*.

Spotted Sandpiper

Records from 31 counties with breeding reports similar to recent years. The species shows a strong presence in *Ottawa* and *Sandusky*, but numbers of detections may also be associated with effort as several breeding confirmations come from other locations with significant volunteer effort (e.g., Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland).

Solitary Sandpiper

No birds reported during Jun; Jul reports came from *Ashtabula*, *Darke*, *Franklin*, *Montgomery*, *Paulding*, *Sandusky*, and *Union*.

Greater Yellowlegs

Reported at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, on 02 Jun and the first southbound birds returned there on 15 Jul (Craig Holt). Other Jul reports came from *Darke*, *Montgomery*, and *Ottawa*.

Willet

The earliest report of the season came from Conneaut, *Ashtabula* on 03 Jul (Gabe Leidy), where

there were several records throughout the month. Other Jul records came from *Erie*, *Montgomery*, *Ottawa*, and *Sandusky*.

Lesser Yellowlegs

Reported from nine counties during Jul (*Ashtabula*, *Auglaize*, *Darke*, *Erie*, *Franklin*, *Montgomery*, *Ottawa*, *Paulding*, and *Sandusky*).

Whimbrel

Two were reported, single birds at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula* on 14 Jul (Andy Jones) and 20 Jul (Craig Holt).

Ruddy Turnstone

Five records from four counties including 17 Jun *Erie*, 17 Jun *Lucas*, 15 Jun *Ottawa* and 25 Jul Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula* (Craig Holt).

Sanderling

Earliest southbound bird was reported from Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, on 14 Jul (Andy Jones), with a high count of seven birds on 20 Jul (Craig Holt). A single bird was reported in *Montgomery* on 17 Jul (Rick Asamoto).

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Late spring migrants reported from at least 10 counties including one on 08 Jun at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula* (Craig Holt), with the earliest fall birds arriving at the same site on 11 Jul (John Pogacnik). Regina

Schieltz reported two birds at the Woods Road wetland, *Darke*, on 28 Jul.

Western Sandpiper

Four first-summer birds were reported along with Semipalmated Sandpipers on 08 Jun at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula* (Craig Holt). Craig commented that he has observed immature birds traveling with Semipalmated Sandpipers during late May to early June in *Ashtabula* for several years.

Least Sandpiper

Birds remained at ONWR, *Ottawa*, through 06 Jun (Douglas Vogus). The first southbound migrants found at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, were reported on 30 Jun (Craig Holt). Jul reports came from 12 other counties including *Ashtabula*, *Darke*, *Delaware*, *Erie*, *Franklin*, *Paulding*, and *Union*.

White-rumped Sandpiper

Two birds reported at Armleder Park, *Hamilton*, 02 Jun (James Lundberg).

Baird's Sandpiper

One individual was observed 31 Jul in *Darke* and 3 individuals 27 Jul in *Montgomery*.

Pectoral Sandpiper

Over 110 sightings from 10 counties including a single bird reported at Funk Bottoms WA, *Wayne*, on 05 Jul (Ken

Ostermiller). The earliest birds were reported at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, on 20 Jul (Craig Holt). Pickerington Ponds MP, *Franklin*, had three birds on 27 Jul (Ben Warner).

Dunlin

Two birds reported at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, on 02 Jun (Craig Holt). Five birds reported at ONWR, *Ottawa*, on 05 Jul (Douglas Vogus).

Stilt Sandpiper

Small numbers reported from Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, with earliest on 11 Jul (John Pogacnik).

Short-billed Dowitcher

The species was reported throughout Jul, with records in *Ashtabula*, *Darke*, *Erie*, *Franklin*, *Fairfield*, *Miami*, *Ottawa*, and *Sandusky*.

Upland Sandpiper

One observation was reported during the season. Charlotte Mathena observed a territorial male on 10 Jun behind the Dayton airport, *Montgomery*.

Wilson's Snipe

Single birds were reported on 07 Jun in *Cuyahoga* (Inga Schmidt), 29 Jun in *Lake* (Dave and Sally Isacco), and 25 Jul in *Franklin* (Rob Thorn).

American Woodcock

Reported from 11 counties with broods reported on 19 and 30

Jun in *Sandusky* and *Ottawa*, respectively (Mark Shieldcastle). Other breeding confirmations for OBBA II included an adult carrying food on 27 Jun in *Delaware* (Darlene Sillick) and adults performing distraction displays in *Mahoning* (06 Jun, Bob Lane) and *Ottawa* (26 and 29 Jun, Mark Shieldcastle).

Wilson's Phalarope

A single adult male was reported at Pipe Creek WA, *Erie*, on 16 Jul (Gabe Leidy).

Bonaparte's Gulls

A count of 185 birds was reported from Kelly's Island, *Erie* on 18 Jul (Tom Bartlett). Singles were reported from Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, including an adult on 25 Jul and an immature on 30 Jul (Craig Holt), and from Buck Creek SP, *Clark*, on 27 Jul (Rick Asamoto).

Laughing Gull

Only two reports of this rare summer visitor, a bird found at Alum Creek Lake, *Delaware* on 02 Jul (Rob Thorn) and 18 Jul Lucas (Laura Keene).

Ring-billed Gull

Reported from 19 counties with the first juvenile of the year spotted at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, on 30 Jun (Craig Holt). Gregory Bennett observed a single first-cycle bird among approximately 60 adults on 12 Jul in *Medina*. Good counts at Kelleys Island, *Erie*, included

637 on 19 Jun and 1,538 on 18 Jul (Tom Bartlett).

Herring Gull

A flock of 100 birds including the first juveniles of the season was reported at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula* on 09 Jul (Craig Holt). More than 400 were reported on each of the Jun and Jul Kelleys Island, *Erie*, monthly censuses (Tom Bartlett).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

A very nice record was a first-summer bird reported from Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, on 02 Jun (Craig Holt).

Great Black-backed Gull

One immature bird reported at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, on 02 Jun (Craig Holt). A second-year bird was reported at Kelleys Island, *Erie*, on 19 Jun (Tom Bartlett) and a third individual 06 June-19 Jul at *Lorain*.

Caspian Tern

One bird sighted at ONWR, *Ottawa* on 06 Jun (Douglas Vogus) and two birds at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula*, on 08 Jun (Craig Holt). A pair was observed at Rocky Fork SP, *Highland*, on 17 Jun (Lisa Koerner). The first southbound migrant juvenile and parent were seen on 15 Jul at Conneaut Harbor, *Ashtabula* (Craig Holt).

Black Tern

Four records were reported to OBBA II, most notably one of

an adult carrying food on 12 Jun at Winous Point, **Ottawa** (Lydia Doerr). Three spring migrants were found at Winton Woods settling pond, **Hamilton**, 01 Jun (Frank Frick, Ruhikant Meetei).

Common Tern

Fledged young were recorded in two OBBA II blocks during the period, on 01 Jul at both Pipe Creek, **Erie**, and ONWR, **Ottawa** (ODW).

Rock Pigeon

OBBA II volunteers submitted 532 block records. The species has now been documented in 60% of blocks across the state. Interestingly, North American Breeding Bird Survey data show strong declines in Ohio since 1966, with numbers leveling off in the last 20 years.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Troy Shively saw one on a nest in **Logan**, 23 May - 03 Jun. A territorial bird was recorded on 18 Jul in **Van Wert** (Tom Kemp), and another bird observed on 25 Jul in **Mercer** (Laura Keene). 13 observations were submitted with confirmations in two atlas blocks.

White-winged Dove

Three records accepted by OBRC during the period: individuals in **Hamilton** 01-03 Jun (Virginia Russell) and downtown Columbus, **Franklin** on 12 Jun (Dave Slager) and 17 Jun (Erin Cashion).

Mourning Dove

More than 5,000 observations from across the state were submitted to OBBA II. By the end of the reporting period the species had been detected in 96% of Atlas blocks.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

As is typical, far more widely reported than Black-billed Cuckoo, with over 700 observations. Less than 2% of records confirmed breeding for the species.

Black-billed Cuckoo

OBBA II volunteers submitted records that added the species to 79 OBBA II survey blocks, primarily in unglaciated Ohio. A highlight of the period was an observation of recently fledged youngster in **Summit** on 18 Jun (Hope Orr).

Barn Owl

Fledged young reported on 14 Jun in **Ross** (Bob Kemp) and on 15 Jun in **Jefferson** (Scott Pendleton). Bob Lane reported a single adult visiting an old silo on 25 Jun and 03 Jul at a known nesting location in **Columbiana**. Two other single observations were reported on 08 Jun (Laura Keene) and on 11 Jul (Ron Antonucci) in **Holmes**.

Eastern Screech-Owl

Records reported throughout the state. Although nocturnal species are notoriously hard to confirm as breeding, OBBA

II volunteers submitted nine records of fledged young in **Columbiana, Jefferson, Knox, Mercer, Paulding, Stark, Union,** and **Vinton**.

Great Horned Owl

Reported throughout the state. Though an early breeder, fledged young were reported in 13 OBBA II blocks during the period from **Coshocton, Defiance, Holmes, Licking, Lucas, Morgan, Noble, Paulding, Sandusky,** and **Williams**.

Barred Owl

OBBA II volunteers confirmed nesting in nine blocks, including **Butler, Hamilton, Knox, Morgan, Morrow,** and **Summit**. Numerous other observations were reported across the state.

Common Nighthawk

Records were submitted for 60 OBBA II survey blocks, none of which confirmed breeding for the species. Reports of nighthawks have been sparse across the state which coincides with the declining trends reported by the USGS Breeding Bird Survey.

Chuck-will's-widow

An individual was heard singing on several visits during Jun in **Vinton** (Cindy Steffen). The location of this bird is not far from previous years' reports near Swan Township. Additionally, Bruce Simpson reported a bird on 20 Jun in Zaleski State Forest, **Vinton**.

Eastern Whip-poor-will

Most reports came from southern Ohio locales; however the species was reported as far north as **Coshocton** on 05 Jun (John O'Meara), **Harrison** on 02 Jun (Scott Pendleton), and **Jefferson** on 11 Jun (Bob Lane).

Chimney Swift

Records reported for 952 OBBA II blocks throughout the state. Nests were reported from **Carroll, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Marion,** and **Medina**.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Observations were widely reported from 56 counties and 629 OBBA II survey blocks, including 24 with confirmed nesting evidence.

Belted Kingfisher

Reported in 47 counties and in 450 OBBA II observations. Fledged young were reported on 21 Jun in **Holmes** (Gary Cowell), 27 Jun and 10 Jul in **Columbiana** (Jim Dolan and Mark Miller, respectively), and 28 Jul in **Butler** (Sam Fitton).

Red-headed Woodpecker

Reported to the OBBA II in 312 survey blocks and from 34 counties.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Reported to the OBBA II in 1,117 survey blocks and all counties in Ohio.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Of the 7 records reported to OBBA II, sapsuckers were confirmed in one block: fledged young were observed on 01 Jul in *Geauga* (Linda Gilbert).

Downy Woodpecker

Reported to the OBBA II in 1,055 survey blocks.

Hairy Woodpecker

Widespread reports from OBBA II included 386 survey blocks.

Northern Flicker

Widely reported to the OBBA II, represented in 895 survey blocks.

Pileated Woodpecker

More than 500 observations from 37 counties submitted to the OBBA II. Fledged young were seen in *Coshocton* on 05 Jun (John O'Meara), *Vinton* on 13 Jun (Bruce Simpson), *Ross* on 15 and 21 Jun (Noel Cutright and Bob Scott Placier, respectively), and *Adams* on 17 Jun (Tom Bartlett). Additionally, nests containing young were found in *Columbiana* on 06 Jun (Cheryl Mattevi) and *Pike* on 15 Jun (Bob Kemp).

Olive-sided Flycatcher

One spring migrant reported in *Paulding* on 04 Jun (Doug and Micki Dunakin).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Among the most widespread breeding birds in Ohio, pewees

were reported to the OBBA II in 1,103 survey blocks.

Acadian Flycatcher

Sightings were recorded from 51 counties with widespread OBBA II reports in 641 survey blocks.

Alder Flycatcher

Twelve records reported to OBBA II in *Ashtabula*, *Coshocton*, *Crawford*, *Lake*, *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, *Portage*, *Seneca*, *Summit*, and *Trumbull*; no breeding confirmations were reported.

Willow Flycatcher

Sightings were recorded from 43 counties with widespread OBBA II reports in 601 survey blocks.

Least Flycatcher

Reported from eight counties with records added to 18 OBBA II survey blocks. A nice find for northwestern Ohio was an adult seen carrying food for young on 12 Jul in *Hancock* (Robert Sams).

Eastern Phoebe

Reported to the OBBA II in 745 survey blocks from all counties.

Vermilion Flycatcher

An excellent discovery was a male reported near Millersburg, *Holmes* 14 Jun (Michael Miller).

Great Crested Flycatcher

Reported to the OBBA II in 659 survey blocks, widely distributed in the state.

Eastern Kingbird

Reported to the OBBA II in 783 survey blocks, widely distributed in the state.

Loggerhead Shrike

A single Shrike was discovered in Homer Township in *Medina* on 26 Jun (Tom Bartlett).

White-eyed Vireo

Reported to the OBBA II in 454 survey blocks.

Bell's Vireo

Reported in four OBBA II survey blocks. A nest with eggs was found on the Heritage Bike Trail in Hilliard, *Franklin* (Desiree Narango). At least one other bird was heard farther down the trail in an adjacent survey block (Craig Caldwell). The scrubby vegetation along the rail trail may reveal additional territories in the future. Several observers reported the species along the Heritage Bike Trail during the period.

Yellow-throated Vireo

Reported to the OBBA II in 480 survey blocks across 40 counties in the state. Only 4% of observations confirmed breeding for the species.

Blue-headed Vireo

Sightings were recorded from six counties and reported to the OBBA II in 14 survey blocks. Adults were observed carrying food in *Geauga* on 01 Jul; however upon locating the nest,

only a single Brown-headed Cowbird nestling was found (Linda Gilbert).

Warbling Vireo

Reported to the OBBA II in 668 survey blocks, primarily in glaciated Ohio. Fewer than 2% of records confirmed breeding for the species.

Red-eyed Vireo

Reported to the OBBA II in 1,103 survey blocks widely dispersed across the state.

Blue Jay

Reported to the OBBA II in 1,356 survey blocks distributed across the state.

American Crow

Reported to the OBBA II in 1,255 survey blocks distributed across the state.

Horned Lark

Reported to the OBBA II in 611 survey blocks. The species is generally sparse in unglaciated Ohio; however, fledged young were reported as far southeast as Waverly, *Pike*, on 09 Jul (Bob Scott Placier).

Purple Martin

Widely reported to the OBBA II in 340 survey blocks from across the state.

Tree Swallow

Reported to the OBBA II in 614 survey blocks across the state, with 17% of observations

confirming breeding for the species.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Sightings were recorded from 45 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 417 survey blocks across the state, with 12% of observations confirming breeding for the species.

Bank Swallow

Reported to the OBBA II in 70 survey blocks. Nest locations or fledglings were found in *Coshocton, Fairfield, Highland, Holmes, Licking, Logan, Lucas, Morrow, Richland, and Tuscarawas.*

Cliff Swallow

Reported to the OBBA II in 86 survey blocks. Observations were generally absent from western agricultural counties; however, nesting birds were reported in *Logan* on 11 Jun (Brian Gingerich).

Barn Swallow

Sightings recorded from over 65 counties and widely reported to the OBBA II, in 1,232 survey blocks.

Carolina Chickadee

Sightings recorded from 39 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 755 survey blocks within the typical range.

Black-capped Chickadee

Sightings recorded from 27

counties and reported to the OBBA II in 330 survey blocks. One bird was reported in *Hocking* on 13 Jun (Molly McDermott). The individual was singing a Black-capped song, but no visual confirmation was made. With Carolina Chickadees in the vicinity, the observer suspected a hybrid.

Tufted Titmouse

Reported to the OBBA II in 1,137 survey blocks and widely across the state.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

OBBA II volunteers recorded the species in 11 survey blocks. A bird was heard clearly in *Vinton* on 06 Jul (Paul Rodewald), one of the southernmost observations during the second Atlas.

White-breasted Nuthatch

Reported to the OBBA II in 975 survey blocks representing all Ohio counties.

Brown Creeper

Observations submitted for 14 OBBA II survey blocks. As in previous years, most observations were located in northwest Ohio. Notable records included a bird observed at Oak Openings, *Lucas*, on 05 Jun (John Püllella), observations from two atlas blocks in *Delaware* on 07 and 17 Jun (Charles Bombaci), and a bird observed on 17 Jun in *Union* (Matthew Shumar).

Carolina Wren

Sightings recorded from 45 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 677 survey blocks, with higher concentrations in southern counties.

House Wren

Sightings recorded from 58 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 1,285 survey blocks across the state.

Winter Wren

Sightings recorded from six counties with volunteers submitting observations for 11 OBBA II survey blocks. Two birds were reported in **Hocking**; a bird was observed on 20 Jun (Brad Sparks), and approximately 10 miles to the north, an adult was seen carrying nesting material (Dave Slager) earlier in the season. This is the southernmost confirmation of breeding for the OBBA II.

Sedge Wren

Sightings recorded from six counties and reported to the OBBA II in 14 survey blocks around the state. Of special interest were territorial males singing in **Vinton** on 25 Jul and **Jackson** on 24 Jul (Paul Rodewald), among the most southerly records.

Marsh Wren

Sightings recorded from 11 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 42 survey blocks. An adult was seen carrying food

on 17 Jul in **Hardin** (Richard Counts). Additionally, the most southwesterly observation to date for the Atlas came from **Hamilton**: a territorial male recorded on 01 Jun (and present for the previous week, Bryce Adams).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Reported to the OBBA II in 671 survey blocks and widely distributed.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

A rare and local breeder in Ohio, territorial males were reported for two OBBA II blocks in **Columbiana** on 05 Jun (Bob Lane). On 21 Jun, fledged young were observed in one of the blocks (Jim Dolan).

Eastern Bluebird

Sightings recorded from 57 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 962 survey blocks within Ohio.

Veery

Sightings recorded from 15 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 58 survey blocks. A bird was reported in **Adams** on 22 Jun (Lucy Miller). This was the first OBBA II record from that county and the southernmost record for the Atlas.

Swainson's Thrush

A late migrant was briefly observed singing in **Allen** on 19 Jun (Erin Cashion).

Hermit Thrush

Reported to the OBBA II in 12 survey blocks, including several from *Hocking*. Fledged young were reported on 18 Jul in *Geauga* (Haans Petruschke).

Wood Thrush

Reported to the OBBA II in 942 survey blocks, and from all counties.

American Robin

Reported to the OBBA II in 1,686 survey blocks and throughout the state.

Gray Catbird

Reported from throughout the state; records from OBBA II involved 1,375 survey blocks.

Northern Mockingbird

Reported to the OBBA II in 683 survey blocks; widely dispersed, but less frequently in the northern third of the state.

Brown Thrasher

Widely reported to the OBBA II in 683 survey blocks with 10% of records confirming breeding for the species.

European Starling

Widely reported with OBBA II records from 1,328 survey blocks.

Cedar Waxwing

Sightings recorded from 60 counties and OBBA II records from 1,082 survey blocks.

Blue-winged Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 209 blocks. In addition to the typical reports from unglaciated and eastern counties, observations were submitted for several OBBA II survey blocks in *Lucas*. Other highlights included a territorial bird in *Defiance* on 10 Jun (Paul Chad), an individual in *Williams* on 13 Jun (Robert Sams), a territorial bird in *Shelby* on 01 Jun (Troy Shively), and a territorial bird on 25 Jun in *Greene* (Doug Overacker). Troy reported a territorial "Brewster's Warbler" (Golden-winged x Blue-winged) in the same *Shelby* OBBA II survey block later on 12 Jun. Two other reports of "Brewster's" were submitted, one from *Muskingum* on 04 Jun and one east in *Guernsey* on 11 Jun (Doreen Linzell).

Northern Parula

Reported to the OBBA II in 144 survey blocks, 48 of which are priority blocks (blocks sampled in OBBA I). It should be noted that parulas were only documented in 40 priority blocks over the whole duration of the first Atlas. Preliminary data show that the species is moving north and becoming more abundant in Ohio in riparian forest habitats.

Yellow Warbler

Widely reported to the OBBA II in 861 survey blocks.

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 25

survey blocks. Most observations came from northwestern counties, including a single report of fledged young on 07 Jul in **Summit** (Ann and Dwight Chasar). However, outside of this area, Chestnut-sided Warblers were reported in **Coshocton, Hancock, Hocking, Huron, Muskingum, Ottawa, Union,** and **Vinton**.

Magnolia Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in two survey blocks during the period. A territorial bird was observed for nearly one month in **Vinton** (Bruce Simpson). Fledged young were observed in another block on 17 Jun in **Hocking** (John Watts).

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Multiple territorial birds were observed for at least a week in **Colombiana**, close to the Pennsylvania border where individuals have been observed in recent years (Jim Dolan, Jeff Hendrickson). The species was reported from two other locations; **Lorain** 11 Jun and in **Geauga** a bird was observed for at least a week in late Jun (Haans Petruschke, Dave Slager).

Black-throated Green Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 28 survey blocks located in **Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Fairfield, Geauga, Harrison, Hocking, Jefferson, Knox, Medina, Summit,** and **Vinton**.

Blackburnian Warbler

A single bird was reported during the period on 20 Jun at Conkle's Hollow SNP, **Hocking** (Brad Sparks).

Yellow-throated Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 225 survey blocks. Most observations were from central and southern counties, however many came from northern counties, including **Williams**.

Pine Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 40 survey blocks. Fledged young were reported on 26 Jun in **Pike** (Dave Slager) and on 11 Jul in **Jackson** (Sam Fitton).

Prairie Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 149 survey blocks. Most records were restricted to areas in and near unglaciated Ohio. Notable exceptions include a territorial male in **Franklin** (Dave Slager) and a territorial male in **Lucas** was observed on multiple dates in Jun (m. obs.).

Cerulean Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 132 survey blocks. Notable observations include an adult carrying food in **Mercer** (Aaron Boone), and a bird observed on multiple dates during Jun in northwestern **Williams** (Robert Sams, Steve Walker).

Black-and-white Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 85 survey blocks. Breeding was confirmed for the species in three blocks. Fledged young were found in two adjacent blocks in *Vinton* in Jul (Paul Rodewald). Additionally, an adult was seen carrying food in *Adams* on 26 Jun (Bob Kemp).

American Redstart

Reported to the OBBA II in 236 survey blocks.

Prothonotary Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 50 survey blocks. Over 160 territories were reported from Hoover Reservoir, *Delaware* (Charles Bombaci).

Worm-eating Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 56 survey blocks. Most observations were from southeastern Ohio; however, scattered reports were also submitted in *Ashland*, *Columbiana*, *Guernsey*, *Jefferson*, and *Knox*.

Ovenbird

Reported to the OBBA II in 308 survey blocks. Noteworthy records came from *Darke*, *Hardin*, *Logan*, and *Shelby*.

Northern Waterthrush

A single observation of the species was reported. A late migrant was seen on 06 Jun in *Ottawa* (Douglas Vogus).

Louisiana Waterthrush

Reported to the OBBA II in 130 survey blocks from typical areas.

Kentucky Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 175 survey blocks, predominantly in more southern counties, but there were two reports from *Lucas*.

Common Yellowthroat

During the period, the species was reported to the OBBA II in 1,185 survey blocks from all counties.

Hooded Warbler

Reported to the OBBA II in 339 survey blocks, primarily in eastern Ohio. Western observations came from *Fulton*, *Greene*, *Hamilton*, *Hardin*, *Ottawa*, *Shelby*, and *Williams*.

Canada Warbler

The species was reported to the OBBA II in two survey blocks during the period. Dwight and Ann Chasar reported a territorial bird in *Summit* on 27 Jun, and in *Ashland*, another territorial male was reported two days later (Craig Caldwell).

Yellow-breasted Chat

Reported to the OBBA II in 371 survey blocks. Most observations came from southern counties, however many were scattered through northern Ohio. Notably, adults were seen carrying food in *Sandusky* on 10 Jul (Robert Sams).

Eastern Towhee

Reported to the OBBA II in 904 survey blocks, primarily in eastern and southeastern Ohio.

Chipping Sparrow

Sightings recorded from 64 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 1481 survey blocks, widely distributed.

Clay-colored Sparrow

Two observations were reported to OBBA II. The first was in *Stark* on 08 Jun (Laura Keene, first reported on 29 April by Terry and Barb Sponseller). The other report was of a singing male in *Allen* on 20 Jun (Erin Cashion). The *Allen* site was visited a week later, but the bird could not be relocated.

Field Sparrow

Sightings recorded from 59 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 1050 survey blocks, widely distributed.

Vesper Sparrow

Sightings recorded from 14 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 379 survey blocks. The species was observed as far south as *Brown* on 02 Jun (Lisa Koerner). Additionally, eastern Ohio observations came from *Columbiana*, *Jefferson*, *Mahoning*, *Noble*, and *Stark*.

Lark Sparrow

Reported to the OBBA II in six survey blocks during the period from *Butler*, *Greene*, *Hamilton*,

Lucas, and *Union*. A pair was observed at the survey block in *Lucas* on 09 Jun (Tom Kemp).

Savannah Sparrow

Sightings recorded from 36 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 592 survey blocks, primarily in glaciated Ohio.

Grasshopper Sparrow

Sightings recorded from 36 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 354 survey blocks. All parts of the state except the far northeast were represented.

Henslow's Sparrow

Sightings recorded from 12 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 73 survey blocks, with confirmed breeding records from *Hamilton*, *Lake*, and *Wyandot*.

Song Sparrow

Reported to the OBBA II in 1,554 survey blocks from all counties.

Swamp Sparrow

Sightings recorded from 18 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 146 survey blocks. Observations were reported in the typical northeastern and northcentral counties, though the species was observed as far southwest as *Franklin*.

White-throated Sparrow

Though the species has not been confirmed to breed in the state during either Atlas, summer records are somewhat regular,

with four reports for Jun and Jul 2010. Probable late migrants were two birds at Sandy Ridge Reservation in **Lorain** on 06 Jun (Mike Bracken) and a single bird found 07 Jun in **Cuyahoga** (Terri Martincic). Possible summering birds included an individual behind the Polaris Town Center in **Delaware** on 19 Jun (Al La Sala) and a singing bird in **Butler** on 09 and 12 Jul (Sam Fitton).

Dark-eyed Junco

Sightings recorded from 4 counties and reported to OBBA II in 14 survey blocks during the period. Fledged young were found in four blocks from **Cuyahoga**, **Geauga**, and **Lake**.

Summer Tanager

Sightings recorded from 12 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 79 survey blocks, mostly from the southern half of the state. Fledged young were reported on 30 Jul in **Hamilton** (Wayne Wauligman).

Scarlet Tanager

Sightings recorded from 50 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 657 survey blocks, with the highest concentration of observations being reported in southeastern Ohio.

Northern Cardinal

Sightings recorded from 69 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 1,551 survey blocks, widely distributed around Ohio.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Sightings recorded from 33 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 405 survey blocks. A notable observation included a report of fledged young on 05 Jul in **Greene** (Doug Overacker).

Blue Grosbeak

Sightings recorded from 11 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 77 survey blocks. Of the five blocks where breeding was confirmed, a nest with young was found as far northeast as **Holmes** on 11 Jul (Ron Antonucci).

Indigo Bunting

Reported to the OBBA II in 1,483 survey blocks from all counties.

Dickcissel

Sightings recorded from 22 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 194 survey blocks. Notable observations included fledged young in **Mahoning** on 04 Jul (Jim Dolan) and later in **Jackson** on 11 Jul (Sam Fitton).

Bobolink

Sightings recorded from 27 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 187 survey blocks, primarily in northern counties. However, fledged young were observed as far south as **Brown** (Lisa Koerner).

Red-winged Blackbird

Sightings recorded from 69 counties and reported to the

OBBA II in 1,401 survey blocks, widely distributed in the state.

Eastern Meadowlark

Sightings recorded from 53 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 874 survey blocks, widely distributed.

Western Meadowlark

Observations from five OBBA II survey blocks were reported from *Fulton, Hardin, Paulding, Wood,* and *Wyandot*.

Yellow-headed Blackbird

A single immature male was reported at Pipe Creek WA, *Erie* on 31 Jul (Jim Heflich, Patty Kellner).

Rusty Blackbird

A single individual was reported 2 Jul in *Licking*.

Common Grackle

Sightings recorded from 63 counties and reported to OBBA II in 1,209 survey blocks.

Brown-headed Cowbird

Sightings recorded from 55 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 1,174 survey blocks.

Orchard Oriole

Sightings recorded from 45 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 471 survey blocks, widely dispersed.

Baltimore Oriole

Sightings recorded from 45 counties and reported to the

OBBA II in 763 survey blocks, widely dispersed.

Purple Finch

Sightings recorded from 8 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 40 survey blocks. Fledged young were reported on 22 and 30 Jun from *Ashtabula* (Sean Artman, Dave Slager) and on 02 Jul from *Trumbull* (Carole Babyak). Additionally, Chuck McLaugherty reported adults carrying food on 08 Jul in *Stark*.

House Finch

Sightings recorded from at least 50 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 860 survey blocks.

American Goldfinch

Reported to the OBBA II in 1,528 survey blocks, widely distributed in the state.

House Sparrow

Sightings recorded from 59 counties and reported to the OBBA II in 1,358 survey blocks, widely distributed in the state.

Corrigendum Spring 2010 33:3

Concerning the Richland County nesting record of the Purple Gallinule: This year's report was the second known nesting record. The first was made by Samuel Glines in 1962 and documented as follows: Trautman, M. B. & Samuel Glines, 1964. *Auk* Vol 81(2):224-226. A nesting of the Purple Gallinule (*Porphyryla martinica*) in Ohio.

NEW RESEARCH

2010 Shorebird Research Program Report

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Historical

In the summer of 2006, Tom Bartlett and Tom Kashmer began a shorebird banding research project at Winous Point Shooting Club on Sandusky Bay. The purpose of the study was threefold. The first was to determine what species were using northwest Ohio during fall migration and in what numbers. The second was to determine how long they were staying in the area. And the third was, hopefully, to add samples to an avian flu study from shorebirds. During the fall migration of 2006, 226 shorebirds of 10 species plus an additional 10 individuals which were non-shorebirds were banded. Banding occurred on a total of 8 days, with 213.5 net hours of effort, and a respectable 1.11 birds per net hour recorded. During the fall migration of 2007, the effort was repeated at Winous Point. For

the 2007 season 281 shorebirds of 12 species plus an additional 23 individuals which were non-shorebirds were banded. Banding occurred on 11 days, with 379.5 net hours of effort, and 0.80 birds per net hour recorded. At the beginning of the 2008 fall migration banding began again at Winous Point. However, early into the season, Doug Brewer, the refuge manager at Ottawa NWR, requested Ottawa NWR be added to the study and with the attempt to collect some avian flu data there as well. The refuge would supply an intern, John Siekierski, to assist our efforts and collect avian flu samples. The research was expanded. For the fall of 2008, there were 40 banding days, 1404.5 net hours of effort, and 1.21 birds per net-hour. 1593 shorebirds of 16 species plus 106 non-shorebirds of 14 species were banded. All

total, 1699 individual birds of 30 species were banded during the 2008 season. Several hundred avian flu samples were collected during the process. The fall migration season of 2009 began the same as 2008 with Ottawa NWR and Winous Point Shooting Club as the key banding sites and again with the assistance of intern, John Siekierski. Towards the end of the season, a private wetland in Sandusky County owned by William and Lena McClure was added to the study. A total of 1923 individual birds of 46 species were banded at the three sites. These included 1661 individuals of 20 species of shorebirds. Banding occurred over 51 days and included 1808 net hours of effort for 1.06 birds banded per net hour. Over the four seasons, 3761 individuals of 21 species of shorebirds have been banded, plus an additional 400 non-shorebirds. A total 110 days with 3805.5 net hours of effort have resulted in 0.99 shorebirds banded per net hour. In addition, numerous birds were recaptured from previous seasons to demonstrate the importance of the western Lake Erie wetlands to migrating shorebirds. Again, several hundred avian flu samples were collected

and given to Dr. Richard Slemons of Ohio State University. All samples were negative for the dangerous strains of avian flu but several less dangerous strains were found.

2010 Summary

Beginning July 15, 2010 the shorebird research program continued into its fifth season. Again, support of money, personnel, and facilities were supplied by Winous Point Shooting Club/Winous Point Conservancy and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Winous Point supplied banding sites, funding for new equipment and personnel for setting up and moving nets. Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge supplied banding sites, funding for nets, equipment, and personnel. In addition to John Siekierski, several other summer interns were supplied at peak times to assist in the capture, sampling, and banding of shorebirds. Again this year Mr. Siekierski collected hundreds of samples from shorebirds for the avian flu study database for Dr. Richard Slemons at Ohio State University. And for the fifth year of sampling shorebirds, no positive results of avian flu was

found. In addition, the new 2009 site, the property of William and Lena McClure in Rice Township, Section 30 of Sandusky County, about a mile south of the Winous Point properties was also used. Again recapture data shows that the shorebirds are interacting between all three sites.

The 2010 banding project continued to improve as it has for each of the years of the study. This year banding occurred on 46 days with several of those days at two sites at the same time. Net hours of banding effort also increased to 1808. This brings the total banding days to 156 days over five years and 5513.5 net hours of effort. This year 1529 shorebirds of 20 species were banded. Of the twenty species of shorebirds, seven species are of note. Ohio's first Sanderlings(2), first Baird's Sandpipers(4) and first Buff-breasted Sandpipers(3) were banded. Four other species which are rarely banded in Ohio were Marbled Godwit, Western Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, and 15 Red-necked Phalaropes. In addition, 222 non-shorebirds of 26 species were banded. Unusual among these were Hooded Merganser, Sora, and Northern Waterthrush. The

total number of birds banded in 2010 was 1751. 200 individual recaptures of 177 individuals, six escape/released individuals, and 8 casualties were recorded. Of the recaptured birds, one was banded in 2007, seven were banded in 2008, and seven were banded in 2009. The rest were all banded early in the season. The average length of time between banding and recapture was 5.8 days with a range of one to 26 days and an average weight gain of 13.38% body mass. Of the recaptured individuals, 70% showed a weight gain at recapture, 27% showed a weight loss at recapture, and 3% show no change in weight at recapture. A more thorough statistical analysis of the recapture data will be done. There appears to be a relationship between the length of time after capture and weight gain. The actual process of capture and banding may have a short-term negative effect. The casualty rate was a very good 0.46% of birds banded and 0.41% of birds handled. All casualties were deposited at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

A summary of the data is on the following page. Electronic copies of all data collected have

been sent to all supporters of this research. With the inclusion of the 2010 data, we have now banded 5822 individuals. Of these 5200 were shorebirds of 24 species. Project goals are clearly being met.



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2010 Shorebird Summary

Species	ONWR	Winous	McClure	Total
Semipalmated Plover	4	30	5	39
Killdeer	62	8	48	118
Spotted Sandpiper	5		4	9
Solitary Sandpiper	3		3	6
Lesser Yellowlegs	13	43	51	107
Marbled Godwit		1		1
Sanderling	2			2
Semipalmated Sandpiper	18	300	157	475
Western Sandpiper		2		2
Least Sandpiper	179	124	151	454
White-rumped Sandpiper		1		1
Baird's Sandpiper		4		4
Pectoral Sandpiper	10	28	96	134
Dunlin	6		6	
Stilt Sandpiper	3	8	3	14
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		3		3
Short-billed Dowitcher	4	105	25	134
Long-billed Dowitcher		1		1
American Woodcock		*		*
Wilson's Snipe		3	1	4
Red-necked Phalarope		1	14	15
Total species -shorebirds	12	16	13	20
Total Individuals - shorebirds	313	673	543	1529

* An American Woodcock was captured and banded near the WPSC offices on 8/5/2010. This was during the *Wild Thing Day* banding demonstration.



American Woodcock: Although rarely seen, this “bog-sucker” is widely distributed in Ohio. Photo courtesy of David Russell, *Hamilton*.



This image of a young Blue-headed Vireo offers a unique perspective of this beautifully patterned species. Photo courtesy of David Russell, *Butler*.

BIRD QUIZ

Greetings fellow birders!

Thanks for all of the feedback and responses to our quiz in the Spring 2010 issue. Since you seemed to enjoy the last quiz, how about another challenge? Feel up to a trivia quiz?

Try this question submitted by Craig Caldwell:

***Two men each have five ABA Area birds named after them.
Who are they and what are the birds?***

For those of you who like ID quizzes, take a gander at these. Can you identify these fledglings? Answers will be printed in the next issue of the *Cardinal*.

David E. Russell



Answers to Spring 2010 Quiz

Upper Left Photo - Cedar Waxwing; Lower Left Photo - Common Yellowthroat;
Upper Right Photo - Gray Catbird; Lower Right Photo - Tree Swallow

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The Counties of Ohio



An awfully large bite to swallow! Ruhikant Meetei photographed this young Eastern Kingbird at mealtime at Armleder Park, *Hamilton*, on 23 June.

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Back cover: A casual visitor to Ohio, this beautiful Marbled Godwit was photographed foraging by Laura Keene at Conneaut, *Ashtabula*, on 26 July.

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