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Western Flycatcher: This Pacific Slope/Cordilleran (“Western”) Flycatcher, originally found by Bill Thompson III, was photographed in Mr. Thompson’s yard by Alex Eberts on 15 Dec.

On the cover:

*This issue’s cover photo of a probable Kelp Gull was taken by Kent Miller on 11 Feb in **Stark**. Ben Morrison, who found the gull — the first state record for this species — tells the story of this amazing discovery inside.*

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COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Craig Caldwell

This issue is Christopher Collins' first as Photo Editor. He's been working hard since late last year to select the fine assortment of images you'll see here. Welcome, Christopher!

Dec was our hottest ever by all three temperature measures: overall average, average maximum, and average minimum. It was also one of the wettest, ranking at number 113 with number 121 being the record high. The western half of the state received at least 150% of its normal precipitation; most of the southwest got six to eight inches of rain and a few stations got 10 inches. Most of the eastern half received 125 to 150% of its normal precipitation.

Jan, by contrast, had temperatures almost exactly in the middle of the historic range, but was the ninth driest on record. Only the eastern Lake Erie shore counties (*Ashtabula*, *Cuyahoga*, and *Lake*) were wetter than usual, with stations getting up to double their average precipitation. The rest of the state had as little as 25% of the usual amount though most areas were in the 50 to 75% range.

Feb temperatures and precipitation amounts reversed again. The average temperature was the 26th highest and precipitation the 20th highest of the years with data. The Ohio River Valley from *Washington* downstream soaked under five to six inches of rain and the Cincinnati area got up to eight inches. These amounts are double to triple the norm. Though the far northwest was dry (less than 75% of average), the rest of the state received up to double its usual precipitation.

We did have snow this winter, but the amount was less than usual and its duration on the ground was shorter. Lake Erie had an insignificant amount of ice, in marked contrast to the winter of 2014-15 when by mid- Feb it was 94% ice-covered.

Weather data are from the National Weather Service (<http://water.weather.gov/precip/>), the NOAA (<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/temp-and-precip/maps.php> and <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/extremes/records/>).

The mild weather enabled, perhaps even encouraged, some birds to remain into winter which would usually be far south of us by Dec. The 203 species accounts is the highest winter number of the OOS era, handily beating the 190 tallied in 2011–12. Even if some of the review species aren't accepted, the final count will

remain the record, at least until the next un-wintery winter. One measure of this phenomenon is the warbler count: Eight species were seen, compared to the 6.3 average of the previous 10 years. Only the winters of 2012-13 and 2013-14 exceeded this year's count; they each had 10. Several shorebirds and sparrows also stayed late or arrived early as well.

The biggest find, of course, was not a lingering migrant or rare visitor from the north. The Kelp Gull which spent almost six weeks over-nighting at Springfield Lake, *Summit*, was far from its core range, whose northernmost extent is Ecuador. The species does wander and eBird records are scattered throughout Central America and into the U.S. "Our" bird stayed here far longer than any other seen inland, and only two others were further north (a one-day visitor to northwest Indiana in 1996 and one in Ontario in 2012). Ben Morrison's narrative of his discovery and the bird's subsequent activities follows the Species Accounts. (Possible spoiler: The Ohio Bird Records Committee has not evaluated the formal and informal reports of this bird, so the possibility remains that its identity will not be confirmed. But I consider that unlikely.)

Were it not for the Kelp Gull, Ohio's second Brambling would have been the lead story. It was certainly an easier bird identify, and vastly easier for rarity-chasers to see during the three months it spent at the Bertsch's hospitable feeders in *Medina*. (These records, too, have not been evaluated by the OBRC, but this bird's identity was never in doubt.)

This winter hosted the 116th Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC). For many years Ned Keller summarized the Ohio counts for the *Cardinal*. This year he passed the mantle to Mike Busam, whose article and the table of CBC results follow the Kelp Gull story. In the species accounts which follow this "Comments" section I usually note the highest number of a species found. These values are for single birders or parties, usually birding in a relatively small area, and often are the counts from a single route within a CBC. However, I seldom include counts from an entire CBC, each of which is the result of many parties' efforts in scattered locales within a 15-mile diameter circle; those data are in the table.

As noted before, this issue provides accounts for 203 species; four hybrids and seven forms at the genus or family level are also included. Twelve of the 203 are review species. One spe-

cies' sole sighting report has insufficient data for OBRC evaluation, and two other species' descriptions and photos are only available from internet postings. As always, The Records Committee and this editor urge birders to formally report all sightings of Review List species, of Core List species found at unusual times, of nesting by birds previously not known to nest in the state, and of course sightings of birds never before found in Ohio. Information on how to document rarities is available at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/records/documentation.php>. Our thanks go to the many birders who did submit formal reports.

All 88 counties provided sighting reports. Canada Goose, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, and White-breasted Nuthatch were seen statewide. Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, American Crow, American Robin, European Starling, Dark-eyed Junco, and Northern Cardinal were each reported from 87 counties, though of course they were no doubt present in all. Seventeen species were reported from 80 to 86 counties.

Data for the following Species Accounts come from reports submitted directly to *The Cardinal* and *The Bobolink*, the latter courtesy of its publisher, Robert Hershberger; eBird (<http://ebird.org/content/ebird>); the Ohio-birds listserv (<http://birding.aba.org/maillist/OH>); Audubon (<http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>) and several individual CBC compilers; and the Cincinnati Audubon Bird Sightings Log (<http://cincinnati.audubon.org/sightings-log/>). Unfortunately, rarebird.org was unavailable during my data-mining period.

Taxonomic order and nomenclature follow the *Check-List of North American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998) as updated through the 56th Supplement (2015). This document is published by the North American Classification Committee of the American Ornithologists' Union and is available at <http://www.aou.org/checklist/north/print.php>. County names are in bold italics. Locations whose counties are of the same name, for example Ashtabula (city) and Delaware Wildlife Area, usually do not have the counties repeated. County names for sites described in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Dayton are also omitted. Shortened names and a few sets of initials are used for locations and organizations which occur repeatedly; these abbreviations are listed here. The term "fide" is used in some citations; it means "in trust of" and is used where the reporter was not the observer.

Abbreviations:

Alum Creek = Alum Creek Reservoir, **Delaware**, unless otherwise noted
 Armleder Park = a Cincinnati city park on the Little Miami River, **Hamilton**
 Audubon = the National Audubon Society (<http://www.audubon.org>)
 Berlin Lake = Berlin Lake (or Reservoir), **Ma-honing** and **Portage**
 Big Island = Big Island Wildlife Area, **Marion**
 Blendon Woods = Blendon Woods Metro Park, **Franklin**
 The Bowl = a limited-access area near the **Har-rison** airport
 BRAS = Black River Audubon Society
 BSBO = Black Swamp Bird Observatory, **Otta-wa** (<http://www.bsbo.org>)
 Buck Creek = Buck Creek State Park, **Clark**
 Burke Airport = Cleveland Burke Lakefront Air-port, **Cuyahoga**
 Caesar Creek = Caesar Creek State Park, **War-ren**, unless the lake is specified; a bit of the lake is also in **Clinton**
 CBC = Audubon's Christmas Bird Count
 CCE = Crane Creek Estuary, **Lucas** and **Otta-wa**, viewable from both ONWR and the CCE Trail which originates at Magee
 Chapel Drive = a road off Ohio 83 south of Cum-berland in **Noble** which traverses grasslands
 Clear Creek = Clear Creek Metro Park; the eastern 2/3 is in **Hocking**, the rest in **Fairfield**
 Clear Fork = Clear Fork Reservoir (or Lake), partly in **Morrow** but most of the birding is done in the larger **Richland** Section.
 CLNP = Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (the former Dike 14), **Cuyahoga**
 CMM = the trio of Jon Cefus, Greg Miller, and Ben Morrison
 CNC = Cincinnati Nature Center, a non-govern-mental entity whose Long Branch Farm and Rowe Woods units are in **Clermont**
 Conneaut = the mudflats to the west of Con-neaut Harbor, **Ashtabula**
 CP = County Park
 CPNWR = Cedar Point National Wildlife Ref-uge, **Lucas**
 CVNP = Cuyahoga Valley National Park, **Cuyahoga** and (mostly) **Summit**
 Darby Creek = Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park, **Franklin**
 Deer Creek = the State Park is in **Pickaway**, the Wildlife Area is in **Fayette**, and Deer Creek Lake is in both but mostly **Pickaway**
 East Fork = East Fork State Park, **Clermont**

- East Harbor = East Harbor State Park, **Ottawa**
Edgewater = the Edgewater unit of Cleveland
Lakefront Metroparks, **Cuyahoga**
Fernald = Fernald Preserve, **Butler** and
Hamilton
Findlay Reservoirs = several contiguous water
bodies east of town in **Hancock**
Funk = Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area, **Ashland**
and (mostly) **Wayne**
GLSM = Grand Lake St. Marys. The State
Park, state fish hatchery, and the eastern 20%
of the lake itself are in **Auglaize**. The rest of
the lake is in **Mercer**.
Great Miami WMB = Great Miami Wetlands
Mitigation Bank, **Montgomery**
Headlands = Headlands Dunes State Nature
Preserve, Headlands Beach State Park, and
adjoining waters, **Lake**
Holden = Holden Arboretum, **Lake**, except for
its Stebbins Gulch unit in **Geauga**
Hoover NP = Hoover Nature Preserve, **Delaware**
Hoover Reservoir = the northern 80% is in **Del-**
aware, the rest and the dam are in **Franklin**
Indian Lake = Indian Lake State Park, **Logan**
Jones Preserve = Jones Preserve at Long Point, on
Kelleys Island, **Erie**
Kelleys Island = the island and adjoining waters,
Erie
Killbuck = Killbuck State Wildlife Area, **Holmes**
and **Wayne**
Killdeer = Killdeer Plains State Wildlife Area; a
bit is in **Marion** but it's mostly in **Wyandot**
LaDue = LaDue Reservoir, **Geauga**
Lake Erie Bluffs = a **Lake** Metroparks parcel
whose popularity among birders is blooming.
Lake Hope/Zaleski = Lake Hope State Park and
surrounding Zaleski State Forest, **Vinton**
Lake Loramie = Lake Loramie SP, **Shelby**
Lorain = the dredge spoil impoundment east of
downtown in the city and county of the same
name, unless otherwise noted
Lost Bridge = a Great Miami River crossing
on Lawrenceburg Road near Elizabethtown,
Hamilton, where a covered bridge was lost
to fire in 1903
m. obs. = multiple observers
Magee = the boardwalk and immediate vicinity
in Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, Lucas, unless
otherwise noted. The northern third of the
causeway is also in **Lucas**, the rest in **Ottawa**.
Maumee Bay = Maumee Bay State Park, **Lucas**,
unless otherwise noted
Medusa = Medusa Marsh, **Erie**, an informally
named and privately owned area between
Sandusky and Bay View
Metzger = Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area, **Lucas**,
not to be confused with Metzger Reservoir,
Allen
Mill Creek = Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, a
limited-access area in **Mahoning**
Mohican = Mohican State Forest and State Park.
Many trails cross the boundaries so some re-
ports include sightings from both without
distinction.
Mohican SF = Mohican State Forest, **Ashland**
Mohican SP = Mohican State Park, (mostly)
Ashland and (slightly) **Richland**
Mosquito Lake = Mosquito Creek Lake, also
called Mosquito Creek Reservoir, **Trumbull**.
Mosquito (Creek) Wildlife Area adjoins it.
MP = Metro Park, MetroPark, or Metropark de-
pending on the system
NC = Nature Center
NF = National Forest
NP = Nature Preserve, except as part of CVNP
OBBA II = the second Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas
OBRC = Ohio Bird Records Committee
Old Highland Stone = that company's wa-
ter-filled gravel pits, **Highland**
OOPMP = Oak Openings Preserve MetroPark,
Lucas
ONWR = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, **Lu-**
cas and **Ottawa**
Pickerel Creek = Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area,
Sandusky
Pickerington Ponds = Pickerington Ponds Metro
Park, **Fairfield** and **Franklin**
Pipe Creek = Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, in the
city of Sandusky, **Erie**
Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, **Highland**
Sandy Ridge = Sandy Ridge Reservation,
Lorain
Seneca Lake = most of the lake and the (non-
state) Park are in **Noble**, while the dam is in
Guernsey
SF = State Forest
Shawnee = Shawnee State Forest, **Scioto**, unless
otherwise noted
Shawnee Lookout = Shawnee Lookout County
Park, **Hamilton**
Sheldon Marsh = Sheldon Marsh State Nature
Preserve, **Erie**
SNP = State Nature Preserve
SP = State Park
Springville Marsh = Springville Marsh State Na-
ture Preserve, **Seneca**
SWA = State Wildlife Area
TNC = The Nature Conservancy (<http://www.nature.org>)
Villa Angela = the Villa Angela unit of Cleve-
land's Lakefront Reservation

WA = Wildlife Area

Wake Robin = a trail and boardwalk in Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Lake**

Wendy Park = a lakeshore Cleveland park, **Cuyahoga**

Wilderness Road = a road which traverses Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area, **Wayne**, and adjoining farmland

The Wilds = a limited-access big-mammal breeding and research facility in **Muskingum**, also used generically to include the surrounding reclaimed strip mines

Zaleski = Zaleski State Forest, **Vinton**

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Craig Caldwell

Greater White-fronted Goose

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller contributed the high count of 83, along Bellflower Road, **Carroll**, on 19 Feb. (40 counties)



This surprise drop-in Greater White-fronted Goose was photographed by Dan Enders at the West Carrollton Dam on the Great Miami River in Dayton on 18 Dec.

Snow Goose

Ron Sempier counted 180 in Killdeer's Pond 27 and watched another 250 fly in from the south and depart to the west, all on 03 Feb. Richard Counts found 384 at the Hardin Wetlands on 07 Feb; about 2/3 of them were the blue morph. (62 counties)



A blue morph Snow Goose was captured in East Liberty, Logan, on 06 Feb by Steve Jones.

Ross's Goose

The high count was 30; Josh King found them in Mercer WA on both 05 and 09 Feb. Lots of flocks saw up to 28 at nearby Big Island at about that time. The most elsewhere were eight along the

Hockhocking-Adena Bikeway, **Athens**, between 12 and 15 Feb (m. obs.). (39 counties)

Cackling Goose

Adam Zorn found 12 at Walborn Reservoir, **Stark**, on 21 Feb. A site near Celina, Mercer (Rick Asamoto, 30 Dec) and Killdeer (Irina Shulgina, 11 Feb) each held 10. (38 counties)

Canada Goose

Richard Bradley noted at least 4000 at Killdeer on 18 Feb. Ethan Kistler found 3000 at Mosquito Lake on 02 Feb. (all 88 counties)

Mute Swan

Mike Smith saw 22 at Medusa on 14 Feb. The second-highest count was 15, by Gregory Bennett at Turkeyfoot Lake, **Summit**, on 08 Jan. (40 counties)

Trumpeter Swan

Sixty graced Metzger on 04 Feb (Ryan Jacob) and. (32 counties)

Tundra Swan

Ed Pierce's ONWR census teams counted 2588 on 06 Dec and 2875 on 03 Jan, and then estimated more than 4000 on 07 Feb (*vide* Douglas Vogus). The most elsewhere were Ryan Lesniewicz's 1550 at Metzger on 07 Feb. The most away from **Lucas** and **Ottawa** were the 700 total which Ron Sempier found in three groups at Killdeer on 18 Feb. (38 counties)

Wood Duck

Stefan Minnig found 19 in McCracken Fen SNP, **Logan**, on 13 Dec. A pond on Honey Creek Road, **Perry**, held 13 for Mike Smith on 23 Feb. (50 counties)



This lone Ross's Goose decided to visit Riverview Park in Dayton and was photographed by Dan Enders on 11 Dec.

Gadwall

The ONWR census on 06 Dec tallied 817 (Ed

Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Paul Sherwood counted 457 at Castalia, **Erie**, on 12 Feb. The most well inland were the 220 which Brian Wulker found scattered among five ponds at Fernald on 04 Jan. (57 counties)

Eurasian Wigeon

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At Deer Creek Lake on 19 Feb (Margaret Bowman) and 20 Feb (Dave Smith)

At a gravel pit in **Greene** between 21 and 27 Feb (m. obs.)

At Killbuck's Wright Marsh, **Wayne**, on 27 and 28 Feb (m. obs.)

By Wilderness Road on 27 to 29 Feb (m. obs.)

American Wigeon

Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 751 at ONWR on 06 Dec (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Delaware WA hosted 230 on 23 Feb (Steve Landes). (51 counties)

[Eurasian x American Wigeon]

Steve Landes picked out one of these from the Delaware WA flock of American Wigeons on 23 Feb.

American Black Duck

Barry McEwen found 528 in CPNWR on 20 Dec. Blendon Woods came through as usual, with a count of 340 on 14 Feb (Nyle Simpson). (68 counties)



This American Black Duck was photographed by Dan Enders at Blendon Woods on 24 Dec.

Mallard

Mark Shieldcastle estimated 4500 were feeding in a field by Darsch Road, **Ottawa**, on 28 Feb. **Lucas** and **Ottawa** provided several more four-digit counts as well. The most elsewhere were the 2500 which Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker found at Buck Creek on 31 Jan. Only **Jackson**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** did not have sightings.

[Gadwall x Mallard]

Andy Jones well described one which he saw at Wade Lagoon, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Dec.

[American Black Duck x Mallard]

Stephanie Malinich and Terri Faust separately found 10 of these among the throngs of American Black Ducks at Blendon Woods on 21 Jan and 27 Feb, respectively. (19 counties)

Blue-winged Teal

The seven locations which provided sightings are listed by date of the first report:

Killdeer, two on 09 Dec (Irina Shulgina)

The Buckeye Lake CBC circle (**Licking/Fairfield/Perry**), eight on 19 Dec (*vide* Audubon)

The Winous Point and Ottawa Shooting Clubs, **Ottawa**, during the Fremont CBC, eight on 19 Dec (*vide* Mark Shieldcastle)

Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, one on several dates between 22 Dec and 02 Jan (m. obs.)

Blendon Woods, one on 31 Jan (*vide* Bruce Simpson)

Delaware WA, six between 26 and 29 Feb (m. obs.)

Spring Valley WA, **Warren**, two from 27 to 29 Feb (m. obs.)

Northern Shoveler

Craig Holt provided the high count, 210 at Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, on 24 Dec. Ryan Lesniewicz saw 111, the second-highest number, at Castalia, **Erie**, on 22 Jan. (56 counties)

Northern Pintail

The waterlogged fields along Wilderness Road hosted 750 on 29 Feb (Su Snyder). Mark Shieldcastle found 500 along Darsch Road, **Ottawa**, on 28 Feb. (53 counties)

Green-winged Teal

Ron Sempier saw 220 at Killdeer's Pond 27 on 08 Dec and Killdeer produced several other triple-digit numbers as well. The most elsewhere were John Petruzzi's 80 at Mill Creek on 09 Dec. (47 counties)



Stefan Minning found this Green-winged Teal at Old Reid Park, Clark, on a rainy 19 Feb.

Canvasback

Matt Kemp found almost 600, "Impressive numbers mixed in with scaup" at the Bayshore

fishing access point, **Lucas**, on 14 Feb. The second-highest number, 44, came from the same location on 21 Jan (Kim Warner). The inland high count was 30; Eric Elvert found them in a **Greene** gravel pit on 06 Feb. (45 counties)

Redhead

Robert Royse noted “a whopping 900+...in the middle wetlands” of Deer Creek WA on 22 Feb. Metzger held about 700 for Karl Overman that same day. (67 counties)



Stefan Minnig caught this Redhead in a retention pond in **Montgomery** on 19 Feb.

Ring-necked Duck

Neill Cade estimated 380 were at Fernald on 29 Dec. Ben Morrison found more than 300 at Summit Lake, **Summit**, on 07 Jan. (67 counties)

Greater Scaup

Tom Bartlett found almost 800 at East Harbor on 02 Jan. The most not on Lake Erie were 31 which Dave Chase saw on the Cuyahoga River at Cleveland's Scranton Flats on 30 Jan, and the most inland were George Novosel's 30 at Killbuck on 28 Feb. (37 counties)

Lesser Scaup

The Toledo CBC crews counted more than 60,000 on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon). Paul Jacyk saw about 2800 of them off Toledo's 149th Street that day, the largest count by a single observer. He also made the second-highest count, 500, from Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 19 Feb. The inland high number was 200, at the gravel pit in **Greene** on 24 Feb (m. obs.). (65 counties)

Scaup sp.

Matt Kemp saw a mixed flock of about 8000 off 119th Street, Toledo, on 11 Dec.

King Eider

David Weaver *et al.* discovered a female which spent 02 Dec to 19 Jan off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**. The OBRC will credit all who provided enough information to evaluate.

Harlequin Duck

John Pogacnik saw an immature bird fly past Lake Erie Bluffs on 16 Dec. Lots of folks saw a female at Cleveland's East 55th Street on 20 and 21 Dec.



A one-day wonder, Alex Eberts captured this male Harlequin Duck on 20 Dec at Cleveland's East 55th Street Marina.

Surf Scoter

Dan Gesualdo saw what turned out to be the last of the season off Cedar Point Road, **Erie**, on 20 Jan, though sightings resumed in Mar. There had been scattered sightings on Lake Erie about every three days until then. The high count was nine; Jen Brumfield saw them off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on both 03 and 06 Dec. The inland high was Gary Cowell's six at Outhwaite Reservoir, **Crawford**, on 03 Jan. **Delaware, Hancock, Lorain, Lucas, Noble, and Wyandot** also had sightings.

Black Scoter

Jen Brumfield saw the season's last off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 21 Feb, though there was one early Mar report as well. Chris Pierce saw five off Bradstreet's Landing, **Cuyahoga**, on 20 Dec. Gary Cowell saw two at Clear Fork on 11 Dec and they were still there for John Herman on 30 and 31 Dec. **Clark, Delaware, Erie, Holmes, and Lorain** also produced sightings.



Darlene Friedman photographed this Black Scoter at Cold Creek, Erie, on 24 Jan.



A surprise visitor to Lake Erie, this King Eider was photographed by Alex Eberts at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 05 Dec.

White-winged Scoter

Terri Holland provided the high count, 12 off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Jan. Jen Brumfield and Andy Jones saw six at Cleveland's East 55th Street on 15 Dec. Rick Asamoto's four on the Great Miami River in **Montgomery** on 22 Feb was the highest inland number. Other reports came from **Delaware, Erie, Franklin, Hancock, Lake, Lorain, Lucas,** and **Wyandot**.

Scoter sp.

A few singles at various **Cuyahoga** sites couldn't be identified at the species level.

Long-tailed Duck

Laura Gooch saw one at CLNP on 05 Feb; it was the last of the season though Mar reports followed. The Findlay Reservoirs hosted four from 06 Dec to 10 Jan (m. obs.). Other **Cuyahoga** sites, **Erie, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Muskingum,** and **Trumbull** also produced reports, all of single birds.

Bufflehead

Tom Bartlett *et al.* counted 988 around Kelleys Island on 05 Jan. Tom also had found about 350 there on 02 Dec, the second-highest number. The most elsewhere were 180 at CPNWR on 20 Dec (Barry McEwen) and the inland high was 107 at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 09 Jan (Paul Sherwood). (54 counties)

Common Goldeneye

Tom Bartlett found more than 2800 at Kelleys Island on 21 Jan. The second-most were Nicole Freshour's 1000 off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 06 Jan. Eric Elvert counted 95 at Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, on 24 Feb for the largest inland number. (48 counties)



These seven Common Goldeneye were captured by Chuck Staszczuk, Jr. on 23 Jan at East 72nd Street in Cleveland.

Hooded Merganser

Charles Bombaci counted 212 at Hoover Reservoir on 16 Jan. (71 counties)

Common Merganser

Paul Sherwood noted about 6000 at Huron harbor, **Erie**, on 18 Jan. Doug Marcum provided the highest number away from Lake Erie, 400 at Lake Rockwell, **Portage**, on 06 Dec. (55 counties)

Red-breasted Merganser

Jen Brumfield and Elizabeth McQuaid estimated that at least 33,500 passed Cleveland's East 55th Street on 19 Dec. Cory Chiappone's 15,000 at Headlands on 23 Dec was the highest number. Melanie Shuter saw 45 at Deer Creek SP on 03 Dec; that was the inland high count. (46 counties)

Ruddy Duck

Rick Asamoto provided the two highest counts, 650 at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs on 05 Dec and 1000 at Bresler Reservoir on 30 Dec. Both sites are in **Allen**. (61 counties)

Red-throated Loon

All of the reports were in Dec; John Herman's single bird at Clear Fork on 30 and 31 Dec were the last. Eli M. Miller saw two at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, at 8:00 am on 05 Dec and also three hours later at Headlands. Several birders saw two at Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 06 Dec. Were these all the same birds? A fourth double came during the Cuyahoga Falls CBC, **Summit/Portage**, on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon). **Franklin** and **Mercer** also provided sightings.



This beautiful Red-throated Loon was photographed by Steve Jones at Griggs Reservoir, **Franklin**, on 15 Dec.

Pacific Loon

A report from **Erie** has enough information for the OBRC to evaluate it; one from **Cuyahoga** does not.

Common Loon

These were seen during the whole season, though Feb reports were very sparse. Allen and Daniel Stutzman counted 74 at Seneca Lake, **Noble**, on 17 Dec. Participants on a BSBO boat trip found 40 along the **Cuyahoga** littoral on 05 Dec. (42 counties)



A Hooded Merganser was caught by Mark Hsu while it was fishing for a snack at Lake Isabella, **Hamilton**, on 20 Dec.

Northern Bobwhite

The reports are:

One near Bentonville, *Adams*, on 23 Dec (Carlton Schooley)

One on a *Lucas* property on both 14 Jan and 22 Feb (Kim Warner)

“A few” at a site on the *Fayette/Highland* line on 23 Jan (Duane Troyer)

One on a *Gallia* farm on 28 Feb (Josh Stapleton)

Ring-necked Pheasant

Kyle Brooks saw 40 in the vicinity of Charlie’s Pond, *Pickaway*, on 06 Jan; others saw up to 35 in the area on other dates. The most elsewhere were five males and five females near Minerva, *Carroll*, on 17 Feb (Kent Miller). (27 counties)

Ruffed Grouse

The reports, all of single birds, are:

Near Salt Fork SP, *Guernsey*, on 06 Dec (Tom Frankel) and in the park itself on 16 Dec (Cory Chiappone) and 17 Jan (Dave Chase)

In Tar Hollow SP, *Ross*, on 13 Dec (Alex Eberts and Leslie Sours)

Along Chapel Drive on 06 Feb (Ben Morrison) and 27 Feb (Dave Smith)

Wild Turkey

Cindy and Cory Gratz found three groups totaling 245 birds in Blue Rock SP, *Muskingum*, on 26 Dec. The second most were Benjamin Miller’s 113 near the Kokosing River, *Knox*, on 15 Feb. (65 counties)

Pied-billed Grebe

Melanie Shuter made the high count of 31, at Deer Creek on 08 Dec. Bill Stanley found 25 at Old Highland Stone on 01 Jan. (60 counties)

Horned Grebe

The BSBO boat trip on 05 Dec produced 400 off *Cuyahoga*. Jonathan Knape saw about 100 from Wendy Park on 12 Dec. The most inland were Dick Hoopes’ 18 at Buck Creek on 04 Dec. (43 counties)

Red-necked Grebe

The reports are:

One at LaDue between 01 and 03 Dec (Wes Hatch and Matthew Valencia)

One at Edgewater Marina, *Cuyahoga*, on 02 Dec (David Weaver)

One seen from CLNP on 04, 06, and 13 Dec (m. obs.)

(It’s likely that the four *Cuyahoga* sightings above were all of the same bird)

Two calling off Huntington Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 20 Dec (Jen Brumfield)

One at Headlands on 24 Dec (Chris Pierce)

One at North Perry, *Lake*, on 09 Jan (John Pogacnik)

Eared Grebe

David Weaver saw the first of the season, at Quay 55, *Cuyahoga*, on 02 Dec. Alum Creek hosted the last from 18 Dec to 20 Jan (m. obs.); it was the only bird seen away from Lake Erie. Two were seen at many Cleveland sites. One non-Cleveland *Cuyahoga* location and one in *Lake* also produced sightings.



Sarah Lucas photographed this Eared Grebe at Sims Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 03 Dec.

Western Grebe

A much-photographed individual spent from 03 to 09 Jan at Caesar Creek Lake, mostly in the *Warren* section but a few times drifting into *Clinton*. The OBRC has one formal report and many from the internet.

Double-crested Cormorant

Daniel DeLapp saw 420 at Wendy Park on 29 Dec. The trio of Jon Cefus, Kent Miller, and Ben Morrison (hereafter CMM) produced the inland high count of 35, at Seneca Lake, *Noble*, on 12 Dec. (46 counties)

American Bittern

The reports are:

One at Mentor Lagoons SNP, *Lake*, on 04 Dec (Becky Donaldson)

One in the Wellington Reservation, *Lorain*, on 05 Dec (Todd Eiben)

Two at The Wilds on 26 Dec during the Chancellersville CBC (Glen Crippen *et al.*)

Great Blue Heron

The high count was 52; Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder tallied them at Medusa on 02 Jan. Bob Ensign and Mike Smith found 25 at Dillon Reservoir, *Muskingum*, on 13 Feb for the high count away from Lake Erie (76 counties)

Great Egret

One was seen in the Cuyahoga River from Cleveland’s Jefferson Avenue on 10 and 16 Jan, two were there on 24 Feb, and one remained on 25 Feb (all Todd Eiben). His last two sightings were the only ones in Feb. The latest report otherwise was Dave Smith’s from the Sulphur Brook

estuary, **Erie**, on 09 Jan. Paul Sherwood contributed the high count of eight from the ponds at the intersection of Routes 2 and 269, **Erie**, on 11 Dec. Single birds in **Clermont**, **Ottawa**, **Noble**, **Seneca**, and **Summit** complete the reports.

Green Heron

An injured bird remained from fall at the Ira Road marsh in CVNP; it was seen intermittently until 25 Dec (m. obs.). Robert Roysse saw one on and off from fall to 03 Dec at Deer Creek WA.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

India Hart counted the high of 28, at Ottawa Park, **Lucas**, on 13 Feb. **Butler**, **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Franklin**, **Greene**, **Hancock**, **Montgomery**, **Ottawa**, and **Stark** also produced reports.

Black Vulture

Inga Schmidt found about 250 at Aberdeen, **Brown**, on 03 Jan. Phil Cantino's 190 in Athens (city) on 12 Dec was the second-highest number. Two hung around Brecksville, **Cuyahoga**, from about 02 Jan to 12 Feb (m. obs.). Tim Krynak saw another unusually far north bird (especially for winter) in Wellington, **Lorain**, on 21 Feb. (46 counties)

Turkey Vulture

The high count was 420; Corey Husik saw them at Indigo Hill, **Washington**, on 27 Dec. Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison saw 135 near Lake Buckhorn, **Holmes**, on 03 Jan for the second-highest number. (66 counties)

Osprey

There were tantalizing reports from Bass Island, **Ottawa**, on 20 Dec and Blendon Woods on 03 Jan. Neither included enough details for me to comfortably accept them as positive ID's, but I mention them because an Osprey was confirmed near Cedar Springs, Ontario, through 15 Dec, and could have headed south over these locations.

Bald Eagle

Tom Bartlett's 54 at Kelleys Island on 21 Jan was the highest of many large counts by or near Lake Erie. Sally Isacco provided the inland high count of 30 from Killdeer on 08 Feb. (80 counties)

Northern Harrier

Funk hosted the most; observers saw up to 19 on several dates before and after Ryan Steiner's 21 on 23 Dec. The second-highest count, 15, was shared by Matt Kappler at Killdeer on 17 Jan and Ed Bremer at Darby Creek on 03 Feb. (64 counties)

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Observers found doubles in **Franklin**, **Preble**, and **Warren**. (64 counties)

Cooper's Hawk

Seven locations each hosted three. (80 counties)

Red-shouldered Hawk

A four-person CBC team found nine in their 30 miles of travel in **Brown** on 02 Jan. (72 counties)



This Red-shouldered Hawk was photographed on 07 Feb by Mark Hsu at East Fork.

Red-tailed Hawk

Margaret Bowman counted 21 at T.J. Evans Park, **Licking**, on 04 Jan, and Ed Wransky tied her in the Wellington area, **Lorain**, on 26 Feb. Only **Morgan** and **Putnam** did not have sightings.

Rough-legged Hawk

Though these began arriving in Oct, this season's first find was Bruce Simpson's at Killdeer on 04 Dec. Kyle and Olivia Brooks saw 10 at The Wilds on 16 Jan. (42 counties)

Golden Eagle

Rick Asamoto found one at Cowan Lake, **Clin-ton**, on 06 Dec, and Margaret Bowman another in **Muskingum** on 26 Dec for the only sightings that month. Jeff Harvey's bird at The Wilds on 21 Feb was the last of the season. Lots of folks saw two at The Wilds on 24 Jan, as did Angelika Nelson over Gorman NC, **Richland**, on 20 Feb. Other reports came from **Franklin**, **Marion**, **Noble**, **Seneca**, **Wayne**, **Williams**, and **Wyandot**.

Virginia Rail

The reports are:

One at the "Rail Marsh" south of Holmesville, **Holmes**, on 05 Dec (Ed Schlabach)

One in Delaware SP on 23 Dec (Sean Williams)

One heard at Darby Creek on 26 Dec (Carl Winstead)

One during the ONWR CBC on 03 Jan (*vide* Audubon)

One in the Holmes section of Killbuck on 19 Jan (Ben Morrison)
Two in Spring Valley WA, **Greene**, on 27 Feb (John Habig) and one there the next day (Gabriel Amrhein)

American Coot

The high number was about 2000, shared by Mosquito Lake on 04 Dec (Andrea Anderson) and Old Highland Stone on 16 Jan (m. obs.). Paul Sherwood found 825 at Medusa on 01 Dec. (55 counties)

Sandhill Crane

Brian Wulker saw eight flocks fly over Fernald during his full day there on 20 Dec; they totaled 875 birds. (50 counties)

Killdeer

Melanie Shuter counted 253 at Deer Creek on 15 Dec and wrote, “Mild temperatures and abundant food from lake drawdown have kept them here.” Robert Roysse saw at least 200 there on several dates. The most elsewhere were 162 at Seneca Lake, **Noble**, on 12 Dec (CMM—see Double-crested Cormorant). (80 counties)

Spotted Sandpiper

Gary Cowell saw one at Charles Mill Lake Park, **Ashland**, on 16, 18, and 24 Dec. Ken Beers saw one in Fairborn, **Greene**, during the Dayton CBC on 27 Dec. Zachary Allen documented another at Lake Vesuvius, **Lawrence**, on 13 Jan.

Greater Yellowlegs

One was reported during the Mohican SF CBC, **Knox/Richland/Ashland/Holmes**, on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon). Gary Cowell found what had to be the same bird feeding with Killdeer in the **Richland** section of Pleasant Hill Lake on 23 Dec.

Sanderling

Tom Bartlett saw one or two at Kelleys Island on several dates between 03 and 09 Dec. John Pogacnik found two there on 20 Dec.

Dunlin

Robert Roysse saw up to three at Deer Creek until 16 Dec. The latest date was 20 Dec; Barry McEwen *et al.* saw one in CPNWR and John Pogacnik another at Kelleys Island that day. The high count was eight, during the 06 Dec ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). **Lake** and **Portage** also contributed sightings.

Purple Sandpiper

One was in Cleveland harbor on 05 Dec (m. obs.) and it or another was at Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Dec (Mary Anne Romito).

Least Sandpiper

Two sites produced reports:

Lost Bridge, four on 05 Dec (Jeff Bilsky), four on 06 Dec (Brian Wulker), and two on 19 Dec (Bill Zimmerman)

Carillon Historical Park, **Montgomery**, two on 19 Jan (Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias) and one on 20 Jan (m. obs.)

Pectoral Sandpiper

Regina Schieltz saw one in the Woods Road wetlands, **Darke**, on 13 Dec.

Long-billed Dowitcher

One spent from 03 to 24 Dec at the Wellington Reservation, **Lorain** (m. obs.)

Wilson's Snipe

David Carr reported 12 at Fernald on 26 Dec. (19 counties)

American Woodcock

The Black Swamp CBC, **Paulding/Putnam/Defiance**, on 16 Dec produced the sole sighting of that month (*vide* Audubon). The only Jan sightings were singles in Williamsburg, **Brown**, on 05 Jan (Bill Stanley), at Armleder Park on 08 Jan (Kirk Westendorf), and a vocal one in **Athens** on 31 Jan (Darren Cohen). The highest of the many Feb counts was Brian Wulker's 12 at Fernald on 27 Feb. (37 counties)

Pomarine Jaeger

The Mentor CBC, **Geauga/Lake**, reported one on 26 Dec (*vide* Audubon). Dan Gesualdo saw one at Huron, **Erie**, on 11 Jan and Paul Sherwood found it again on 14 Jan.

Black-legged Kittiwake

One spent from 05 to 14 Dec in the Grand Rapids area, **Lucas/Wood** (m. obs.). Eli M. Miller saw one at Wendy Park on 31 Dec.

Black-headed Gull

One spent from 26 Dec to 16 Jan in the Cleveland area; many observers posted photos or descriptions but none provided a formal report for the OBRC. The OBRC has at least one formal report and many internet reports from **Lake**.



A Black-headed Gull was caught in flight at Wendy Park by Chuck Stusarczyk, Jr. on 01 Jan.

Little Gull

The reports are:

One at Headlands and nearby Fairport Harbor from 04 to 20 Dec (m. obs.)

One at Lake Erie Bluffs on 11 Dec (John Pogacnik)

Two at North Perry, **Lake**, on 19 Dec (John Pogacnik)

One at and near Wendy Park between 26 Dec and 05 Jan (m. obs.)

One during the Ashtabula CBC on 26 Dec (*fide* Audubon)

One at Conneaut on 27 Dec, probably the Ashtabula CBC bird (Roger Redmond)

Two at the former Hot Waters in Lorain (city) on 29 Dec (Debbie Parker)



Hidden among the Bonaparte's Gulls at Wendy Park, this Little Gull provided a clear shot for Steve Jones on 26 Dec.

Sabine's Gull

John Pogacnik saw "a very late 1st cycle...fly west by my house in North Perry", **Lake**, on 19 Dec.

Bonaparte's Gull

Paul Schmidlin estimated 10,000 were along Cleveland's lakefront on 29 Dec. The most away from **Cuyahoga** were the 1250 which Doug Gochfeld and Tom Johnson saw at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 13 Dec. The inland high counts were 600 at Seneca Lake, **Noble**, on 12 Dec (CMM) and 700 at Deer Creek on 16 Dec (Robert Royle). (46 counties)

Laughing Gull

Bill Ohlsen well described the one he found at Cleveland's Gordon Park on 17 Jan.

Franklin's Gull

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At GLSM SP on 05 Dec (Rick Asamoto)

At Conneaut on 13 Dec (John Pogacnik)

On the Caesar Creek SP beach during the Caesar Creek-Spring Valley CBC, **Warren**, on 17 Dec (Jim Hickman)

On the **Lorain** shore during the Elyria-Lorain CBC on 19 Dec (Erik Bruder)

On the Cuyahoga River at Cleveland's Scranton Flats on 19 Dec (Marty Calabrese, Mary Anne Romito)

At Wendy Park on 26 Dec (Jeremy Dominguez, Leslie Sours)

(The last two sightings could have been of a single wandering individual)

Mew Gull

A formal report to OBRC and several informal ones place a Mew Gull at Black River Landing, **Lorain**, on 12 Dec.



This incredible Mew Gull was discovered and photographed by Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. at Black River Landing, Lorain, on 12 Jan.

Ring-billed Gull

Jacob Roalef and Greg Sagasser estimated that 40,000 crowded Huron, **Erie**, on 11 Jan. The highest number elsewhere was Daniel DeLapp's 11,000 at Wendy Park on 05 Jan. The inland high count of 5000 was shared by Bolivar Landfill, **Stark**, on 17 Dec (Kent Miller), Atwood Lake, **Carroll**, on 09 Jan (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison), and Springfield Lake, **Summit**, on several Jan dates (m. obs.). (80 counties)

Herring Gull

Paul Sherwood found about 15,000 at Huron, **Erie**, on 14 Jan, and counts up to 10,000 came from there on other dates. The most elsewhere were at Meyers Lake, **Stark**, where Jon Cefus and Kent Miller saw 4500 on 13 Dec. (61 counties)

Thayer's Gull

The season's first appeared at Springfield Lake, **Summit**, on 10 Dec (m. obs.) and the last at Bend View MP, **Lucas**, on 19 Feb (Bill Buckingham). Matt Kemp saw five at the Bayshore fishing access, **Lucas**, on 20 Feb, and Jen Brumfield and Dan Gesualdo found three at Nickel Plate Beach, **Erie**, on 16 Jan. Reports also came from **Clermont**, **Defiance**, **Franklin**, **Hancock**, **Henry**, **Lake**, **Montgomery**, **Stark**, and **Wood**.

Iceland Gull

A late Nov sighting in **Hancock** preceded this season's first, which was by John Pogacnik at Lake Erie Bluffs on 11 Dec. Mark Rozmarnowycz saw the season's last, at Bayshore, **Lucas**, on 20 Feb. Douglas Flagg and Carlton Schooley separately reported four at Cleveland's Scranton Flats on 15 Dec. **Defiance, Erie, Hancock, Henry, Montgomery, Stark, Summit,** and **Wood** also had sightings.

Thayer's/Iceland Gull

Hancock, Lucas, Stark, Summit, and **Wood** hosted indeterminate birds.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Matt Kemp counted 28 at Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 16 Jan, and several birders saw 25 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 03 Jan. (25 counties)

[Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull]

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller saw one at Meyers Lake, **Stark**, on 13 Dec. Multiple observers reported one at Springfield Lake on 06 Jan.

Glaucous Gull

The high count was three, shared by Briane Vagner at Willoughby, **Lake**, on 12 Dec and Jon Cefus and Kent Miller at the Republic Landfill, **Stark**, on 05 Feb. (18 counties)

Great Black-backed Gull

Jen Brumfield counted 128 at Wendy Park on 13 Feb and 133 at the Avon Lake power plant, **Lorain**, on 18 Feb. The most elsewhere was Valerie Giovannucci's 75 at Providence MP, **Lucas**, on 10 Feb. The most in a county away from Lake Erie were Kent Miller's 14 at the Shroyer ball fields, **Stark**, on 17 Feb. (25 counties)

[Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]

John Pogacnik *et al.* found one at Kelleys Island on 20 Dec.

Kelp Gull

Is this the Bird of the Decade? Many viewers posted photos and thorough descriptions of this bird between its discovery on 05 Dec and the last report on 17 Feb. Most of the reports were from Akron's Springfield Lake, **Summit**, but some came from the Bolivar landfill and the Shroyer ball fields, both in **Stark**. See the article later in this issue for more.

Common Tern

Joe Hammond saw a straggler at Cleveland's East 9th Street Pier on 05 Dec.

Tern sp.

Patty McKelvey saw one at Lorain on 06 Dec, but too briefly for full identification.

Rock Pigeon

John Habig saw about 500 along the Great Miami River in Dayton on 16 Jan and many counts of 300 were reported. Only **Morgan** did not produce a sighting.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

The high count of eight was shared by Troy Shively in Uniopolis, **Auglaize**, on 09 Jan and Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker along the South Charleston Bike Trail, **Clark**, on 05 Feb. Other reports came from **Ashland, Cham-paign, Erie, Mercer,** and **Wayne**.



Su Snyder photographed this Eurasian Collared-Dove in Wayne on 13 Jan.

Mourning Dove

A trio of birders found 220 in Woodlawn Cemetery, **Lucas**, on 20 Dec. Reports came from every county except **Morgan**.

Barn Owl

The reports are:

One during the Wilmot CBC, **Holmes/Stark/Tuscarawas/Wayne**, on 18 Dec (*vide* Audubon)

One in Highland during the Paint Creek CBC on 20 Dec (Bruce Lombardo *et al.*)

Two during the Brown Family Environmental Center CBC, **Knox**, on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon)

Three during the Ragersville CBC, **Coshoc-ton/Holmes/Tuscarawas**, on 30 Dec (*vide* Audubon)

One near the corner of Kidron and Western Roads, **Wayne**, on 01 Jan (Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder), two there on 23 Jan (Hallie Mason), and one there on 30 Jan (Dave Smith)

Two elsewhere in **Wayne** on 03 Jan (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison)

One, regrettably found dead on a roadside near Prospect, **Delaware**, on 10 Jan (Robert Royle)

One in **Muskingum** on 13 Feb (Kaitlin Dosch)

One in Blacklick Woods MP, **Fairfield**, on 14 Feb (Arianna Moulton)

Eastern Screech-Owl

Greg Links found 11 at Maumee Bay on 20 Dec.

Tom Kemp counted eight in **Lucas** during a CBC on 03 Jan. Several birders each reported three. (47 counties)

Great Horned Owl

Matt Kemp's five in OOPMP on 03 Jan was the high count. Three triples and many doubles were reported. (53 counties)

Snowy Owl

Tama Marks saw the first of the season in Harpersfield, **Ashtabula**, on 03 Dec. One spent several days beginning 04 Dec at VOA Park, **Butler**, and nearby (m. obs.). Several birders saw three at Cleveland Hopkins Airport while viewing from the 100th Bomb Group restaurant. Cleveland's Burke Lakefront Airport hosted two for much of the season. Other sightings came from **Fayette, Holmes, Lake, Lorain, Ottawa, Paulding, Sandusky, Trumbull, Wayne**, and **Wood**.



Mark Hsu caught this Snowy Owl hanging out near Washington Court House, **Fayette**, on 05 Feb.

Barred Owl

The high count of three was shared. Matt Kemp found them in OOPMP on 03 Jan, Gabriel Amrhein in John Bryan SP, **Greene**, on 01 Feb, and Bob Fauble at Darby Creek on 20 Feb. (53 counties)

Long-eared Owl

Two Nov sightings preceded this season's first, which was by Eric Reiner and William Reiner, Jr. at Darby Creek on 07 Dec. They "Discovered [it] by checking a mob of Blue Jays...". The Cedar Oaks Farm pine grove at Killdeer hosted one between 31 Jan and 20 Feb, the latest winter date, though others were found in Mar. The high counts were duos, on 11 Dec at Harrison Lake, **Fulton** (Kim Warner), and on several dates at Maumee Bay (m. obs.). **Erie, Holmes, Lake, Licking, Richland, Tuscarawas**, and **Union** also had sightings.

Short-eared Owl

These, like Long-eareds, first arrived before win-

ter and last left after it. Christopher Collins and Dan Enders provided the high count of 18, at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 02 Jan. (That site also had fall's high count of eight.) The most elsewhere were 13 at Armleder Park on both 20 and 23 Jan (m. obs.). (32 counties; see the map)



A popular attraction at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, a Short-eared Owl put on a show for Mark Hsu on 05 Dec.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

The reports are:

Two on 02 Dec and one on 04 Jan seen during daytime, and seven banded during Dec, at Kelleys Island (Tom Bartlett *et al.*)

One at Nickel Plate Beach, **Erie**, during the Firelands CBC on 19 Dec (Dan Gesualdo and Mary Warren)

One at Mogadore Reservoir, **Portage**, during the Quail Hollow CBC on 19 Dec (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison)

One during the Cuyahoga Falls CBC, **Portage/Summit**, on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon)

One calling at Pipe Creek WA, **Erie**, at about 11 pm on 02 Jan (m. obs.)

One at Killdeer on 02 Jan (Dave Smith)

One during the Grand Rapids CBC, **Fulton/Henry/Lucas/Wood**, on 03 Jan (*vide* Audubon)

One at the Maumee Bay campground on 05 Jan (Kim Warner)

Rufous Hummingbird

The one which was first seen near Shreve, **Holmes**, on 28 Nov, and which Allen Chartier banded on 05 Dec, was last seen on 11 Dec. It had previously spent most of Nov in **Richland**—see the fall **Cardinal**. (Note that the fall issue contained a separate Species Account of a Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird seen at Marlin Miller's home on 28 Nov. The entry was an unintentional duplica-

tion, because he is the same Marlin Miller whose feeder hosted the bird into Dec.) Allen banded another in Slickrock Township, **Clermont**, on 15 Nov; that bird remained until 09 Jan.

Belted Kingfisher

The high count was Dennis Mersky's six at the CVNP Ira Road marsh on 16 Dec. Two locations each hosted four, on three dates between them (m. obs.). (75 counties)

Red-headed Woodpecker

Louis Hoying provided the two highest counts, up to 13 at Lake Loramie SP, **Shelby**, on several dates among his 40-some visits and 15 along the Blackberry Island Trail, also **Shelby**, on 05 Feb. (59 counties)

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Jon Cefus counted 29 during 50 miles of travel for a CBC in **Tuscarawas** on 18 Dec. William Hutchinson found 18 in the CNC Rowe Woods on 17 Jan, the most not during a CBC. (all 88 counties)

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Tracy Cambron saw five in the Grand Valley Preserve, **Hamilton**, on 24 Dec. (65 counties)

Downy Woodpecker

Kelley's Island hosted 51 for Tom Bartlett on 21 Jan. The second most were William Hutchinson's 35 in CNC's Rowe Woods on 17 Jan. (all 88 counties)

Hairy Woodpecker

Douglas Vogus *et al.* found 12 during both the 05 Dec and 01 Jan Towpath Trail censuses in CVNP. (80 counties)

Northern Flicker

The mowed fields along Darby Creek's Yellowlegs Trail hosted 35 on 08 Feb (Heather Luedicke). (83 counties)

Pileated Woodpecker

Bruce Simpson found eight at Blendon Woods on 20 Dec. (75 counties)

American Kestrel

Alex Tokash counted 15 at The Wilds on 16 Jan. The second-highest number was nine, contributed by Ron Sempier at Killdeer on 08 Dec and Tom Bartlett around nearby Carey, **Wyandot**, on 01 Jan. **Defiance**, **Guernsey**, **Morgan**, and **Morrow** did not have sightings.

Peregrine Falcon

Marty Calabrese was at Cleveland's Scranton Flats on 19 Dec; from there he saw "two perched on Key Center over by Public Square; one fly-by w/ fresh kill". Many observers saw two birds elsewhere. (31 counties)

Gyr Falcon

The OBRC has a report from **Cuyahoga**.

Merlin

There were many duos, and Jason Parrish found three in Union Cemetery, **Franklin**, on 31 Jan. (42 counties)



A Merlin showed off for Stefan Minnig at Eastwood MP, Montgomery, on 23 Dec.

Pacific Slope/Cordilleran Flycatcher

Bill Thompson III discovered this apparent "Western" Flycatcher (the pre-split name) on 13 Dec at his **Washington** home. The OBRC has his formal report and many informal ones.

Eastern Phoebe

About 15 of these hardy flycatchers were seen, usually for only a day or two but on dates throughout the season. Sean Hollowell saw two at Spring Lakes Park, **Greene**, on 03 Dec, as did Zachary Allen in Wayne NE, **Scioto**, on 06 Jan. (24 counties)

Tyrannus sp. Kingbird

Tom Bartlett found a yellow-bellied kingbird on Kelley's Island; it was seen between 21 Dec and 06 Jan. Whether it was a Couch's, a Western, or a hybrid is yet to be determined. The OBRC has photos and descriptions.

Northern Shrike

Eli M. Miller saw two at Killbuck on 19 Dec. All other sightings, from there and 19 other counties, were of single birds. (see the map)

White-eyed Vireo

Robert Roysse was surprised to find one in Deer Creek WA on both 30 Dec and 01 Jan.

Blue Jay

Gary Cowell found 72 along his CBC route, which is mostly in **Knox**. (all 88 counties)

American Crow

Two parties reported roosts of about 10,000 birds. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker's were near Springfield, **Clark**, on 18 Dec. Jon Cefus noted his in New Philadelphia, **Tuscarawas**, on 20 Jan. The second-highest number was Leslie Warren's 1600 near her **Mahoning** home on 12 Feb. **Van Wert** alone did not produce a report.

Common Raven

Ten reports of single birds came from **Hamilton**, **Hocking**, **Jefferson** (2), **Monroe**, **Trumbull**, and **Tuscarawas** (4).

Horned Lark

Ben Morrison saw about 350 in a field near the corner of Parrish and French Avenues west of Alliance, **Stark**, on 05 Jan. (76 counties)



There is no doubt about how the Horned Lark got its name in this image by Mark Hsu at Heritage Oak Park, Warren, on 06 Feb.

Tree Swallow

Shane Myers saw one pioneer at the Findlay Reservoirs on 20 Feb and Gregory Bennett another at Nimisila Reservoir, **Summit**, on 29 Feb.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Jeff Bilsky got blurry but diagnostic photos of two stragglers at Lost Bridge on 05 Dec.

Barn Swallow

One flew past John Pogacnik at Lake Erie Bluffs on 11 Dec, and two were in Noah Yoder's barn in **Holmes** on 16 Dec (*vide* David L. Erb)

Carolina Chickadee

Brian Wulker enjoyed finding 86 in Sycamore Park, **Clermont**, on 27 Dec. Jon Cefus counted 60 along his **Tuscarawas** CBC route on 18 Dec. (64 counties)

Black-capped Chickadee

Tom Bartlett counted 131 scattered throughout Kelleys Island on 21 Jan and 199 there on 20 Feb. The most elsewhere were Matt Kemp's 72 in and near OOPMP during a CBC on 03 Jan. (33 counties)

Chickadee sp.

Unspiciated chickadees were reported in 19 counties.

Tufted Titmouse

William Hutchinson counted 58 in CNC's Rowe Woods on 17 Jan. Every county but **Van Wert** had sightings.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

The most were Taben Roye's 11 in Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 31 Jan. A group of birders found

the second-most, five, on the Cathedral Latin campus, **Geauga**, on 02 Jan. (40 counties)

White-breasted Nuthatch

Jon Cefus counted 50 during his CBC travels in **Tuscarawas** on 18 Dec. Stay tuned – there is recent evidence that this species is really four, though only one of them is resident here in Ohio. (all 88 counties)

Brown Creeper

Tom Bartlett's 12 at Kelleys Island on 21 Jan was the high count. (76 counties)

House Wren

Rich Pendleberry documented one at Killbuck's Wright Marsh, **Wayne**, on 21 Jan.

Marsh Wren

Observers found two at Darby Creek on several Dec and Jan dates and twice in Spring Valley WA, **Greene**, during the same period. Singles were also seen at those locations and in **Delaware**, **Hardin**, **Holmes**, **Pickaway**, **Summit**, and **Wayne**.

Winter Wren

Sites in **Delaware**, **Lucas** (2), and **Ross** each hosted three. (46 counties)



This close-up view of a Winter Wren was taken on 15 Dec by Stefan Minnig at Hills and Dales MP, Montgomery.

Carolina Wren

Steve Pelikan found 22 among the outdoor sculptures in Glenwood Gardens, **Hamilton**, on 12 Dec. (82 counties)



This Carolina Wren, a backyard favorite, was beautifully captured by Mark Hsu on 07 Feb at East Fork.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Joseph Boros documented one at Killbuck on 12 Dec.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

The high count of 19 was shared by a CBC team in Strouds Run SP, **Athens**, on 03 Jan and Nicole Freshour at Lake Hope SP, **Vinton**, on 16 Jan. (77 counties)



This captivating Golden-crowned Kinglet struck the perfect pose for Mark Hsu at East Fork on 07 Feb.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

These were scarce but present all season. Tracy Cambron found the most, three in the Grand Valley Preserve, **Hamilton**, on 24 Dec. (23 counties)

Eastern Bluebird

Cindy and Corey Gratz found 70 during a CBC in Blue Rock SP, **Muskingum**, on 26 Dec. (81 counties)



*A beautiful Eastern Bluebird was photographed by Karen Scott in her Dublin, **Franklin**, back yard on 15 Feb.*

Wood Thrush

Toni Stahl has a heated birdbath at her Dublin,

Franklin, home. It hosted a Wood Thrush all through winter though she and her visitors didn't see it every day. It or another showed up a couple of miles away during the Columbus CBC on 20 Dec (*vide* Rob Thorn).

Hermit Thrush

John Pogacnik *et al.* did a CBC on Kelleys Island on 20 Dec and found 68. Tom Bartlett counted up to 31 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the eight which Jeff Bilsky found in the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, **Adams**, on 12 Dec. (39 counties)



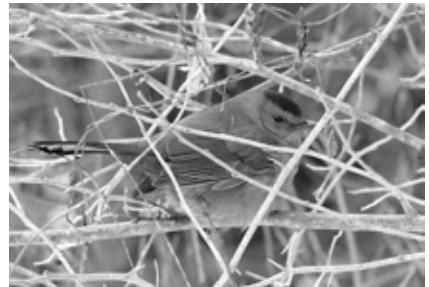
*This Hermit Thrush at Hills and Dales MP, **Montgomery**, was photographed by Stefan Minnig on 13 Jan.*

American Robin

Kirk Westendorf estimated that about 3500 were in the United American Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 31 Dec. A group of birders noted about 3000 in "Continuous flocks coming in from the north" to roost at Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, on 02 Jan. Only **Defiance** didn't produce a sighting.

Gray Catbird

At least 15 spent all or part of the season in our state. John Pogacnik saw two at Lake Erie Bluffs between 16 and 23 Dec and the rest were singles. (14 counties)



*Exhibiting the typical behavior of the Gray Catbird, this one was photographed by Leslie Sours in **Franklin** on 12 Feb.*

Brown Thrasher

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At the United American Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on five dates between 08 Dec and 19 Jan (Kirk Westendorf)

Near Bunker Hill, **Holmes**, on 09 Dec (Emery A. Yoder)

During the Western Hamilton County CBC on 20 Dec (*vide* Audubon)

In Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, on 22 Dec (m. obs.)

Northern Mockingbird

Gary Cowell counted 12 in **Knox** during his 20 Dec CBC efforts. Two other CBC routes each produced seven. (62 counties)

European Starling

Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty estimated that 50,000 were in a roost at the Barberton salt ponds, **Summit**, on 07 Jan. Timothy Spahr found about 35,000 at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 13 Dec. Sites in **Noble** (CMM) and **Summit** (Mary Anne Romito) each had about 10,000. Every county but **Lawrence** had sightings.

American Pipit

Margaret Bowman counted 47 in a **Holmes** farm field on 05 Jan. Ben Morrison came in second with 34 in a field by Congress Lake Road, **Portage**, on 11 Jan. (33 counties)

Bohemian Waxwing

Dan Gesualdo was at Sheldon Marsh on 09 Jan. He saw two birds which were plumper and darker than the rest of a waxwing flock but they all left before he could see their vents. A tantalizing report!

Cedar Waxwing

Tom Bartlett provided the high count, 250 at Kelleys Island on 22 Jan. Kurt Grenig found about 150 in the Station Road area of CVNP on 04 Dec. (64 counties)

Phainopepla

The OBRC has a report from **Portage** that, if confirmed, would be the state's first of the species.

Lapland Longspur

Robert Roysse found several flocks which totaled at least 350 birds south of the Findlay Reservoirs on 10 Jan. Ryan Jacob saw a flock of about 200 by Howard Road, **Lucas**, on 04 Feb. (36 counties)

Snow Bunting

A field by Soltis Road, **Geauga**, hosted about 400 on 15 Jan (m. obs.). (29 counties)

Ovenbird

Patty McKelvey discovered one in Cleveland's

Ralph J. Perk Plaza on 18 Dec and birders saw it there until 09 Feb.



Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. photographed this Ovenbird in Ralph J. Perk Plaza, Cleveland, on 24 Dec.

Orange-crowned Warbler

Marie Morgan reported one with excellent details at the Akron water reclamation facility, **Summit**, during the Cuyahoga Falls CBC on 20 Dec. Daniel Feuerstein documented one at Shawnee Creek, **Lucas**, on 02 Jan.

Common Yellowthroat

The reports are:

One during the Western Hamilton County CBC on 20 Dec (Joe Bens)

One in Delaware SP on 23 Dec (Sean Williams)

One at Darby Creek on 26 Dec (Carl Winstead)

One during the Ragersville CBC, **Coshocton/Holmes/Tuscarawas**, on 30 Dec (Matthias Troyer)

One at Mill Creek on 14 Jan (John Petruzzi)

American Redstart

Rob Thorn found a very late, but seemingly healthy, female at Galloway Preserve, **Franklin**, on 02 Dec.

Magnolia Warbler

Tom Bartlett found one consorting with Yellow-rumped Warblers at Kelleys Island on 06 Jan.

Palm Warbler

These showed up in two locations during Dec and five in Jan. The last was Greg Pasek's find at Sandy Ridge on 09 Jan; it or another had been seen there earlier as well. David Carr *et al.* found three at Armleder Park during a CBC on 27 Dec and others found one or two there into Jan. The other reports came from **Brown**, **Butler**, **Clermont**, **Holmes**, and **Knox**.

Pine Warbler

The earliest of four Dec sightings was in the **Franklin** section of the Hoover Reservoir CBC circle on 19 Dec (Charles Bombaci). Three Jan and two Feb reports followed; the last was from Tammy Seaman at her **Lucas** home on 14 Feb. The other sightings were in **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Holmes**, **Tuscarawas**, and **Warren**.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski provided the high count of 55 along Luken Road, **Warren**, on 17 Dec. The second-highest was Tom Bartlett's 28 at Kelleys Island on 21 Jan. (60 counties)

Wilson's Warbler

Steven Hochstetler described one he found during the Mohican SF CBC on 26 Dec; Roger Troutman says it's only the second or third ever found during an Ohio CBC.

Eastern Towhee

Jack Stenger found 16 at Shawnee Lookout on 05 Jan; Steve Pelikan saw 12 at Glenwood Gardens, also **Hamilton**, on 12 Dec. (53 counties)

American Tree Sparrow

Killdeer produced the two highest counts, 270 on 12 Feb (Cam Lee) and 419 on 15 Jan (Tom Bartlett). The most elsewhere were 245 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 11 Dec (John Pogacnik). Only **Lawrence**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** did not have sightings.

Chipping Sparrow

Gayle McKay saw four at Blendon Woods on 05 Dec. (23 counties)

Field Sparrow

Leslie Houser's 24 in the Valley View Preserve, **Hamilton**, on 09 Jan were the most. (44 counties)

Vesper Sparrow

Robert Sams discovered one in Litzenberg Memorial Woods, **Hancock**, on 06 Feb, and Dave Smith re-found it the next day.

Lincoln's Sparrow

Patty McKelvey discovered one in Cleveland's Ralph J. Perk Plaza on 07 Dec. She or others saw it on and off during the rest of Dec and almost daily in Jan and into Feb; occasional reports put two there. Elsewhere, David and Jo Johnstone saw one, played a recording, and had two more pop up into view during the Caesar Creek-Spring Valley CBC, **Warren**, on 17 Dec.



Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. photographed this Lincoln's Sparrow on 24 Dec in the small urban greenspace of Ralph J. Perk Plaza in Cleveland.

Lark Sparrow

One spent from 27 Dec to 10 Jan at Roman Mast's home in Walthonding, **Knox**; lots of folks journeyed there to see it.

Savannah Sparrow

Marge and Ron Bicknell counted eight near Dayton airport on 23 Jan. (25 counties)

Fox Sparrow

Sites in **Ashland**, **Hamilton**, and **Marion** each hosted six. (52 counties)



Mark Hsu photographed this handsome Fox Sparrow at East Fork on 14 Feb.

Song Sparrow

Jon Cefus tallied 81 along his CBC route in **Tuscarawas** on 18 Dec. The most not on a CBC were Daniel DeLapp's 43 at Miami River CP, **Butler**, on 22 Dec. Only **Van Wert** and **Williams** did not provide sightings.

Swamp Sparrow

Sean Williams found "At least 40 estimated chipping around Leonardsburg Marsh" and about 25 elsewhere in Delaware SP on 23 Dec. The second-highest tally was 26, by Richard Counts in the Hardin wetlands on 13 Dec. (59 counties)

White-throated Sparrow

Maumee Bay provided the high count, 126 by Greg Links on 20 Dec. Eric Liebold saw 55 in Fremont's Walsh Park, **Sandusky**, on 29 Jan. (80 counties)

White-crowned Sparrow

Bob Ensign found about 60 at Dawes Arboretum, **Licking**, on 20 Dec. Steve Pelikan saw the second-highest number, 45, at Glenwood Gardens, **Hamilton**, on 12 Dec. (57 counties)

Dark-eyed Junco

Dick and Jean Hoffman counted 169 in Lake View Cemetery, *Cuyahoga*, on 19 Dec. A septet of birders almost tied them with 160 in Woodlawn Cemetery, *Lucas*, on 18 Dec. Every county except *Van Wert* had sightings. *Hancock*, *Medina*, and *Wood* hosted possible "Cassiar" juncos; *Delaware*, *Medina*, *Montgomery*, *Muskingum*, and *Warren* had possible *cismontanus* birds; and *Delaware*, *Greene*, *Hamilton*, *Lucas*, *Medina*, and *Morrow* had possible "Oregon" birds.

Northern Cardinal

Jon Cefus' CBC route in *Tuscarawas* produced 86 on 18 Dec. Only *Van Wert* did not have any sightings.

Dickcissel

The reports are:

One at Janet Hughes' feeder in *Erie* from Nov to 15 Dec.

An immature bird at Lake Erie Bluffs on 16 Dec (John Pogacnik)

One on 02 and 10 Jan at Roman Mast's home in Walhonding, *Knox*

One at a *Wayne* feeder from 18 to 31 Jan (m. obs.)

Summer Tanager

One lingered from fall to 02 Dec at a Walton Hills, *Cuyahoga*, home (*vide* Brian Wulker).

Western Tanager

Multiple observers posted photos of one at a Dayton home in mid-Jan, but as far as I know there are no formal reports.



This Western Tanager was photographed by Alex Eberts at the home of Carolyn Garber in *Montgomery* on 10 Jan.

Red-winged Blackbird

Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty estimated that the Barberton salt ponds, *Summit*, held 75,000 on

07 Jan. About 10,000 were at Atwater, *Portage*, on 07 Feb (Joseph Ford and Doug Marcum). (79 counties)

Eastern Meadowlark

The high count of 20 was shared by R. Lee Reed near Dayton Airport on 04 Dec, Tom Bain along River Drive, *Pickaway*, on 30 Jan, and Sean Hollowell at the Great Miami WMB on 20 Feb. (40 counties)

Yellow-headed Blackbird

The reports, all of single birds, are:

Near Kidron, *Wayne*, on 05 Feb (Allen W. Troyer)

Near Meinke Marina, *Lucas*, on 21 Feb (Dave Smith)

At a private *Lucas* property on 24 Feb (Kim Warner)

At Volunteer Bay, *Erie*, on 28 Feb (Dan Gesualdo)

Rusty Blackbird

The high count of 200 was shared. Joseph Ford and Doug Marcum found them at Atwater, *Portage*, on 07 Feb; Ryan Jacob's were at Maumee Bay on 28 Feb. (50 counties)

Brewer's Blackbird

The reports are:

One in Scheele Preserve, Kelleys Island, on 03 Dec (Tom Bartlett)

Eight, unusually far south but adequately described, during the Delaware Reservoir CBC, *Delaware*, on 20 Dec (Daniel Bobb *et al.*)

One photographed in *Marion* just south of Killdeer on 28 Dec (Edward Lux)

One in Oakwoods SNP, *Hancock*, on 12 Jan (Robert Sams)

Common Grackle

About 15,000 were with the much larger number of Red-winged Blackbirds at the Barberton salt ponds, *Summit*, on 07 Jan (Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty). A *Wayne* field held about 7000 on 23 Jan (Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder). (68 counties)

Brown-headed Cowbird

Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty provided a third high count from the Barberton salt ponds, *Summit*, 15,000 on 07 Jan. Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison found the next-highest number, 2000, near Buckhorn, *Holmes*, on 03 Jan. (66 counties)

Brambling

Were it not for a certain gull, this bird would have been the find of the season. Dan Bertsch discovered it at his home next to Allardale Park, *Medina*, on 19 Dec. It was seen at his feeders,

and occasionally in the park itself, until 12 Mar. The OBRC will acknowledge everyone who filed a formal report. More than 500 birders posted their successful viewing in eBird, and surely many others saw it as well.

House Finch

Ethan Kistler and Billi Krochuk found about 100 in Allardale Park, **Medina**, when they went to look at the Brambling on 12 Jan. Ed Bremer also saw about 100, at Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin**, on 17 Jan. (82 counties)

Purple Finch

John Pogacnik *et al.* tallied 66 at Kelleys Island on 20 Dec. Tom Bartlett found the second-most, 28, on the island on 04 Jan. The most elsewhere were Brian Menker's nine at the Caesar Creek Visitor Center on 22 Jan. (56 counties)

Red Crossbill

Jen Brumfield heard one calling as it flew overhead in **Cuyahoga** on 07 Feb.

White-winged Crossbill

Bill Lynch saw four in Greenlawn Cemetery, **Franklin**, on 06 Feb.

Common Redpoll

John Pogacnik's CBC efforts on Kelleys Island on 20 Dec yielded 29. Many smaller double-digit reports came from Willow Point WA, **Erie**, and a few from sites in **Lake**, **Lucas**, and **Warren**. (15 counties)

Pine Siskin

Up to 130 (on 20 Dec) were found in Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery (m. obs.) The most elsewhere were 57 discovered by the Kent State Bird Club at Lake Rockwell, **Portage**, on 10 Feb. (49 counties)

American Goldfinch

Andy Sewell provided the high count of 148 during the Kingston CBC in **Ross** on 01 Jan. Every county but **Putnam** and **Van Wert** had sightings.

House Sparrow

Scott Myers found about 800 around the Celina grain silos, **Mercer**, on 01 Jan. Only **Morgan** and **Noble** did not produce reports.

Errata

Sharp-eyed John Herman noted that Pleasant Hill Lake Park, site of fall's earliest Franklin's Gull, is in **Richland**, not **Portage**. He also wondered about the report of a Cave Swallow in **Richland**. It wasn't there—the fourth county in the list should have been **Summit** instead.

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THE OHIO KELP GULL

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(Editor's Note: At press time, the Ohio Bird Records Committee had not voted on the documentation of this sighting, so the possibility remains that its identity will not be confirmed. But I consider that very unlikely.)

Introduction

For more than thirty years, Springfield Lake in **Summit** has provided me a place to decompress from a difficult day at work. One such day was 05 Dec 2015. On this sunny afternoon I dropped in for some therapeutic lake scoping. There was nothing to see out of the ordinary, or so I thought. While packing up my scope, I glanced to the east end of the lake and saw a gathering of gulls on a roof. Even at a great distance I could see an extremely dark backed gull. I had previously seen a Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*) at this location, but this bird looked much darker backed. I set up my spotting scope up again for a better look and saw a stocky gull with the blackest back I had ever seen. A much closer view and help would be needed with this odd gull.

Kent Miller was my “go to” guy. It must have sounded like I had lost my mind when I described the bird I was viewing. All the while I kept asking, “What could this bird be?” Kent arrived in short order. Multiple pictures were taken and possibilities were discussed. We were convinced, or nearly so, that we could be looking at Ohio’s first documented Kelp Gull (*L. dominicanus*). We realized that we needed to get as many eyes on this bird as possible. Diagnostic pictures of this bird would be needed for proof. The bird was put to roost on the roof of Springfield Roller Rink.



Photo by Ben Morrison

The next morning several seasoned birders gathered to get a glimpse of the potential Kelp Gull. Our southern hemisphere visitor was accommodating and stayed on Springfield Lake until those gathered saw the bird. At this point the consensus was that this was indeed a Kelp Gull. Most felt that the identification was good but more evidence was needed for a rare bird so rare in North America.

Over the next few days the bird was seen early in the morning and late in the evening. Frustrated observers often would get just a fleeting glimpse of the black mantled gull as it headed southeast to its daytime feeding areas. The gull was seen intermittently until the end of Dec, once on 10 Jan, and then there were no reports until 06 Feb. Several people saw the bird that day and until 11 Feb. During this period, evidence was gathered from diligent photographers and even a video was taken of the gull. Also, gull experts were contacted and photos were sent for opinions. Most, if not all, were in agreement with the identification and had very little reservation that it was a Kelp Gull.

Much effort was also put into finding the daytime feeding areas. The gull seemed to always head southeast at daylight. Perhaps it was going to a landfill during the daytime hours to feed and then returning to the lake at night to roost. Getting admittance into a landfill is not an easy task. One Stark County landfill in Bolivar did allow admittance after a required safety course was completed, and the required safety equipment was purchased. On 11 Feb, the Kelp Gull was found and photographed at close range at this landfill. Several diagnostic pictures were passed to the gull experts of the world. They found no fault in calling this bird a Kelp Gull (Alvaro Jaramillo and Amar Ayyash, email communications with Kent Miller). The gull was never seen there again, maintaining its unpredictable status.

With a cold snap on 17 Feb, the large gulls gathered in southern regions of Canton, **Stark**. In late afternoon, the gulls would come streaming from the south to this area. The Kelp Gull made a stunning appearance circling overhead in the evening sun. There was one other potential report from Springfield Lake after the Canton sighting. There are no other known sightings. Only time will tell if this is the last of the Ohio Kelp Gull.



Photo by Kent Miller

Description

The Kelp Gull is a stocky gull with an extremely black back (mantle) and wings. The head, underparts, and tail are clean white. The upper wing is black with a wide white trailing margin on the tertials, and the primaries are tipped with four or five small white spots. The leading edge has a narrow white margin. The under-wing is white with dark gray primaries shading to black at the tips. A single white spot or mirror can be seen on both the upper and lower surfaces of the 10th primary.

When settled the Kelp Gull appears to have a short wings and tail making it appear heavy fronted. In the folded wings, the white tertial crescent forms a white margin or skirt around the wings. The legs are a dull yellow to gray and are long, especially in the tibia portion. The iris is yellow and the orbital ring is yellow to reddish. The gape is yellow and the bill is large and yellow with a red spot on the mandible. The beak is bulbous at the tip and exhibits a deep gonydeal angle. The overall size is a bit smaller than Herring Gull (*L. argentatus*) but structural differences make the exact size difficult to determine.

The photographs submitted will attest that the Springfield Lake gull meets the criteria as described for a Kelp Gull. Our visitor is believed to be in basic (non-breeding) plumage, as pointed out by the experts. There is slight flecking on the head and nape and the orbital ring is more yellow than reddish. These characteristics suggest this gull has switched to a Northern Hemisphere molt pattern opposite to the species' usual one. This has been demonstrated in Southern Hemisphere birds that have been in northern latitudes for some time. (Olsen, 2004) The life-span for a Kelp Gull has been found to be up to twenty years which would give ample time for such a transformation. (Kelp Gull).

The Springfield Lake Kelp Gull is an adult bird. The following discussion of similar gulls will also refer to adult birds.

Kelp Gulls differ from Lesser Black-backed Gulls in that the mantles of the former are noticeably darker. The one exception is the "Baltic" Lesser Black-backed Gull (*L. fuscus fuscus*). The "Baltic Gull" breeds in Scandinavia, and migrates to East Africa in the winter months. It has never demonstrated vagrancy to the North American continent. With all Lesser Black-backed Gulls, including the "Baltic" subspecies, there are several other differences from the Kelp Gull. The Kelp Gull is larger and stockier and has a larger and more bulbous bill. The Lesser Black-backed Gulls have longer and narrower wings and shorter legs. The white trailing edge of the upper wing is also much narrower in the Lesser Black-backed Gull.

Kelp Gulls differ from Great Black-backed Gulls in that they are smaller and less bulky overall. Great Black-backed Gulls have more extensive white in the tips of the primaries and the legs are pink. Great Black-backed Gulls do not have as wide a white trailing margin. The wings when settled or folded do not have the white skirt that the Kelp Gull exhibits. Though the mantle of a Great Black-backed Gull is dark, it is not as black as that of an adult Kelp Gull.

Other remote possibilities to consider would be the Slaty-backed Gull (*L. schistisagus*) and Yellow-footed Gull (*L. livens*). Both of these species have a lighter gray mantle than the Kelp Gull. The Slaty-backed has pink feet and the Yellow-footed has bright yellow feet. The "Chandeleur" Gull, a Kelp x Herring Gull (*L. smithsonianus*) hybrid, has a lighter mantle and carries some other characteristics of the Herring Gull as well.

The Kelp Gull is widespread and abundant over much of the southern hemisphere. It is found in South America, Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and Antarctica as well as islands below the equator (Olsen, 2004). The Kelp Gull has shown a trend of expansion in range and population (del Hoyo, 1996).

Larry O'Meallie and Dan Purington saw the first of this species in the United States, on Curlew Island, Louisiana in the Chandeleur Island chain on 08 Jul 1989. Not one, but a pair were found and reported as Lesser Black-backed Gulls (Dittman, 2005). A year later on a return trip the birds were relocated and confirmed as Kelp Gulls. The saga continued where perhaps five different Kelp Gulls were found in the Chandeleur Islands. All but two were found to be paired with Herring Gulls; the two paired with each

other. This was unique in that both species were far from their usual ranges. This situation brings to mind the Stephen Stills song, “Love the One You’re With”. (Though actually this should be the theme song for all *Larus* species.) The Kelp x Herring Gulls pairs produced hybrid offspring which became known as Chandeleur Gulls. This population was finally wiped out in 2005 by hurricane Katrina, which dispersed the Kelp Gulls and Chandeleur Gulls to unknown locations (Dittmann, 2005).

The incidence of vagrancy by Kelp Gulls continued with sightings from widespread locations. One was recorded in Galveston, Texas in 1996 (Gottschling, 1996) and another was there in 2004 (Lockwood and Freeman, 2004). Single Kelp Gulls were identified in Indiana in 1990 (Hess, 2004) and in Colorado in 2003 (Hess, 2004). Perhaps the most famous and observed of Kelp Gulls, “Shrimpy”, was seen intermittently in Maryland from 07 Feb 1998 through Nov 2004. A third-cycle Kelp Gull was found in Florida during the West Pasco CBC on 08 Dec 2010 (Pranty, 2011). Ohio’s own Bob Lane was instrumental in the identification and documentation of this bird. Another at Wheatley Harbor, Ontario on 07 Sep 2012 was the first provincial and Canadian Kelp Gull record. (Swick, 2015)

A putative Kelp Gull was seen on 17 and 18 Jan 2015 on the Ohio River near Pittsburgh. Apparently the Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee has not yet acted on this sighting (Pennsylvania, 2015). This individual could be the same one that appeared at Springfield Lake. Finally, California entered the Kelp Gull parade on 20 May 2015 when Alvaro Jaramillo found that state’s first (Swick, 2015).

The frequency of vagrancy is on the rise with this once solely southern hemisphere gull. The El Niño effect is one plausible explanation; however, the northern movement is exhibited in other parts of the world as well (Davis, 2003). The occurrence of the Kelp Gull in Ohio, or anywhere in North America for that matter, is indeed a rare event. But the trend of expansion shown by this species does make an encounter more likely than 20 years ago.

What I learned from this experience is to pay close attention to all aspects of the bird in question. The minutest detail can be monumental to the documentation and separation from similar birds. Take as many photographs as possible and make detailed field notes. Do not be afraid to call on those with more experience than you. Most experts are more than happy to share their learning and experience. [and file a report with the *OBRC!* – Ed.]

Finding this potential Kelp Gull was wonderful, but seeing others get to see and experience this magnificent vagrant was even better. I would not be surprised if this gull is still in the vicinity and could resurface at any time. “Shrimpy”, the Maryland gull, took sabbaticals on occasion, and so may our Ohio bird. Perhaps on a cold icy day next winter some lone birder will look on a roof and find an extremely black backed gull sunning itself.

Photographs and documentation have been sent to the Ohio Bird Records Committee, and of course many other photos have been posted online. This gull’s identity remains conjectural, though, until the Committee members have weighed all the evidence and possibilities.

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COMPARING DISTRIBUTION NUMBERS OF FRANKLIN'S GULLS IN OHIO OF NOV. 1998 AND 2015

By John P. Herman

During the Novs of 1998 and 2015, strong west winds brought unusually high numbers of Franklin's Gulls to Ohio, indeed to all of the Eastern US. The distribution of these gulls varied, with birds in Nov 2015 appearing at many more locations away from Lake Erie than during 1998. Interestingly, their peak period of occurrence in both years was from 12 to 23 Nov. The first Franklin's reported during autumn 1998 was seen on 04 October at Farnsworth MP, **Lucas** (Whan 1999), while the first autumn report during 2015 was on 02 Sep at Pleasant Hill Lake, **Richland** (Caldwell 2016). The last Franklin's during the winter of 1998-99 was seen at Lakeshore MP, **Lake**, on 24 Dec (Whan 1999b). The last seen during the winter of 2015-16 was at Wendy Park on 26 Dec (Caldwell 2016b). Most of this past winter's gulls did not linger more than a few days at any location.

The sixteen counties with sightings between 12 and 23 Nov 1998 and the peak counts of Franklin's Gulls in each are: **Ashtabula** (8), **Auglaize** (28), **Clark** (9), **Clinton** (6), **Erie** (1), **Hancock/Sandusky** (20), **Lake** (47, with a combined count of 111 in the period), **Lorain** (7), **Lucas** (23, Greg Links, pers. comm.), **Marion** (70-85), **Medina** (2), **Paulding** (6), **Pickaway** (2), **Warren** (1), and **Wyandot** (15) (Whan 1999, Rosche 1999). During 12 to 23 Nov 1998, the only Franklin's reported in Ohio south of 40 degrees 25 minutes latitude were those at Caesar Creek (**Warren**), Cowan Lake (**Clinton**), C.J. Brown Reservoir (**Clark**), and Deer Creek SP (**Pickaway**). The top five counts for that period were 70 to 85 at Washburn Road, **Marion**, on 14 Nov, 47 at Lakeshore MP, **Lake**, on 21 Nov (Bill Whan, pers. comm.), 28 at GLSM on 14 Nov, 23 in **Lucas** on 13 Nov, and 20 in fields in **Hancock** and **Sandusky** on 16 Nov (Whan 1999; eBird; Greg Links, pers. comm.). No Franklin's were reported in Sep and a total of seven birds were distributed among among three locations in Oct (Whan 1999; eBird).

In contrast, the first Franklin's Gull sighting of fall 2015 was a bird on 02 Sep at Pleasant Hill Lake, **Richland**, and three more were reported later in the month at other locations (Caldwell 2016, eBird). A dozen Ohio locations had Franklin's in October 2015, with a maximum of eight at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, on the 17 Oct (eBird).

The 32 counties with sightings and their

peak counts during 12 to 23 Nov 2015 are: **Allen** (9), **Ashtabula** (5), **Clark** (20), **Clermont** (3), **Cuyahoga** (29), **Defiance** (1), **Delaware** (1), **Erie** (22), **Franklin** (1), **Geauga** (1), **Hancock** (54), **Hamilton** (1), **Harrison** (2), **Holmes** (1), **Lake** (32), **Logan** (26), **Lorain** (13), **Lucas** (15), **Mahoning** (1), **Mercer** (3), **Montgomery** (6), **Ottawa** (1), **Pickaway** (3), **Richland** (31), **Sandusky** (2), **Seneca** (18), **Stark** (19), **Summit** (1), **Tuscarawas** (1), **Warren** (1), and **Wood** (1) (eBird; Ohio-Birds listserv; rarebirds.org; Yoder 2016; C. Caldwell, pers. comm.). The top five counts during the month were 54 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 15 Nov, 32 at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 13 Nov, 31 at Clear Fork on 12 Nov, 29 at Edgewater on 13 Nov, and 26 at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, also on 13 Nov (Caldwell 2016; eBird; Ohio-Birds listserv). The Seneca Lake, **Noble**, record of 17 Oct, the Walnut Creek area, **Holmes**, record of 13 Nov, and the Tappan Lake, **Harrison**, record of 14 Nov may be first county records. The Atwood Lake, **Tuscarawas**, and the Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, sightings, both on 14 Nov, are rare for those locations.

A minimum count for the Franklin's Gulls in Ohio during 12-23 November 1998 is 308, while a minimum count during the same period of 2015 is 324 (Caldwell 2016; eBird; Ohio-Birds listserv; Rosche 1999; Whan 1999; and Yoder 2016).

The magnitudes of the Franklin's Gull movements into Ohio during the Novs of 1998 and 2015 stand out. Normally these gulls in autumn are uncommon along the Lake Erie shoreline and at reservoirs and lakes at the western one-fourth of Ohio, uncommon to rare at reservoirs and lakes at glaciated central and north-central Ohio away from Lake Erie, and rare at best at reservoirs and lakes in un-glaciated Ohio.

The number of counties with sightings between 12 and 23 Nov 2015 was double that of the same period in 1998, and more southern counties were included. This is no doubt due in part to a significant increase in the number of birders and their skill level. Quite possibly, the weather pattern was different in 2015 than it was in 1998, and moved gulls more inland from Lake Erie. "When the gales of November remembered" (G. Lightfoot), Franklin's gulls can occur at Ohio in large numbers.



Franklin's Gull, Nov. 1988 distribution



Franklin's Gull, Nov. 2015 distribution

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THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT REPORT

By Mike Busam

The results for the 116th annual National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Counts, held in Dec 2015 and Jan 2016, are nearly complete. This year we present the results for 67 Ohio counts, down from last year's 69 (not counting circles which are mostly in an adjoining state). A few entries still need confirmation, but we don't expect the results to change much if they do at all.

It is obvious, but still important, to note the impact of weather on CBCs. Dec 2015 saw temperatures six degrees higher than the 20th century average. Given the warm weather, some counts had trouble finding species that might usually be expected; some inland counts struggled to find waterfowl, in particular. On the other hand, compilers noted that Killdeer, Hermit Thrush, and both kinglets were fairly easy to find, as were Winter Wren, a species reported from half of Ohio's 88 counties on eBird during December and January, and well-reported in CBC tallies. A few birds we don't typically expect to find, but which are of course possible, on CBCs include American Bittern (two on the Chandlersville count), Great Egret (Firelands and Cincinnati counts), Green Heron (Cuyahoga Falls), and Virginia Rail (Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge). Also of note were six species of shorebirds (Spotted Sandpiper being of particular interest for the Caesar Creek and Ashland counts and Greater Yellowlegs at Mohican State Forest), and six species of warbler: Orange-crowned, Yellow-rumped, Pine, Palm (present in unusually high numbers according to the reports), Common Yellowthroat (Western Hamilton County and Ragersville), and Wilson's (Mohican State Forest). Clearly, the warm weather didn't push away or deter from staying a number of birds that would normally be expected to be absent from our area or present in smaller numbers.

Also of note, 28 species were reported as first count records this CBC season. The "star" of the count period would be the Kelp Gull, which countless observers saw and which made it onto the Cuyahoga Falls tally sheet. It is of course a first count record as well as a noteworthy first state record.

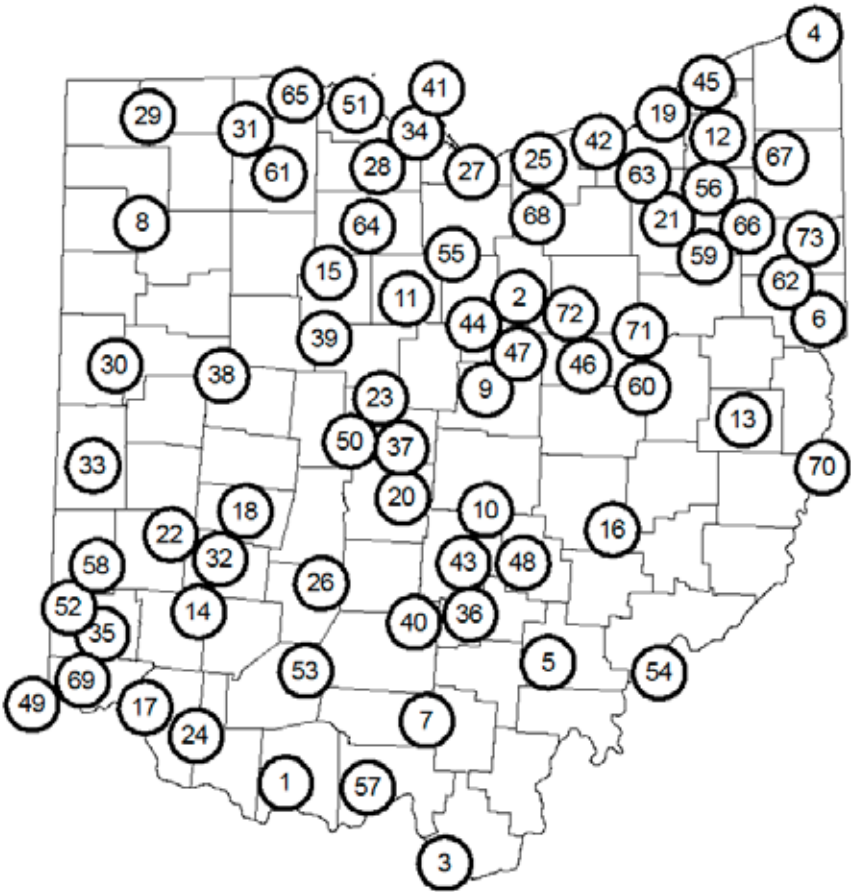
While we like to stress the citizen science aspect of the CBC, it is no secret that compilers and counters love the baseline species tally. And there's no shame in that. If you're going to walk in the rain and snow and sleet all day, counting as best you can every Northern Cardi-

nal, White-throated Sparrow, American Crow, and European Starling, you've earned the right to find out what the final tally, the total species count, turned out to be. Toledo led the state with 101 species. Lake Erie Islands and Wilmot reported 89. Cuyahoga Falls had 86; Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge 88; and Western Hamilton County, Millersburg, and Gypsum had 85 each. Ottawa NWR and Cincinnati both tallied 84. Cleveland, Wooster, and Mansfield reached or broke the 80 level. There's not necessarily a correlation between the number of birds on a list and the quality of the count, and reporting a hard-earned, honest, let's say, 50 birds, is better than reporting a number of squirrely sightings. For the 116th CBC season, Ohio birders seemed to have found what was there and didn't find what wasn't. There are a few unusual reports that still need documentation, but most rarities and unusual sightings were properly documented.

A count needs counters, of course, and compilers are grateful for the birders who volunteer their time and effort. Cuyahoga Falls increased their participation by one over that of the 115th CBC, leading Ohio with 166. Wilmot had 90 participants. Lakewood and Ragersville had 74 each. Anecdotal accounts from a few compilers I talked with suggested turnout was lower than expected for some counts, with weather and Christmas falling on a Friday being cited as possible causes. As is the case with finding the birds on a CBC, the number of birders who participate each year is influenced by weather, timing, and luck.

We would like to thank the National Audubon Society for making their compilation of CBC data available to us. Visit the Christmas Bird Count web site at <http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>. All the data, including historical data, are available online at <http://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/>. Observers can also sign up online to participate in most counts, which can help compilers plan their count circle coverage. If you decide to try out a new count or two in the 117th season, consider signing up online next fall. Thanks to everyone who helped with the 116th CBC season!

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116TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

COUNT CIRCLE	Adams County (DHAC)	Arland (DHAD)	Ashland (DHAS)	Athens (DHAT)	Beaver Creek (DHBC)	Beaver Valley (DHBV)	Black Swamp (DHBS)	Brown Family Environmental Center (DHBF)	Buckeye Lake (DHBL)	Boyryst (DHBY)	Burton (DHBU)	Cedar (DHCA)	Cedar Creek-Spring Valley (DHCS)	Chadronville (DHCV)	Cincinnati (DHCI)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17
COUNT DATE	19-Dec	18-Dec	26-Dec	3-Jan	20-Dec	19-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	19-Dec	3-Jan	2-Jan	2-Jan	17-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec
SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
Greater White-fronted Goose															
Snow Goose								2	3					4	
Ross's Goose															
Cackling Goose															
Canada Goose	592	425	836	636	180	34	385	2094	631	274	2315	738	109	237	1192
Mute Swan		4						1	16		5				2
Trumpeter Swan														37	
Tundra Swan									1		36				
swan sp.															
Wood Duck	9			3										2	
Gadwall		35	4						36	2	4		5	3	24
American Wigeon										1					10
American Black Duck	35		4	1	2			20	2	2	21	12		6	
Mallard	56	53	197	88	158	5	7	380	385	76	581	125	9	84	212
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)															
Blue-winged Teal									8						
Northern Shoveler		4						6	57	1	5				
Northern Pintail		4							10	1					
Green-winged Teal				2								1			
Canvasback		1													1
Redhead	2		1						9						2
Ring-necked Duck	48	1						3	30					37	7
Greater Scaup															2
Lesser Scaup	2	6						6	6		1			3	4
Greater/Lesser Scaup															
Surf Scoter															
White-winged Scoter															
Black Scoter															
Long-tailed Duck														1	
Bufflehead	32		16					9	9		24	1	5	41	16
Common Goldeneye			30								1				
Hooded Merganser	48	51	1	2		3		24	46		27	2	23		165
Common Merganser			52		5			1			8				2

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18-Dec	27-Dec	20-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	20-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	16-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	3-Jan	3-Jan	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec
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			1				10			2413						316			
1	2		1	1	3	1			7	10									
50	6	16	6	15		1	11	2	9	28		12				214	6		3
	2	6							2	9		5				70			3
	8	204	33	11	10		4		15	22	2		4			140	24		13
77	312	819	1718	358	367	329	401	80	321	6352	45	331	395	31		3048	308	81	517
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7	4	5	5		2		18	3	3	61		21			1	178	3	1	1
3					2				1	3						1			1
	1	2			1	1	29												
2							1					2							1
1	9															35			15
50		20	47	5	40	4	2	1	7			3		2		3			3
	4																		
20	33			2		2	1		8			2				798			
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	6	1																	
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	1																		
32	11	1	4	6		5	24	6	4			4				14	2	7	15
3	6		1	5												379			1
116		125	44	57	18	10	99	49	38	1			2			14	18	34	108
	21						9	2	20				12			5644			1

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SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
Red-breasted Merganser		5	134								3				
merganser sp.															
Ruddy Duck					1			13	1		2	1		1	
duck sp.															
waterfowl sp.															
Ring-necked Pheasant								1					1		
Wild Turkey	245		13		72	142	72	131	35		42	10	6	245	42
Red-throated Loon															
Common Loon		1	1		1				1		1	1	5		2
Pied-billed Grebe	2	2	2	1	1	2		4	3		1		5	4	22
Horned Grebe			67										8		6
Eared Grebe															
Double-crested Cormorant		3	36				2	1				150	1	1	
American Bittern															2
Great Blue Heron	3	16	3	1			1	9	7		2	2	24	3	11
Great Egret															1
Green Heron															
Black-crowned Night-Heron															
Black Vulture	169			75	5			51					36		67
Turkey Vulture	79			186	91			18	7				9	14	24
Osprey															
Golden Eagle														1	
Northern Harrier	1		2		1	6	1	1	1			7	6	4	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2			1	2	1				3		6	1	2
Cooper's Hawk	6	2	2	1	1	3	3	9	2	3	9	3	9	1	11
Accipiter sp.															
Bald Eagle	1	5	9		7	4	1	27	4	2	12	9	3	2	3
Red-shouldered Hawk	14	4	1	5	5	14		6	3		9	2	24	9	14
Red-tailed Hawk	43	5	8	7	34	47	16	74	27	14	58	82	37	45	31
Rough-legged Hawk	1	1						4				3		8	
Buteo sp.															
hawk sp.															
Virginia Rail															

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	36899						2191	10	14160							12660			
1	12		66				71	125	6			5				12			108
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					1			1	1					1		1500			
		83	28			65		1	8		75	12	7				9	54	1
			2																
1	27		13	1			1	1	9							6			1
9	1	7	4	13	1	13	2	1	1	12				1		1	6	13	6
1	82			3			4	1	9							2			6
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	13	38		1	1		4		93	9						227			1
17	6	28	23	26	18	6	3	1	3	31	1	5	2	4	1	25	18	4	24
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			1																
				1													3		
						169		5						28			3	112	1
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1	2	3	4	1		1	1	1	2	2		1	3		1	2	1	2	
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3	4	6	8	4	7	1	6		18	79	1	4	19			95	6	4	4
	1	3	21	3	1	39	7	1				1	5	20		1		21	1
3	17	45	99	14	39	39	18	1	20	31	9	16	92		16	27	18	68	29
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SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
American Coot	2								16		3	12	80		16
Sandhill Crane		2					5		2		4			2	
Killdeer		70		11		44	9	2		1		52	117	2	15
Spotted Sandpiper		1													
Greater Yellowlegs															
Sanderling															
Dunlin															
Wilson's Snipe												3			
American Woodcock															
Pomarine Jaeger															
Bonaparte's Gull		275	116				2		19		60	251			
Little Gull															
Franklin's Gull															
Ring-billed Gull		727	2305	4	139			12	1760	32	414	1096	2707		83
Herring Gull		2	712		4				13	537	2	2	7		
Thayer's Gull															
Iceland Gull															
Lesser Black-backed Gull			1							2					
Glaucous Gull															
Great Black-backed Gull			14												
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid)															
Kelp Gull															
gull sp.								1							
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	107	25	125	77	303	21	55	286	48	332	161	98	65	135	290
Eurasian Collared-Dove															
Mourning Dove	304	54	67	95	186	88	82	218	176	331	211	32	239	382	529
Barn Owl								2							
Eastern Screech-Owl	12	2			1		3	6	2			6	3	1	2
Great Horned Owl	2						1	6	3				1		2
Snowy Owl															
Barred Owl	3		1	1	7	1		2	2		5	4	5	2	4
Long-eared Owl															
Short-eared Owl												7		6	6

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30	6	1	110				54	1		800					1	63	3		98
	2											7	349	70	635		1472		
	3	6	1		11	123	7					11			1		3	110	3
				1															
	1																		
157	3765		5	1	8	110	312	100	59	103			1				44		91
							1												
252	5263	3270	1935	113	64	5053	2343	200	11419	1692	90	785	1710	7		13822	218	3	1238
4	1096	11	756	3	1		77		932	65		31	135			1612	1		13
	1								1										
	4		2						8				1				2		
									1								1		
	18						5		15								19		
			1																
					4							396							
262	101	1789	392	342	165	203	172	39	281	389	250	124	157	103	140	17	1811	97	137
62	114	468	837	87	592	215	62	47	7	58	33	77	328	51	66	58	116	198	52
2		1	7	1	4	5			12	1	4		27	2	3	14		1	
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SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
Northern Saw-whet Owl															
Belted Kingfisher	4	9	4	4	4	3		13	3	1	2	5	10	7	6
Red-headed Woodpecker		3					4	24		10	4	4	4		4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	46	38	11	26	44	23	30	96	32	29	101	86	95	56	114
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker															
Downy Woodpecker	48	50	16	33	58	23	31	100	27	37	157	86	86	60	109
Hairy Woodpecker	15	15	6	5	12	2	4	28	2	17	41	16	21	13	22
Northern Flicker	21	7		17	9	8	8	12	13	7	3	42	48	34	59
Pileated Woodpecker	11	3	6	14	10	10		25	6	5	21	21	22	7	18
woodpecker sp.															
American Kestrel	38	4	6	4	6	18	12	19	11	12	7	21	12	18	8
Merlin				1											1
Peregrine Falcon															1
diurnal raptor sp.															
Eastern Phoebe	1					1						1			
yellow-bellied kingbird sp.															
Northern Shrike														1	
Blue Jay	81	101	62	25	127	19	63	272	62	146	204	133	103	131	90
American Crow	517	261	333	161	605	470	23	739	150	920	336	329	334	255	811
crow sp.															
Horned Lark	25	4					40	17	10	45	1		10	11	
Carolina Chickadee	114	51		118	6	96		192	29	46		151	272	113	537
Black-capped Chickadee		5	78		53		40			3	524	1			
chickadee sp.		22			93										
Tufted Titmouse	101	53	16	50	99	55	18	129	14	46	151	87	128	51	244
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6	1		1							11	2			
White-breasted Nuthatch	62	61	11	42	78	27	42	133	25	44	166	73	98	80	73
Brown Creeper	1	9		4	2	3	20	7	2	1	7	11	21	5	8
Winter Wren				3	1								5		2
Marsh Wren															
Carolina Wren	17	11		37	32	20	3	44	11	5	6	17	57	38	145
Golden-crowned Kinglet	22	4		33	28	20	3	18	2	10	23	28	49	24	13
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1												3		1

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Clark County (DHCC)	Cleveland (DHCL)	Columbus (DHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (DHCF)	Dayton (DHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (DHDR)	East Fork Lake S.P. (DHES)	Elyria-Lorain (DHEL)	Fayette County (DHFC)	Ferland (DHFF)	Fremont (DHFR)	Gall Woods (DHGW)	Grand Lake St. Marys (DHGL)	Grand Rapids-Waterloo (DHGR)	Greene County (DHGC)	Greene Hill (DHGI)	Gypsum (DHGY)	Hamilton Fairfield (DHHF)	Hocking Hills (DHHH)	Hoover Reservoir (DHHR)
18-Dec	27-Dec	20-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	20-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	16-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	3-Jan	3-Jan	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec
									1										
2	3	20	10	9	10	4	3	1	1	1				6	1	1	6	4	4
2		1	1		6		1				5		14				40		
24	57	144	319	47	86	52	41	2	29	20	18	9	132	56	19	35		77	59
31	73	181	351	42	124	59	59	3	32	41	23	18	180	73	35	110	48	88	82
9	11	16	92	7	13	13	12	1	4	12	2	3	64	4	1	4	14	27	13
9	4	60	40	17	36	46	4	2	12	31		3	37	17	9	13	14	20	23
	2	16	39	9	4	13	2		3				1	12	4		2	36	10
												4							
5	2	10	1	3	19	22	3	2	3	6	8	18	13	4	25	3	12	5	2
1	1		2	1									1						3
	2	1	2				1		1							2	3		
																		5	
			1																
22	155	213	904	18	173	66	124	3	81	58	34	61	333	37	40	78	27	127	94
10000	42	316	3127	58	183	180	54	10	66	142	21	3	218	329	111	29	175	479	242
2	17	8			104	89	34	3	44	495	345	377	81	4	112		19		
52		316		97	66	169		4				7		148	27		136	237	270
	167		987				97		34	18	27		439			56			
					121							25							
20	76	169	437	22	59	141	72	4	25	14	6	11	216	70	4	27	55	171	122
		1	12		2						4		2					1	
28	55	161	372	32	99	38	47	3	29	25	23	22	234	76	29	30	28	134	101
14	1	16	19	7	10	2	2		1	4	7	1	36	6	8	8	6	10	3
	1	2	3										2	1		2		6	2
8	6	84	46	32	26	43	4	2	1	6		5	19	46	2	6	32	37	18
10	2	11	25	2	24	13	1	4		5		2	48	12	8	10	3	53	14
			1	1															

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COUNT CIRCLE	Adams County (DHAC)	Ashland (DHAD)	Ashland (DHAS)	Athens (DHAT)	Beaver Creek (DHBC)	Beaver Valley (DHBV)	Black Swamp (DHBS)	Brown Family Environmental Center (DHBF)	Buckeye Lake (DHBL)	Boyryst (DHBY)	Burton (DHBU)	Cedar (DHCA)	Cedar Creek-Spring Valley (DHCS)	Chadronville (DHCH)	Cincinnati (DHCI)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17
COUNT DATE	19-Dec	18-Dec	26-Dec	3-Jan	20-Dec	19-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	19-Dec	3-Jan	2-Jan	2-Jan	17-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec
SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
Eastern Bluebird	151	46	20	13	106	89	12	137	9	20	103	89	67	138	48
Hermit Thrush	3	1		1		1						1	9		7
Wood Thrush															
American Robin	1823	180	1	477	30	50	35	182	476	164	1122	210	1454	264	12498
Gray Catbird															
Brown Thrasher															
Northern Mockingbird	22			13	10	10	1	34	10			1	8	10	48
European Starling	2301	297	752	1050	772	1148	177	2197	3570	953	8588	747	596	699	5038
American Pipit															
Cedar Waxwing	16	17	5	4				30	7		122	6	170	12	460
Lapland Longspur							27			6					
Snow Bunting			120							1					
Orange-crowned Warbler															
Common Yellowthroat															
Palm Warbler															3
Pine Warbler															
Yellow-rumped Warbler	74	4		1			7				2	7	179		28
Wilson's Warbler															
American Tree Sparrow	101	74	57	1	100	7	76	279	28	193	349	107	77	71	151
Chipping Sparrow											1				8
Field Sparrow	56			2	2	4		1	1		5	4	3	11	29
Fox Sparrow	6	10				2				1		2			12
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	196	192	66	14	392	236	65	451	97	82	449	443	180	153	132
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)															
White-crowned Sparrow	96	6		5	3	14		29	17	1		11		2	33
White-throated Sparrow	67	24		61	19	55	1	35	21	1	13	40	229	14	303
Savannah Sparrow	2											3			11
Song Sparrow	75	25	13	72	37	56	17	91	37	9	28	88	42	62	290
Lincoln's Sparrow													3		
Swamp Sparrow	2	6		2	2			4	1		2	9	1	5	7
Eastern Towhee	7	2		11		1		4				7	10	10	57
sparrow sp.				3											
Northern Cardinal	195	110	49	146	205	236	28	268	48	48	285	121	277	69	588

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Clark County (DHCC)	Cleveland (DHCL)	Columbus (DHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (DHCF)	Dayton (DHDA)	Delaware Revere (DHDR)	East Fork Lake S.P. (DHES)	Elyria-Lorain (DHLE)	Fayette County (DHFC)	Fieland (DHFI)	Fremont (DHFR)	Gall Woods (DHGW)	Grand Lake St. Marys (DHGL)	Grand Rapids-Waterloo (DHGR)	Greene County (DHGC)	Greene Hill (DHGI)	Gypsum (DHGY)	Hamilton Fairfield (DHHF)	Hocking Hills (DHHI)	Hoover Revere (DHHR)
18-Dec	27-Dec	20-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	20-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	16-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	3-Jan	3-Jan	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec
11	31	54	164	26	39	111	37	1	12	61	5	2	100	8	1	7	28	154	67
3		1		1		1			2				2	5		4	2	2	1
		1																	
874	754		7617	5422	2183	10890	243	100	619	67		19	2789	683	106	1773	4409	273	303
																1			
	5	16		2	6	13	1	1					3	4	2		10	5	5
1142	789	17306	37282	979	2411	29977	1716	46	10672	1553	1800	3466	3535	625	2328	2661	3634	245	1005
	1					1													
23	15	52	404		67	22		1	7	4			139	5		9	28		3
	10				3					17	30		4		2				
									3				1						
			1																
						1													1
		57	4	18	1	40	3		7	4			20	4	1	14	4	32	42
32	95	176	594	43	233	87	70	6	118	129	17	112	686	45	112	669	36	111	172
		2	4																
		1	3		4	12		12					31	2		8	3	6	
	1	3	2	1	3					2				2	2		1		1
104	552	679	714	64	294	245	211		91	179	31	153	984	72	113	261	64	474	362
													1						
		4	23		11	1		1		2			21	5	2	8			1
73	34	419	128	116	149	171	3	3	67	61		1	43	110		101	87	38	80
18	36	148	124	47	57	123	5	6	7	22		10	87	51	7	31	47	74	51
		1	15	1	3	18							5	4		7	4	5	4
5		5	4	4		10								10				3	
												11							
53	144	542	898	80	282	240	112	2	61	56	15	51	294	110	32	129	90	175	218

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COUNT CIRCLE	Adams County (DHAC)	Ashtabud (DHAD)	Ashland (DHAS)	Atkins (DHAT)	Beaver Creek (DHBC)	Beaver Valley (DHBV)	Black Swamp (DHBS)	Brown County Environmental Center (DHBP)	Buckeye Lake (DHBL)	Byrnes (DHBY)	Burton (DHBU)	Cedar (DHCA)	Cedar Creek/Spring Valley (DHCS)	Chadronville (DHCV)	Cincinnati (DHCI)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17
COUNT DATE	19-Dec	18-Dec	26-Dec	3-Jan	20-Dec	19-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	19-Dec	3-Jan	2-Jan	2-Jan	17-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec
SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
Red-winged Blackbird	2	31		1		2					1	23		26	101
Eastern Meadowlark	12											4		4	9
Rusty Blackbird													4	9	23
Brewer's Blackbird															
Common Grackle	3								9			2	5	1	1
Brown-headed Cowbird		40				5		22	3	1	9	4	1	5	41
blackbird sp.	75														
House Finch	63	47	87	40	57	10	25	78	30	31	166	39	26	13	216
Purple Finch	15		3	4									3	3	
Common Redpoll															
Pine Siskin		8		6	10			2	2	1		19			1
American Goldfinch	325	69	27	80	188	59	29	162	29	56	217	134	148	131	338
finch sp.															
House Sparrow	70	309	22	66	433	33	262	716	304	560	902	186	79	85	290
passerine sp.															
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS (AT END OF ROW)															
TOTAL SPECIES	71	71	53	59	54	52	46	70	71	51	66	73	72	73	84

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Clark County (DHCC)	Cleveland (DHCL)	Columbus (DHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (DHCF)	Dayton (DHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (DHDR)	East Fork Lake S.P. (DHES)	Elyria-Lorain (DHLE)	Fayette County (DHFC)	Ferland (DHFL)	Fremont (DHFR)	Gall Woods (DHGW)	Grand Lake St. Marys (DHGL)	Grand Rapids-Waterloo (DHGR)	Greene County (DHGC)	Greene Hill (DHGV)	Gypsum (DHGY)	Hamilton Fairfield (DHHF)	Hocking Hills (DHHL)	Hoover Reservoir (DHHR)
18-Dec	27-Dec	20-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	20-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	16-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	3-Jan	3-Jan	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec
	2	2	537	1	44	539		75	1	2			2			48	25	8	2
						16		1											
	1		9		2	47		2				1				8		1	
					8														
	1		252	1	1	20	2		12				3			1	2		3
		31	269		11	19		2	17			7	8		1	10	5		
13	265	371	507	110	196	26	84		27	136	9	12	233	3	20	71	71	64	165
		2	4			6			1				4						
							2												
		6	5						2	4	6	26	239	2		2		30	
22	123	312	793	44	335	66	107	1	61	188	32	27	314	139	53	126	65	246	94
88	433	1903	2002	52	1054	295	382		156	539	490	1019	477	58	630	1027	111	52	198
61	80	77	86	68	75	70	71	58	75	65	37	55	73	54	46	85	65	61	78

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COUNT CIRCLE	Indian Lake (DHLL)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (DHBP)	Kingston (DHK)	Lake Erie Islands (DHE)	Lakewood (DHLK)	Lancaster (DHLN)	Mansfield (DHMA)	Mentor (DHMT)	Millersburg (DHML)	Mohican State Forest (DHMO)	O'Donoghue's Reservoir (DHOS)	Ohawa N.W.P. (DHOT)	Oxley (DHOX)	Paint Creek Area (DHPC)	Plymouth (DHPH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	50	51	52	53	55
COUNT DATE	19-Dec	27-Dec	1-Jan	20-Dec	27-Dec	26-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec	31-Dec	3-Jan	19-Dec	20-Dec	2-Jan
SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
Greater White-fronted Goose		12							1			8			
Snow Goose										60		3			
Ross's Goose															
Cackling Goose															
Canada Goose	591	1387	265	540	1435	681	1856	1081	889	890	603	3768	329	80	496
Mute Swan						10	5	1			2				
Trumpeter Swan		60							2			48			
Tundra Swan		304		77					29			3957			
swan sp.							6								
Wood Duck			5		2	1	6		3		19	1	1		
Gadwall		3		318		7	18		6		7	413	21	3	
American Wigeon				5					2	14	5	8	2		
American Black Duck		17		35	10	2	6	1	12	14	33	826	4		1
Mallard	299	395	10	827	567	286	345	304	308	232	605	6698	176	93	52
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)				1											
Blue-winged Teal															
Northern Shoveler	29	3					11				1	4	1		
Northern Pintail		24		11							4				
Green-winged Teal				5					4						
Canvasback				9			2								
Redhead				1	1		5				32	26		16	
Ring-necked Duck	3					2	140				27	6		19	6
Greater Scaup		1										2			
Lesser Scaup				14			12			8	3	11		7	5
Greater/Lesser Scaup															
Surf Scoter		2			4										
White-winged Scoter		2			1			1							
Black Scoter							2								
Long-tailed Duck				2											
Bufflehead				876			17				4	119	9	6	
Common Goldeneye		1		148	663		7				31	2735			
Hooded Merganser	10			2			18	2	1	25	46	7	37		
Common Merganser				37			2	2			7	585			

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Portage County (DHPT)	Portsmouth (DHPS)	Preble County (DHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartsville (DHQH)	Raperville (DHRA)	Rudolph (DHRL)	Salem (DHSA)	Southern Cuyahoga (DHSC)	Tiffin (DHTF)	Toledo (DHTO)	Trip-Reservoir (DHTR)	Trumbull County (DHTC)	Wellington (DHWE)	Western Hamilton County (DHWH)	Wimot (DHWI)	Woodslee (DHWC)	Youngstown (DHYO)	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS
3-Jan	19-Dec	5-Jan	19-Dec	30-Dec	15-Dec	26-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	20-Dec	1-Jan	20-Dec	2-Jan	20-Dec	18-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	
1																	26
			1						46								135
																	2
																	3
1248	91	850	2702	1207	543	434	522	519	4225	1037	1876	1612	1257	1954	1038	628	71,368
10			2			1			3			5	1	12			124
									56		37						277
			12				23		1418			2		200	145		8,944
																	6
				1					9			1	1		12		102
4			25				4		45	2	11		158		27		1,564
			2			14			1				11		3		175
61	46		25		1	22	7		551	20	42		31		40		2,402
564	23	64	863	83	229	136	246	37	4320	414	412	192	410	184	712	178	38,570
																	1
																	18
			4				2		36				11	2	2		492
									23		6				8		102
									7				65				118
									1	30			1				51
2685									11	2		25	6		1		2,885
			1						4				60		7		588
									3008								3,815
8		7	3						60655	3			2			3	60,895
									401								3,151
									4								10
																	11
																	6
																	4
24	7		1			20			214	16	25	30	6	1		8	1,671
2									14	29	12						4,068
110	2		4			48	2		67	200	52	8	9		1	29	1,805
68									191	53							6,722

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COUNT CIRCLE	Indian Lake (OHL)	Kidder Plains Wildlife Area (OH19)	Kingston (OHK)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLI)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millsburg (OHMI)	Mohican State Forest (OHMK)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Otway N.W.P. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHON)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)
CIRCLE NUMBER	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	50	51	52	53	55
COUNT DATE	19-Dec	27-Dec	1-Jan	20-Dec	27-Dec	26-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec	31-Dec	3-Jan	19-Dec	20-Dec	2-Jan
SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
Red-breasted Merganser		1		4238	4656		1	3411		1	7	105			4
merganser sp.				2353											
Ruddy Duck	2										16	2		475	150
duck sp.	24			158								400			
waterfowl sp.															
Ring-necked Pheasant		1	56	1							1				
Wild Turkey		20	45	120	8	55	110	1	4	54		2	2	13	
Red-throated Loon															
Common Loon				7	2		1		18		1			14	1
Pied-billed Grebe	1		1	1	5	2	22		1	2		6	6	68	
Horned Grebe				5	29		1	4		2	3			2	1
Eared Grebe															
Double-crested Cormorant	8			5	12			2		1		1		17	
American Bittern															
Great Blue Heron		2	2	1	9	4	9	2	11	2	16	30	4	40	
Great Egret															
Green Heron															
Black-crowned Night-Heron															
Black Vulture			4			2	10		119	1			115	200	
Turkey Vulture	1	1	2	4		3	8		550				66	37	
Osprey															
Golden Eagle															
Northern Harrier	3	15	45						3	2	3	15	1	24	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk				2			3	1	1	2	5	1	1		2
Cooper's Hawk	4	1	6	8	2		6	3	20	5	6	7	3	4	1
Accipiter sp.														2	
Bald Eagle	1	20		54	6	1	7	6	7	37	8	93	3	4	2
Red-shouldered Hawk		1	1		4	2	1	5	2	2	2		4	4	
Red-tailed Hawk	18	12	69	13	23	18	36	18	134	58	52	53	20	45	24
Rough-legged Hawk		1		1				1	6	7		1			
Buteo sp.												1			
hawk sp.				2		2								2	
Virginia Rail												1			

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Portage County (DHPT)	Portsmouth (DHPS)	Preble County (DHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartsville (DHQH)	Rapidsville (DHRA)	Rudolph (DHRL)	Salem (DHSA)	Southern Cuyahoga (DHSC)	Tiffin (DHTF)	Toledo (DHTO)	Trip-Reservoir (DHTR)	Trumbull County (DHTC)	Wellington (DHWE)	Western Hamilton County (DHWN)	Wimost (DHWI)	Woodslee (DHWL)	Youngstown (DHYO)	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS
3-Jan	19-Dec	5-Jan	19-Dec	30-Dec	15-Dec	26-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	20-Dec	1-Jan	20-Dec	2-Jan	20-Dec	18-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	
									155	1							78,645
																	2,353
58		3	105			5			115	2		30				1	1,389
6			31	2						13							681
																	1,500
1						5			2					4			77
26	13	2	52	217				9		68	18		21	42	45		2,345
																	2
					3					1		1		4	20		146
10			9				1		10		8		5	1	5		304
6										2		1					245
																	1
							16		16	1					1		661
																	2
1	28	8	6	2		5	3	2	22	5			16	9	8		575
																	3
																	1
									8								12
					11												1,183
					86		37		1					3			1,729
																	0
															1		2
	5	2	1	8	11	5		3	9		2	2	7	3	8		231
2	2	1	1	7	1		1		2				3	2			86
4	4	1	7	27	3	4	3	4	17	3	3	6	9	33	8	1	387
													2				9
15	2		8	3	4	1	10	29	53	15	29	7	8	17	8	3	819
10	1		3				3	1		20	15	3	7	4			330
23	7	9	55	176	30	35	17	41	65	35	28	21	37	196	39	10	2,546
	1			12					1					9	3		61
																	1
																	6
																	1

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COUNT CIRCLE	Indian Lake (OHLL)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OH19)	Kingston (OHK)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millsburg (OHML)	Mohican State Forest (OHMK)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ottawa N.W.P. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOX)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)
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SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
American Coot	2	22			3	3	1000					107	79	780	
Sandhill Crane	127	23							54	4		42	65		
Killdeer			115	4				1	63	36	5	1		31	
Spotted Sandpiper															
Greater Yellowlegs										1					
Sanderling				2											
Dunlin				1											
Wilson's Snipe									9						
American Woodcock															
Pomarine Jaeger								1							
Bonaparte's Gull	16			178	1803		125	452		140		50		167	
Little Gull															
Franklin's Gull															
Ring-billed Gull	1201	1		483	4472		1338	2499	6	12	547	1867	90	478	32
Herring Gull	13			472	188		38	793		6	2	324			
Thayer's Gull															
Iceland Gull															
Lesser Black-backed Gull					2										
Glaucous Gull															
Great Black-backed Gull				11	5			8				4			
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid)				1											
Kelp Gull															
gull sp.	120			367								15			
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	58	29	246		254	216	323	117	506	210	151	25	132	131	78
Eurasian Collared-Dove															
Mourning Dove	38	103	348	6	141	404	160	36	937	314	171	249	110	185	23
Barn Owl									5					1	
Eastern Screech-Owl		1	1	10			12	3	8			8			
Great Horned Owl			1	5		2	3	5			3	5	1		
Snowy Owl															
Barred Owl			1		1	7	3	3	7	6	2				1
Long-eared Owl											1				
Short-eared Owl		1	9									3			

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			72						12		765	375	9		190		4,715
		1							186		133		1333		97		4,615
3		6	1	3	4		1		6				41	8	19		950
																	2
																	1
																	2
									1								2
2				2									9	7	8		41
																	0
																	1
									417	2028	32						10,887
																	0
																	1
673		2	291	252	45	625	571	1	11244	2163	792	1141	3920	28	27	6236	99,793
95			60	10	2126		53		3079	99	10	26	40	6	6		13,462
																	0
																	2
					4				16				1				43
																	2
							2		10			3					114
																	1
																	1
			178							11				98			1,190
108	475	65	430	1378	111	357	147	349	275	104	27	178	1940	1654	260	73	19,506
														3			3
373	245	24	515	2586	51	91	60	37	569	87	108	123	283	1123	268	82	16,372
														1			9
			1	9	17			13	15					8	1		229
			7	14	2			2	2		1		3	13	1		131
					1												3
1		1	3	7		2							4	13	1	1	136
				1													3
				5	1									1	3		45

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SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
Northern Saw-whet Owl				2											
Belted Kingfisher		1	5		9	4	15	1	23	8	1		7	3	
Red-headed Woodpecker		23	1				2		56	17	1			1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	10	17	43	25	58	61	127	44	308	67	81	21	80	27	11
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				4					1						
Downy Woodpecker	7	23	64	100	101	51	156	61	350	60	122	67	67	28	22
Hairy Woodpecker		1	11		21	17	52	18	79	17	20	1	4	7	6
Northern Flicker	4	16	33	41	3	31	19	2	63	27	62	5	31	27	8
Pileated Woodpecker			9		3	21	15	17	47	17	4		20	18	
woodpecker sp.	3														
American Kestrel	15	13	29		1	6	2	4	17	19	24	18	13	19	11
Merlin										1					
Peregrine Falcon					2		1								
diurnal raptor sp.															
Eastern Phoebe						1									
yellow-bellied kingbird sp.				1											
Northern Shrike															
Blue Jay	15	130	46	55	194	125	336	92	496	306	304	89	47	50	52
American Crow	32	14	545	122	86	395	20000	190	645	669	196		107	204	77
crow sp.						64									
Horned Lark	224	169	166	3		14	14		81	16	27	151	132	26	77
Carolina Chickadee			87			247	93		543	87	236		188	39	
Black-capped Chickadee				548	276		4	215	4	6		16			13
chickadee sp.	15	11					239			19					
Tufted Titmouse	16	20	38	2	100	134	251	71	352	79	119	1	117	42	15
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1	1		2	7	2	2	2	1				
White-breasted Nuthatch	14	13	54	32	71	147	244	42	372	91	140	29	65	33	18
Brown Creeper	3	5	12	45	1	7	13	5	36	7	12	3	11	4	
Winter Wren			1	4				7			1	1	1		
Marsh Wren								1							
Carolina Wren	1	1	14	8	3	38	21	2	195	36	27	1	20	22	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	1	14	42	3	10	19	8	96	20	10	5	35	18	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1		1									

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			1														4
6	4	2		12		1	3	3	4	2			9	25	4	2	315
1			3	100	3	10	3	1		13	1		89	17			469
65	15	12	85	496	41	48	43	42	28	65	27	19	141	438	84	18	4,700
																	5
96	14	10	107	496	66	57	67	58	134	67	57	29	135	531	87	17	5,881
38	1	1	34	160	16	10	18	9	10	12	8	3	36	154	13	5	1,323
5	3	7	7	131	14	6	5	9	18	15	7	10	32	85	23	1	1,435
13	9	2	7	94	1	9	11	3		8	4	8	11	55	4	2	744
														1			8
5	3	4	8	63	17	14	1	9	21	4	9	17	14	55	16	1	814
				1					2	1			2			1	19
				2	1		2	1	2	1			2	1			28
													5				5
												1	1				11
																	1
1							1								2		6
127	6	2	228	916	116	139	91	93	72	202	334	77	112	927	210	43	10,299
205	492	4	297	4908	21	626	66	112	16	228	129	55	1522	1966	249	5895	62,102
																	64
54	24		2	253	176	60		164	227		116	71	94	209	30		4,477
	85	2		896				3					399	380	102		6,641
234			286	6	10	120	153	37	161	217	184	52		89	3	59	5,222
								2						104	2		653
79	64	12	113	672	69	46	101	47	19	91	78	31	144	482	69	17	6,454
		2	2	6			1		3			2		5	4		86
98	24	16	117	580	107	60	49	53	82	99	62	27	61	531	75	19	6,006
9		5	10	39	11	2	1	6	9	3	3		17	49	11	1	602
			4				2	2	11				3	5	1		73
														1			2
4	16	1	6	282	9	7	3	4	11	3	2	1	128	175	32	4	1,945
6	1		34	193	7	4	11	5	5	4	12		15	96	29		1,229
	7								1					4			21

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SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
Eastern Bluebird		4	94	63	5	94	200	76	410	112	102	2	30	87	24
Hermit Thrush			5	82		1			1	1	1		5		
Wood Thrush															
American Robin	2	280	1362	375	506	408	200	815	157	188	1919	1112	1897	340	112
Gray Catbird								1					1		
Brown Thrasher															
Northern Mockingbird		3	12			9	1	1	59	9	8		2	17	
European Starling	1071	237	11861	1607	919	1705	716	2048	1605	722	9887	1205	809	1545	973
American Pipit		1							75						
Cedar Waxwing			5	65	4	8	2	117	26	24	47	27	14	24	57
Lapland Longspur		33						2				3			
Snow Bunting				6				18	1			300			
Orange-crowned Warbler															
Common Yellowthroat															
Palm Warbler															
Pine Warbler															
Yellow-rumped Warbler			5	36		10	1	33			1	1	26	15	
Wilson's Warbler										1					
American Tree Sparrow	122	528	428	61	209	11	183	110	865	339	260	630	37	119	22
Chipping Sparrow			2		1						1				
Field Sparrow						20	8		10	1	1		4		
Fox Sparrow					5		1		2	3		5	4	1	
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	416	66	311	210	317	121	622	159	953	267	365	221	184	243	89
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)															
White-crowned Sparrow		3	51	12			2		427	5	4		3	12	1
White-throated Sparrow		6	47	65	40	38	40		304	57	102	1	87	37	2
Savannah Sparrow									3						
Song Sparrow	8	11	51	6	45	62	77	17	676	100	45	26	43	50	10
Lincoln's Sparrow															
Swamp Sparrow			12	2	2	2	1		28	6	1	3	7	5	4
Eastern Towhee			1			2	1		42	5			1	2	
sparrow sp.	10	6		1											
Northern Cardinal	29	24	89	147	165	193	374	84	1046	445	329	124	146	110	15

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56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
50	11	1	95	518	5	42	24	50	5	54	52	7	50	502	113	13	4,862
2				5				2	1		1		4	1			159
																	1
476	13	5	161	781	202	18	343	59	453	24	16	105	6641	212	608	23	77,903
									1					1			5
													1				1
	2		4	120	3	5	4		4				40	126	15	2	686
1274	749	182	4252	4753	1812	2404	803	1204	26876	4153	688	3021	11095	5158	1444	408	259,243
				3										30			111
38	16	12	92	42	3		102		5	14	1	51	132	19	53		2,628
					103			9	3			1		6			259
						2			164		3						619
																	1
				1									1				2
																	4
																	1
2			3	19				52	3	12	3		10		9		794
																	1
257	1		306	1723	260	157	148	228	416	202	385	234	92	1381	958	6	15,892
			1		1							1		1			23
				37	6				1				11	6	8		313
	1			5			1		11				3	2	1		96
206	112	12	342	1698	175	112	103	263	432	306	227	256	255	1082	326	56	19,302
																	1
	6	1	25	630	6	8			6	2		3	10	649	63		2,225
36		18	26	294	6	8	23	1	210	11	20	3	322	239	137	4	4,751
				17									3	2	1		42
13	11	5	86	1474	36	19	34	12	82	36	25	32	238	916	175	3	6,317
																	3
4				20	1	7	1		23	1	1		27	26	29		321
1	1	1		36	1		1					1	27	44	3		320
			13					20									64
169	63	30	292	1772	96	123	66	86	238	233	155	60	376	1395	307	39	15,086

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SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM															
Red-winged Blackbird			6	43	33	3		37	938	124		2513	1	1	1
Eastern Meadowlark		16	4								1	5			
Rusty Blackbird				2					25			7			
Brewer's Blackbird															
Common Grackle			4	3	1	9	2		13	10		1000			
Brown-headed Cowbird				10	2				2798	120		3026			
blackbird sp.												20			
House Finch	2	2	195	183	139	70	138	82	299	44	237	55	37	38	36
Purple Finch				69			8		1		3				
Common Redpoll				29			8								
Pine Siskin						16	25		1	73	3				
American Goldfinch	13	25	211	117	206	61	278	123	678	172	251	102	98	29	24
finch sp.				60											
House Sparrow	672	148	205	354	929	164	845	205	1803	361	970	783	230	79	370
passerine sp.															
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS (AT END OF ROW)															
TOTAL SPECIES	46	64	61	89	62	62	83	58	85	76	77	84	65	67	45

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56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
32	10		1621	43	7	15	3		13052	376	4		172	583	34		21,127
				33					2				6	7			120
			20	5	5				278	1			6	25	8		489
																	8
3			1141	6					3394	3301	4		4	66			9,280
8			2252	505	40		2	7	17115		3		50	10538	30		37,017
			70	302													467
80	26	19	157	614	90	18	37	69	114	80	87	50	281	544	52	54	7,240
8			1			2	3		1		3		1		1		146
				1	1				20								61
30			3	22	62			3	168					3	15		795
153	11	15	225	732	134	40	113	224	204	122	145	66	218	781	128	29	10,868
																	60
233	135	47	881	1694	795	741	339	496	1001	558	268	534	357	3164	282	130	35,056
										2							2
1,135,120																	
71	48	44	76	79	61	50	61	52	101	66	61	51	85	89	82	40	

YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

10 years ago, the Winter 2005–06 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 29 No. 2 (Bill Whan, Editor) contained these items:

The season had a very cold Dec, a mild Jan, and an average Feb.

An article by Mike Busam told the tale of our first Anna's Hummingbird, which spent 11 to 24 Dec at a West Chester, **Butler**, home.

Two Mew Gulls and three California Gulls were confirmed.

Observers saw one or two Common Ravens in **Jefferson**.

25 years ago, the Winter 1990–01 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 14 No. 2 (Ed Pierce and Tom Kemp, Co-Editors) contained these items:

This was Ed and Tom's last issue as Editors.

The whole winter was described as mild.

One Northern Goshawk was well described and another reported without details.

A Common Gallinule spent 18 Dec to 21 Jan at Gilmore Ponds, **Butler**.

Killdeer hosted 25 Short-eared Owls.

Five species of warblers were seen, including a Yellow-throated which spent from 10 Nov to 20 Jan in **Holmes**.

35 years ago, the Winter 1980–81 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 3, No. 4 (Ed Pierce, Editor) included these items:

Ed received 55 reports (all on paper, of course) with 164 species.

A single Double-crested Cormorant was reported; it was in **Erie** from 22 to 27 Feb.

The Navarre unit of ONWR hosted a Cattle Egret on 14 Dec.

Three Northern Goshawks were documented.

A well-documented Gyrfalcon spent 22 Jan to 15 Feb at ONWR.

A Heerman's Gull spent from 20 Dec to 23 Feb wandering between Lorain (city), Vermilion, and a site in Michigan.

50 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* of Winter 1965–66 (Donald Newman, Editor) included these items:

The "Noteworthy Records" section boasted of one flyby Double-crested Cormorant at the Cleveland waterfront on 04 Dec.

The gull flock at Lorain harbor on 26 Dec was estimated at 83,000 birds, about 2/3 of which were Ring-billed.

A Cape May Warbler was seen several times in Jan at a feeder in Waite Hill, **Lake**.

A flock of at least 40 Pine Grosbeaks spent several days at Holden Arboretum.

A weedy field near Bath, **Summit**, hosted about 200 Common Redpolls on 26 and 27 Jan.

The largest of several flocks of Evening Grosbeaks contained at least 30 birds; it spent most of Jan and Feb roaming the Painesville, **Lake**, area.

100 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* did not publish a Winter 1915–16 issue; the Spring 2016 issue included a few Mar notes, but none of them piqued my interest.

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*Alex Eberts was one of many to make the trip to **Medina** on 30 Dec to see the Brambling that chose to spend the winter in Dan Bertsch's yard.*

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