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WINTER SEASON: 1 December1978 - 28 February 1979

December's weather was mild with temperatures being slightly above normal. However, January and February were very cold, with temperatures averaging 9° to 14° below the normal temperature.in those months. Precipitation in January and February was about normal, which was much appreciated after the snow amounts received in Ohio the two previous winters.

Summary: A total of 128 species were reported for the winter season, by 23 observers.

A total of 288 species were reported to The Cardinal from 1 March 1978 to 28 February 1979.

A group of 40 black vultures was observed at Hocking County in mid December. Marsh hawks were reported to be less common this winter than their normal winter abundance. Eight species of shorebirds were reported this winter. Migrant killdeers were observed in late February. Eleven species of gulls were observed this winter. Iceland gulls were relatively common at Lorain in early January and all of February. One or two snowy owls wintered at Burke Lake-front Airport (Cleveland) . Common flickers were reported to be more common this winter than normal. Due in part to an excellent wild fruit crop, robins, bluebirds, and cedar waxwings were very common this winter. Both kinglets remain very uncommon in Ohio in winter. Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) warblers were more common this winter than normal.

Meadowlarks were very uncommon this winter. Migrant blackbirds were reported in late February. A minor influx of evening grosbeaks into Ohio in mid January was reported. Lapland longspurs and snow buntings were very common in northern Ohio this winter.

Among the more unusual species seen this winter were red-throated loon, American bittern, harlequin duck, common eider, oldsquaw (at an inland location), goshawk, purple sandpiper, red phalarope, pomarine jaeger, lesser black-backed gull, Thayer's gull, black-headed gull, Forster's tern, yellow-headed blackbird, red crossbill, white-winged crossbill, and harris' sparrow.

Unusual species that were documented are denoted with an asterisk * .

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Common Loon
Late 12/31 Cleveland (Klamm), 12/11 Lorain (JP), 12/11 Beavercreek Reservoir (Seneca Co.) (TB); Peak 11 on 12/5 Clearfork Reservoir (Richland Co.) (JH), 8 on 12/2 Cleveland (Klamm).

Red-throated Loon
12/2 Wildwood Park (Cleveland) (1) (* CT, LR).

Red-necked Grebe
2/19-20 Avon Lake (Lorain Co.) (1) (*JP), 2/25-28 Cuyahoga River (Akron) (1) (* CT, LR).

Horned Grebe
Late 12/29 Cleveland (Klamm), 12/27 Lorain (JP), 12/5 Clearfork Reservoir (JH); Peak 104 on 12/1 Cleveland (Klamm); 1/18 Oregon (2) (JP), 2/11 Summit Lake (EE), 2/20 Avon Lake (JP,Fry).

Pied-billed Grebe
Late 1/2 Cleveland (Klamm), 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (Franklin Co.) (JC), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (Highland Co.) (JSk); 1/1 Valleyview (Cuyahoga Co.) (LR), 1/14 Akron (6) (CT), 1/18 Oregon (JP), 1/29-30 Lorain (2) (JP), 2/18 Akron (6) (CT), 2/24 Summit Lake (4) (LR).

Great Blue Heron
1/6 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (O.N.R.) (2) (LV), 1/13 Belpre (Washington Co.) (4) (JSw), 1/18 Oregon (JP), 1/21 Richland Co. (JH), 2/3 Sandusky Bay (2) (LR), 2/3 Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area (JH), 2/26 Cuyahoga Falls (LR). Wintered in Holmes and Wayne counties (DVK1).

Black-crowned Night Heron
1/16-24 Lorain (1-3 birds) (JP).

American Bittern
12/3 Magee Marsh (LR,LV).

Whistling Swan
12/3 Huron (1) (JSk), 12/4 Holmes Co. (18) (DVK1), 12/22 Delaware Co. (1) (JSk), 2/24-28 Cuyahoga River (Peninsula) (Summit Co.) (LR).

Canada Goose
12/17 "Richardson's Race" (1) Paint Creek Lake (* JSk), 12/23 "Richardson's Race" (2) O.N.R. (JP); 1/7 Walnut Creek (Holmes Co.) (JSh), 1/10 Walden Waterfowl Refuge (W.W.R.) (Franklin Co.) (83) (Fry), 1/14 Akron (26) (CT), 1/22 Killbuck Marsh (JSt), 1/26 Lorain (120 flying north),

2/19-28 Lorain (14) (JP), 2/18 Akron (43) (CT).

Snow Goose
12/3 O.N.R. (1 blue phase) (JSk), 12/19 Pickaway Co. (1) (JP), 2/11 Magee Marsh (5 blue phase, 6 snow phse birds); wintered at Mentor (Lake Co.) (1 snow phase) (VF).

Mallard
2/3 Killbuck Marsh (20) (DVKl), 2/25 Athens Co. (KJ); 2,100 on 2/19 Castalia pond (VF), 1.130 on 1/13 W.W.R. (Fry), 764 on 1/3 Cleveland (Klamm).

Black Duck
2/3 Killbuck Marsh (40) (DVKl), 2/19 Athens Co. (KJ); 1.200 on 2/19 Castalia (VF), 829 on 1/13 W.W.R. (Fry), 303 on 1/5 Cleveland (Klamm).

Gadwall
Late (inland) 1/1 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 12/27 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC); 44 on 12/5 W.W.R. (Fry), 28 on 12/31 Castalia (VF); 1/29 Cleveland (12) (Klamm), 2/3 Sandusky River (Tiffin) (TB), 2/19 Castalia (3) (VF), 2/27 Lorain (JP).

Pintail
Late (inland) 12/23 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/20 Pickaway Co. (KJ); 54 on 12/3 O.N.R. (LV), 10 on 12/16 Wayne Co. (DVKl); 1/31 Cleveland (Klamm), 12/1-2/10 Lorain (1-3 birds) (JP), 1/21 Castalia (3) (TB), 2/4 Castalia (TB), 2/24-28 Lorain (2) (JP).

Green-winged Teal
12/3 O.N.R. (38) (LV), 12/15 Killbuck Marsh (JSt), 12/18 Hoover Reservoir (3) (JP), 1/21 Castalia (TB).

Blue-winged Teal
12/9-25 Shaker Lakes (Cuyahoga Co.) (1) (VF).

American Wigeon
Late (inland) 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/16 Killbuck Marsh (DVKl); 350 on 12/31 Castalia (VF), 83 on 12/2 W.W.R. (Fry).

Northern Shoveler
2/4 Cleveland (Klamm), 1/21 and 2/4 Castalia (TB), 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/23 Medusa Marsh (Erie Co.) (JP).

Wood Duck
Late 12/31 Castalia (VF), 12/10 Shaker Lakes (VF), 12/6 Killbuck Marsh (JSt); 12/1-2/28 Ridgehill Cemetery (Lorain) (1) (JP), 12/1-2/28 Tiffin (1) (TB), 1/5 W.W.R. (Fry).

Redhead
Late (inland) 12/26 Pickerington Marsh (JC),

Redhead (con't.)
12/23 Clearfork Reservoir (JH); 267 on 12/10 Cleveland (Klamm), 75 on 1.22 Lorain (JP); 2/11 Summit Lake (EE), 12/26 W.W.R. (12) (Fry).

Ring-necked Duck
Late (inland) 12/25 W.W.R. (Fry), 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC); 12/1-2/28 Castalia (3-18 birds) (JP,VF), 2/18 Akron (1) (CT), 2/25-28 Lorain (1) (JP).

Canvasback
Late (inland) 12/30 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 12/17 Stewart Lake (Portage Co.) (LR); 4,000 on 1/26 Cleveland (VF), 1.500 on 1/17 Lorain (JP), 1.000 on 1/18 Oregon (JP); 1/1-2/28 W.W.R. (1) (Fry).

Greater Scaup
1,000 on 1/22 Lorain (JP), 932 on 12/30 Cleveland (Klamm).

Lesser Scaup
Late (inland) 12/30 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/17 Stewart Lake (LR); 622 on 12/30 Cleveland (Klamm), 300 on 1/17 Lorain (JP).

Common Goldeneye
600 on 2/4 Lorain (JP), 404 on 2/22 Cleveland (Klamm), 70 on 2/9-18 Summit Lake (EE,CT); 10 wintered on Muskingum River (Washington Co.) (JSw), 2/25 Athens Co. (KJ), 2/25 W.W.R. (17) (Fry), 2/19 Castalia (20) (VF), 1/21 Black Fork River (Ashland Co.) (JH).

Bufflehead
Late (inland) 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/23 Clearfork Reservoir (JH); 101 on 1/14 Cleveland (Klamm), 93 on 1/24 Lorain (JP); 2/18 Akron (2) (CT), 2/19 Castalia (15) (VF), 2/27 Valleyview (Cuyahoga Co.) (LR).

Harlequin Duck
12/2 Rocky River Metro. Park (Cuyahoga Co.) (1 adult male) (*JP), 12/24-1/1 Lorain (1 immature male, 1 female) (* JP).

Common Eider
12/4 Lorain (1 brown plumage bird) (* JP).

Oldsquaw
12/12 Edgewater Park (Cleveland) (1) (JP), 12/15-16 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 2/19-20 Sandusky River (Tiffin) (1 female) (* James Coffman, * TB), 2/27 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 2/28 Cleveland (2) (Klamm,EE).

White-winged Scoter
12/2-7 Cleveland (1) (JP, Klamm), 12/8 Oberlin Reservoir

White-winged Scoter (con't.)
(Lorain Co.) (JP), 12/12 Lorain (1) (JP), 12/16 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 12/29 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 1/8-17 Lorain (1) (JP), 2/19-28 Avon Lake and Lorain (2)(JP), 2/24-28 Valleyview (Cuyahoga Co.) (2) (LR).

Surf Scoter
12/4 Lorain (1) (JP), 2/24 Lorain (1) (JP).

Black Scoter
12/1-1/13 Lorain (1) (JP), 12/2-3 Cleveland (Klamm), 12/23 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 1/4 Lorain (2) (JP).

Ruddy Duck
Late (inland) 12/11 Beavercreek Reservoir (Seneca Co.) (TB), 12/4 Shreve Lake (Wayne Co.) (JSt); 147 on 12/1 Cleveland (Klamm); 12/1-2/17 Lorain (2) (JP), 1/26 Cleveland (1) (VF), 2/18 Akron (1) (CT), 2/19 Castalia (4) (VF), 2/22 Summit Lake (5) (EE), 2/27-28 Lorain (JP).

Hooded Merganser
12/1-2/28 Sandusky River (Tiffin) (TB), 12/1-2/10 Lorain (JP); 94 on 12/3 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 50 on 12/5 Lake Rockwell (Portage Co.) (EE); 2/19 Scenic Park (1) (VF), 2/19 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 2/24 Summit Lake (6) (LR), 2/27-28 Lorain (1) (JP).

Common Merganser
Late (inland) 12/30 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (Highland Co.) (JSk); 2,000 on 2/19 Lorain and Avon Lake (JP), 266 on 2/22 Cleveland (Klamm), 60 on 12/17 Toledo (TK), 45 on 2/18 Akron (CT); 2/19 Sandusky River (TB) (Tiffin).

Red-breasted Merganser
Late (inland) 12/11 Clearfork Reservoir (JH); 4.020 on 12/1 Cleveland (Klamm), 1.500 on 2/19 Lorain and Avon Lake (JP).

Turkey Vulture
12/13 Hocking Co. (KJ), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (1) (JSk), 12/19 Hocking Co. (8) (JP), 1/27 Hocking Co. (JC), 2/4 Pickaway Co. (KJ).

Black Vulture
12/19 Hocking Co. (40) (JP), 2/4 Hocking Co. (JC).

Goshawk
1/30, 2/1-27 Lorain (1 immature) (* JP), 2/27-28 Macedonia (Summit Co.) (1 near adult bird) (LR).

Rough-legged Hawk
12/1-2/2 Lorain Co. (JP), 12/3 Magee Marsh (2)(JSk), 12/16 Seneca Co. (TB), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (2) (JSk),

Rough-legged Hawk (con't.)
1/4-5 Seneca Co. (light phase) (TB), 1/6-7 Blendon Woods (Franklin Co.) (light phase) (Fry), 1/8 Holmes Co. (2) (DVKl), 1/12 Seneca Co. (dark phase) (TB), 1/18 Oregon (5) (JP), 1/28 Walnut Creek (Holmes Co.) (JSh); 2/3 Seneca Co. (dark phase) (TB), 2/4 Fairfield Co. (JC), 2/18 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 2/18 Perrysville (Ashland Co.) (JH), 2/19 Erie Co. (3) (VF).

Bald Eagle
one pair wintered at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (LV), 2/20 Resthaven Wildlife Refuge (Erie Co.) (1 adult) (JP, Fry).

Marsh Hawk
12/10 Seneca Co. Pleasant Twp. (JK), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (2) (JSk), 12/17 Kent (LR), 12/23 Cleveland (Klamm); 1/5 Holmes Co. (DVKl), 1/8 Killbuck Marsh (2) (JSt), 1/9 Cleveland (2) (Klamm), 1/22 Ross Co. (2) (Fry), 1/27-2/5 Shaker Lakes (VF), 1/29 Thornville (Perry Co.) (FS); 2/1-15 Akron (1 bird terrorizing birds at a feeder) (CT), 2/4 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 2/11 Oregon (5) (JP), 2/18 Hocking Co. (KJ).

Bobwhite
12/13 Lorain Co. (3) (JP), 12/16 Seneca Co. (4) (TB), 2/15 Lucas Co. (15) (TK), 10 at Belpre (Washington Co.) (JSw).

Virginia Rail
1/6 Killbuck Marsh (1) (JSt), 1/19 Holmesville (Holmes Co.) (1) (* DVKl).

American Coot
Late (inland) 12/30 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 12/20 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (JSk); 12/1-2/28 Lorain (2-3 birds) (JP), 12/1-2/28 Cleveland (1-3 birds) (Klamm); 2/22 Summit Lake (50) (EE), 2/19 Castalia (12) (VF).

Killdeer
1/17 Killbuck Marsh (DVKl), 1/31 Athens Co. (KJ); 2/3 Killbuck Marsh (JH), 2/4 Erie Co. (LR), 2/21 Killbuck Marsh (DVKl), 2/26 Athens Co. (KJ), 2/28 Lorain Co. (3) (JP), 2/28 Mansfield (JH).

Common Snipe
12/17 Paint Creek Lake (17) (JSk), 12/18 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 12/19 Adelphi (Ross Co.) (JP), 12/31 Pickaway Co. (KJ); 1/11-15 Killbuck Marsh (2) (JSt); 2/3 Killbuck Marsh (3) (DVKl, JH).

Spotted Sandpiper
12/2 Wildwood Park (Cleveland) (1) (* VF, LR).

Least Sandpiper
12/3 O.N.R. (1) (JSk,LR).

Purple Sandpiper
12/3 White City (Cleveland) (3) (Hoff.).

Dunlin
12/3 O.N.R. (6) (JSk, LR).

Sanderling
1/11 Lorain (1) (* JP,JH).

Red Phalarope
12/6 Lorain (1 adult winter plumage, 1 immature) (* JP).

Pomarine Jaeger
2/11 Lorain (dark Phase) (* JP).

Glaucous Gull
12/27-28 Lorain (1) (JP); 1/5-16 Lorain (1-5 birds) (JP), 1/8 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 1/27 Eastlake (Lake Co.) (1 second year plumage bird) (* TB), 2/9-28 Lorain (JP), 8 on 2/15 Lorain (JP), 8 on 2/15 Cleveland (Klamm); 2/18 Akron (2) (CT).

Iceland Gull
1/6 (one adult Kumlien's race) (JP), 1/6-15 Lorain (1-3 birds) (* JP), 2/9-15 (1-5) (JP), 2/15 Cleveland (1 second year bird) (* Klamm), 2/16-25 Lorain (1-2) (JP), 2/18 Cleveland (1 adult Kumlien's race) (* RH), 2/18 Cleveland (1 second year bird) (* RH).

Great Black-backed Gull
12/3 O.N.R. (36) (LV), 12/3 Huron (1) (JSk), 12/9 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 12/17 Toledo (1) (TK); 500 on 2/16 Cleveland (Klamm), 350 on 2/13-16 Lorain (JP); 2/18 Akron (5) (CT).

Lesser Black-backed Gull
12/8-13 Lakeview Park (Lorain) (1 adult) (* JP), 2/13-23 Lorain (1 adult) (*JP, et.al.).

Herring Gull
25,000 on 2/17 Lorain (JP), 15,600 on 1/8 Cleveland (Klamm), 2,500 on 12/17 Toledo (TK); 2/19 Lorain (1 adult Great Black-backed Gull X Herring Gull hybrid) (* JP).

Thayer's Gull
1/6-8 Lorain (1 adult) (*JP), 1/14 Cleveland (1 first year plumage bird) (* RH), 1/9 Lorain (1 subadult) (* Hoff.).

Ring-billed Gull
50,000 on 12/30 Cleveland (Klamm), 25,000 in December Lorain (JP); wintered at L. Erie open water areas.

Franklin's Gull
12/1-1/1 Lorain (1 adult, 1 immature) (JP), 12/2-7 Cleveland (1-2 immatures) (Hoff.).

Bonaparte's Gull
Late 2/11 Lorain (1) (JP), 1/18 Cleveland (Klamm); 34,000 on 12/29 Cleveland (Klamm), 25,000 on 1/1 Lorain (JP), 4,200 on 12/17 Toledo (TK).

Black-headed Gull
12/27-30, 1/1 Lorain (one immature) (* JP), 12/31 Cleveland (one winter plumage adult bird) (* RH).

Little Gull
12/1-1/1 Lorain (1-4 birds) (JP), 12/10-1/5 Cleveland (1-6 birds) (* adult on 12/10) (Klamm), 6 on 12/27 Cleveland (Klamm).

Common Tern
12/7 Gordon Park (Cleveland) (1) (Hoff.).

Forster's Tern
12/3 Oregon (Lucas Co.) (1) (* JSk).

Barn Owl
1 report: 12/30 Fairfield Co. (fide JC).

Snowy Owl
12/2 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 12/18 Toledo (1) (TK), 12/13 Lorain (adult) (JP), 12/24 Cleveland (2) (Klamm), 1/4-6 Alliance (Stark Co.) (1 dark immature) (CT), 1/9 Lorain (1 dark immature) (JP); last reported at Burke Lakefront Airport (Cleveland) on 2/27 (1 immature) (VF).

Long-eared Owl
2/24 Marblehead Cedar's (Ottawa Co.) (1) (JP,JH).

Short-eared Owl
12/1 Shaker Lakes (VF), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake area (1) (JSk), 12/19 Pickaway Co. (JP), 12/27 Holmes Co. (DVKl); 1/5 Cleveland (Klamm), 1/6 Holmes Co. (DVKl), 1/7 Seneca Co. (7) (TB), 1/18 Lucas Co. (8) (JP); 2/3 Franklin Co. (6) (JC), 2/11-20 Akron (6) (CT), 2/14-25 Akron Muni. Airport (3) (LR), 2/16 Ross Co. (KJ), 2/17 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 2/19 Cleveland (5) (Klamm), 2/22 Holmes Co. (DVKl).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
12/1-15 Akron (CT), 12/10-16 Seneca Co. (JK), 12/19 Hocking Co. (JP), 12/31 Oak Openings Metro. Park (Lucas Co.) (TK); 1/1-15 Akron (CT), 1/9 Greenlawn Cemetery (Franklin Co.) (Fry), 1/25 Athens Co. (KJ), 1/27 Hocking Co. (JC).

Horned Lark
7,500 on 2/16 Seneca Co. (TB), 2,000 on 2/18 Erie Co. (JP), 200 on 1/1-2/28 Holmes Co. (DVKl),

Horned Lark (con't.)
70 on 2/14-28 Akron Airport (LR), 40 on 1/28 Franklin Co. (all prairie race) (JSk).

House Wren
12/1 Shaker Lakes (1) (* VF).

Winter Wren
4 reports: 12/16 Lorain Co. (JP), 12/17 Ross Co. (2) (JP), 1/23 Lorain Co. (JP), 2/4 Hocking Co. (JC).

Carolina Wren
12/1-2/28 Washington Co. (10) (JSw), 12/1-2/28 Akron (2) (CT), 12/17 Kent (LR), 12/17 Ross Co. (JP), 12/31 Waterville (Lucas Co.) (TK), 12/30 Holmes Co. (DVKl); 1/2 Walnut Creek (Holmes Co.) (JSh), 1/6-8 Columbus (Fry,JH), 1/23 Erie Co. (2) (JP); 2/11 O.N.R. (LR), 2/24 Athens Co. (KJ).

Mockingbird
12/17 Paint Creek Lake (2) (JSk), 12/18 Delaware Co. (JP), 12/28-29 Pickaway Co. (KJ); 1/6 W.W.R. (Fry), 1/12 Franklin Co. (2) (JSk), 1/24-31 Athens Co. (2) (KJ); 2/1-28 W.W.R. (Fry), 2/28 Franklin Co. (JC).

Gray Catbird
1/27 Holden Arboretum (Lake Co.) (1) (Dave Corbin).

Brown Thrasher
1/18 Magee Marsh (1) (JP), 2/7 Reynoldsburg (Franklin Co.) (1) (Fry).

American Robin
102 on 2/18 Shaker Lakes (VF), 83 on 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (JSk), 80 on 2/4 Holmes Co. (DVKl), 72 on 12/23 Killbuck Marsh (JSt), 40 on 2/28 Athens Co. (KJ).

Wood Thrush
12/16 Cuyahoga County Airport (1) (LR).

Hermit Thrush
1/4 Athens Co. (KJ), 1/13-20 Shaker Lakes (VF); 2/11 Mohican State Forest (Ashland Co.) (JH), 2/14 Lucas Co. (2) (TK), 2/26 Lorain (2) (JP), 2/1-28 Sharon Woods Metro. Park (Franklin Co.) (fide Fry).

Eastern Bluebird
1/2 Killbuck Wildlife Area (11) (JSt), 1/7 Seneca Co. (10) (TB), 1/14 Richland Co. (4) (JH), 1/20 Delaware Co. (6) (JSk), 1/23 Hocking Co. (Fry), 1/26 Seneca Co. (5) (JK); 2/7 Holmes Co. (19) (DVKl), 2/8 Newcomerstown (ES), 2/11 Walnut Creek (10) (JSh), 2/22 Findley State Park (Lorain Co.) (6) (JP), 2/24 Athens Co. (3) (KJ), 2/24 Macedonia (4) (LR), 2/25 Hocking Co. (5) (KJ), 2/26 Lucas Co. (4) (TK).

Golden-crowned Kinglet
12/22 Kent (3) (LR); 1/6 Ashland Co. (JW), 1/10 Lorain Co. (2) (JP); 2/1 Athens Co. (KJ), 2/4 Conkle's Hollow (Hocking Co.) (JC), 2/10 Holmes Co. (DVKl,JH), 2/14 Lucas Co. (TK), 2/22 Lorain Co. (2) (JP).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
12/16 Seneca Co. (TB), 12/30 Holmes Co. (DVKl); 1/22 Stage's Pond (Pickaway Co.) (Fry), 1/24 Ottawa Co. (JP,JH).

Cedar Waxwing
381 on 1/1 Shaker Lakes (VF), 200 on 1/18 Lorain Co. (Klamm), 180 on 2/28 Lorain Co. (JP), 120 on 2/22 Genoa (Ottawa Co.) (LV), 80 on 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (JSk), 75 on 12/30 Morrow Co. (JH).

Northern Shrike
12/15 Seneca Co. Clinton Twp. (1) (TB), 12/21 Rocky River Park (Cuyahoga Co.) (1 adult) (* JP), 12/30-31 Richland Co. Troy Twp. (1 immature) (first record ever for Richland County) (* JH, Fry); 1/10 at Hawley Road & Hughes Rd. (Lorain Co.) (1 immature) (* JP), 1/10 along Route 58 across from Findley State Park (1 immature) (* JP), 1/11 Lorain Co. (1 adult) (* JP); 2/3 Seneca Co. Seneca Twp. (1) (TB), 2/11-28 Seneca Co. Adam'S Twp. (1) (TB),2/18 Mason Rd. (Erie Co.) (1 immature) (* JP), 2/20 along Route 2 (Erie Co.) (1 immature) (* JP).

Yellow-rumped Warbler
12/1-2/28 Lorain Co. (JP), 12/1-2/28 Seneca Co. "several" (JK), 12/1-18 Shaker Lakes (1-2 birds) (VF), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (JSk), 12/31 Oak Openings Metro. Park (TK); 1/22 Holmes Co. (16) (DVKl), 1/26 Lucas Co. (2) (TK), 1/27 Marblehead Cedar's (Ottawa Co.) (25) (JH.JP); 2/1 Franklin Co. (JC), 2/26 Athens Co. (KJ).

Common Yellowthroat
12/19 Hocking Co. (1) (JP), 12/22 Lorain Co. (1) (JP).

Eastern Meadowlark
12/11 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 12/16 Hocking Co. (KJ), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (3) (JSk); 1/17-2/28 Holmes Co. (DVKl); 2/1 Fairfield Co. (JC), 2/18 Hocking Co. (KJ), 2/18-21 Thornville (FS), 2/20 Erie Co. (Fry).

Yellow-headed Blackbird
1/3 Hocking Technical College feeder (Nelsonville) (Athens Co.) (1 female or immature) (* KJ), 1/3-13 New Albany (Franklin Co.) (1 male) (* Fry, et.al.) (second Franklin Co. record, first Franklin Co. winter record).

Red-winged Blackbird
12/1-2/28 Perry Co. (FS), 1/7 Walnut Creek (2) (JSh),

Red-winged Blackbird (con't.)
1/14 Franklin Co. (JC), 1/21-2/21 Holmes Co. (3) (DVKl), 1/28 Franklin Co. (6) (JSk); 2/20 Firestone Park (Akron) (18) (CT), 2/26 Lorain (1) (JP).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
12/1 Shaker Lakes (1 male) (* VF).

Evening Grosbeaks
12/9 Shaker Lakes (6) (fide VF), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (40) (fide JSk), 1/13 Mohican State Park (Ashland Co.) (16) (KJ), 1/20-22 Richland Co. Springfield Twp. (1 female) (JH), 1/23 Mill Hollow (Lorain Co.) (6) (JP), 1/23-28 Ridgehill Cemetery (Lorain) (23) (JP), 1/24-26 Seneca Co. Pleasant Twp. (2 males, 1 female) (JK), 1/26-30 Holmes Co. (2) (DVKl), 1/27 Perry Co. (5 males, 3 females) (FS), 1/28 Walnut Creek (JSh), 1/29 Richland Co. (9 females, 2 males) (JH); 2/11 Mohican State Park (4 males) (JH), 2/10-28 Medina (11) (LR), 2/24 Athens Co. (1 male) (KJ), 2/25 Holden Arboretum (Lake Co.) (9) (EE).

Purple Finch
12/27 Shaker Lakes (6) (VF), 12/30 Morrow Co. (5) (JH), 12/30 Richland Co. (13) (JH); 1/10 Findley State Park (50) (JP), 1/19 Holmes Co. (5) (DVKl), 1/21-22 Richland Co. (3) (JH), 1/31 Athens Co. (17) (KJ); 2/4 Hocking Co. (JC), 2/10 Shaker Lakes (2) (VF), 2/17 Lorain Co. (7) (Klamm), 2/17 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 2/22 Findley State Park (30) (JP), 2/25 Holden Arboretum (9) (EE), 2/28 Seneca Co. (1) (JK).

House Finch
12/1-2/28 Lorain Co. (14) (JP), 12/1-2/15 Akron (3-6 birds) (CT), 12/11-2/28 Rocky River Valley (Cuyahoga Co.) (8) (Klamm), 12/1-2/28 Washington Co. (10) (JSw), 12/10-2/25 Shaker Lakes (27-93 birds) (VF); 12/23-1/8 Bexley (Franklin Co.) (3) (JC,Fry), 2/25 Holden Arboretum (20) (EE).

Common Redpoll
3 reports: 12/16 Shaker Lakes (4) (VF), 1/31 Summit Co. Bath Twp. (3) (fide CT), 2/2 Lorain Co. (1) (JP).

Pine Siskin
12/1-2/28 Kent (1) (LR), 12/1-2/28 Tiffin "several" (JK), 12/14 Shaker Lakes (2) (fide VF), 1/1-2/15 Akron (2-5 birds) (CT), 1/17 Rocky River Valley (15) (Klamm), 1/28 Lorain Co. (1) (JP); 2/4 Hocking Co. (JC), 2/17 Rocky River Valley (6) (Klamm), 2/28 Lorain Co. (1) (JP).

Red Crossbill
12/29 Findley State Park (3 males, 11 females or immatures) (* JP).

White-winged Crossbill
12/29 Findley State Park (3 males, 5 females or immatures) (* JP).

Rufous-sided Towhee
1/9 Cleveland (12) (VF), 1/12 Walnut Creek (JSh), 1/12 Findley State Park (3) (JP), 1/14 Richland Co. (JH), 1/15 Holmes Co. (7) (DVKl); 2/2 Perry Co. (FS), 2/4 Hocking Co. (JP), 2/5 Ridgehill Cemetery (JP), 2/11 Mohican State Park (2) (JH), 2/14 Seneca Co. (TB), 2/16 Wayne Co. (2) (DVKl), 2/26 Stark Wilderness Center (Stark Co.) (LR).

Savannah Sparrow
1/28 Holmes Co. (1) (DVKl).

Vesper Sparrow
12/17 Sandusky Co. (1) (TB).

Dark-eyed Junco
1/10 Findley State Park (Oregon race) (1) (JP), 1/31 Elmwood Cemetery (Lorain Co.) (1) (Oregon race) (JP).

Chipping Sparrow
1/2 Mansfield (at a feeder) (* JH), 2/4-21 Holmes Co. (at a feeder) (* DVKl).

Field Sparrow
1/1 Ridgehill Cemetery (Lorain Co.) (1) (JP), 1/6 Belpre (Washington Co.) (one at a feeder) (JSw), 1/19 Holmes Co. (DVKl), 1/22 Wayne Co. (DVKl); 2/5 Shaker Lakes (3) (VF), 2/24 Athens Co. (KJ).

Harris' Sparrow
2/5-20 Alton (Franklin Co.) (at a feeder) (one near adult plumage bird) (* Fry, et.al.).

White-crowned Sparrow
1/16 Pickaway Co. (Fry); 2/4 Hocking Co. (JC), 2/7 Perry Co. (FS), 2/17 Pickaway Co. (12) (KJ), 2/24 Athens Co. (KJ).

White-throated Sparrow
Wintered in Ashland, Athens, Cuyahoga, Hocking, Holmes, Lorain, Pickaway, Portage, Richland, and Seneca Counties.

Fox Sparrow
12/6 Athens Co. (KJ); 1/26 Lorain Co. (JP), 2/2 Athens Co. (KJ).

Swamp Sparrow
Wintered in Holmes, Lorain, Ottawa, Pickaway, and Wayne counties.

Lapland Longspur
1/9 Madison Co. (3) (Fry), 1/10-11 Lorain Co. (3-4) (JP), 1/12 Holmes Co. (DVKl), 1/15 Cleveland (Klamm), 1/28-31 Streetsboro (Portage Co.) (3) (LR), 1/27 Fairfield Co. (JC); 2/3-21 Akron (3) (CT), 2/14-26 Akron Airport (LR),

Lapland Longspur (con't.)
2/18 Lucas Co. (8) (TK), 2/18 Franklin Co. (6) (JSk), 2/20 Burke Airport (Cleveland) (8) (VF); Peak 1,396 on 2/16 Seneca Co. (TB), 300 on 2/18 Erie Co. (JP), 150 on 2/19 Pillsbury Plant (Huron, Ohio) (VF), 23 on 2/25 Holmes Co. (DVKl); last reported: 2/27 Holmes Co. (DVKl).

Snow Bunting
12/1 Cleveland (2) (Klamm), 12/3 Cleveland (25) (Klamm), 12/3 Magee Marsh (50) (JSk), 12/18 Toledo (35) (TK), 12/25 Akron (4) (CT); 1/8 Holmes Co. (1) (DVKl), 1/9 Morrow Co. (JW), 1/10-11 Lorain Co. (JP); 2/1 Fairfield Co. (JC), 2/14-26 Akron Airport (LR), 2/18 Lucas Co. (30) (TK), 2/18 Franklin Co. (10) (JSk); Peak 3,277 on 2/16 Seneca Co. (TB), 400 on 2/9 Holmes Co. (DVKl), 300 on 2/18 Erie Co. (JP), 150 on 2/10 Huron (CT), 125 on 2/15 Wayne Co. (JSt); Last reported on 2/27 Holmes Co. (DVKl).

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JANUARY SIGHTING OF SANDERLING

On January 11, 1979 at approximately 3:45, John Herman and I were driving into the Lorain Municipal Pier parking lot. As we drove into the parking lot, we noticed a bird standing in front of our car. I immediately stopped the car and it was at this time we noticed that the bird was a shorebird. At this time we were about 25 feet from the bird. The first thing we noticed about the bird was it's light gray color. I then pointed out the birds very dark shoulder mark, field characteristic of the Sanderling. At that time, the bird flew, showing a distinct wingstripe. The bird flew to the launching ramp. We drove to there and put a 20X 'scope on the bird from about 25-30 yards. The bird was at that time walking and poking around on the layer of frozen shad. It was feeding with Starlings and it was the same size as the starlings. At this time we noticed the bird's black legs and medium length, straight black beak. The bottomside of the bird was white with no streaking noticed. The topside of the bird was a light gray color. Having identified the bird as a Sanderling we went to get some other birders that were at the end of the pier. By the time we returned to where we saw the bird it was gone.

This is the latest report that I can find of the Sanderling for this area, also this being the only January record. I could find no winter record ever for the Cleveland region, the latest being November 18, 1945 (Birds of Cleveland: 1950). There is a record from the Toledo region for December 26, 1966 (Birds of the Toledo Area, Campbell: 1968). John Pogacnik, Lorain, Ohio