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*Possibly the bird of the year, this Anna's Hummingbird—a second state record—was photographed at a feeder in **Miami** by Leslie Sours on 03 Jan. Leslie was instrumental in creating the opportunity for many other Ohio birders to see this bird.*

On the cover:

Alex Eberts photographed this sleepy Northern Saw-whet Owl in the parking lot of the Migratory Bird Center at Magee on 19 Feb. It provided great looks for many Ohio birders.

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COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Craig Caldwell

Fall's temperatures had been well above normal and in some cases nearly set records. In contrast, temperatures in Dec were a little below average, ranking number 58 of the 122 years with data. Then Jan and Feb temperatures returned to fall's pattern: Jan's average was the ninth highest and Feb's the hottest ever. Their average maxima and minima ranked similarly, meaning that the overall rankings didn't come from high spikes but that those months' whole temperature ranges were elevated. Fall's seesaw precipitation pattern continued. While Nov had been very dry, Dec was somewhat wetter than usual, Jan precipitation was at the 85th percentile, and Feb's was a little below average.

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/>), and the *Plain Dealer*.

This winter hosted the 117th Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC). Mike Busam's article and the table of CBC results follow the saw-whet owl articles. In the species accounts which follow this "Comments" section I note the highest number of a species found. Most of these values are those of 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.

Come summer we'll be treated to another round of taxonomic revisions when the North American Classification Committee (NACC) of the American Ornithological Society (AOS) publishes its annual update. Proposals include significant changes to the sequence of families within the order Passeriformes and movement of species within several of those families. Of more immediate concern to us listers, I hear through the grapevine that a proposal to lump Iceland and Thayer's gulls has been accepted. In addition, last year's proposal to lump Hoary and Common redpolls has been resubmitted with more supporting data; I suspect it also will pass. But all is not lost; the NACC might also split Yellow-rumped Warbler into Myrtle and Audubon's, so those of us fortunate enough to have seen the western form in Ohio will gain back one number

for our state lists. Other possible splits of Willet and Nashville Warbler wouldn't change our Ohio counts but would give new names to the forms we see here.

This issue of the *Cardinal* contains reports of 195 species, quite a bit fewer than last winter's 203 but more than any of the five winters preceding that one. The species accounts also include four hybrids and four reports at the genus or family level. Entries for two exotic probable escapees are not in that total. This issue again includes data from every county, though birders reported only six species from **Putnam**. Only Red-tailed Hawks were reported in all 88 counties. Six species were seen in all but one county and 17 more species were seen in at least 80.

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) received formal reports of five review species and gleaned reports of four others which had varying amounts of information.

As always, the OBRC 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. An easy-to-use on-line form is available at <http://www.ohio-birds.org/records/documentation.php>.

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>); and the Ohio-birds listserv (<http://birding.aba.org/maillist/OH>). In the species accounts, "normal" arrival dates are from Harlan *et al.*, *Ohio Bird Records Committee Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ohio*, 2008. Mentions of breeding locations are from Rodewald *et al.*, *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio* ("OBBA II", 2016).

Taxonomic order and nomenclature follow the *Check-List of North American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998) as updated through the 57th Supplement (2016). These documents are published by the North American Classification Committee of the AOS and are available at <http://www.checklist.aou.org/>.

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 (**Hamilton**), Cleveland (**Cuyahoga**), Columbus

(*Franklin*), Dayton (*Montgomery*), and Toledo (*Lucas*) 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>)
 Bayshore = a fishing access site near a power plant a bit east of Toledo
 BBS = the North American Breeding Bird Survey, a joint project of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Canadian Wildlife Service
 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, *Ottawa* (<http://www.bsbo.org>)
 Buck Creek = Buck Creek State Park, *Clark*
 Burke Airport = Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport, *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 *Ottawa*, 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, Kent 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, almost entirely in *Franklin* but with bits in other counties as well
 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*
 Edge Preserve = The Nature Conservancy’s Edge of Appalachia Preserve, multiple par-cels mostly in *Adams* and extending a bit into *Scioto*.
 Edgewater = the Edgewater unit of Cleveland Lakefront Metroparks, *Cuyahoga*
 Englewood = Englewood MetroPark, *Montgomery*
 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*
 Grand Lake = Grand Lake St. Marys. The State Park, the 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 in *Franklin*
 Huron = the harbor, breakwalls, and old dredge spoil impoundment in that *Erie* city, unless noted otherwise
 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*
 Kiwanis Park = Kiwanis Riverway Park, on the

Scioto River in Dublin, **Franklin**
LaDue = LaDue Reservoir, **Geauga**
Lake Erie Bluffs = a **Lake** Metroparks parcel overlooking the eponymous water body
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**.
Mallard Club = Mallard Club Marsh WA, **Lucas**
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 reports 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 depending 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 water-filled gravel pits, **Highland**
Old Woman Creek = Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, **Erie**
OOPMP = Oak Openings Preserve MetroPark, **Lucas**
ONWR = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, **Lucas** and **Ottawa**
ONWR Blausey, Boss, and Navarre = units of ONWR separate from the main area, all in

Ottawa; of them only Boss is open to the public
ONWR WD = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Drive, the monthly opening of areas otherwise closed to vehicles, **Lucas** and **Ottawa**
Painesville TP = Painesville Township Park, overlooking Lake Erie in **Lake**
Pearson MP = Pearson Metro Park, **Lucas**
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**
Pleasant Hill Lake = an impoundment straddling the **Ashland/Richland** line; most viewing is on the eastern, **Ashland**, end.
Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, **Highland**
Salt Fork = Salt Fork SP, **Guernsey**
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**
Sherod Park = a city park overlooking Lake Erie in Vermilion, **Erie**
SNP = State Nature Preserve
SP = State Park
Springfield Lake = in Greater Akron, **Summit**
Springville Marsh = Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Seneca**
Spring Valley = Spring Valley Wildlife Area, almost entirely in **Greene** but extending into **Warren**
Stillfork = The Nature Conservancy's Stillfork Swamp Preserve, **Carroll**
Sunset Park = a city park overlooking Lake Erie in Willoughby, **Lake**
SWA = State Wildlife Area
TNC = The Nature Conservancy (<http://www.nature.org>)
TP = Township Park
Villa Angela = the Villa Angela unit of Cleveland'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

Willow Point = Willow Point Wildlife Area, **Erie**

Winous Horseshoe = a limited-access part of Winous Point Shooting Club, **Ottawa**

Winous Point = Winous Point Shooting Club, **Ottawa**

Woodman Fen = a natural area, part of Dayton's Five Rivers MetroParks system, **Montgomery**

Zaleski = Zaleski State Forest, **Vinton**

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Craig Caldwell

Greater White-fronted Goose

Cam Lee provided the high count, 322 at Killdeer on 18 Feb, and others found numbers near it on other dates. The most elsewhere were Eric Elvert's 257 at Big Island on 04 Feb. (44 counties)

Snow Goose

Rick Asamoto worked from a photo by Laura Keene and figured that 4200 were at the Richland Quarry, *Clinton*, on 17 Feb. Bresler Reservoir, *Allen*, hosted 2500 on 26 Jan (m. obs.). (58 counties)

Ross's Goose

Though some were here all season, reports in Feb were much fewer. The high count was 30; they flew over Josh King at the GLSM hatchery with about 400 Snow Geese on 21 Jan. Irina Shulgina found 23 at Darby Creek on 20 Jan. (40 counties)

Brant

Douglas Vogus saw four pass Indigo Lake, *Summit*, during the Cuyahoga Falls CBC on 18 Dec. Mary Anne Romito well described a flock of 30 which flew over Sheldon Marsh on 15 Jan.

Cackling Goose

A trio of eBirders saw two flocks totaling 26 birds at Fernald on 15 Jan. A borrow pond near Jamestown, *Greene*, held 17 on 02 Jan for Jeremy Dominguez and Sarah Lucas. (41 counties)



Adam Brandemühl managed to get this wonderful eye-level photograph of two Cackling Geese on 14 Dec at Kūwanis Riverway Park, *Franklin*.

Canada Goose

Killdeer hosted about 5000 on 21 Jan (Ben Maurer) and 22 Jan (Sally Isacco). The Jamestown, *Greene*, borrow pond held 4000 on 08 Jan

(Blythe Hazellief). Only *Lawrence* didn't have a sighting.

[Snow x Canada Goose]

Paul Jacyk and Erin and Joshua Vardous identified one in a pond at the Ohio Veterans' Home, *Erie*, on 01 Jan.

Mute Swan

Kelly Warner saw 15 near Bay View, *Erie*, on 29 Jan. Rick Asamoto and Laura Keene found nine at a Barrett Paving gravel pit in *Montgomery* on 10 Jan. (43 counties)

Trumpeter Swan

Helen and Ken Ostermiller took the ONWR WD on 22 Jan and came up with 266 birds. The most elsewhere were George Billman's 70 at Killdeer on both 19 and 20 Jan. (31 counties)

Tundra Swan

Ryan Lesniewicz found about 3000 near ONWR in Harris Township, *Ottawa*, on 12 Jan. The highest count away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa* was 450; members of a BSBO field trip found them at Killdeer on 11 Feb. (41 counties)

Wood Duck

Stefan Minnig counted 40 at McCracken Fen SNP, *Logan*, on 04 Dec. The next most were 18 at Sandy Ridge on 26 Feb (BRAS). (53 counties)

Mandarin Duck

Curiously, there were no Dec reports of the *Franklin* birds which had been seen for the second half of Nov, but one or two were reported there from 01 Jan to 19 Feb. Don't put it on your ABA-compliant list yet, folks – the OBRC hasn't voted yet.

Gadwall

Ethan Kistler and Billi Krochuk saw at least 3000 at Mosquito Lake on 05 Dec. Craig Holt's 505 there on 28 Feb was the second-highest count, and the most elsewhere were 227 at Castalia Pond, *Erie*, on 12 Dec (Paul Sherwood). (68 counties)

Eurasian Wigeon

The reports, all of single birds, are:
At the Zoar Wetland Arboretum, *Tuscarawas*, from 16 Feb into Mar (m. obs.)
At Funk from 17 Feb into Mar (m. obs.)
At Wright Marsh, *Wayne*, on 18 Feb (m. obs.)
At East Sandusky Bay MP, *Erie*, on 28 Feb (Dan Gesualdo)

American Wigeon

The Ostermillers made a "conservative esti-

mate" of 500 at Funk on 18 Feb. Ethan Kistler and Billi Krochuk saw the most elsewhere, 300 at Mosquito WA on 05 Dec. (62 counties)

American Black Duck

The pond at Blendon Woods hosted 205 for Mike Smith on 22 Dec. (71 counties)

Mallard

Sally Isacco found about 3000 at Killdeer on 22 Jan; Halle Renn's 2000 at ONWR on 04 Jan was the second-highest number. Only *Coshocton*, *Henry*, *Lawrence*, and *Putnam* didn't provide sightings.

[American Black Duck x Mallard]

Janice Emrick and Wilma Jarrell found 10 among the large flock of ducks at Blendon Woods on 03 Feb. (22 counties)

Blue-winged Teal

George Billman's sighting at Blendon Woods on 03 Dec was in a sense the last one of fall. The next wasn't seen until 04 Jan, when Sean Hollowell found it on the borrow pond in *Greene*, and sightings were fairly frequent from then into spring. Ron Sempier's three at Big Island on 27 Feb was the high count. *Lucas*, *Noble*, and *Wayne* also produced reports.

Northern Shoveler

Margaret Bowman and Leroy E. Yoder saw 150 at Killbuck on 28 Feb. The second-highest number, 90, was shared by Ron Sempier at Killdeer on 05 Dec and Irina Shulgina near Cedar Point, *Erie*, on 13 Jan. (62 counties)

Northern Pintail

Pickrel Creek hosted about 2000 on 24 Feb (Eric Liebold). Benjamin Miller saw at least 1700 at Funk on 19 Feb. (60 counties)



This Northern Pintail was photographed by Debbie Parker as it walked near the ice at Chippewa Inlet Trails CP, Medina, on 16 Feb.

Green-winged Teal

John Petruzzi saw 150 at Mill Creek on 04 Dec and Irina Shulgina found 200 at Pickerington Ponds on 07 Feb. (56 counties)

(Eurasian) Green-winged Teal

Jeff Peters photographed one at Funk on both 25 and 27 Feb. European authorities consider it a separate species, but to the AOS it's a subspecies.

Canvasback

Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 350 at ONWR during their 01 Jan census (*vide* Douglas Vogus), and Jack Leow found about 300 at East Harbor on 26 Feb. The inland high count was Michael Crouse's 20 at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, *Allen*, on 06 Dec. (40 counties)

Redhead

Gary Cowell saw about 1700 at Willard Reservoir, *Huron*, on 28 Feb. The only other count above 900 was 1400 by Ashli Gorbet at East Harbor on 23 Feb. (66 counties)

Ring-necked Duck

Margaret Bowman and Leroy E. Yoder found about 400 along Cemetery Road in Killbuck on 28 Feb. The most elsewhere were 250 at Fernald on 02 Jan (Greg Cornett). (71 counties)

Greater Scaup

Tom Bartlett counted 2862 in the waters off the east side of Kelleys Island on 18 Jan and 5263 there the next day. The most elsewhere were Ken Andrews' 250 at Cleveland's East 55th Street Marina on 07 Jan, and the inland high was 150 by Jeff Loughman at the Findlay Reservoirs on 27 Feb. (34 counties)

Lesser Scaup

East Harbor held 1575 when Tom Bartlett counted there on 02 Jan. Jack Leow saw about 1000 at Bayshore on 08 Jan. Gary Cowell's 400 at Willard Reservoir, *Huron*, on 28 Feb was the inland high number. (56 counties)



A Lesser Scaup came in for great views at Wendy Park, which allowed Jeff Peters to take this photograph on 27 Feb.

Common Eider

A post from *Sandusky* had no details.

Harlequin Duck

A female was seen at various locations on the Cleveland waterfront during Dec and what was probably the same bird ranged more widely along the *Cuyahoga* shore to 07 Jan. Nancy Anderson discovered a male off Sims Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 26 Feb; it stayed two more days.

Surf Scoter

Bev Walborn provided the high count, 18 off Ca-hoon Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 01 Dec, and up to 10 were at other Lake Erie sites. The most inland (and the southernmost) were five at Eastwood MP, *Montgomery*, on 03 Jan (m. obs.). Sightings continued well into Mar. (nine counties)

White-winged Scoter

The last of the season were two which spent from 11 to 20 Feb at Lost Creek Reservoir, *Allen* (m. obs.; Tim Krynak and Alex Sin at the end), though there were a few Mar sightings as well. Dave Chase saw nine off Sims Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 02 Jan. The inland high count of three was shared; Emily Leto's were at Alum Creek on 01 Jan while John Watts' at Lake Logan, *Hocking*, on 16 Jan were the first for that county. (13 counties as far south as Highland)

Black Scoter

The last of the season were two which Dave Chase saw off Wendy Park on 14 Jan, though there were quite a few sightings in Mar. Nancy Anderson's 16 off Sims Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 24 Dec were the most; Dave Chase contributed the second-highest number, five, from Sunset Park, *Lake*, on 03 Dec. The inland highs of four came from Pleasant Hill Lake on 01 Dec (Gary Cowell), the same place the next day (Michelle Skolmutch) and from Atwood Lake, *Carroll*, on 03 Dec (Jon Cefus). (12 counties south to *Montgomery*)

Scoter sp.

Jen Brumfield and Michelle Pesho saw a flock of 35 on 11 Dec; they were too far off Huntington Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, to identify to species.

Long-tailed Duck

The last of the season were three which showed up on 21 Feb off Sims Park, *Cuyahoga*, and stayed well into Mar (m. obs.). Greg Pasek also saw three; his were at the former "hot waters" area of Lorain harbor on 30 Dec. *Carroll* and *Tuscarawas* were the southernmost of the nine counties with sightings.

Bufflehead

Tom Bartlett counted 384 off Kelleys Island on 19 Jan and up to 300 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Lori Brumbaugh's 93 off Vermilion, *Erie*, on 28 Dec; Nathan Martineau's

65 at Alum Creek on 31 Dec was the highest inland tally. (61 counties)

Common Goldeneye

Tom Bartlett saw "numerous large rafts" summing to more than 4000 off Kelleys Island on 09 Feb. The waters off Bradstreet's Landing, *Cuyahoga*, held 950 on 23 Dec (Chris Pierce). Ethan Kistler and Billi Krochuk contributed the inland high of 200 from Mosquito Lake on 05 Dec. (47 counties)

Hooded Merganser

Hoover Reservoir hosted 315 near the dam on 17 Dec (Ryan Stander). (69 counties)

Common Merganser

Karl Overman estimated 10,000 were visible from Bayshore on 09 Feb; up to 3700 were noted there on other dates. The most elsewhere were about 1000 at Maumee Bay on 05 Feb (Brandon Brywczynski) and the most inland were 215 at Pine Lake, *Mahoning*, on 04 Dec (Jeff Harvey). (55 counties)

Red-breasted Merganser

Jen Brumfield and Andy Jones tallied about 16,000 from Cleveland's East 72nd Street vantage point on 16 Dec. About 10,000 were at the closed Eastlake, *Lake*, power plant on 01 Dec (Dave Chase) and also in Cleveland harbor on 03 Dec during a BSBO boat trip. Inland, Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker found 80 at Buck Creek on 03 Dec. (42 counties)

Ruddy Duck

Brian Wulker counted 512 at Rocky Fork on 26 Feb. (55 counties)

Duck sp.

Paul Sherwood thinks the distant flock of 10,000 he saw from the Cedar Point Causee, *Erie*, on 22 Feb was mostly diving ducks.



This Long-tailed Duck made an appearance for Jon Cefus at Euclid Beach Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 11 Feb.

Northern Bobwhite

The reports are:

Four during the 14 Dec Preble CBC (*vide* Daryl Michael)

Eight at the Great Miami WMB on 07 Jan (Ron Bicknell)

One on a neighbor's property in **Lucas** on 27 Jan (Kim Warner)
 An indeterminate number heard in Silver Creek MP, **Summit**, on 04 Feb (Deb Koprek-Naver)
 One near Steubenville, **Jefferson**, on 12 Feb (Andrea Anderson)
 One near Bellevue, **Erie**, on 25 Feb (Mitchell SanGregory)

Chukar

Geoffrey Palmer well-described what was probably a hunt-club escapee in **Butler** on 20 Feb.

Ring-necked Pheasant

Susan Carpenter saw 13 males and a female in the Swine Creek Reservation, **Geauga**, on 21 Feb. Andrea and Brad Imhoff came in second with eight along Spohn Road, **Knox**, on 07 Jan. (28 counties)

Ruffed Grouse

Different areas of Harrison SF in that county hosted single birds on 18 Jan (Dan Gesualdo), 19 Jan (Steve Jones), and 11 and 22 Feb (Scott Pendleton). Single sightings also came during the Portsmouth CBC, **Scioto**, on 16 Dec (*vide* David Riepenhoff) and the Ragersville CBC, **Coshocton/Holmes/Tuscarawas**, on 27 Dec (*vide* Ed Schlabach).

Wild Turkey

Jon Cefus counted 138 total in two groups at the Queenstown Hunt Club, **Carroll**, on 31 Dec. Benjamin Miller found 127 along Apple Valley Road, **Knox**, on 05 Feb. (61 counties)

Pied-billed Grebe

Clear Fork held 44 when Gary Cowell was there on 01 Dec. Rick Asamoto found 33 at Rocky Fork on 15 Feb. (62 counties)

Horned Grebe

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker counted 25 at Buck Creek on 03 Dec. (40 counties)

Red-necked Grebe

Rick Asamoto saw one at Caesar Creek on 15 Dec and it or another was there on 15 and 16 Jan (m. obs.). Cynthia Norris found one at Wendy Park on 15 Feb.

Eared Grebe

Dave Chase found one at CLNP on 03 Dec and it was seen again on 04, 09 and 11 Dec (m. obs.). Joseph Boros reported two there on 04 Dec. Another was at Eastwood MP on 10 Dec (m. obs.)

Rock Pigeon

Rob Thorn found about 500 at Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin**, on 11 Dec. (82 counties)

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Daniel DeLapp counted 17 along the South Charleston Bike Trail, **Clark**, on 09 Jan, and up to 13 were seen there on other dates. The most elsewhere were eight in Kidron, **Wayne**, on 15

Jan (Cristy and Davy Miller). **Auglaize, Erie, Holmes, Logan, Mercer, and Montgomery** also provided sightings.

Mourning Dove

A field on Yarmon Road, **Knox**, held about 300 on 10 Dec for Cory Gratz. Margaret Bowman counted 187 on utility wires along Meigs Creek Road, **Morgan**, on 26 Dec. Only **Jackson** and **Mercer** didn't have sightings.



On 19 Jan, this Mourning Dove posed for Rachel Shamy at Wildwood MP in **Lucas**.

Rufous Hummingbird

I have updated the table published in the fall *Cardinal* with further information from Allen Chartier:

| Location and County | Age | Sex | First | | Last | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|----------|--------|----------|--|
| | | | Observed | Banded | Observed | |
| Hamilton Twp., Warren | Ad | F | mid-Oct | 09 Jan | * | |
| Lakeville, Holmes | Ad | F | 20 Oct | 08 Dec | 15 Dec | |
| Tipp City, Miami | Imm | M | mid-Nov | no | 13 Dec | |

Ad = Adult, Imm = Immature

* Still present as of this writing in early Apr.



An incredible Rufous Hummingbird spent a few months at a home in Hamilton Township, **Warren**. It was photographed by Christopher Collins on 10 Jan.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

The bird first seen 08 Nov visiting a feeder in Cincinnati was last seen 17 Dec (*vide* Brian Wulker). This is later by three weeks than the latest previous record I could find, which was by Robert Sams in Findlay, *Hancock*, on 25 Nov 2015.

Anna's Hummingbird

The Elizabeth Township, *Miami*, bird was last seen 28 Feb (*vide* Allen Chartier).

Virginia Rail

Wood CP staffers found one dead in the Radner Preserve on 21 Dec, the first "sighting" of Dec. One was noted at the *Holmes* "rail marsh" on and off starting 31 Dec (m. obs.). Birders also found singles in *Franklin*, *Greene*, *Knox*, and *Muskingum* from late Dec to late Feb.

American Coot

Bill Stanley found about 800 at Old Highland Stone on 31 Dec. (56 counties)

Sandhill Crane

These were unusually numerous and widespread this winter. Troy Shively saw multiple flocks totaling about 1000 pass over Wapakoneta, *Auglaize*, in about an hour on 15 Dec. Brian Menker noted about 725 in four big vees over Bill Yeck Park, *Montgomery*, on the same day and time as Troy's birds. (55 counties)

Killdeer

John Pogacnik watched migrants passing Lake Erie Bluffs on 24 Feb and tallied 93; the largest single flock held 14. Pickerel Creek and Killdeer each held about 50 on 24 Feb (Eric Liebold and Doug Marcum respectively). (76 counties)

Marbled Godwit

Ed Pierce *et al.* found three stragglers in ONWR on 04 Dec (*vide* Douglas Vogus)

Dunlin

The reports are:

Four at ONWR on 04 Dec (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus)

Four hanging out with snipe at Killdeer on 05 Dec (Ron Sempier)

Two at Bayshore on 22 Dec (Paul Jacyk)

One at the Avon Lake, *Lorain*, power plant on 05 Jan (Joshua Vardous)

One at Alum Creek on 06 Jan (Adam Brandemihl)

Purple Sandpiper

Jen Brumfield saw three on the outer breakwall from Cleveland's Ninth Street Pier on 20 Dec. Other Cleveland waterfront locations produced single sightings until 19 Jan.

Least Sandpiper

Kirk Westendorf found one at Armleder Park on

26 Dec; it was there until 04 Jan.

Pectoral Sandpiper

Chad Arment found three near Elroy, *Darke*, on 21 Dec (*vide* Regina Schieltz) and two days later Regina refound the three there and photographed one of them.

Long-billed Dowitcher

Robert Royse saw two in the *Pickaway* section of Deer Creek on 24 Feb. Paul Jacyk photographed one at Funk the next day.

Wilson's Snipe

Irina Shulgina provided the high count, 18, from Killdeer on 02 Dec. Zachary Allen came close to her number with 14 in the Sardis-Fielding wetlands, *Jackson*, on 28 Feb. (27 counties)

American Woodcock

Four locations each hosted 12. The only sightings before Feb were singles by John Hull near the Hueston Woods SP lodge, *Preble*, on 04 Dec, by Ben Morrison in his *Stark* yard on 21 Jan, and by Gabriel Amrhein in Glen Helen Preserve, *Greene*, on 31 Jan. (44 counties)

Spotted Sandpiper

The *Ashtabula* CBC on 31 Dec documented one (*vide* Marc Hanneman).

Greater Yellowlegs

Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder saw one at Prairie Lane, *Wayne*, on both 03 and 07 Dec. Another dropped in on Levi A. Yoder near Farmerstown, *Holmes*, on 17 Dec.

Lesser Yellowlegs

Irina Shulgina found one at Killdeer on 02 Dec and Ronnie Clark another near Bolton Field, *Franklin*, on 27 Feb.

Ivory Gull

The OBRC has a report with a photo from *Delaware*.



A shorebird during the winter in Ohio is a rare sighting indeed! Adam Brandemihl was able to capture this photo of a chilly Dunlin on 06 Jan trying to stay warm at Alum Creek.

Bonaparte's Gull

Tom Kemp counted 349 flying past his Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, yard on 01 Dec. Ethan Kistler and Billi Krochuk found about 300, the inland high, at Mosquito WA on 05 Dec. (40 counties south to **Montgomery**)

Little Gull

Nathan Michael saw one near the CLNP on 29 Dec.

Ring-billed Gull

Jen Brumfield estimated that 14,000 were visible from Wendy Park on 09 Jan, and that site and Cleveland harbor held up to 13,000 on other dates. The most away from Cleveland were about 10,000 at the Avon Lake power plant, **Lorain**, on 05 Jan (Joshua Vardous). The most not on Lake Erie were Ken Andrews' 8000 at the Oberlin Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 01 Jan, and the most well inland were 4000 at Atwood Lake, **Tuscarawas**, on 11 Dec (Jon Cefus) and 12 Dec (Kent Miller and Ben Morrison). (74 counties)

California Gull

The OBRC has several posts from **Cuyahoga** with photos and one from **Erie** with a description.

Herring Gull

The waters off Wendy Park held 7000 on 10 Jan (Jen Brumfield); inland, Springfield Lake, **Summit**, had 800 on 09 Dec (Ben Morrison). (58 counties)

Thayer's Gull

Chris Pierce saw the first, at Bradstreet's Landing on 27 Dec. Sightings, all from **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Lorain**, and **Lucas**, were fairly steady to 06 Feb. After that, the only one was Bill Ohlsen's find at Spitzer Marina in Lorain (city) on 21 Feb. Several folks saw three at Wendy Park on 15 Jan.

Iceland Gull

The only Dec sightings were by John Pogacnik at Lake Erie Bluffs on 02 Dec and by Dave Smith in a quarry near Bettsville, **Seneca**, on 24 Dec. Lots of Jan sightings preceded just a few in Feb; the last of the season was on 23 Feb, again by John Pogacnik at Lake Erie Bluffs. The high count was Jen Brumfield's eight at Wendy Park on 14 Jan. **Defiance**, **Erie**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, and **Summit** also contributed reports.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

The most were 13 at Cullen Lake Park, **Lucas**, on 11 Jan (Paul Jacyk) and the most inland were nine at the Findlay Reservoirs on 11 Dec (Robert Sams). (16 counties)

Glaucous Gull

Jen Brumfield saw the first of the season, at the **Erie** landfill on 04 Dec. (There had been two

Nov sightings.) Jen also found the last of the season, at Edgewater on 23 Feb, though sightings resumed in Mar. Elizabeth Singer contributed the high count, seven, on the **Erie** shore east of Vermilion on 11 Feb. Reports also came from **Lake**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, and **Ottawa**.

[Herring x Glaucous Gull]

John Petruzzi *et al.* photographed one of these "Nelson's" gulls at Wendy Park on 13 Jan.

Great Black-backed Gull

The former Lorain (city) "hot waters" hosted 150 on 15 Jan (Tom Bartlett and Tyler McClain). The only sightings away from Lake Erie were of singles at Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, on 04 Dec (Jeff Harvey) and at Springfield Lake, **Summit**, on 03 Feb (Kent Miller). More lakefront reports came from **Ashtabula**, **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Lake**, **Lucas**, and **Ottawa**.



Talk about attitude! Debbie Parker snapped a photo of this Great Black-backed Gull having a tough day at Lorain Harbor on 10 Jan.

[Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]

Chris Pierce saw one at Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 30 Dec, and it or another was at Wendy Park on 14 Jan (m. obs.)

Gull sp.

Observers reported numbers between 6000 and 20,000 at Wendy Park on 09 Jan. Jeff Peters noted about 10,000 at Bayshore on 29 Jan.

Forster's Tern

Debbie Parker photographed a straggler at Lorain (city) harbor on 09 Dec. One was seen during the Toledo CBC count week, the three days each preceding and following 18 Dec (*vide* Matt Anderson).

Red-throated Loon

The sightings are:

Two off Lakefront Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 10 Dec (Edward Carroll)

One off Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 11 Dec (m. obs.)

One during the Lake Erie Islands CBC, **Erie/Ottawa**, on 18 Dec (*vide* John Pogacnik)

Common Loon

Sightings were thin in Feb, with the last of the season being Gregory Bennett's at Nimisila Reservoir, **Summit**, on 22 Feb. Emery A. Yoder counted 165 passing overhead in one hour near Bunker Hill, **Holmes**, on 14 Dec. John Pogacnik provided the next-highest count of 23, from Lake Erie Bluffs on 02 Dec. The second-highest inland count of seven was shared by Atwood Lake, **Carroll**, on 02 Dec (Kent Miller) and LaDue, also on 02 Dec (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison). (30 counties)

Double-crested Cormorant

Michael Zampini saw about 1500 at Bay View, **Erie**, on 04 Dec, but only 347 were there the next day for Paul Sherwood. The inland high number was Kent Miller's 150 near Wilmot, **Holmes**, on 07 Dec. (40 counties)

American White Pelican

Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski counted 36 at Caesar Creek on 15 Dec. Twelve flew over Ed Bremer in Upper Arlington, **Franklin**, on 28 Dec. One spent 13 to 27 Jan at Alum Creek and apparently then moved to Hoover Reservoir until 30 Jan (m. obs.) One also popped in at Buckeye Lake, **Licking**, on 19 Feb (Linda Woolard). A couple of other **Franklin** sightings complete the account.

Great Blue Heron

The borrow pits near Bay View, **Erie**, hosted 68 for Paul Sherwood on 12 Jan. The most away from Lake Erie were Jennifer Allison's 49 in the Bath Road area of CVNP on 27 Feb. (79 counties)

Great Egret

Paul Sherwood counted 53 in the Bay View borrow pits on 05 Dec, and 42 and 52 there on other nearby dates. The most anywhere else were three at several locations. (12 counties)

Cattle Egret

One which showed up at Lorain on 01 Nov remained until 01 Dec (m. obs.).

Green Heron

Troy Dunn documented one at Fort Island Park, **Summit**, during the 18 Dec Cuyahoga Falls CBC. It or another spent 20 to 25 Dec on the Cuyahoga River at Cleveland's Scranton Flats (m. obs.)

Black-crowned Night-Heron

The Sandusky coal docks, **Erie**, held 12 for Paul Sherwood's scan on 04 Dec. (11 counties)

Black Vulture

David A. Brinkman found 160 along his CBC route in **Clermont** and **Hamilton** on 26 Dec. Robert Roysse's 130 was the second-highest num-

ber; he saw them on the Dennison University campus, Granville, **Licking**, on 23 Jan. (42 counties all the way north to **Cuyahoga**)

Turkey Vulture

Stefan Gleissberg saw 210 over Athens (city) on 19 Feb. John Pogacnik counted 155 passing Lake Erie Bluffs on 24 Feb. (78 counties)

Bald Eagle

Rudy Kobosky counted 36 at ONWR on 28 Jan. The most away from Lake Erie were the 14 which Gary Cowell found at Pleasant Hill Lake on 31 Dec. (79 counties)

Northern Harrier

The **Hardin** Wetlands hosted 36 for Richard Counts on 21 Jan. John Games and Ron Sempier found two males and 20 females at Big Island on 07 Jan. (79 counties)

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Birders found two in at least seven locations; the rest were singles. (64 counties)

Cooper's Hawk

David Carr *et al.* counted seven along their Newtown Bottoms CBC route, **Hamilton**, on 26 Dec. Mark Shaver's four near Claridon, **Geauga**, on 31 Dec was the second-highest number. (75 counties)



This adult Cooper's Hawk had a few ruffled feathers after catching its meal in Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery. Scott Klingensmith just happened to be there to watch the bird enjoy its catch on 04 February.

Northern Goshawk

A posting from **Hancock** had a description.

Red-shouldered Hawk

Elizabeth McQuaid found eight in West Branch SP, **Portage**, on 01 Jan. (71 counties)

Red-tailed Hawk

The high count was 18. Leslie Sours and Karen Winstead found that many at Killdeer on 01 Jan. That same day, Ed Pierce's census team tied them in ONWR (*vide* Douglas Vogus). (all 88 counties)

Rough-legged Hawk

A trio of eBirders counted seven along Hayes Road, **Geauga**, on 18 Feb. (45 counties)

Golden Eagle

The reports are:

One or two at The Wilds between 23 Dec and 11 Feb (m. obs.)

One over Rocky Fork MP in Columbus on 07 Jan (Bruce Simpson)

One near McConnelsville, **Morgan**, on 25 Jan (Margaret Bowman)

One near Mt. Eaton, **Wayne**, on 18 Feb (Atlee A. Yoder)

One south of New Bedford, Coshocton, on 24 Feb (Benjamin H. Yoder)

Barn Owl

Reports came from multiple sites in **Holmes** and **Wayne** plus three locations in **Knox**. The sightings were all of one or two birds.

Eastern Screech-Owl

The high count was three; it was achieved at locations in **Erie**, **Franklin**, **Hamilton**, **Montgomery**, and **Ross**. (48 counties)

Great Horned Owl

Jen Brumfield and Michelle Pesho saw the same family of four in the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 and 28 Feb respectively. (47 counties)



Adam Brandemühl perfectly captured this gorgeous Great Horned Owl in Powell, **Delaware**, on 20 Jan.

Snowy Owl

Scott Myers saw the first of the season (following one Nov bird), by U.S. 127 in **Paulding** on 04 Dec; others saw it in the area through 07 Dec. One spent most of Jan at Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland. The only multiple sighting was Ed Wransky's double at Cleveland Hopkins Airport on 11 Feb, and presumably one of them was the season's last, seen there on 16 Feb by Elizabeth McQuaid. ONWR plus **Ashtabula**, **Fulton**, **Lake**, **Van Wert**, and **Williams** also hosted singles.

Long-eared Owl

The first of the season were four in ONWR on 04 Dec (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Two had been there a month earlier (m. obs.). Counts of eight came from Maumee Bay on 05 Feb (m. obs.) and 23 Feb (Kim Warner). (11 counties)

Short-eared Owl

The high count of eight was shared. Richard Counts saw them in the **Hardin** Wetlands on 22 Dec; Tom Bartlett *et al.* found theirs at Killdeer on 29 Jan. (26 counties)

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Erik Bruder saw one in his Bay Village back yard, **Cuyahoga**, on 03 Dec. At least one was seen at the Magee Migratory Bird Center and nearby from mid Jan to 26 Jan (m. obs.). David Weaver saw four there on 21 Feb and many folks saw three. **Erie**, **Franklin**, **Lake**, and **Wyandot** also had sightings.

Barred Owl

Steve Jones saw five in Lawrence Woods SNP, **Hardin**, on 26 Feb. (52 counties)



Hunting at night is hard work! Allan Claybon photographed a napping Barred Owl at Hueston Woods SP, **Preble**, on 17 Feb.

Belted Kingfisher

Carol Holdcraft counted five at Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, on 28 Feb. (75 counties)

Red-bellied Woodpecker

David Carr *et al.* found 26 along their eastern **Hamilton** CBC route on 26 Dec. Every county but **Pike** and **Putnam** produced a report.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Brian and Gale Wulker noted four in Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 01 Jan. (45 counties)

Downy Woodpecker

Kelley's Island hosted 48 on 19 Jan and 33 on 10

Feb for Tom Bartlett. Ed Pierce's ONWR census team found 41 on 01 Jan (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Only **Putnam** had no sightings.

Red-headed Woodpecker

Matt Anderson discovered 33 in OOPMP on 15 Jan. Cam Lee and David Lehner found 21 along Road 123 in Killdeer on 01 Jan. (47 counties)



This impressive Red-headed Woodpecker paused for Su Snyder on 4 Jan at The Wilderness Center in Stark.

Hairy Woodpecker

Jacob Myers saw 10 in the OOPMP area during the Grand Rapids – Waterville CBC on 31 Dec. The most not encountered during a CBC was six, seen by both Kent Miller at The Wilderness Center, **Stark**, on 16 Dec and Bill and René McGill at CNC's Rowe Woods on 31 Dec. (82 counties)



It is important to keep those feeders full during the winter months! Leslie Sours captured a photo of this Hairy Woodpecker on 02 Jan while he was taking a break from a suet feeder in Wayne.

Northern Flicker

Tyler McClain counted 25 at Killdeer on 03 Jan. (78 counties)

Pileated Woodpecker

David Helm found seven in the Williamsburg, **Clermont**, area during the East Fork Lake CBC on 02 Jan. Richard Payne saw five at Armler Park on 05 Dec. (75 counties)

American Kestrel

Andy Sewell saw 12 along his Kingston CBC route in **Ross** on 01 Jan. **Gallia**, **Jackson**, **Lawrence**, and **Putnam** didn't have sightings.

Peregrine Falcon

Paula Lozano saw two in each of Cleveland and Lakewood during the 30 Dec Lakewood CBC, **Cuyahoga**. (28 counties)

Merlin

The high count was three; three cemeteries and another site hosted them. (44 counties)



Jeff Peters enjoyed watching this Merlin take a bath on 17 Feb at Eastwood MP, Montgomery.

Eastern Phoebe

These were fairly widespread, with sightings in 28 counties and throughout this mild winter. Elizabeth Andregg saw three in Fairview Park, **Hamilton**, on 20 Dec.

Northern Shrike

Ed Pierce's ONWR census team found three at ONWR on 04 Dec (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Doubles were seen at four locations on six dates. (11 counties)



Laura Madden captured this Northern Shrike on 29 Jan while it searched for its next meal at ONWR.

Blue Jay

Bill Grant saw about 85 at the Acacia Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 19 Feb and up to 75 were there on other dates. Only **Putnam** didn't provide a report.

American Crow

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker saw about 15,000 along Buck Creek, **Clark**, on 16 Dec, and wrote, "This large crow roost has been in Springfield every winter for at least 40 years." **Putnam** was again the only county without a sighting.



More than warblers pose for photos at Magee! Vince Capozziello photographed this American Crow posing majestically in the **Ottawa** section on 24 Feb.

Common Raven

A trio of eBirders saw six along Township Highway 93 in **Harrison** on 22 Jan; up to five were seen at other **Harrison** locations. The most elsewhere were doubles at three **Jefferson** sites. Louise Zemaitis saw the only other raven, near St. Clairsville, **Belmont**, on 14 Dec.

Horned Lark

Elliot Tramer saw at least 400 in a newly snow-covered field in Waterville Township, **Lucas**, on 12 Dec. Kent Miller also saw about 400 near The Wilderness Center, **Stark**, on 16 Dec and so did Jacob Myers along County Road 20, **Fulton**, on 06 Jan. Three sites each hosted 200, all of them in Jan. (71 counties)



Horned Larks are always easier to spot in the snow. D. Zachary Phipps photographed this one foraging along a country road on 18 Dec in Brookville, **Montgomery**.

Tree Swallow

Oscar Wilhelmy provided the first report, a single bird at Fernald on 17 Feb. Joe Brehm found seven at the Rutherford Wetlands of Wayne NF, **Hocking**, on 25 Feb. Other sightings came from **Delaware**, **Franklin**, **Licking**, **Union**, and **Wayne**.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

The last three of the small late flock at Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, were seen and photographed on 05 Dec (Eric Elvert).

Cave Swallow

One was documented during the Fremont CBC, **Sandusky**; the report awaits the OBRC vote.

Barn Swallow

Jen Brumfield was the last to report the single Nov straggler at Edgewater, on 13 Dec.

Carolina Chickadee

Glenwood Gardens, **Hamilton**, hosted 62 on 10 Dec (Steve Pelikan). (64 counties)

Black-capped Chickadee

Tom Bartlett regularly surveys Kelleys Island; he found 112 chickadees there on 19 Jan and 94 on 10 Feb. The most elsewhere were Dave Chase's 84 at CLNP on 03 Dec. (35 counties)

Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee

Indeterminate birds were reported from 21 counties.

Tufted Titmouse

Brian Wulker counted 41 in Rentschler Forest MP, **Butler**, on 17 Dec. Only **Auglaize**, **Fayette**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** didn't provide reports.

White-breasted Nuthatch

Brandon Brywczyński's wooded property in **Williams** hosted about 30 on 23 Dec. Every county but **Putnam** provided a report.



Brian Tinker found this inquisitive White-breasted Nuthatch at Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 27 Jan.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

The most were 18; the Wulkers found them in

Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, on 01 Jan. Feeders in Vineyard Hills, **Hamilton**, hosted 10 on 05 Dec (Oscar Wilhelmly). (59 counties)

Brown Creeper

Amy Downing and Robert Sams counted nine in the Riverbend Recreation Area, **Hancock**, on 21 Jan. (68 counties)

House Wren

The confirmed reports are:

At Bacon Woods during the 17 Dec Elyria-Lorain CBC (Paul Sherwood)

On the Akron/Copley border, **Summit**, during the Cuyahoga Falls CBC on 18 Dec (Jim Reyda)

During the Paint Creek Area CBC in **Highland** near Bainbridge, also on 18 Dec (Rob Perry)

On the Cincinnati Milacron property in **Clermont** on 03 Jan (Bill Stanley)

Winter Wren

Evan Buck contributed a count of four from near Matamoras, **Washington**, on 14 Dec. (42 counties)



Standing in the snow on 14 Dec, Christopher Collins patiently waited for this Winter Wren to come out into the open at Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**.

Marsh Wren

Michael Lamont saw what could be considered the last of fall, at Darby Creek on 03 Dec. The next were two at Killbuck on 02 Jan (m. obs.) and there were scattered sightings at both locations from then through the end of the season.

Carolina Wren

David Carr *et al.* counted 41 along their Newtown Bottoms, **Hamilton**, CBC route on 26 Dec. Steve Pelikan found 34 in Glenwood Gardens, **Hamilton**, on 10 Dec. (80 counties)

Northern Wheatear

The OBRC has a formal report from **Wyandot**.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Two miles of hiking near Sugar Grove, **Hocking**, yielded 20 for Emily Keeler on 04 Dec. Cory Chiappone found 11 at Desonier SNP, **Athens**, on 04 Feb. (67 counties)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Counts of three came from the Bulls Run Arbo-

retum, **Butler**, on 24 Dec (Evan Jenkins) and the Riverside Natural Area, also **Butler**, on 16 Jan (Billy Kozuh). (24 counties)



While birding along Osborn Road in **Clark** on 19 Jan, Jeff Peters was surprised to see this Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

Eastern Bluebird

Katy Barnes and Mariamar Gutierrez found 40 in TNC's Stillfork Swamp Preserve, **Carroll**, on 27 Dec. Only **Defiance**, **Fayette**, **Mercer**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.



Eastern Bluebirds are a favorite species for many birders. When they strike a pose like this bird did for Jeff Peters on 20 Feb on Marquart Road in **Clark**, how could you not love them?



Sean Hollowell captured this Golden-crowned Kinglet sporting his golden crown on 19 Feb at Glen Helen NP in **Greene**.

Mountain Bluebird

The OBRC has posts with photos from *Adams*.

Hermit Thrush

Tom Bartlett counted 19 at Kelleys Island on 10 Feb. The next-highest concentrations were of three, at both Dupont Marsh SNP, *Erie* on 02 Jan (Dan Gesualdo) and Kelleys Island on 19 Jan (Tom Bartlett). (40 counties)

American Robin

David A. Brinkman reported 5000, a “[s]ky filled with birds”, along I-275 in western *Hamilton* on the evening of 12 Dec. Shane Myers watched about 1000 come to roost in Findlay’s Maple Grove Cemetery, *Hancock*, late on 26 Jan. *Belmont*, *Coshocton*, *Fayette*, *Lawrence*, and *Meigs* came up robinless, at least as far as reports are concerned.

Gray Catbird

A few singles were around all winter; reports came from 13 counties.

Brown Thrasher

These, too, were here all winter, with solo birds seen in 16 counties.

Northern Mockingbird

Six locations each hosted five birds. (68 counties)

European Starling

Jack Stenger wrote that the 50,000 he saw on 18 Dec was “Not a typo. Rumpke Mtn. [*Hamilton*] was starling-capped today.” Several birders found a mere 10,000 at the Lorain (city) fishing pier on 02 Jan, as did Irina Shulgina at the SWACO landfill, *Franklin*, on 10 Jan. *Jackson*, *Lawrence*, and *Putnam* didn’t have sightings.

Cedar Waxwing

Edward Carroll found about 125 behind the Hudson library, *Summit*, on 08 Dec. Kathleen Conrad saw about 100 at Wingfoot Lake, *Summit*, on 26 Dec. (53 counties)

House Sparrow

The high count was 200. Cynthia Norris saw that many at her *Wayne* farm on both 25 Dec and 09 Jan. Kenn Kaufman tied her on 02 Jan at Catawba Island SP, *Ottawa*. (81 counties)

American Pipit

Levi A. and Marcus L. Yoder saw about 200 on their property near Farmerstown, *Holmes*, on 14 Dec, and 120 were still there on 26 Jan. The next highest count of 40 was shared by Jennifer Kuehn at the OSU North Star corn fields, *Franklin*, on 19 Dec, and Ed Bremer near Darby Creek on 31 Dec. (33 counties)

House Finch

These provided another shared high count, of 150. Derrick Hill saw them at his *Guernsey*

home on 08 Dec and Jack Stenger’s were in Shawnee Lookout on 17 Dec. (81 counties)

Purple Finch

Matt Anderson counted 58 in OOPMP, feeding on privet berries on 28 Jan. The next most were also in OOPMP; 31 on 30 Jan (Karen and Warren Leow). A trio of *Adams* CBC participants found 20 at two feeders on 17 Dec. (38 counties)

Red Crossbill

Regrettably, the only report was by an anonymous eBirder, so it can’t be confirmed.

White-winged Crossbill

The Hocking Hills CBC on 18 Dec produced one (*vide* Jere Brunken).

Common Redpoll

The reports, all of single birds, are:

During the 18 Dec Toledo CBC, Lucas (*vide* Matt Anderson)

During the Lake Erie Islands CBC, *Lucas/Ot-tawa*, also on 18 Dec (*vide* John Pogacnik)

In Woodlawn Cemetery, Lucas, on 28 Dec (Tim Haney)

During the Grand Rapids – Waterville CBC, *Lucas/Wood*, on 31 Dec (*vide* Tom Kemp)

At the Gleason Family Nature Reserve, *Morrow*, on 07 Jan (Kelly Warner)

Pine Siskin

Marc Hanneman found 45 at Walnut Beach Park, *Ashtabula*, on 02 Jan. Next most were Lori Zolman’s 11 in Mt. Vernon, *Knox*, on 15 Jan. (23 counties)

American Goldfinch

Margaret Bowman and Phil Swan saw about 80 along Rural Dale Road near The Wilds on 23 Dec. Only *Jackson* and *Putnam* didn’t have sightings.



Monte VanDeusen photographed this pensive American Goldfinch, a favorite species at winter feeders, on 17 Dec at a residence in Licking.

Evening Grosbeak

The Lancaster CBC, *Fairfield*, produced one

on 31 Dec (*vide* David Goslin). Dan Gesualdo saw one in Mohican SF on 25 Jan.

Lapland Longspur

About 350 graced some softball fields in West Carrollton, **Montgomery**, on 18 Dec (Rick Asamoto and Chris Zacharias). The Ostermillers found 250 along Township Road 65 near Harpster, **Wyandot**, on 14 Jan. (41 counties)



Jeff Peters snuck up on this Lapland Longspur to capture a photo at the intersection of Liberty Road and Black Pike in **Clark** on 10 Feb.

Snow Bunting

A field by Dairy Road 71, **Paulding**, held 300 for Micki Dunakin on 15 Feb. (32 counties)

Ovenbird

One was seen in the Mansfield CBC circle, **Richland**, during the count week, but not during the 18 Dec count itself (*vide* Steve McKee).

Louisiana Waterthrush

Doug Marcum *et al.* documented one in Headwaters Park, **Geauga**, during that county's CBC on 31 Dec.

Common Yellowthroat

Nancy Howell discovered one at Abrams Marsh in the Big Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 24 Dec, and re-found it during the 30 Dec Lakewood CBC. Allen Troyer found another, at Killbuck during the Wooster CBC on 26 Dec.

Palm Warbler

The reports are:

Three at The Wilds on 05 Dec (Derrick Hill)

One at the OSU North Star corn fields, **Franklin**, on 19 Dec (Jennifer Kuehn)

One at The Wilds during the Chandlerville CBC on 23 Dec (Glen Crippen)

Pine Warbler

Bruce Simson found one along the Mink Trail in Delaware SP on 21 Feb.

Yellow-rumped Warbler

David Allison counted 48 in Gahanna Woods SNP, **Franklin**, on 04 Dec. Eric Burkholder saw 23 at Armleder Park on 10 Dec. (55 counties)

Orange-crowned Warbler

Christopher Collins photographed one at Woodman Fen SNP, **Montgomery**, on 13 Dec. Another spent from about 19 Dec to 28 Jan visiting a suet feeder at a home near Fredericksburg, **Wayne** (m. obs.).



This Orange-crowned Warbler, a surprise winter visitor, was photographed by Sue Evanoff in Fredericksburg, **Wayne**, on 01 Jan.

Wilson's Warbler

Gary Stevens discovered one in the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Dec and several other birders saw it there on 07 and 08 Dec.

Eastern Towhee

Karen Noel and Bill Stanley saw 15 in the CNC Rowe Woods on 14 Jan. (54 counties)



This male Eastern Towhee stuffed up in the cold weather for Ron Clark to photograph him at Darby Creek on 06 Jan.

Chipping Sparrow

These were present, but thinly, all season. Triples were along the Maumee Bay boardwalk on 02 Dec (Nancy Braun and Teresa Noel) and in Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 01 Jan (the Wulkers). (30 counties)

American Tree Sparrow

Lorie Brumbaugh saw about 850 along Stange Road, **Ottawa**, on 23 Dec and wrote that the field and road were “covered with them”. At the other end of the state, Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias found 800 at the Great Miami MWB on 06 Jan. All counties but **Gallia**, **Lawrence**, **Mercer**, **Scioto**, and **Van Wert** produced reports.



Dawn Elsea snapped a photo of a striking American Tree Sparrow while birding at Prairie Oaks MP, Madison, on 20 Jan.

Field Sparrow

Timothy Spahr saw 20 in Oakes Quarry Park, **Greene**, on 10 Dec, and Bill Stanley tied him at his **Clermont** home on 30 Dec. (48 counties)

Vesper Sparrow

Shane Myers saw a very early arrival near Forest, **Hancock**, on 20 Feb.

Savannah Sparrow

At least one was seen nearly every day, spread among 21 counties. Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias found six at the Great Miami WMB on 21 Dec and there were several reports of four.

Grasshopper Sparrow

At least one hung around the Farmerstown-Sugarcreek area, **Holmes**, all season (Levi A. and Marcus L. Yoder); the Yoders saw two on 17 Jan. A quartet of birders photographed one there on 27 Dec.

Fox Sparrow

Jack Stenger *et al.* spent 3½ hours at Shawnee Lookout on 17 Dec and found 30 there. David Carr *et al.* saw 13 along his CBC route in eastern **Hamilton** on 26 Dec. (50 counties)

Song Sparrow

David Carr *et al.* counted 92 during their 26 Dec CBC day in **Hamilton**. Next most were Irina Shulgina's 70 in Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 26 Feb. Only **Putnam** didn't provide a report.

Lincoln's Sparrow

Patty McKelvey saw one in Ralph J. Perk Plaza, Cleveland, on 14 Dec. Elliot Tramer found another, “flushed from a roadside ditch” in **Lucas**

during the Toledo CBC on 18 Dec.

Swamp Sparrow

Jack Stenger's CBC team counted 40 at Shawnee Lookout on 17 Dec. Robert Roysse found about 35 on several Jan and Feb dates in the Deer Creek wetlands, **Pickaway**. (53 counties)

White-throated Sparrow

Brian Menker and Doug Overacker counted 69 along their CBC route in **Clinton** on 15 Dec. (76 counties)



This stunning photo of the unmistakable White-throated Sparrow was captured at Side Cut MP, Lucas, on 22 Feb by Vince Capozziello.

White-crowned Sparrow

CBC routes in **Hamilton** at Shawnee Lookout on 17 Dec (Jack Stenger *et al.*) and Newtown Bottoms on 26 Dec (David Carr *et al.*) each produced 85. The next most was Eric Burkholder's 51 at Armleder Park on 10 Dec. (54 counties)

Dark-eyed Junco

Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery held about 100 on 07 Dec (m. obs.). Edward Ingold counted 92 in four groups at the Findlay Reservoirs on 15 Dec. Only **Mercer** and **Putnam** didn't have sightings.

Warren Leow photographed an “Oregon” junco during its 11 Dec to 27 Jan stay at his Toledo home. Birds of the *Cismontanus* subspecies were reported in **Geauga**, **Hancock**, **Lake**, **Summit**, **Tuscarawas**, and **Warren** with rudimentary or no descriptions.

Northern Cardinal

Newtown Bottoms, **Hamilton**, produced 120 for David Carr *et al.* on 26 Dec. The next most were Tom Bartlett's 86 at Kelleys Island on 19 Jan. Nobody reported our state bird from **Putnam** or **Van Wert**.

Dickcissel

Marvin Yoder hosted a straggler at his feeders near Fredericksburg, **Wayne**; he saw it on 07 and 11 Dec.

Summer Tanager

One showed up at a **Holmes** farm near Trail in early Dec and stayed at least until 14 Feb. A zillion folks saw and photographed it.



*This wayward Summer Tanager awed birders from around the state when it showed up in **Holmes** this winter. Su Snyder paid the homeowners a visit on 07 Jan.*

Western Tanager

As if one tanager weren't enough, one of these spent at least 07 Dec to 19 Feb near Wilmot, **Holmes**, about four miles from the Summer Tanager. Though the OBRC hasn't voted on it, I have no doubt that the record will be accepted.



*Adding to the list of spectacular winter visitors, the Western Tanager was photographed by Tom Fishburn at the Marvin Troyer residence in **Holmes** on 10 Dec.*

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Richard Kidwell saw one in South Findlay, **Hancock**, on 16 Dec, and another popped in at Kathy Mock's **Summit** home the next day.



*One of many unusual winter species this season, this Rose-breasted Grosbeak stopped by Kathy Mock's feeders in **Barberton, Summit**, on 17 Dec.*

Red-winged Blackbird

Jaime Koller found about 4000 by the Grand River, **Lake**, on 26 Feb. Three sites each hosted about 3000. (79 counties)

Eastern Meadowlark

James Gore saw 35 along Cumberland Road at The Wilds on 21 Jan. Fernald held 23 for Brian Wulker on 11 Jan. (59 counties)

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Paul Jacyk found the first, at Bayshore on 20 Dec. The last spent on 26 Feb into Mar at Lorain (m. obs.). Bayshore also had the most, three on 15 Jan (Paul Jacyk and Leslie Sours). Two other **Lucas** sites plus one in each of **Ashland** and **Ot-tawa** complete the location list.

Rusty Blackbird

Brian Wulker contributed the two highest counts, 150 at Miami Whitewater Forest, **Hamilton**, on 19 Jan and 100 at Fernald on 30 Jan. Susan Evannoff and Su Snyder also saw 100, at Funk on 28 Feb. (41 counties)



*Jon Cefus got into a staring contest with this Rusty Blackbird at Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 15 Jan. I wonder who blinked first?*

Brewer's Blackbird

Elliot Tramer saw one feeding with grackles in corn stubble in **Lucas** on 06 Dec.

Common Grackle

Su Snyder birded Smucker Road, **Wayne**, on 05 Feb and wrote about the 50,000 grackles there, "mixed blackbird flock, probably 90 percent grackles, conservative estimate". Kent Miller was at The Wilderness Center, **Stark**, on 16 Dec. His "careful count of long, easy to count by 100s stream that passed by right over the center for a long time heading north" yielded 30,000. (78 counties)

Brown-headed Cowbird

Dennis Mersky saw about 1000 along the ONWR WD on 22 Jan. Stange Road, just out-

side the ONWR border in *Ottawa*, held about 600 on 30 Jan (Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble). (65 counties)

Blackbird sp.

Leon Miller reported about 16,000 “in a continuous ribbon” near Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 14 Dec.

Baltimore Oriole

The one which Andrea Anderson saw at her feeder almost daily between 14 and 26 Nov in *Jefferson* returned 11 Dec and stayed into Mar. The one visiting a home feeder near Apple Creek, *Wayne*, in Nov also remained all winter into Mar (*vide* Andy R. Troyer).

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A KEENE BIG YEAR

By Laura Keene

In late 2015 I stepped down from my volunteer position as photo editor for the *Ohio Cardinal*. I explained to editor Craig Caldwell what had precipitated that decision. 2016 promised a strong El Niño through the spring. Air fares and gas prices were the cheapest they've been in years. My kids had all finished college and fledged. And my husband was very busy working on a project out of town, as well as on his PhD. In other words, all conditions were ideal to do a Big Year.

Looking back from the comfort of 2017, I am still in awe of how 2016 came together, and how it managed to be such a success. I have some amazing memories that belong in a Big Year movie. Sailing off on a private charter with Debi Shearwater to see Flesh-footed Shearwater? Yes, things like that do happen in real life! There were moments in which the competition felt antagonizing, but that in hindsight propelled me to success like nothing else could. I pushed my limits to go places I would have never had the courage to try before. I spent more money than intended; the year got away from me. But I had the time of my life.



Laura saw this Black-capped Petrel during a pelagic trip off Cape Hatteras on 02 Jun.

I was fascinated with birds and science at an early age, learning to whistle so I could call to the Bobwhite in the field behind my grandmother's house, and was always excited to hear them call back on those warm summer evenings. In high school, I took summer field biology, and my teacher Mr. Bolander pointed out Bank Swallows on canoe trips down the Miami Whitewater River, a Belted Kingfisher at Winton Woods, and my favorite...the beautiful Indigo Bunting. I bought my first Peterson's Field Guide with babysitting money. Later I became busy with college, mar-

riage, my career as a pharmacist, and three children, but still managed to find time to enjoy the backyard birds, and vacation birding.

My best friend and neighbor Cathy talked me into photography classes at a local college, and on the advice of a friend, we made our first visit to Magee Marsh. We became hooked on warblers, the beautiful little gems of the avian world. Each year we took more and more film and afterward studied our photos, eagerly awaiting the following year to return and learn more. As our children grew and fledged, our annual trips to Magee got longer, as did our lenses.

On our annual spring visit to Magee in 2014, Cathy wasn't feeling well. It became apparent that something was terribly wrong. While she pushed herself to bird hard by day, she suffered fevers, chills and night sweats. She was hospitalized when she arrived home, and diagnosed with leukemia. I was her Monday driver, be it for admissions to the hospital or to her visits to the oncology center. There was hope for a cure with a stem cell transplant, but her brave battle was eventually lost. On Mother's Day 2015 her ashes were spread at Magee Marsh, her final wish. I was devastated. I had lost my closest friend and her family had lost the most incredibly loving mother and wife.

Faced with the graphic reality that life is too short to put off your dreams, I decided to pursue mine—an American Birding Association (ABA) Big Year. Cathy was my inspiration. With the support of my husband and family, I had an unparalleled opportunity for total immersion in the magic and healing of birding. One solid year of doing what I love, seeing and photographing birds.

Of course, a quest such as this requires personal goals of some sort. My initial goal was to see 700 species in the ABA area, which at the start of 2016 encompassed the 49 continental United States and Canada. This could earn me a spot in the "700 Club"; a chance to join a group of only 16 birders to have achieved that milestone in a calendar year. Even so, 700 species for the ABA region is not a record mark by any stretch; Neil Hayward's 749 species in 2013 looked unreachable from where I was standing. But it did seem that the ABA Big Year photographed species record, at 605, was within reach. I had photographed over 500 species in 2010 while birding on vacations, so another hundred plus during a dedicated year seemed attainable.

While no birder can manage to photograph

every species that they see, capturing a photo is a major part of the birding experience for me. This has nothing to do with any doubts about the traditional “honors system” approach to serious listing, though I admit that having a diagnostic photo gives me a lot more confidence about my own identifications. Rather, good or bad, the photos are my trophies—the talismans that anchor the memories of my experiences, and which I will continue to enjoy forever. I estimated that if I could see 700 species, snagging diagnostic photographs of at least 95% of them would be quite do-able. Admittedly, in my mind, I even entertained a secret confidence that I could photograph 700 species.

What I was not initially confident about was making my goals generally known to the birding community. Like starting on a diet, I was hesitant to admit it going in, out of concern that a personal failure might turn into a public one. The unknown presented obstacles that could lead to failure. After years at a desk job, would I be physically able to do the 13-mile hike at Big Bend National Park to see a Colima Warbler? Was I safe hiking alone, driving alone in remote areas, in bad weather? Could I ride a mountain bike in layers of weather gear on Attu? Last but not least, while I love pelagics I am prone to sea sickness. A successful pelagic for me is usually the result of combining advanced planning with an array of anti-nausea pharmaceuticals, and bringing home a fuzzy memory of the birds I had photographed!

All anxieties thrown aside, January 1, 2016 found me standing alone in a Victoria, British Columbia, subdivision, looking for an errant Redwing. Although there had been several other rarities recently reported in the ABA area . . . in Florida, Texas, and Arizona, I let my husband Dave, who would join me on this first adventure, choose the location where I would start my Big Year. And so in BC I added the Redwing and later, with great effort, flushed a non-singing Eurasian Sky Lark. My overall plan was to go for the rarities first . . . then move on to the bigger plan which was to retro-fit my truck, travel to several bird-intensive ABA areas, and immerse myself in the task. I would take as many photos as possible, stay until I had seen and photographed every bird possible, and then move on to a new location. I had planned to drive and camp much of the time. The reality of 2016 was that the stream of reported rarities never seemed to stop; throwing all original plans out the window.

Some trips I was able to share with friends. In early January, Ohio birder Doreene Linzell joined me for a wild goose chase. We drove to New York, adding a rare Brambling in Ohio

along the way. We successfully saw a distant Pink-footed Goose on Long Island the following day, but were unable to locate a nearby Barnacle Goose. On the drive home I saw another report, so we made a quick detour south to New Jersey where Doreene picked a Barnacle Goose out of thousands of geese in an industrial park. A winter storm was moving across Pennsylvania. While I had no problems navigating my 4-wheel drive truck, we were at the mercy of a multi-vehicle accident that had stopped traffic on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Hour after hour we sat. The temperature dropped into single digits, and the snow covered the vehicles. It was a full five hours before there was any sign of movement.

The next day was an example of the kind of marathon that results from trying to get the most out of every rarity opportunity. After only three hours of sleep, we joined Dan Sanders before sunrise and tried for the Kelp Gull in Akron, but with no luck. After saying goodbye to Dan and Doreene, I later picked up Jacob Roalef in Dayton and we drove on to Clinton County, Illinois, where Jacob spotted our target, a continuing Black-tailed Gull, just before sunset. The day had started long before sunrise and had ended three states away—with over 600 miles driven! I was way beyond tired! The next couple of weeks saw me traveling back to British Columbia for a Siberian Accentor; and then to Arizona, Minnesota, and Florida. By the end of January, I had tallied over 10,000 air miles, and had seen 19 ABA rarities (Code 3 and above).



This Cuban Vireo spent several days at Fort Zachary Taylor, Key West; Laura saw it on 20 Apr.

Later, I travelled from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where I saw a Thick-billed Vireo, to Yolo County, California, to see a Marsh Sandpiper the following day; only to hop on a plane back to south Florida where a Cuban Vireo had been reported . . . a first ABA record which landed within feet of me! I essentially birded sun-up to sun-down most days . . . landing at a hotel where I uploaded photos to my laptop, re-charged my batteries, and tried to sleep!

My husband Dave is not a birder, but he loves nature and hiking. We had always wanted to visit

Big Bend National Park, so the April excursion to chase the Colima Warbler was the perfect opportunity to enjoy time together. We met in San Antonio and stopped at a park on the way where I added Black-capped Vireo. The first evening in Big Bend, I heard an Elf Owl and was able to track down the location. Dave jokes that he has the longest life list of anyone who doesn't care, but he was enamored with this tiny life owl. We started hiking the next morning before sunrise, hearing Mexican Whip-poor-will calling in the dark. The Colima Warbler location was about 6 miles from the trailhead, and the warblers were still singing when we arrived. All of the hiking done in previous months had somehow prepared me for this 13 mile venture, and I slept well in our tent that night with no ill effects. We moved on next to the Dry Tortugas in the Florida Keys. I stood atop Fort Jefferson, dripping with sweat in the hot sun, and scanned with my scope for an earlier-reported Black Noddy, while Dave snorkeled nearby. It was a long hard day, but I was rewarded with diagnostic digiscoped photos of a very distant Black Noddy; a new ABA life bird for me!

May 11 was upon me before I knew it. It was my dream to visit Attu, and also a huge source of anxiety. The idea of being on the 72' M/V Pukuk, travelling from Adak to Attu, was well beyond my comfort zone. "I could die on this trip", I announced to Dave, more than once. This was an exaggeration, of course, though the anxiety was real. But the birding challenge motivated me, as it had many times already in 2016. The desire to visit this legendary birding location, combined with an El Niño fallout, pushed me far beyond my fears. Prior to boarding the boat in Adak, trip leader John Puschock informed me "I have some good news, and some bad news. First the good news... you have a cabin to yourself. Bad news... it is in the bow." The bow cabin, it turns out, is the roughest ride in the whole boat.

These unique pelagic waters served to add several birds to my life list: Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel,



This Short-tailed Albatross enhanced the boat trip to Attu on 17 May.

Short-tailed Shearwater, and one of our major targets (a bird that had been hunted almost to extinction for its feathers), a Short-tailed Albatross. My enthusiasm for watching and photographing the albatross, however, pushed me over the brink of sea-sickness. I reluctantly retired to my cabin, where I spent the next 24 hours! I have no memory of the actual illness; only the constant awareness that the other two Big Year birders aboard, (John Weigel and Christian Hagenlocher) might see a bird that I would miss. I mentally tried to be ready to dash up to the deck the moment that the boat slowed down, signaling a sighting. I even played music on my phone to distract myself, which somehow kept cycling to Gordon Lightfoot's "Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald". And these lyrics were not helping!



Laura, dressed for success, on Attu 21 May.

The next day I finally got back my sea legs, and learned that I hadn't missed anything new. Later, we arrived at Attu and anchored in Casco Bay. When it was my turn to board the skiff and then step foot on Attu, my eyes filled with tears. I had finally made it! I was on Attu Island!! Each day we would ride the skiff to Attu and spend the day hiking and biking miles and miles along the island; seeing many of our target birds. But there was surprisingly small variety in the number of species. I did manage to keep up with the guys, often feeling like the little sister trailing behind my brother and his friends. But lagging behind worked in my favor one day when I spotted a Eurasian Hobby.

In the evenings, we were treated to selected readings by Neil Hayward, from his new book "Lost Among the Birds", recounting his 2013 Big Year. It is a beautifully written book, and what a

pleasure it was to hear it in his own voice. Our group bonded during those weeks, and it was always fun to listen to the banter. The last two days on Attu brought us the mix of rarities we had hoped for, including one of my favorites of the trip . . . the Terek Sandpiper. Overall, I added 48 species to my year list, but it was far more than just the birds. I will always treasure the entire Attu experience!

Immediately upon arriving home, Dave and I drove to North Carolina for three great days of east coast pelagics with Brian Patteson, adding 11 species to my year list, including life birds Fea's and Black-capped petrels. Next, I cut a day from my Nome trip and flew to Arizona for the first potential ABA record of a Pine Flycatcher. This bird was gathering nesting material, and landed too close for me to photograph! I returned to Alaska for scheduled Nome and Barrow tours. Then it was a race to Minnesota for Connecticut Warbler, Alder Flycatcher, and on to Maine for Bicknell's Thrush and a rare Little Egret. Then on to Michigan for Kirtland's Warbler... I had to 'catch up' with these migrants while they were still singing on territory!



Laura got back to the mainland in time to see this Pine Flycatcher at Aliso Spring, Pima County, Arizona on 06 Jun.

The summer was busy...spent cleaning up with migrants, and also trips with friends to see Himalayan Snowcock and White-tailed Ptarmigan. I also tried for every rarity that was reported. The number of birds on my summer target list got smaller every day. On a Debi Shearwater pelagic out of Monterey on 6 Aug, I finally hit number 700 with Ashy Storm-Petrel! With almost five months to go, and with 45 Codes 1 and 2 (the more common species) remaining to be seen (plus the possibilities of rarities in Alaska in the fall), I had no idea what number I could achieve.

Not every search was a success...During the year I missed 17 species that I had targeted. Many days were unsuccessfully devoted to Golden-crowned Warbler and Hook-billed Kite. I cancelled a trip to Newfoundland for Fieldfare,

flying instead to Miami for a Cuban Pewee, which was a no-show. I trekked several miles in 106-degree summer heat at Joe Williams NWR in Arizona - attempting twice, but missing a Nutting's Flycatcher. A long drive to Key West for a reported Bahama Mockingbird turned up a very early juvenile Northern Mockingbird. I looked for White-eared and Beryline Hummingbirds for days in Arizona, and dipped. I aborted my fall trip to Gambell and flew from Anchorage to San Antonio to try for a coveted Jabiru, which flew before I arrived. I missed Pin-tailed Snipe, Siberian Rubythroat, and Hawfinch on Attu. A pair of Great Knots in Nome ended up being a



Laura chased this Little Egret in Falmouth, Maine, on 19 June.

local subspecies of Rock Sandpiper which closely resemble Great Knot. I tried for Yellow-green Vireo, Mottled Petrel, Dovekie, and Red-footed Booby - all more than once - without success.

The failures were heavily out-weighted by successes, such as searching Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument for Ferruginous Pygmy-Owls. Unaware of an exact location, I scouted alone; searching every tree and shrub along the trails. Near dusk, the quiet of the desert gave way to a cacophony of calls...Black-tailed Gnatcatchers and Phainopepla scolded, and the object of their attention was soon heard. I didn't see the Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, but recorded its vocalizations on my iPhone for several minutes. Each call sounded further away than the one before it. I realized that I could chase and possibly photograph it, but without a good flashlight, and in the presence of rattlesnakes and scorpions, those thoughts were abandoned. The beauty of the moment was that I was watching a stunning Arizona sunset; alone in a desert and out of my comfort zone. This was my adventure.

My biggest quest was hatched when a pair of Gray-headed Chickadees were reported about 100 miles from Kotzebue, Alaska, feeding on salmon carcasses left by grizzlies. The Gray-headed Chickadee is the hardest chickadee in the world, gathering and caching food to sur-

vive the sub-zero winters above the Arctic Circle. I couldn't resist the desire to search for this mysterious bird...to document it and thus add to the scant knowledge of this truly survivalist species. Less than a week later my Ohio birding friend Jay Lehman and I joined John Weigel and Christian Hagenlocher in Kotzebue. Over the year, I had grown very close to my two big year cohorts, who inspired me to work harder and achieve more. I loved times like this when we could join forces. The four of us had only one day, and one shot at this elusive bird.

With Kotzebue receiving only six hours of daylight in early November, our time to search was limited. After flying to a gravel bar in a four-passenger Cessna, we were shuttled one by one in a Piper Cub, landing on a frozen lake, and then hiking along a bear path to the earlier-reported location. For our protection, the guide and the pilot each carried shotguns, and we were each equipped with bear spray. Luckily, we saw no bears; only their footprints in the snow. Unfortunately, there were no salmon carcasses remaining...only the red-tinged snow where they had been consumed. I saw Boreal Chickadees, White-winged Crossbills (a year bird), and Common Redpoll, but no Gray-headed Chickadees came into view. We searched until we ran out of time, with no success.

I was the first to be shuttled back from the frozen lake, and was dropped off on the gravel bar with a sleeping bag, bear spray, and a radio...gear that would help me survive the night in case something happened to the plane. Alone in the Alaska back-country, I reveled in the solitude and stunning views of the mountains in the distance...a reverent silence broken only by the sound of a nearby stream. All too soon I heard the sound of the shuttle plane, returning to drop off the next person. Soon the four of us would be picked up by the larger Cessna. I would have given anything for another shot at the chickadee, but the disappointment was well over-shadowed by the joy of the experience.

At the end of 2016, I had flown over 162,000 miles in 178 flight segments, and had travelled close to 200,000 total miles. I spent 29 days/nights on boats, and am happy to report that apart from that one day of being seasick en route to Attu, I kept my sea legs during the rest of the year. I recorded 759 certain and three provisional species and was one of four birders to break Neil Hayward's 2013 record of 749 species. The provisional species await acceptance by the checklist committee. I also captured 741 diagnostic images...for 97% of the species that I had observed. Also of note: After the ABA voted to change the

bylaws, which added Hawaii to the ABA area, I was motivated to join John Weigel for an intense 11 days of successful Hawaiian island-hopping in December; adding an additional 55 species. Including a 10-day trip to Mexico in February, I had tallied an AOU-North total of 901 species for the year! By all accounts, I had a very successful and memorable big year for seeing and photographing birds. I am very grateful for the many sacrifices of my family; giving me the opportunity to have 2016, a big year of living my dream.

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NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL PREYS ON SALAMANDER

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Editor's note: Our collector of obscure Ohio avian lore, Bill Whan, sent this to The Cardinal with the permission of Mr. Sheppard.

On 13 Feb 1960, R. A. Hefner and the author discovered the frozen posterior half of a Jefferson salamander (*Ambystoma jeffersonianum*) near the diurnal perch of a roosting Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*) in Hueston Woods SP, **Butler**. The two observers were searching for the owl, which had been using this Scotch pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) stand for the previous month or more. When the owl was found, a careful search of the immediate area yielded a partially consumed female Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*), the salamander remains, and several owl pellets, all within a radius of approximately 10 m. The salamander remains were tentatively identified by R. L. Strecker.

Northern Saw-whet Owls frequently cache prey remains near their diurnal roosts during the winter months as a hedge against inclement weather the next night for hunting (Rasmussen 2008; pers. obs.). Their most common prey in this part of their winter range are mice of the genus *Peromyscus* (Rasmussen 2008; pers. obs.). This marks the only known instance of this owl capturing and even partially consuming any salamander. Rasmussen (2008) list one record of a toad (*Bufo*) being recorded in this bird's diet in far western Canada as the only other report of any amphibian's being taken. This is not a proven case of this owl taking and consuming a salamander; but the evidence clearly points to this conclusion.

Ambystoma jeffersonianum are the earliest breeding amphibian in Ohio. Adults can sometimes be found wandering towards their breeding pools over snow in February (pers. obs.). The remains of this salamander found near this owl were clearly of a female with a small number of large eggs in evidence. A small creek less than 1 m across with a spring source is approximately 50 to 100 m from the owl's roost site. This small stream rarely freezes except in exceptionally cold weather; other potential salamander habitat is available within 800 m. The forest surrounding the pine stand is composed mostly of mature beech (*Fagus* sp.), hickory (*Carya* sp.) and maple (*Acer* sp.) and is

at an elevation of approximately 300 m.

The weather was cold to fair during the preceding 21 days. The first week averaged about 3 degrees C with a range of minus 5 to 8 degrees, while the last 14 days were more variable with brief periods of warmer days (up to 10 degrees C) followed by several days with below-freezing temperature. No snow remained on the ground on this date. (Weather data supplied by Department of Aeronautics, Miami University.)

Appreciation for their assistance in the field, identification of the salamander, and review of an early draft of this note are belatedly extended to the late R. A. Hefner and R. L. Strecker of the Department of Zoology, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Spencer G. Sealy confirmed that the only other report of an amphibian's being consumed was of a frog.

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THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT REPORT

By Mike Busam

We're pleased to share with you the Ohio results from the 117th annual National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. At publication time a year ago, we had the complete results from 67 Ohio counts. This year, we have results from 73 counts. Compilers worry about a lot of things pertaining to their counts, such as finding reliable section leaders and knowledgeable counters, obtaining permission for private property access, timely tally reporting, rarity documentation, and the weather. With patience and diligence, most of the compiler's worries can be assuaged—but not the weather. Compilers can do nothing about the weather! This year, if you were on the Cincinnati count on 26 Dec, you enjoyed temperatures that reached 72 degrees Fahrenheit, for it was your luck to be birding during a Christmas warm-up in which “hundreds of daily record highs were set or tied in the Midwest.” (National Climate Report 2016) If you were running an early count on 14, 15, or 16 Dec, you endured temperatures that probably never broke out of the teens. In fact, equally high numbers of record cold temperatures were set throughout the Midwest during early December. (NCR 2016) On 14 Dec, the Black Swamp Count recorded a low of minus 2 and a high of 19, Fayette County 7 and 16, and Preble County 7 and 22. On 15 Dec, Caesar Creek-Spring Valley recorded temperatures between 3 and 13; on 16 Dec, Ashland temperatures were between 9 and 16, Portsmouth's between 13 and 23, and Wilmot's between 6 and 15. Lucky counts that waited until the first Saturday of the count period seemed to have been rewarded, since a warm front came through the region, producing notably warmer temperatures the first weekend of the 117th CBC. Temperature ranges for counts held on 17 and 18 Dec generally spanned the from 30s to the low 60s. Weather is unpredictable, of course; while the first half of Dec was colder than normal, the second half was warmer than normal. The good news for climate change deniers is that if we ignore the pendulum swing, for the month of Dec the temperatures in Ohio and the Midwest were not too far from normal. (NCR 2016; NWS Wilmington) There was some snow in the region, mostly during the colder first half of Dec, but snow doesn't seem to have caused many problems for this year's counts.

Now for some numbers: Ohio counters tal-

lied 161 species during the 117th CBC. Caesar Creek-Spring Valley led the state with 97 species, and Toledo was one behind at 96. Both the Gypsum and Lake Erie Islands counts reported 91 for their day. Three counts were in the high 80s: Cincinnati (89), Columbus (86), and Cuyahoga Falls (88). Seven other counts reached or broke the 80 level. Numbers can be interpreted in various ways, and the seasonal reports in this issue will cover the regional trends that are reflected in the CBC results. The following species were reported on all 73 counts: Canada Goose, Mallard, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-bellied and Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, European Starling, House Sparrow, House Finch, Northern Cardinal, and Dark-eyed Junco. Chickadees, either Black-capped or Carolina, were also found in every circle. Twelve counts recorded “chickadee species” in addition to either or both Black-capped and Carolina; one count, Killdeer Plains, reported only “chickadee species”. Species represented on single counts, usually as single individuals, are often interesting, be they full species or clearly identifiable sub-species. These were Brant (Cuyahoga Falls, two individuals), Harlequin Duck (Lakewood), Spotted Sandpiper (Ashtabula), Least Sandpiper (Cincinnati), American Woodcock (Quail Hollow-Hartville), Thayer's Gull (Toledo, two individuals), Iceland Gull (Toledo, two), Red-throated Loon (Lake Erie Islands), American White Pelican (Caesar Creek-Spring Valley, 36), Green Heron (Cuyahoga Falls), Golden Eagle (Chandlersville), Snowy Owl (Ashtabula), Northern Shrike (Ottawa N.W.R.), Common Raven (Cadiz, two), Cave Swallow (Fremont), Marsh Wren (Wilmot), White-winged Crossbill (Hocking Hills), Evening Grosbeak (Lancaster), Ovenbird (Mansfield, worth mentioning as a count week report), Louisiana Waterthrush (Burton), Palm Warbler (Chandlersville), Lincoln's Sparrow (Tiffin), “Oregon” Junco (Toledo), Summer Tanager (Wilmot), Western Tanager (Wilmot), Yellow-headed Blackbird (Toledo), and Brewer's Blackbird (Toledo).

The birds don't count themselves, and without counters in the field and at feeders, CBCs aren't possible. For the 117th CBC Cuyahoga Falls again led Ohio CBCs with 146 participants. Wilmot had 88, Cincinnati 82, and both Ragersville and O'Shaughnessy Reservoir counts had 76 birds. Southern Cuyahoga had 67, while Columbus had 66 for their day in the field.

As with finding the birds on a CBC, the

number of birders who participate each year is influenced by weather, timing, recruiting efforts by compilers and other counters, and luck. This year, the National Audubon Society online sign-up feature did not work, which might have cost us some participants, particularly first-time participants. Online sign-up should be ready for the 118th season, though.

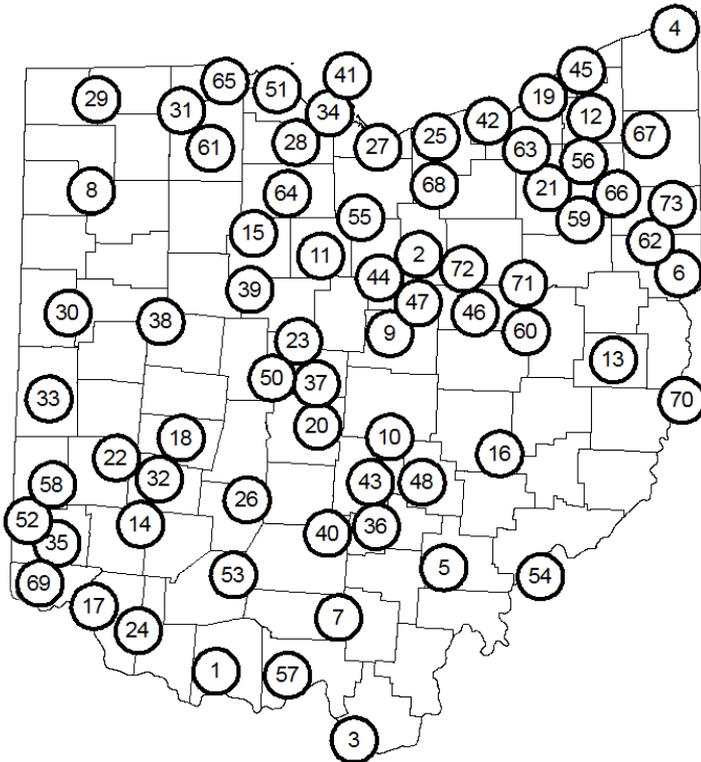
We would like to thank the National Audubon Society for making their compilation of CBC data available to us. Visit the Christmas Bird Count web site at <http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>. All the data, including historical data, are available online at <http://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/>. Observers can also sign up online to participate in most counts, which can help compilers plan their count circle coverage. If you de-

cide to try out a new count or two in the 118th season, consider signing up online next fall. Thanks to everyone who helped with the 117th CBC season!

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| COUNT DATE | 17-Dec | 16-Dec | 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 18-Dec | 17-Dec | 14-Dec | 17-Dec | 17-Dec | 2-Jan |
| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | | | | | | | | CW | | |
| Domestic goose sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Snow Goose | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ross's Goose | 2 | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Snow/Ross's Goose | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brant | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cackling Goose | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Canada Goose | 555 | 371 | 898 | 882 | 277 | 120 | 486 | 5,590 | 204 | 363 |
| Mute Swan | | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Trumpeter Swan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tundra Swan | | | | | | | | 35 | | |
| Wood Duck | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Gadwall | 6 | | 2 | 8 | | | | | | |
| American Wigeon | 3 | | CW | 1 | | | | | | |
| American Black Duck | 55 | 16 | 17 | | 7 | 1 | | 44 | 2 | |
| Mallard | 440 | 59 | 157 | 178 | 85 | 30 | 5 | 439 | 110 | |
| Mallard (Domestic type) | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Black Duck x Mallard | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue-winged Teal | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Shoveler | | | | 1 | | | | | 13 | |
| Northern Pintail | 11 | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Green-winged Teal | 3 | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Canvasback | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Redhead | | | 4 | | | | | 13 | | |
| Ring-necked Duck | 15 | | CW | | | | | 13 | | |
| Greater Scaup | | | 13 | | | | | | | |
| Lesser Scaup | | | 63 | 2 | | | CW | | | |
| Greater/Lesser Scaup | | | 6 | | | | | | | |
| Harlequin Duck | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surf Scoter | | | | | | | | | | |
| White-winged Scoter | | | 6 | | | | | CW | | |
| Black Scoter | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| Long-tailed Duck | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bufflehead | | | 24 | | | | | 4 | | |
| Common Goldeneye | | 6 | 180 | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Hooded Merganser | 25 | | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | 20 | | |
| Common Merganser | | | 45 | 1 | | | | CW | | |
| Red-breasted Merganser | | | 110 | | | | | CW | | |
| merganser sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ruddy Duck | | | 22 | 1 | | 1 | CW | 2 | 1 | |
| duck sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| waterfowl sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Bobwhite | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ruffed Grouse | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wild Turkey | | 1 | 34 | 75 | 32 | 25 | 52 | 21 | 2 | 4 |
| Pied-billed Grebe | 1 | | 5 | 1 | | | CW | CW | | 1 |
| Horned Grebe | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Red-necked Grebe | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rock Pigeon | 263 | 73 | 236 | 109 | 86 | 138 | 95 | 87 | 37 | 316 |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 15-Dec | 31-Dec | 23-Dec | 26-Dec | 16-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 18-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 2-Jan |
| | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | 7 |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | CW |
| | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | CW | | |
| 2,355 | 597 | 189 | 11,352 | 1,048 | 1,680 | 1,287 | 823 | 5,827 | 6,414 | 1,856 | 5,363 | 2,659 |
| | | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CW | | |
| CW | | | | 39 | | CW | 20 | | | | | |
| | | 3 | | | | | | | 504 | | 10 | |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | | | 2 | | | 10 | 3 | | | |
| CW | 4 | 22 | | 14 | 26 | 13 | 62 | 7 | 27 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| | | 7 | | 6 | 2 | | 3 | CW | | | | |
| 12 | 6 | 42 | 24 | 21 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 122 | 22 | 1 | 4 | CW |
| 481 | 80 | 243 | 740 | 131 | 478 | 311 | 295 | 851 | 1,065 | 431 | 148 | 274 |
| | | | | | | | | CW | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| | 4 | | | | 1 | 32 | 14 | 1 | 18 | 38 | 8 | 5 |
| | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | |
| | | 7 | | | | | | | 5 | | | |
| | | 41 | | 3 | 3 | 7 | 2,708 | 1 | 55 | | | |
| | CW | 80 | | 275 | | | | 112 | 19 | 17 | 1 | 4 |
| | | CW | | | | | | 5 | | | | |
| | | 15 | | 32 | 2 | | | 95 | 1 | 2 | | 2 |
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| | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| | 1 | 8 | | 1 | 40 | 1 | 61 | 2 | 48 | 4 | | CW |
| | | 2 | | | 8 | 10 | 131 | CW | | 21 | | 1 |
| | 28 | 4 | | | 68 | 87 | 20 | 125 | 17 | 154 | | 8 |
| | 2 | | | | | 28 | 49 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | |
| | 1 | 8 | | | | 2 | 9,790 | 1 | | 1 | | 54 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2 | 100 | | 6 | 16 | 5 | 393 | 3 | 25 | 9 | | |
| | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CW | | CW | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | 280 | 2 | | 366 | 52 | 14 | 61 | 27 | 27 | | 8 | 91 |
| | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 26 |
| | | 2 | | | | 3 | 34 | | | | 1 | 21 |
| | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 324 | 89 | 198 | 630 | 128 | 428 | 318 | 170 | 272 | 401 | 792 | 25 | 35 |
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| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mourning Dove | 361 | 97 | 96 | 135 | 149 | 414 | 154 | 266 | 109 | 169 |
| American Coot | | | 28 | | | | | 7 | | |
| Sandhill Crane | CW | | | | | | 202 | | | |
| Killdeer | 7 | 3 | | 11 | | 8 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Spotted Sandpiper | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Least Sandpiper | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilson's Snipe | | | | CW | | 1 | | | | |
| American Woodcock | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bonaparte's Gull | | | 133 | | | | | | | |
| Ring-billed Gull | | 39 | 2,331 | | 130 | | CW | 45 | 26 | 27 |
| Herring Gull | | | 202 | | | | | | CW | 4 |
| Thayer's Gull | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iceland Gull | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Great Black-backed Gull | | | 32 | | | | | | | |
| gull sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| tern sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-throated Loon | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Loon | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | | | 5 | | | | | 3 | | |
| American White Pelican | | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Blue Heron | 4 | 12 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 6 | 15 | |
| Great Egret | | | | | | | | | | |
| Green Heron | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black Vulture | 155 | 16 | | 16 | | 8 | | 22 | CW | |
| Turkey Vulture | 14 | 1 | | 19 | | 22 | | | 3 | |
| Bald Eagle | 4 | 5 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 16 | CW | 7 |
| Northern Harrier | 7 | | 1 | | | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | 3 | | 4 | | 1 | 1 | CW | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Cooper's Hawk | 3 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Accipiter sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | 3 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 11 | | 9 | 1 | |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 39 | 26 | 28 | 16 | 21 | 29 | 14 | 39 | 20 | 19 |
| Rough-legged Hawk | | | | | 1 | | | 3 | | 1 |
| Golden Eagle | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buteo sp. | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| hawk sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barn Owl | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | 1 | 2 | 2 | CW | | | CW | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Great Horned Owl | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Snowy Owl | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Barred Owl | 3 | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Long-eared Owl | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Short-eared Owl | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | | | | | | | | | | |
| owl sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belted Kingfisher | 5 | 3 | CW | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | 9 | | | | | | | 14 | | 4 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 41 | 31 | 26 | 17 | 32 | 28 | 17 | 61 | 18 | 32 |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 4 | | 1 |

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| 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 15-Dec | 31-Dec | 23-Dec | 26-Dec | 16-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 18-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 2-Jan |
| 167 | 145 | 196 | 250 | 359 | 481 | 33 | 116 | 202 | 501 | 71 | 373 | 167 |
| 1 | CW | 65 | | 17 | 33 | 2 | 60 | | 125 | 4 | | |
| 6 | | 200 | | | | | | 267 | 12 | 150 | 29 | CW |
| 2 | | 1 | | 2 | 12 | | | 2 | CW | 3 | | |
| | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| | 2 | 28 | | | CW | | 41 | 3 | | 1 | 5 | 80 |
| 2 | 602 | 490 | | 12 | 355 | 130 | 2,831 | 1,328 | 1,292 | 876 | 193 | 947 |
| | 24 | 11 | 1 | | | 10 | 485 | 8 | 199 | 12 | | 3 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | 18 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 11 | | | | 7 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | CW | | | | | 2 | | | | | CW |
| | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 68 | | 4 | 6 | |
| | | 36 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | CW | 3 | 2 | 9 | 17 | 3 | 11 | 22 | 13 | 18 | 27 | 18 |
| | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 34 | 1 | | | 356 | 5 | | | | | | 250 |
| | 3 | | | 14 | 77 | 2 | | | 3 | | | 266 |
| 13 | 10 | 8 | 36 | 1 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 3 | 13 | 2 |
| | 3 | 4 | 42 | 9 | 2 | | | | | | 6 | 3 |
| | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 6 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | | 1 | 1 |
| 12 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 26 | 1 | 10 | 21 | 26 | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| 22 | 6 | 22 | | 29 | 42 | | 4 | 4 | 25 | | | 29 |
| 68 | 72 | 24 | 52 | 99 | 81 | 19 | 21 | 44 | 67 | 14 | 32 | 9 |
| 1 | 1 | | 1 | 10 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | CW | 4 | | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | 1 |
| 1 | | 4 | 3 | 1 | 10 | | | 1 | 4 | | 3 | 1 |
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| 2 | CW | 3 | | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | CW | | CW |
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| | CW | | | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 21 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| | 1 | 4 | | | 10 | | 19 | 15 | 2 | | 12 | 26 |
| 56 | 41 | 79 | 30 | 41 | 265 | 29 | 112 | 126 | 263 | 28 | 56 | 64 |
| | | 7 | | 1 | 11 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | 6 |

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| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Downy Woodpecker | 38 | 61 | 38 | 41 | 31 | 27 | 20 | 56 | 13 | 48 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 23 | 10 | 12 | 5 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 22 | 1 | 18 |
| Northern Flicker | 13 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 10 |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 9 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 12 | | 13 | 1 | 4 |
| American Kestrel | 45 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 1 | 30 | 13 | 15 | 7 | 18 |
| Merlin | | | | CW | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Peregrine Falcon | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Phoebe | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Shrike | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue Jay | 294 | 99 | 59 | 52 | 202 | 168 | 30 | 169 | 40 | 87 |
| American Crow | 776 | 474 | 705 | 181 | 722 | 1,081 | 13 | 531 | 69 | 633 |
| Common Raven | | | | | | | | | | |
| Horned Lark | 9 | 48 | | | | | 442 | 116 | 8 | 85 |
| Cave Swallow | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carolina Chickadee | 87 | 34 | | 120 | 17 | 87 | | 104 | 31 | 18 |
| Black-capped Chickadee | | 24 | 104 | | 61 | | 32 | 2 | | 2 |
| chickadee sp. | | 7 | | | 77 | | | | | 11 |
| Tufted Titmouse | 88 | 66 | 64 | 107 | 107 | 64 | 13 | 116 | 28 | 39 |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 44 | 47 | 29 | 36 | 41 | 49 | 18 | 71 | 15 | 65 |
| Brown Creeper | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | 2 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| House Wren | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winter Wren | | 1 | | | | 3 | | | | |
| Marsh Wren | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carolina Wren | 42 | 13 | 1 | 17 | 15 | 32 | 1 | 23 | 13 | 11 |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | 18 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 14 | 35 | | 7 | | 5 |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | | | | | | | | | |
| kinglet sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Bluebird | 41 | 57 | 42 | 14 | 16 | 54 | 20 | 51 | 21 | 17 |
| Hermit Thrush | | | | | | 3 | | 1 | | |
| American Robin | 35 | 42 | 8 | 28 | | 18 | 16 | 16 | 48 | 3 |
| Gray Catbird | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Brown Thrasher | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Mockingbird | 5 | | | 8 | 4 | 19 | | 7 | 10 | |
| European Starling | 1,904 | 264 | 2,306 | 513 | 671 | 1,129 | 724 | 1,242 | 1,001 | 3,212 |
| Cedar Waxwing | 7 | 44 | 24 | 4 | | 15 | 1 | 74 | 8 | 2 |
| House Sparrow | 68 | 361 | 266 | 22 | 281 | 24 | 406 | 329 | 55 | 852 |
| American Pipit | | | | | | | | 1 | 8 | |
| House Finch | 34 | 52 | 183 | 22 | 46 | 16 | 29 | 102 | 30 | 31 |
| Purple Finch | 90 | | 2 | | | | | 2 | | |
| White-winged Crossbill | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Redpoll | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Siskin | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | 12 |
| American Goldfinch | 198 | 99 | 64 | 30 | 124 | 52 | 24 | 159 | 66 | 28 |
| Evening Grosbeak | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lapland Longspur | | | 2 | | | | 8 | 5 | | 227 |
| Snow Bunting | | | 33 | | | | 50 | 40 | | 1 |
| Ovenbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Yellowthroat | | | | | | | | | | |
| Palm Warbler | | | | | | | | | | |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| Burton (OHBU) | Cadiz (OHCA) | Caesar Creek-Spring Valley (OHCS) | Carey (OHCY) | Chandlersville (OHCH) | Cincinnati (OHCI) | Clark County (OHCC) | Cleveland (OHCL) | Columbus (OHCO) | Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF) | Dayton (OHDA) | Delaware Reservoir (OHDR) | East Fork Lake S.P. (OHET) |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 15-Dec | 31-Dec | 23-Dec | 26-Dec | 16-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 18-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 2-Jan |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 95 | 44 | 89 | 68 | 61 | 247 | 53 | 105 | 156 | 313 | 46 | 95 | 55 |
| 11 | 15 | 15 | 2 | 13 | 43 | 8 | 16 | 18 | 79 | 5 | 23 | 14 |
| 3 | 4 | 30 | 13 | 20 | 80 | 7 | 7 | 60 | 39 | 10 | 32 | 38 |
| 4 | 11 | 11 | | 19 | 22 | | 8 | 6 | 31 | 6 | 6 | 14 |
| 7 | 13 | 7 | 75 | 29 | 12 | | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 15 |
| | | 2 | | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | |
| | | CW | | | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| | | 1 | | | 2 | | | 1 | | 2 | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 135 | 94 | 152 | 88 | 113 | 376 | 43 | 368 | 269 | 948 | 17 | 239 | 298 |
| 188 | 382 | 129 | 130 | 1,019 | 2,013 | 15,000 | 84 | 238 | 1,357 | 17 | 126 | 164 |
| | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CW | CW | 612 | 890 | | 31 | 35 | | 2 | | | 325 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 129 | 207 | | 126 | 924 | 74 | | 294 | | 103 | 82 | 165 |
| 421 | 7 | | 48 | | | | 167 | | 651 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 40 | |
| 137 | 90 | 124 | | 88 | 390 | 24 | 109 | 111 | 391 | 37 | 71 | 102 |
| 12 | | 18 | | 2 | 8 | | 8 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 5 | |
| 109 | 51 | 64 | 58 | 74 | 173 | 43 | 89 | 120 | 248 | 20 | 58 | 55 |
| 3 | 5 | 14 | 22 | 4 | 23 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | CW |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | CW | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 35 | 36 | 6 | 45 | 460 | 19 | 7 | 69 | 53 | 50 | 26 | 87 |
| 6 | 10 | 42 | | 11 | 41 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 23 | 8 | 11 |
| | | 1 | | | 4 | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 115 | 138 | 62 | 68 | 112 | 71 | 8 | 18 | 42 | 188 | 15 | 32 | 41 |
| | 1 | 10 | | 2 | 6 | 5 | | | 3 | 4 | | 3 |
| 5 | 1 | 221 | 472 | 14 | 5,310 | 96 | 390 | 1,076 | 1,640 | 257 | 155 | 180 |
| | | | | | | | 1 | | 4 | | | |
| | | 3 | | | 2 | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 11 | 4 | | 12 | 43 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 18 |
| 1,529 | 685 | 1,436 | 18,200 | 840 | 19,962 | 691 | 427 | 6,040 | 8,670 | 789 | 1,058 | 2,986 |
| | 123 | 75 | 7 | 22 | 121 | 30 | 3 | 26 | 350 | | 14 | 135 |
| 538 | 391 | 242 | 1,192 | 250 | 275 | 84 | 545 | 851 | 1,872 | 180 | 634 | 81 |
| | | 1 | 4 | | 3 | | | 16 | 7 | 1 | | |
| 147 | 29 | 91 | 214 | 114 | 205 | 61 | 99 | 166 | 338 | 50 | 187 | 45 |
| | | 8 | | | 3 | | | | 2 | 1 | CW | CW |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| 178 | 130 | 104 | 282 | 556 | 178 | 65 | 164 | 313 | 617 | 57 | 169 | 90 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 680 | | | | | 47 | | | 42 | |
| 12 | | | 75 | | | | | | | | 122 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | | | | CW | | | | |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| COUNT CIRCLE | Adams County (OHAC) | Ashland (OHAD) | Ashtabula (OHAA) | Athens (OHAT) | Beaver Creek (OHBC) | Beaver Valley (OHBV) | Black Swamp (OHBS) | Brown Family Environmental Center (OHBF) | Buckeye Lake (OHBL) | Bucyrus (OHBY) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------|----------------|
| CIRCLE NUMBER | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| COUNT DATE | 17-Dec | 16-Dec | 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 18-Dec | 17-Dec | 14-Dec | 17-Dec | 17-Dec | 2-Jan |
| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | 6 | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Towhee | 4 | | | 2 | 2 | 8 | | 2 | 3 | |
| American Tree Sparrow | 20 | 209 | 125 | 35 | 100 | 35 | 46 | 189 | 25 | 115 |
| Chipping Sparrow | | CW | | | | | | | | |
| Field Sparrow | 21 | | | | 92 | 1 | | 4 | | 1 |
| Savannah Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fox Sparrow | 1 | 4 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Song Sparrow | 75 | 29 | 9 | 52 | 34 | 65 | 41 | 50 | 32 | 28 |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swamp Sparrow | 7 | 20 | CW | 2 | 2 | 6 | | | | |
| White-crowned Sparrow | 9 | 20 | | 7 | 9 | 25 | | 46 | 17 | 19 |
| White-throated Sparrow | 80 | 16 | 19 | 47 | 25 | 36 | 5 | 27 | 9 | 3 |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored) | 273 | 280 | 207 | 103 | 225 | 121 | 159 | 220 | 61 | 122 |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon) | | | | | | | | | | |
| sparrow sp. | | | | 1 | | | | 3 | | |
| Summer Tanager | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Tanager | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Cardinal | 217 | 158 | 131 | 138 | 116 | 109 | 42 | 290 | 68 | 91 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 194 | 2 | 1 | 16 | | 11 | CW | 94 | 5 | |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 4 | | | | | 6 | | | 30 | |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rusty Blackbird | | | | | | | CW | 3 | 2 | |
| Brewer's Blackbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rusty/Brewer's Blackbird | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Common Grackle | 284 | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 61 | 133 | 1 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 211 | 38 | | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 30 | 62 | 10 |
| blackbird sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS | 7,324 | 3,397 | 9,210 | 3,132 | 3,894 | 4,219 | 3,218 | 11,098 | 2,503 | 6,813 |
| TOTAL SPECIES | 73 | 57 | 74 | 59 | 52 | 60 | 43 | 78 | 63 | 57 |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| Burton (OHBU) | Cadiz (OHCA) | Caesar Creek-Spring Valley (OHCS) | Carey (OHCY) | Chandlersville (OHCH) | Cincinnati (OHCI) | Clark County (OHCC) | Cleveland (OHCL) | Columbus (OHCO) | Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF) | Dayton (OHDA) | Delaware Reservoir (OHDR) | East Fork Lake S.P. (OHEF) |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 15-Dec | 31-Dec | 23-Dec | 26-Dec | 16-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 18-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 2-Jan |
| 6 | | 10 | | 3 | 31 | 5 | | 13 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 10 |
| 1 | 3 | 35 | | 5 | 109 | 6 | | 16 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 27 |
| 369 | 241 | 151 | 1,101 | 147 | 254 | 57 | 106 | 219 | 665 | 13 | 814 | 25 |
| | | | | | 15 | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| | | 4 | | | 15 | 1 | | 3 | | | 10 | 50 |
| | CW | | | | | | | | | | | CW |
| | | 12 | | | 16 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 1 |
| 49 | 107 | 33 | 18 | 65 | 373 | 46 | 53 | 98 | 164 | 66 | 64 | 83 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 6 | 115 | 2 | 5 | 13 | | 2 | 2 | 10 | | | 7 |
| 4 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 97 | 6 | | 10 | 11 | | 14 | 8 |
| 16 | 30 | 270 | 22 | 27 | 389 | 113 | 65 | 391 | 189 | 100 | 37 | 84 |
| 278 | 331 | 479 | 98 | 213 | 239 | 118 | 431 | 409 | 615 | 84 | 513 | 151 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 236 | 213 | 506 | 249 | 132 | 843 | 164 | 131 | 455 | 716 | 159 | 239 | 186 |
| | 78 | 52 | 56 | 22 | 712 | CW | | 68 | 565 | | 1 | 2 |
| | CW | 2 | | 4 | 5 | | | | 1 | | | 5 |
| | | 15 | 43 | | 200 | | | 3 | 9 | | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 51 | 100 | 3 | | 9,207 | 5 | 72 | 96 | 34 | | 59 | 130 |
| 1 | 46 | 36 | 28 | 13 | 81 | | | 50 | 45 | 1 | 13 | |
| | | | | | 2,000 | | | | | | 1 | |
| 8,194 | 5,592 | 7,824 | 37,396 | 6,895 | 50,317 | 19,265 | 22,014 | 21,317 | 32,106 | 6,697 | 11,695 | 10,455 |
| 56 | 66 | 97 | 51 | 74 | 89 | 70 | 78 | 86 | 88 | 65 | 70 | 75 |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| COUNT CIRCLE | Elyria-Lorain (OHEL) | Fayette County (OHFC) | Firelands (OHFI) | Fremont (OHFR) | Goli Woods (OHGW) | Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL) | Grand Rapids-Waterville (OHGR) | Greene County (OHGC) | Greenville (OHGV) | Gypsum (OHGY) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| CIRCLE NUMBER | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 |
| COUNT DATE | 17-Dec | 14-Dec | 17-Dec | 28-Dec | 17-Dec | 17-Dec | 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 18-Dec | 2-Jan |
| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | | | | 6 | | | | | | |
| Domestic goose sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Snow Goose | | | | 20 | | | | | | 13 |
| Ross's Goose | CW | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Snow/Ross's Goose | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brant | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cackling Goose | | | | 5 | | | | | | CW |
| Canada Goose | 2,147 | 138 | 1,106 | 8,984 | 340 | 1,911 | 1,221 | 1,724 | 300 | 8,725 |
| Mute Swan | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Trumpeter Swan | | | | 24 | | | | | | 14 |
| Tundra Swan | | | 188 | 1,260 | | | | | | 698 |
| Wood Duck | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| Gadwall | 4 | | 48 | 13 | | | | 8 | | 206 |
| American Wigeon | | | 2 | | | | | | | 106 |
| American Black Duck | 4 | | 2 | 30 | CW | 2 | 4 | | | 88 |
| Mallard | 223 | 162 | 524 | 899 | CW | 457 | 370 | 143 | 95 | 1,635 |
| Mallard (Domestic type) | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Black Duck x Mallard | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue-winged Teal | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Shoveler | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | 118 |
| Northern Pintail | | | | 9 | | 4 | 4 | 1 | | 3 |
| Green-winged Teal | | | | | | | 1 | | | CW |
| Canvasback | 2 | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Redhead | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | 59 |
| Ring-necked Duck | | | | | | | | | | 83 |
| Greater Scaup | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Lesser Scaup | 15 | | 100 | 6 | | | | | | 1,582 |
| Greater/Lesser Scaup | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harlequin Duck | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surf Scoter | | | | | | | | | | |
| White-winged Scoter | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Black Scoter | | | | | | | | | | |
| Long-tailed Duck | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Bufflehead | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | 29 |
| Common Goldeneye | 24 | | | | | | CW | | | 832 |
| Hooded Merganser | 10 | | 24 | 1 | | | 3 | | | 3 |
| Common Merganser | | | | | | | CW | | | 371 |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 5,524 | | 37 | | | | | | | 43 |
| merganser sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ruddy Duck | 11 | 60 | 21 | | | | | | | 6 |
| duck sp. | | | | | | 10 | | | | |
| waterfowl sp. | | | | | | | | | | 2,024 |
| Northern Bobwhite | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | | | | 1 | | 2 | | | | |
| Ruffed Grouse | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wild Turkey | 42 | | 60 | 1 | | | 118 | | | 8 |
| Pied-billed Grebe | 6 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Horned Grebe | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Red-necked Grebe | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rock Pigeon | 494 | | 72 | 513 | 169 | 49 | 180 | 23 | 331 | 81 |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove | | | | | | | | | | 3 |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| COUNT CIRCLE | Elyria-Lorain (OHEL) | Fayette County (OHFC) | Firelands (OHFI) | Fremont (OHFR) | Goli Woods (OHGW) | Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL) | Grand Rapids-Waterville (OHGR) | Greene County (OHGC) | Greenville (OHGV) | Gypsum (OHGY) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| CIRCLE NUMBER | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 |
| COUNT DATE | 17-Dec | 14-Dec | 17-Dec | 28-Dec | 17-Dec | 17-Dec | 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 18-Dec | 2-Jan |
| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mourning Dove | 334 | 19 | 135 | 37 | 190 | 9 | 300 | 79 | 119 | 84 |
| American Coot | 49 | | 43 | 1 | | | 7 | | | 3 |
| Sandhill Crane | | | | | 215 | 20 | | 34 | CW | |
| Killdeer | | | 1 | | | | | | | CW |
| Spotted Sandpiper | | | | | | | | | | |
| Least Sandpiper | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilson's Snipe | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Woodcock | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bonaparte's Gull | 12 | 50 | | 4 | | | | | | 26 |
| Ring-billed Gull | 2,864 | 46 | 5,543 | 10,491 | CW | 104 | 93 | | | 18,930 |
| Herring Gull | 27 | | 121 | 258 | CW | 6 | 298 | | | 983 |
| Thayer's Gull | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iceland Gull | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | | | | | | | 2 | | | 3 |
| Great Black-backed Gull | 3 | | 5 | | | | | | | 161 |
| gull sp. | | | | | | 28 | | | | |
| tern sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-throated Loon | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Loon | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Double-crested Cormorant | | 1 | | | | | | | | 25 |
| American White Pelican | | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Blue Heron | 5 | 24 | 39 | 103 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 58 |
| Great Egret | | | | 1 | | | | | | 2 |
| Green Heron | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Black Vulture | | | | | | | | 61 | | |
| Turkey Vulture | | | | | | | 1 | 22 | | CW |
| Bald Eagle | 5 | 2 | 26 | 37 | 3 | 8 | 15 | | | 211 |
| Northern Harrier | 2 | 1 | 1 | 14 | | 9 | 2 | | 5 | 10 |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Cooper's Hawk | 7 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 18 | 7 |
| Accipiter sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | 10 | | | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 2 | | |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 22 | 3 | 12 | 65 | 13 | 20 | 46 | 20 | 16 | 41 |
| Rough-legged Hawk | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 |
| Golden Eagle | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buteo sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| hawk sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barn Owl | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | | | 7 | 1 | 3 | | 16 | 1 | 4 | 15 |
| Great Horned Owl | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | 8 |
| Snowy Owl | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barred Owl | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Long-eared Owl | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| Short-eared Owl | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | | | | | | | | | | |
| owl sp. | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | |
| Belted Kingfisher | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | 3 | | 1 | | 2 | | 17 | | 1 | 2 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 71 | 1 | 21 | 42 | 22 | 6 | 75 | 38 | 22 | 51 |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF) | Hocking Hills (OHFH) | Hoover Reservoir (OHHR) | Indian Lake (OHL) | Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP) | Kingston (OHKI) | Lake Erie Islands (OHLE) | Lakewood (OHLK) | Lancaster (OHLN) | Mansfield (OHMA) | Mentor (OHMT) | Millersburg (OHMI) | Monican State Forest (OHMO) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 |
| 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 1-Jan | 1-Jan | 18-Dec | 30-Dec | 31-Dec | 18-Dec | 31-Dec | 30-Dec | 31-Dec |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 191 | 182 | 61 | 322 | 43 | 704 | 46 | 126 | 208 | 239 | 74 | 1,035 | 140 |
| 1 | | 302 | | | | 11 | 17 | 8 | 1 | | 1 | |
| 90 | 44 | 14 | | 20 | 17 | 83 | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | |
| 3 | 10 | 2 | | | | 2 | | | 2 | | 11 | 12 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 3 | 1 |
| | | 21 | | | | 125 | 1 | | | 25 | | |
| 80 | 75 | 142 | 314 | 3 | 3 | 489 | 5,609 | | | 4,310 | 1 | 4 |
| 1 | | 4 | | | | 409 | 805 | | | 1,400 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 3 | | | 2 | | |
| | | | | | | 12 | 30 | | | 14 | | |
| | | | | | | 151 | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | | | | 3 | | | | | | |
| 1 | | 1 | | | | 6 | 3 | | | 8 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | 2 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 53 | | | | 19 | | | 11 | 29 | | 194 | 10 |
| | 51 | | | | 3 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 | | 187 | 1 |
| 2 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 36 | 3 | 30 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 47 |
| 6 | | | 22 | 77 | 12 | 19 | | 2 | | | 8 | 10 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 25 | 3 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 2 | | 2 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| 20 | 18 | 9 | 26 | 69 | 61 | 15 | 11 | 41 | 24 | 14 | 136 | 56 |
| | | | 1 | 6 | | 3 | 1 | | | | 5 | 14 |
| | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | 4 | | | 6 | | 1 | 6 |
| 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 3 | | | 6 | |
| | | | | | | CW | | | | | | |
| | 3 | 1 | 1 | CW | 2 | | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 12 | |
| | | | 3 | 18 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 3 | 1 | | | | | |
| 9 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | | 18 | 9 |
| | | 11 | 1 | 36 | 4 | | 9 | | | | 16 | 6 |
| 24 | 60 | 53 | 18 | 27 | 46 | 69 | 77 | 51 | 74 | 14 | 302 | 46 |
| 2 | | 3 | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 1 |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| COUNT CIRCLE | Elyria-Lorain (OHEL) | Fayette County (OHFC) | Firelands (OHFI) | Fremont (OHFR) | Goli Woods (OHGW) | Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL) | Grand Rapids-Waterville (OHGR) | Greene County (OHGC) | Greenville (OHGV) | Gypsum (OHGY) |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| CIRCLE NUMBER | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 |
| COUNT DATE | 17-Dec | 14-Dec | 17-Dec | 28-Dec | 17-Dec | 17-Dec | 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 18-Dec | 2-Jan |
| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Downy Woodpecker | 56 | 2 | 21 | 97 | 29 | 24 | 112 | 60 | 53 | 92 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 9 | | CW | 8 | 4 | 2 | 26 | 10 | 10 | 2 |
| Northern Flicker | 13 | | 7 | 21 | 4 | 3 | 29 | 20 | 16 | 21 |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 4 | | CW | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 3 | |
| American Kestrel | 8 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 23 | 9 | 6 | 23 | 6 |
| Merlin | 1 | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Eastern Phoebe | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Shrike | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue Jay | 289 | 5 | 96 | 189 | 47 | 10 | 270 | 26 | 55 | 151 |
| American Crow | 85 | 11 | 15 | 245 | 29 | 4 | 273 | 200 | 38 | 62 |
| Common Raven | | | | | | | | | | |
| Horned Lark | 5 | 62 | 1 | 131 | 110 | 133 | 8 | 3 | 20 | 116 |
| Cave Swallow | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Carolina Chickadee | | 3 | | | | 1 | | 134 | 59 | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 122 | | 30 | 39 | 73 | | 305 | | | 71 |
| chickadee sp. | | | | | | 14 | | | | |
| Tufted Titmouse | 73 | | 12 | 21 | 27 | 6 | 179 | 78 | 34 | 21 |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 2 | | | 3 |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 52 | | 11 | 49 | 59 | 14 | 158 | 62 | 62 | 77 |
| Brown Creeper | | | | 15 | 7 | 3 | 19 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| House Wren | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Winter Wren | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 3 |
| Marsh Wren | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carolina Wren | 8 | 1 | 6 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 38 | 26 | 12 |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | 2 | | CW | 22 | 8 | | 45 | 20 | 2 | 39 |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 |
| kinglet sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Bluebird | 27 | | 9 | 122 | 3 | 5 | 101 | 21 | 5 | 29 |
| Hermit Thrush | | | | | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| American Robin | 381 | 1 | 220 | 553 | 2 | 10 | 226 | 479 | 25 | 801 |
| Gray Catbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brown Thrasher | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Northern Mockingbird | | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | | | |
| European Starling | 1,221 | 153 | 2,415 | 2,618 | 1,650 | 3,549 | 5,318 | 866 | 2,218 | 3,434 |
| Cedar Waxwing | 26 | | 120 | 1 | | 14 | 146 | | | 10 |
| House Sparrow | 389 | 15 | 94 | 1,097 | 495 | 826 | 502 | 64 | 464 | 1,005 |
| American Pipit | | | | | | | | | | |
| House Finch | 67 | 40 | 7 | 287 | 31 | 60 | 429 | 22 | 30 | 99 |
| Purple Finch | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | |
| White-winged Crossbill | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Redpoll | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Pine Siskin | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Goldfinch | 78 | | 19 | 337 | 35 | 25 | 200 | 65 | 48 | 154 |
| Evening Grosbeak | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lapland Longspur | | | | | | | 11 | | | |
| Snow Bunting | | | | | 200 | | 7 | | | 28 |
| Ovenbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Yellowthroat | | | | | | | | | | |
| Palm Warbler | | | | | | | | | | |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF) | Hocking Hills (OHHi) | Hoover Reservoir (OHHR) | Indian Lake (OHL) | Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP) | Kingston (OHKI) | Lake Erie Islands (OHLE) | Lakewood (OHLK) | Lancaster (OHLN) | Mansfield (OHMA) | Mentor (OHMT) | Millersburg (OHMI) | Monican State Forest (OHMO) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 |
| 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 1-Jan | 1-Jan | 18-Dec | 30-Dec | 31-Dec | 18-Dec | 31-Dec | 30-Dec | 31-Dec |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | 72 | 45 | 56 | 35 | 58 | 166 | 85 | 59 | 109 | 24 | 325 | 88 |
| 4 | 21 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 2 | 32 | 22 | 32 | 3 | 89 | 34 |
| 11 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 54 | 14 | 32 | 7 | 17 | 12 | 3 | 48 | 4 |
| 3 | 26 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | | 7 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 37 | 11 |
| 9 | 8 | CW | 38 | 39 | 38 | CW | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 18 |
| 1 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| 2 | | | | | | 1 | 4 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | 151 | 143 | 32 | 99 | 150 | 72 | 248 | 124 | 203 | 80 | 393 | 230 |
| 66 | 765 | 192 | 50 | 117 | 601 | 242 | 66 | 320 | 20,000 | 240 | 300 | 1,170 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 81 | | | 215 | 161 | 27 | 86 | | 21 | 16 | | 445 | 71 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 144 | 206 | 142 | 14 | | 152 | | | 159 | 53 | | 492 | 106 |
| | | | | | | 373 | 175 | | 3 | 115 | 6 | 11 |
| | | | 18 | 42 | | | | | 152 | | | 7 |
| 75 | 152 | 88 | 34 | 37 | 89 | CW | 79 | 125 | 165 | 58 | 417 | 98 |
| | 13 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 1 | |
| 21 | 87 | 59 | 53 | 38 | 64 | 75 | 82 | 64 | 128 | 31 | 365 | 106 |
| 17 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 16 | 20 | | 4 | 4 | | 18 | 12 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | 4 | CW | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 69 | 40 | 27 | 13 | 12 | 36 | 35 | 7 | 24 | 24 | 1 | 210 | 25 |
| 15 | 37 | | | 2 | 25 | 19 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 26 | 7 |
| 4 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 12 | | | | | | |
| 9 | 34 | 27 | 2 | 26 | 83 | 3 | 28 | 68 | 91 | 53 | 436 | 83 |
| | 1 | | | 2 | 37 | | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| 368 | 6 | 205 | 17 | 122 | 16 | 114 | 505 | 7 | 7 | 2,871 | 15 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 20 | | | 6 | 1 | 1 | 96 | 6 |
| 3,938 | 143 | 701 | 2,450 | 1,812 | 3,748 | 7,356 | 1,086 | 1,163 | 269 | 1,924 | 2,220 | 1,093 |
| 3 | | 95 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 30 | 9 | | 5 | 11 | 16 | 42 |
| 61 | 31 | 175 | 373 | 330 | 118 | 620 | 762 | 179 | 566 | 181 | 1,725 | 326 |
| 16 | | 7 | | | 1 | 108 | | 18 | | | 48 | |
| 100 | 23 | 70 | 91 | 21 | 100 | 227 | 80 | 94 | 141 | 34 | 466 | 133 |
| 1 | | | | | | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | |
| | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | |
| 97 | 259 | 100 | 25 | 63 | 48 | 147 | 111 | 138 | 238 | 42 | 419 | 144 |
| | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 1 | | | 148 | 7 | 5 | 8 | | | | | 2 | |
| | | | | | | 151 | | | 5 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | CW | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| COUNT CIRCLE | Elyria-Lorain (OHEL) | Fayette County (OHFC) | Firelands (OHFI) | Fremont (OHFR) | Goli Woods (OHGW) | Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL) | Grand Rapids-Waterville (OHGR) | Greene County (OHGC) | Greenville (OHGV) | Gypsum (OHGY) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| CIRCLE NUMBER | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 |
| COUNT DATE | 17-Dec | 14-Dec | 17-Dec | 28-Dec | 17-Dec | 17-Dec | 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 18-Dec | 2-Jan |
| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | | | | 3 | | | 3 | | | 26 |
| Eastern Towhee | | | | | | | | 8 | | |
| American Tree Sparrow | 281 | 3 | 113 | 342 | 70 | 180 | 218 | 29 | 28 | 310 |
| Chipping Sparrow | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Field Sparrow | | | 1 | | | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 | |
| Savannah Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fox Sparrow | CW | | | | | | 2 | | 1 | 1 |
| Song Sparrow | 21 | 1 | 1 | 59 | 31 | 25 | 33 | 30 | 18 | 31 |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swamp Sparrow | 1 | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | 3 |
| White-crowned Sparrow | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| White-throated Sparrow | 15 | | 17 | 60 | 2 | | 43 | 37 | 22 | 73 |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored) | 219 | 4 | 80 | 356 | 145 | 44 | 612 | 45 | 39 | 204 |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon) | | | | | | | | | | |
| sparrow sp. | | 142 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Summer Tanager | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Tanager | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Cardinal | 180 | 4 | 61 | 163 | 35 | 24 | 224 | 89 | 89 | 171 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 2 | | 1 | 204 | | | | | | 246 |
| Eastern Meadowlark | | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rusty Blackbird | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Brewer's Blackbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rusty/Brewer's Blackbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Grackle | | 75 | CW | 761 | | | 1 | | | 5 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 3 | | 5 | 405 | 2 | 2 | 4 | | 6 | 80 |
| blackbird sp. | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS | 15,576 | 1,040 | 11,516 | 31,103 | 4,088 | 7,678 | 12,383 | 4,602 | 4,331 | 44,796 |
| TOTAL SPECIES | 70 | 33 | 59 | 73 | 48 | 49 | 71 | 51 | 45 | 91 |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF) | Hocking Hills (OHFH) | Hoover Reservoir (OHHR) | Indian Lake (OHL) | Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP) | Kingston (OHKI) | Lake Erie Islands (OHLE) | Lakewood (OHLK) | Lancaster (OHLN) | Mansfield (OHMA) | Mentor (OHMT) | Millersburg (OHMI) | Monican State Forest (OHMO) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 |
| 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 1-Jan | 1-Jan | 18-Dec | 30-Dec | 31-Dec | 18-Dec | 31-Dec | 30-Dec | 31-Dec |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | 6 | 1 | | 4 | 38 | 2 | | 4 | | 5 | |
| 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | | 3 | 2 | | | | | 24 | 2 |
| 269 | 16 | 199 | 157 | 1,324 | 36 | 531 | 77 | 42 | 85 | 67 | 825 | 187 |
| | | | | | | | | 1 | | | CW | |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | | 13 | 2 |
| | | | | 4 | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 3 | | | | 2 | | CW | CW | 2 | 2 | | 3 | |
| 112 | 55 | 141 | 30 | 74 | 64 | 33 | 42 | 102 | 54 | 2 | 935 | 53 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | | 9 | 3 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 | | 28 | 1 |
| 59 | | 26 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 2 | | 9 | 9 | | 483 | 23 |
| 133 | 20 | 86 | 3 | 50 | 44 | 167 | 20 | 22 | 33 | 24 | 266 | 130 |
| 30 | 6 | 107 | 55 | 98 | 148 | 419 | 320 | 213 | 405 | 75 | 990 | 411 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 38 | | | 35 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 160 | 161 | 156 | 89 | 98 | 191 | 327 | 148 | 239 | 310 | 73 | 1,751 | 277 |
| 6 | 124 | | 1 | 153 | 39 | 288 | 36 | 8 | 3 | | 110 | 27 |
| 1 | | | 1 | 32 | 23 | | | | 1 | | 11 | 16 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 10 | 7 | | | 1 | | | 42 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 80 | 12 | | 2 | 23 | 71 | 3 | 6 | 30 | 65 | 139 | 6 |
| | 6 | 9 | 1 | | 34 | 368 | CW | 47 | 46 | 5 | 548 | 140 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9,389 | 3,825 | 5,227 | 10,165 | 9,607 | 7,271 | 33,774 | 18,386 | 4,612 | 25,381 | 13,928 | 20,768 | 6,989 |
| 80 | 63 | 79 | 63 | 63 | 65 | 91 | 80 | 72 | 69 | 60 | 85 | 65 |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| COUNT CIRCLE | O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS) | Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT) | Oxford (OHDX) | Paint Creek Area (OHPC) | Plymouth (OHPL) | Portage County (OHPT) | Portsmouth (OHPO) | Preble County (OHPR) | Quail Hollow-Harville (OHQH) | Ragersville (OHRA) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| CIRCLE NUMBER | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| COUNT DATE | 31-Dec | 1-Jan | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 31-Dec | 1-Jan | 16-Dec | 14-Dec | 17-Dec | 27-Dec |
| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | | CW | | | | | | | | |
| Domestic goose sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Snow Goose | 1 | 15 | | CW | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 |
| Ross's Goose | | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| Snow/Ross's Goose | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brant | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cackling Goose | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Canada Goose | 4,408 | 3,016 | 357 | 988 | 390 | 1,137 | 325 | 446 | 2,465 | 1,179 |
| Mute Swan | 3 | 5 | | | | 2 | | | 1 | |
| Trumpeter Swan | | 75 | | | | | | | | |
| Tundra Swan | | 3,013 | | | | | | | | |
| Wood Duck | 4 | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 |
| Gadwall | 10 | CW | | 12 | | | 3 | | 13 | |
| American Wigeon | 11 | 4 | | CW | | | | | | |
| American Black Duck | 11 | 30 | | 7 | 7 | 2 | 38 | | 22 | 4 |
| Mallard | 2,574 | 897 | 93 | 394 | 185 | 80 | 154 | 28 | 785 | 158 |
| Mallard (Domestic type) | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Black Duck x Mallard | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue-winged Teal | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Shoveler | | | 7 | 4 | | | 4 | | | |
| Northern Pintail | 1 | 5 | | CW | 1 | | | | | |
| Green-winged Teal | | | | | | | 13 | | | |
| Canvasback | | 1,116 | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Redhead | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | 3 | | 1 | |
| Ring-necked Duck | 25 | 2 | 18 | 6 | 8 | | | | | |
| Greater Scaup | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Lesser Scaup | 3 | 2,418 | 10 | 4 | | | | 3 | | |
| Greater/Lesser Scaup | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harlequin Duck | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surf Scoter | | | | | | | | | | |
| White-winged Scoter | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Black Scoter | | | | | | | | | CW | |
| Long-tailed Duck | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bufflehead | 10 | 3 | | CW | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| Common Goldeneye | 49 | 758 | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Hooded Merganser | 38 | 6 | | 54 | | 3 | 8 | | 3 | |
| Common Merganser | 11 | 1,829 | | 6 | | | | | | |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 2 | 171 | | | | | | | | |
| merganser sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ruddy Duck | 1 | 1 | | 83 | | 15 | | 3 | 20 | |
| duck sp. | | 200 | | | | | | | | |
| waterfowl sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Bobwhite | | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ruffed Grouse | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Wild Turkey | 1 | | | 30 | | 5 | 32 | | | 143 |
| Pied-billed Grebe | 1 | 1 | 2 | 73 | | 2 | CW | 1 | 2 | |
| Horned Grebe | 2 | | | 35 | | | | | | |
| Red-necked Grebe | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rock Pigeon | 263 | 12 | 106 | 24 | 39 | 46 | 96 | 75 | 291 | 1,100 |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove | | | | | | | | | | |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| Rudolph (OHRLU) | Salem (OHSA) | Southern Cuyahoga (OHSC) | Tiffin (OHTI) | Toledo (OHTO) | Tri-Reservoir (OHTR) | Trumbull County (OHTC) | Wellington (OHWE) | Western Hamilton County (OHWH) | Wilmet (OHWI) | Wooster (OHWO) | Youngstown (OHYO) | TOTAL INDIVIDUALS |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 71 | 72 | 73 | |
| 17-Dec | 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 1-Jan | 18-Dec | 30-Dec | 18-Dec | 16-Dec | 26-Dec | 17-Dec | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 16 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | | | | 2 | | | | 13 | CW | 3 | | 175 |
| | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 9 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | 8 | | | | | CW | | | 16 |
| 1,744 | 1,646 | 699 | 1,326 | 14,334 | 1,982 | 1,614 | 2,784 | 1,145 | 2,660 | 5,350 | 93 | 144,682 |
| | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 62 |
| | | | | 24 | | 2 | 7 | | | 8 | | 231 |
| | | | 1 | 380 | 2 | | | 5 | CW | 128 | | 6,996 |
| | | 2 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 4 | | 54 |
| | 3 | | | | 11 | 10 | | 110 | | 32 | | 877 |
| | | | | | | | | 11 | | | | 198 |
| 1 | 33 | 10 | | 265 | 49 | | 3 | 44 | CW | 105 | | 1,389 |
| 437 | 187 | 440 | 148 | 4,670 | 279 | 57 | 166 | 774 | 108 | 2,149 | 184 | 33,333 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | 6 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| | | | | 24 | | | | 20 | | 4 | | 388 |
| 1 | | | | 2 | 2 | | | 26 | | 22 | | 112 |
| | | | | | | | | 21 | | | | 55 |
| | | | | 15 | | | | | | | | 1,265 |
| | | 4 | | 10 | | 50 | 1 | 26 | CW | | | 3,224 |
| | | 2 | | 22 | 6 | 10 | | 37 | | | | 785 |
| | | | | 1,002 | | | | | | | | 1,198 |
| | | | | 212 | | | | | | | | 8,037 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 5,161 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| | | | | 3 | 18 | 15 | | 2 | | | | 2,109 |
| | | | 1 | 45 | 14 | | | | | | | 4,258 |
| 1 | | 4 | | 15 | 25 | | 1 | | | | 6 | 1,269 |
| | | 1 | | 43 | 6 | | | | | 1 | | 2,565 |
| | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 21,943 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 353 |
| | | | | 23 | 2 | 5 | | 4 | | | | 926 |
| | | | | | 50 | | | | | | | 2,355 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,024 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 42 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | | 1 | 17 | | 11 | 88 | | 40 | 26 | 82 | 3 | 3,454 |
| | | 2 | | 11 | 4 | | | 2 | | | | 233 |
| | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 209 |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 3 |
| 29 | 135 | 106 | 271 | 493 | 98 | 92 | 85 | 959 | 1,398 | 284 | 62 | 16,921 |
| | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 5 |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| COUNT CIRCLE | O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS) | Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT) | Oxford (OHDX) | Paint Creek Area (OHPC) | Plymouth (OHPL) | Portage County (OHPT) | Portsmouth (OHPO) | Preble County (OHPR) | Quail Hollow-Harville (OHQH) | Ragersville (OHRA) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| CIRCLE NUMBER | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| COUNT DATE | 31-Dec | 1-Jan | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 31-Dec | 1-Jan | 16-Dec | 14-Dec | 17-Dec | 27-Dec |
| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mourning Dove | 123 | 94 | 191 | 182 | 86 | 154 | 283 | 250 | 673 | 1,818 |
| American Coot | 6 | | | 1,144 | | | | | 4 | |
| Sandhill Crane | 2 | 96 | 62 | 755 | | | 60 | CW | CW | |
| Killdeer | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Spotted Sandpiper | | | | | | | | | | |
| Least Sandpiper | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilson's Snipe | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| American Woodcock | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Bonaparte's Gull | CW | | | 46 | | | | | | |
| Ring-billed Gull | 1,303 | 10,552 | 23 | 737 | CW | 2 | 18 | 16 | 12 | 1,450 |
| Herring Gull | 1 | 488 | | 4 | CW | | | | 1 | 18 |
| Thayer's Gull | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iceland Gull | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Great Black-backed Gull | | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| gull sp. | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| tern sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red-throated Loon | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Loon | | | | 4 | | | | | | 1 |
| Double-crested Cormorant | | 1 | | 6 | | | | | | |
| American White Pelican | | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Blue Heron | 23 | 64 | 25 | 27 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 3 | 10 | 5 |
| Great Egret | | | | | | | | | | |
| Green Heron | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Black Vulture | | | 60 | 81 | | | | | | 195 |
| Turkey Vulture | | | 2 | 4 | | | 1 | | | 224 |
| Bald Eagle | 10 | 92 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 14 |
| Northern Harrier | 15 | 33 | 1 | 18 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 18 |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 4 | 7 |
| Cooper's Hawk | 18 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 41 |
| Accipiter sp. | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | | 3 | 1 | | 12 | 7 |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 55 | 61 | 14 | 17 | 8 | 23 | 22 | 6 | 56 | 265 |
| Rough-legged Hawk | 2 | 3 | | | 2 | | | | | 15 |
| Golden Eagle | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buteo sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| hawk sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barn Owl | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | | 7 | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Great Horned Owl | 2 | 8 | 3 | | 1 | | | | 2 | 9 |
| Snowy Owl | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barred Owl | CW | | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 8 |
| Long-eared Owl | | 6 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Short-eared Owl | | 5 | | 1 | | | | | | 3 |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| owl sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belted Kingfisher | 2 | | 2 | 6 | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 18 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | CW | 7 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | 23 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 88 | 43 | 34 | 29 | 5 | 37 | 23 | 8 | 75 | 391 |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 4 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | |

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| 17-Dec | 31-Dec | 31-Dec | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 1-Jan | 18-Dec | 30-Dec | 18-Dec | 16-Dec | 26-Dec | 17-Dec | |
| 230 | 164 | 111 | 195 | 211 | 121 | 256 | 105 | 290 | 1,302 | 516 | 36 | 17,079 |
| | | | | 36 | | 2,110 | 25 | 6 | | | | 4,117 |
| | | | | 120 | | | | 1,958 | | 77 | | 4,541 |
| | | | 4 | CW | | | | 2 | 19 | 2 | | 128 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | 2 | 20 | 1 | | 33 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | 127 | 7 | | | | | | | 737 |
| | 2 | 114 | | 23,518 | 859 | 47 | 1 | 1,439 | 6 | 40 | 12 | 100,908 |
| 35 | | 6 | | 5,096 | 43 | | | 5 | | | | 10,968 |
| | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | 39 | | | | | | | | 52 |
| | | | | 7 | | | | | | | | 290 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 199 |
| | | | | CW | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | 1 | | | | CW | | | 14 |
| | | 159 | | 8 | | | | | | | | 308 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 36 |
| 1 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 81 | 1 | | | 8 | 16 | 18 | CW | 869 |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | | 1 | | 15 | | | | | | | | 30 |
| | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | 1,586 |
| 1 | | 35 | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | | 974 |
| 4 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 57 | 15 | 27 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 9 | 5 | 974 |
| 12 | 6 | | 3 | 18 | CW | 2 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 13 | | 472 |
| 1 | | | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 2 | | 124 |
| 7 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 14 | 26 | 12 | 1 | 523 |
| | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 4 |
| | 6 | 3 | | 1 | 50 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 9 | | | 432 |
| 32 | 46 | 41 | 32 | 56 | 55 | 21 | 22 | 39 | 228 | 56 | 6 | 2,772 |
| | | | | 4 | | | 1 | CW | 16 | 9 | | 103 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 4 |
| 7 | | | 9 | 29 | | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | | 158 |
| 1 | | | 1 | 14 | | CW | | 1 | 8 | | 1 | 132 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | | 2 | CW | | 1 | CW | | 5 | 11 | 5 | CW | 98 |
| | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | 14 |
| | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 41 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| | 2 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 3 | | | 8 | 17 | 9 | 1 | 313 |
| | 1 | 2 | | | 16 | 6 | | 5 | 25 | 11 | | 325 |
| 20 | 28 | 53 | 28 | 59 | 63 | 35 | 3 | 136 | 359 | 126 | 13 | 4,359 |
| | | | | | | | | 4 | 1 | | | 68 |

117TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

| COUNT CIRCLE | O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS) | Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT) | Oxford (OHDX) | Paint Creek Area (OHPC) | Plymouth (OHPL) | Portage County (OHPT) | Portsmouth (OHPO) | Preble County (OHPR) | Quail Hollow-Harville (OHQH) | Ragersville (OHRA) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| CIRCLE NUMBER | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| COUNT DATE | 31-Dec | 1-Jan | 17-Dec | 18-Dec | 31-Dec | 1-Jan | 16-Dec | 14-Dec | 17-Dec | 27-Dec |
| SPECIES OR OTHER TAXUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Downy Woodpecker | 107 | 80 | 51 | 25 | 11 | 50 | 32 | 10 | 92 | 400 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 20 | 12 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 159 |
| Northern Flicker | 61 | 12 | 15 | 22 | CW | 5 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 63 |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 2 | | 7 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 14 | | 3 | 80 |
| American Kestrel | 24 | 23 | 5 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 56 |
| Merlin | CW | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Peregrine Falcon | | CW | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Phoebe | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Northern Shrike | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Blue Jay | 193 | 212 | 26 | 71 | 21 | 120 | 93 | 12 | 422 | 631 |
| American Crow | 403 | 1 | 64 | 364 | 587 | 150 | 242 | 11 | 301 | 9,982 |
| Common Raven | | | | | | | | | | |
| Horned Lark | 61 | 27 | 51 | 25 | 122 | 2 | 5 | 159 | 54 | 290 |
| Cave Swallow | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carolina Chickadee | 184 | | 120 | 50 | | | 120 | 33 | 1 | 835 |
| Black-capped Chickadee | | 38 | | | 11 | 138 | | | 270 | 39 |
| chickadee sp. | | | | | | | | | 35 | |
| Tufted Titmouse | 104 | 24 | 78 | 46 | 9 | 42 | 134 | 11 | 118 | 637 |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | 12 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | 10 | | 8 | 1 |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 95 | 36 | 46 | 23 | 10 | 42 | 65 | 13 | 80 | 562 |
| Brown Creeper | 16 | 6 | 5 | 5 | CW | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 21 |
| House Wren | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Winter Wren | CW | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Marsh Wren | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carolina Wren | 31 | 8 | 30 | 19 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 10 | 20 | 260 |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | 6 | | 8 | 13 | | | 5 | | 6 | 40 |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| kinglet sp. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Bluebird | 219 | 20 | 31 | 15 | 8 | 33 | 18 | | 88 | 938 |
| Hermit Thrush | 1 | 1 | 5 | | | | 2 | | | 1 |
| American Robin | 219 | 42 | 123 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 13 | 14 | 80 |
| Gray Catbird | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Brown Thrasher | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Mockingbird | 5 | | 1 | 4 | CW | | 6 | | 6 | 112 |
| European Starling | 6,738 | 1,279 | 1,354 | 532 | 1,393 | 370 | 1,498 | 126 | 1,541 | 5,709 |
| Cedar Waxwing | 83 | | 7 | 20 | | 1 | | | 47 | 36 |
| House Sparrow | 635 | 785 | 92 | 26 | 55 | 68 | 130 | 21 | 938 | 1,879 |
| American Pipit | | 1 | | | | | | | | 30 |
| House Finch | 603 | 90 | 64 | 53 | 20 | 26 | 18 | 35 | 218 | 990 |
| Purple Finch | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 3 | 1 | |
| White-winged Crossbill | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Redpoll | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Siskin | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Goldfinch | 187 | 277 | 144 | 87 | 19 | 42 | 73 | 30 | 330 | 565 |
| Evening Grosbeak | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lapland Longspur | 5 | 1 | | | 20 | | | | | 5 |
| Snow Bunting | | 84 | | | | | | | | |
| Ovenbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Yellowthroat | | | | | | | | | | |
| Palm Warbler | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 46 | 43 | 62 | 46 | 122 | 113 | 55 | 28 | 112 | 505 | 337 | 10 | 5,845 |
| 8 | 10 | 22 | 5 | 18 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 18 | 124 | 43 | 2 | 1,243 |
| 7 | 4 | | 4 | 8 | 14 | | 4 | 47 | 68 | 69 | CW | 1,207 |
| | 9 | 11 | 3 | | 9 | 11 | | 10 | 63 | 15 | 1 | 597 |
| 25 | 18 | 1 | 12 | 16 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 55 | 32 | | 983 |
| | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 38 |
| 2 | | 1 | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | 26 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 14 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 38 | 132 | 116 | 123 | 160 | 286 | 182 | 38 | 235 | 682 | 339 | 39 | 11,618 |
| 166 | 2,167 | 103 | 826 | 43 | 248 | 49 | 53 | 3,102 | 1,022 | 297 | 5,113 | 76,417 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| 49 | 95 | | 143 | 118 | | 93 | 283 | 397 | 1,494 | 31 | | 7,815 |
| | 3 | | | | | | | 414 | 316 | 198 | | 1 |
| 2 | 114 | 229 | 84 | 128 | 307 | 159 | 33 | | 85 | 72 | 41 | 4,592 |
| | | | | | | | | | 53 | 63 | | 519 |
| 36 | 69 | 93 | 58 | 30 | 127 | 146 | 24 | 141 | 452 | 127 | 17 | 6,757 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 234 |
| 65 | 56 | 78 | 41 | 81 | 110 | 93 | 32 | 81 | 407 | 134 | 14 | 5,458 |
| 5 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 12 | 27 | 22 | | 476 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| | | 3 | | 6 | | | | | 1 | 4 | | 79 |
| | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| 7 | 16 | 24 | 11 | 10 | 15 | 3 | | 115 | 138 | 103 | 4 | 2,576 |
| 17 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 9 | | 19 | 36 | 43 | | 824 |
| | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | 21 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 |
| 21 | 55 | 76 | 14 | 3 | 110 | 41 | 16 | 39 | 560 | 124 | 7 | 4,944 |
| | | | | 2 | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 99 |
| 52 | 2 | 177 | 7 | 1,267 | 3 | 5 | | 2,998 | 25 | 73 | 18 | 22,133 |
| | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 10 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 11 |
| 1 | 7 | 1 | | 12 | 2 | | | 31 | 203 | 21 | | 731 |
| 3,276 | 2,235 | 402 | 1,039 | 5,634 | 1,518 | 428 | 2,034 | 63,636 | 6,877 | 2,300 | 5 | 237,548 |
| | | | | 14 | 4 | | | 1 | 50 | 68 | 4 | 1,969 |
| 379 | 555 | 159 | 1,066 | 1,214 | 746 | 307 | 424 | 526 | 3,462 | 536 | 20 | 34,220 |
| | | | | | 1 | | | 40 | 1 | | | 312 |
| 66 | 72 | 46 | 68 | 210 | 109 | 67 | 40 | 256 | 787 | 123 | 22 | 8,926 |
| | 1 | | | | 2 | 5 | | 8 | | 2 | | 150 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 3 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 22 |
| 21 | 89 | 104 | 71 | 168 | 104 | 100 | 32 | 248 | 668 | 209 | 27 | 10,134 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 461 | | | | 7 | | 1 | 15 | 60 | 2 | 1 | | 1,771 |
| 127 | | | | 106 | 5 | 5 | | | 7 | | | 1,058 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
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| Yellow-rumped Warbler | 12 | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Eastern Towhee | 2 | | 3 | 11 | | | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| American Tree Sparrow | 101 | 653 | 56 | 26 | 13 | 123 | | 63 | 419 | 1,306 |
| Chipping Sparrow | 2 | | | | | | 21 | 2 | | 2 |
| Field Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | 43 |
| Savannah Sparrow | | | 1 | | | | | | | 25 |
| Fox Sparrow | 15 | | 4 | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | 2 |
| Song Sparrow | 34 | 60 | 91 | 27 | 4 | 26 | 28 | 28 | 131 | 1,181 |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swamp Sparrow | 1 | 32 | 5 | 4 | CW | | 1 | | 13 | 12 |
| White-crowned Sparrow | 4 | 2 | 2 | 34 | CW | | 8 | 5 | 12 | 961 |
| White-throated Sparrow | 106 | 13 | 178 | 47 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 159 | 289 |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored) | 337 | 168 | 105 | 256 | 52 | 76 | 338 | 12 | 384 | 1,463 |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon) sparrow sp. | | | | | | | | | 10 | |
| Summer Tanager | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Tanager | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Cardinal | 276 | 189 | 181 | 211 | 27 | 78 | 199 | 26 | 454 | 1,862 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 18 | 198 | | 24 | | 3 | 228 | | 76 | 191 |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 1 | 3 | 4 | 13 | | | | | | 10 |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rusty Blackbird | | | 1 | | | | 21 | | 15 | 2 |
| Brewer's Blackbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rusty/Brewer's Blackbird | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Grackle | 2 | 1 | | 471 | 4 | 6 | 4,120 | | 9 | 187 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 11 | 76 | 1 | 150 | | 9 | 15 | 1 | 74 | 252 |
| blackbird sp. | | | | | | | | | 69 | 298 |
| TOTAL INDIVIDUALS | 20,027 | 29,619 | 3,992 | 7,519 | 3,154 | 2,989 | 8,639 | 1,502 | 10,940 | 39,628 |
| TOTAL SPECIES | 79 | 80 | 65 | 78 | 45 | 53 | 64 | 46 | 70 | 82 |

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| | | 2 | | | 3 | | | 7 | 2 | 13 | | 249 |
| | | | | | | | | 35 | 19 | 11 | | 381 |
| 73 | 117 | 138 | 355 | 341 | 174 | 306 | 190 | 342 | 948 | 1,307 | 36 | 17,537 |
| | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 50 |
| | | | | | | | | 6 | 11 | 7 | | 304 |
| | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | 36 |
| | 1 | 4 | | 7 | | | | 9 | 6 | 5 | | 116 |
| 10 | 33 | 49 | 30 | 68 | 43 | 15 | 3 | 275 | 858 | 286 | 12 | 6,873 |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 2 | | | 32 | 24 | 91 | | 549 |
| 1 | 5 | | 9 | 12 | | | 7 | 53 | 734 | 50 | | 2,901 |
| 5 | 9 | 33 | 1 | 147 | 12 | 11 | 1 | 269 | 270 | 133 | 5 | 4,973 |
| 98 | 150 | 98 | 329 | 367 | 373 | 224 | 144 | 476 | 1,145 | 143 | 26 | 17,519 |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 230 |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 42 | 156 | 84 | 187 | 255 | 258 | 225 | 56 | 525 | 1,618 | 403 | 50 | 17,971 |
| 1 | | 3 | 3 | 3,728 | | | 2 | 33 | 2,453 | 345 | | 10,433 |
| 2 | | | 1 | 3 | | | | 17 | 6 | | | 204 |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 3 | | | | 133 | | | | 4 | 92 | | | 609 |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | | 2,475 | 3 | | | 25 | 76,208 | 325 | | 95,369 |
| 21 | 2 | 3 | 96 | 1,850 | 6 | 48 | 10 | 4 | 296 | 142 | | 5,448 |
| | | | | | | | | | 31,076 | 714 | | 34,160 |
| 7,707 | 8,522 | 3,963 | 6,726 | 69,938 | 8,556 | 7,070 | 6,712 | 81,876 | 140,259 | 18,453 | 5,898 | 1,094,699 |
| 55 | 54 | 61 | 51 | 96 | 68 | 52 | 46 | 85 | 78 | 82 | 35 | 161 |

YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

10 years ago, the Winter 2006–07 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 30 No. 2 (Bill Whan, Editor) contained these items:
A warm Dec and first half of Jan were followed by the fourth-coldest Feb on record.
There were 64 CBCs.
The 3256 Trumpeter Swans found during the ONWR CBC beat this year's high of 3000.
Two King Eiders were documented.
Four American Bitterns and one Least Bittern were found well inland from the Lake Erie marshes.
Six jaegers were reported.
Seven warbler species lingered into winter.
The cover photo was of a Western Tanager in Grandview Heights, *Franklin*, and was noted as part of an invasion with at least 20 seen throughout the northeastern U.S. and Canada.

25 years ago, the Winter 1991–92 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 15 No. 2 (Rob Harlan, Editor) contained these items:
Dec was unusually warm.
There were 62 CBCs.
A Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was in *Lake* in Jan.
Double-crested Cormorant “has become an expected winter sight at L. Erie hot water outlets...”
Fairport Harbor, *Lake*, hosted 540 Great Black-backed Gulls on 01 Feb.
Loggerhead Shrikes were in *Adams* and *Brown*.
Re Northern Mockingbirds: “At least 10 were seen into December in the n.e. counties...”
A Black-throated Gray Warbler spent 25 Nov to at least 16 Feb at a *Brown* feeder.
A Yellow-throated Warbler spent from Jan into Mar in *Holmes*.
Five other warbler species were present.
A Green-tailed Towhee was documented in *Lorain*.

35 years ago, the *Ohio Cardinal* did not publish a Fall 1981 issue.

50 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* of Winter 1966, Vol. 62, No. 2 (Donald Newman, Editor), included these items:
One King Eider visited.
The Lorain-Elyria CBC on 26 Dec tallied 79,000 Ring-billed Gulls, 14,600 Herring Gulls, and 3700 Bonaparte's Gulls at Lorain (city) harbor.
An adult and an immature Bald Eagle were spotted at Lake Rockwell, *Portage*, from 28 Nov to 01 Dec.
Three Ruffed Grouse were at the Aurora Sanctuary, *Portage*, on 29 Jan.
Seven Northern Mockingbirds were reported in the Cleveland area.
A Baltimore Oriole spent 30 Dec to 14 Jan in Willoughby Hills, *Lake*.

100 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* 1917 Bulletin No. 1 (Francis H. Herrick, Editor), contained these items:
A flicker seen in Cleveland was “possibly resident, here for winter”.
American Crows were “first seen in early February”.
Blue Jays were “occasional in winter”.
Juncos were “seldom reported”.

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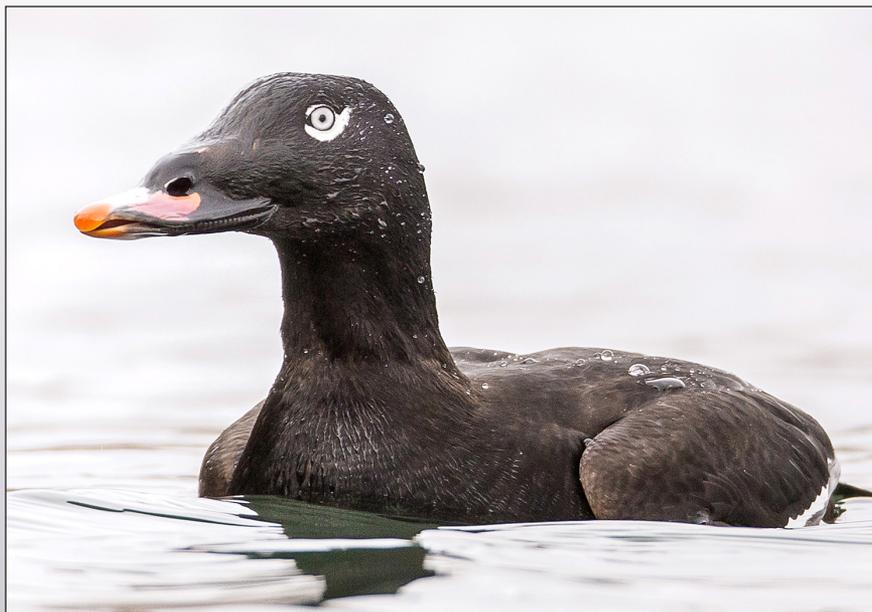
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The Counties of Ohio



This White-winged Scoter at Prairie Oaks MP, Franklin, seemed to enjoy having its photo taken. Dave Liggett captured this shot on 19 Jan.

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Back cover:

Sean Hollowell was fortunate to have this Pileated Woodpecker spend some time in his yard in Greene on 13 Jan.

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