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at Ottawa N.W.R. in May 1997.

## The Spring 1997 Season

by  
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A tale of two seasons. The record warmth of late winter 1996-97 continued into March 1997. Regular weather fronts brought wave after wave of migrants allowing for several record tallies of typical March migrants (e.g. Killdeer) while bringing some species in numbers earlier than usual such as the high March count of Sharp-shinned Hawks. This unusually warm pattern culminated in several days of record heat leading up to and including Easter weekend (5-7 April). Seventy, even 75 degree heat, accompanied by very strong southwest-erly winds, made for excellent overflight conditions; and not surprisingly these correlated with some extraordinarily early finds including state record early migrants (e.g. Swainson's Thrush, Yellow-throated Vireo, Prothonotary Warbler, and Prairie Warbler) and breeders (Pied-billed Grebe and Brown Creeper). But overnight that pattern was to change, with a cold snap that was to influence migration into May. It was not just that the weather was unseasonably cool, with periodic snow flurries permeating the weeks of gray skies, it was the persistent northerly airflow that shut down the usual weekly wave of migration. At first the slowdown was welcome, bringing the migration chronology back on track, but by 1 May, reporters from across the state saw the migration as 8-12 days behind the normal schedule.

The migration was anything but normal during this period and some of the most dramatic birding events of recent years took place. Not one but two species new to Ohio were found. The Boreal Owl in northeast Ohio is not readily explained and likely only coincidental with the turn in weather. There was a strong irruption of this species southwards into the Great Lakes region during the preceding winter, and the species is thought to move northwards from such events relatively late (based on Whitefish Pt. banding data). The Painted Bunting, on the other hand, likely would not have been detected but for the adverse weather. The species is known from a dozen records in nearby mid-western states, principally as a spring overshoot. Although the bird did not make itself known until 10 days after the last strong conditions for overflights, it is likely that such weather played a role in its appearance this spring. Its detection, and subsequent observation over 4 days, was associated with cold temperatures, wind, and precipitation, including snow flurries.

Regular frontal passages began once again in May, punctuated by cool, blustery weather which kept many insectivorous migrants low to the ground; a hardship for them and a visual delight for birders. Two songbird species in particular were brought to ground for longer than we've known in the past; both a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher and a Kirtland's Warbler, overlapping in time and space in the Magee Marsh/Ottawa N.W.R. marshes, allowed unprecedented field study.

Some semblance of normal spring weather was left for the latter third of May when, after being held up, a torrent of warblers and flycatchers were noted in several waves extending well into June. In the following pages, you will note additional records clearly associated with the weather, either early notations from prior to the April cold spell, or late departures of species in May, encompassing two very different spring migrations in a single season.

Reading this report : The taxonomic sequence follows the 7th ed. A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds (1998). In many instances a short synopsis gives some context to the observations. Specific notable sightings follow the synopsis. These are necessarily abbreviated. This layout is intended to both serve the birdwatcher in understanding the big picture with respect to a given species occurrence within the season, and at the same time highlight the individual efforts of Ohio field observers in a way convenient for querying the specifics of a record.

**Abbreviations :** | @ = to be read as either "at" or "at a location" | Ad. = adult(s) | Alt. = alternate | (b) = blue morph | BCSP = Buck Creek State Park | bldg. = building | BRA = Black River Audubon | BSBO = Black Swamp Bird Observatory | C.B. = Central Basin of Lake Erie | c.f. = compares favorably | CVNRA = Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area | f. = female | HBSP = Headlands Beach State Park | ID = identification | Imm. = immature(s) | I. = Island | L. = Lake | m.obs. = many observers | MMBT = Magee Marsh Bird Trail | MMOT = Magee Marsh observation tower | MMWA = Magee Marsh W.A. | MP. = Metropark | MW = Miami Whitewater wetlands | nr = near | NW, SW, C, SE, NE, = Northwest, Southwest, Central, etc. in reference to the state | O.B.R.C. = Ohio Bird Records Committee | Obs. = observations | O.D.N.R. = Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources | O.N.W.R. = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge | pl. = plumage | ph. = photographic record | P.P. = Power Plant | RBA = Rare Bird Alert | R. = River | Resv. = Reservoir | Res. = Reservoir | S.B. = Sandusky Bay | S.B.I. = South Bass Island | S.N.P. = State Nature Preserve | S.P. = State Park | W.B. = Western Basin of Lake Erie | W.A. = Wildlife Area | (w) = white morph | W.T.P. = Water Treatment Plant

**Interpretation :**  
 [P.L. / T.L.P.] = independent observations by parties P.L. and T.L.P.  
 [P.L., T.L.P.] = observation by joint party.  
 Magee Marsh W.A., **Ottawa Co.** = the observation is understood to pertain specifically to the Ottawa Co. portion of Magee Marsh W.A.  
 Magee Marsh W.A., **Ottawa/Lucas Co.** = observation may pertain to either portion of the wildlife area.  
 Underling = Ohio Bird Records Committee review species. Requires acceptable documentation for permanent record.



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**Red-throated Loon** *Two Reports* : 26 Mar., 1 @ Beaver Creek Res., Seneca Co. [H.T.B.]; 5 Apr., 1 @ Haul Rd. quarry, Franklin Co. [B.Ma., J.T., K.Ar., M.Da.]

**Common Loon** : Although spring migrants were first noted before the spring recording period most birds did not appear until a widespread incursion 15-17 March wherein 13 birds were reported from 9 locations. Lakeshore flights are not often reported and only two were noted this season 3 and 26 April. No less than 11 birds at five locations after 20 May heralded the remarkable numbers found summering throughout the state in 1997.

*Early* : 9 Mar., 1 @ MMWA/Ottawa/Lucas Co. [fide T.K.]  
*Maxima* : 30 Mar., 20 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 17 Apr., 30 @ L. Rockwell, Portage Co. [L.R.]; 26 Apr., 38 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [E.S., L.Y. et al.]  
*Late* : 27 May, 7 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [B.H.]; 26 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 24 May, 1 imm. @ Burr Oak S.P., Athens/Morgan Co. [L.B.]; 24 May, 1 @ Shalersville, Portage Co. [L.R.]; 22 May, 1 @ Paulding Res., Paulding Co. [DMD]



**Common Loon** : Whiskey I. Marina, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., 20 Apr. 1997 [ph. V.F.]

**Pied-billed Grebe** : Widespread arrival 6-7 March. A new early nesting record was established for Ohio when a chick was observed along the Magee Marsh W.A. causeway (Ottawa Co.) on 17 May [V.F.]. Unfortunately, the observation was short-lived as the chick was seen swallowed head first by an adult Herring Gull. The previous earliest record for a hatching was 18 May (Peterjohn and Rice, 1991, *Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas*).

*Maximum* : 16 Mar., 18 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]  
*Local Interest* : 14 May, 1 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [D.Fa.]; 27 May, 1 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [BH]; 30 May, 1 @ North Chagrin Resv., Cuyahoga Co. [K.Me.]

**Red-necked Grebe** *Two reports* : 5-6 Mar., 1 @ Dublin Rd. Quarry, Franklin Co. [B.Ma.]; 17 Mar., @ Newtown Gravel Pits, Hamilton Co. [D.Br. † / T.E. et al.]

**Western Grebe** *One report* (O.B.R.C. Accepted) : 22 Mar., 1 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [† M.A., † E.T., † R.J., et al.]

**Horned Grebe** : Widespread arrival 5-7 Mar. Normal spring flight although no less than 9 birds were found in May [m.obs.]

*Arrival* : 6 Mar., 40 @ Wellington Res., Lorain Co. [BAT]; 6 Mar., 19 @ New London Res., Huron Co. [V.F.]; 6 Mar., 16 @ Caesar Creek L., Warren Co. [L.G.]  
*Maxima* : 23 Mar., 100 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 30 Mar. - 4 Apr., 100 @ LaDue Res., Portage Co. [T.L.P. / L.R.]

*Late* : 12 May, 1 @ Alum Creek Res., Delaware Co. [B.Sh.]; 11 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 10 May, 1 @ MMW, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]; 9 May, 1 @ Hueston Woods S.P., Preble Co. [D.Br.]; 6 May, 3 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [B.H.]; 3 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]; 3 May, 1 @ Tuscarawas River Dam, Firestone Golfcourse, Summit Co. [fide KBC].

**Eared Grebe** : A very strong flight involving at least 10 birds from 8 March - 4 May.

*All reports* : 8 Mar., 1 @ Salt Fork L., Guemsey Co. [J.L.]; 16 - 22 Mar., 1 @ Newtown Gravel Pits, Hamilton Co. [F.R. / D.Br. † & T.E. / N.K. m.obs.]; 1-4 Apr., 1 @ Nimsila Res., Summit Co. [BAT / R.R. et al.]; 11 Apr., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 11 Apr., 1 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [T.K.]; 22-25 Apr., 1 @ Acton L., Preble Co. [M.Sc.]; 28 Apr., 1 @ Frank Rd. Quarry, Franklin Co. [B.Ma., R.Da., J.T.]; 30 Apr., 2 alt. pl. @ Cowan L., Clinton Co. [T.Fz.]; 4 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.C. / R.Hn.]

**American White Pelican** *One report* : 25 April, 1 soaring overhead @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [B.Sh.]

**Double-crested Cormorant** : Normal migration beginning 28 Mar. at Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [D.O.].

*Lakeshore Maxima* : 13 Apr., 381 @ Cleveland lakefront, Cuyahoga Co. [B.F.]; 20 Apr., 700 @ mouth of the Cuyahoga R., Cuyahoga Co. [V.F.]

*Inland Maxima* : 23 Apr., 550 @ L. Rockwell, Portage Co. [L.R.]; 10 Apr., 140 @ Meander Res., Mahoning/Trumbull Co. [DJHC]; 10 May, 49 @ Adams Co. [B.L. et al.]

*Inland late* : 30 May, 9 @ Atwood L., Tuscarawas/Carroll Co. [E.S.]; 26 May, 10 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]

**American Bittern** *Early* : 26 Mar., 1 @ Spring Valley W.A., Greene/Warren Co. [fide C.M.]; 1 Apr., 1 @ MMW, Hamilton Co. [J.G.]

*Maxima* : 27 Apr., 8 @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 11 May, 4 @ MMW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]

*Inland late* : 15 Apr. - 13 May, 1 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [K.A. / R.Ro.]; 30 May, 1 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [J.H.]

**Least Bittern** *Early* : 13 Apr., 1 @ MMW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]

*All reports* : 9-17 May, 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co., [B.Sh. / TMR, m.obs.]; 12 May, 1 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [B.Sh., S.Ws.]; 23-28 May, 1 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [J.H.]; 24 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [K.Me. et al.]

**Great Blue Heron** : Many rookeries were occupied prior to the spring recording period. Two new rookeries were reported from Trumbull Co. [DJHC]. The progression of nest occupancy at Little Portage W.A. was 22% by 4 Mar., 45% 17 Mar., and 66% by 4 April [V.F.]. The Pinery Narrows (CVNRA, Cuyahoga Co.) rookery was reported at 80 nests [DAC].

**Great Egret** : *Early* : 22 Mar., 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [C.J.]; 23 Mar., 2 @ Castalia, Erie Co. [J.P.]; 28 Mar., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Maxima away from W.B.* : 6, 27 Apr., 4 & 6 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 19 Apr., 4 @ Burr Oak S.P., Morgan/Athens Co. [L.B.]; 26 Apr., 3 @ Adams L., Adams Co. [M.Gr.]

*Late* : 30 May, 2 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [J.H.]; 27 May, 4 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [K.A.]; 26 May, 3 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]

**Snowy Egret** : *All Reports* : 20 Apr. - 3 May, 5-9 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F., N.B. / J.H. / m.obs.];

21 May, 3 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [J.H.]; 7 May, 1 @ Huntington Beach, Cuyahoga Co. [T.F.]

**Little Blue Heron** : *All Reports* : 9 - 13 May, 1 2nd yr. @ Cover Rd., Ottawa Co. [V.F. (ph.) † / m.obs.]; 13 - 22 May, 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [C.G.3 / DAC / C.D. / R.Ri., m.obs.]

**Tricolored Heron** *One O.B.R.C. accepted report* : 10 May, 1 @ Cover Rd., Ottawa Co. [N.M. †, M.Sz. et al.]

**Cattle Egret** : *All Reports* : 4 May, 1 @ Medusa Marsh, Erie Co. [J.P.]; 4 - 16 May, 2-1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [N.B.J C.H. / K.A.]; 5 May, 1 @ Magee Marsh W.A., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]

**Green Heron** *Arrival* : 12 Apr., 1 @ Lawrence Co. [V.F., S.C.]; 12 Apr., 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [T.Th.]

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Arrival* : 8 Mar., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 18 Mar., 20 @ St. Ignatius High School, Cuyahoga Co. [N.B.]

*Maximum* : 15 Apr., 85 @ Merwin St., Cuyahoga R., Cuyahoga Co. [P.L.]

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Arrival* : 1 Apr., 2 @ Green Lawn Bike Trail, Franklin Co. [P.R., M.Sk.]; 13 Apr., 4 @ Green Lawn Bike Trail, Franklin Co. [A.G.]; 24 Apr., 1 @ Massillon, Stark Co. [W.S.]

**White Ibis** *O.B.R.C. Accepted Record*; 7 May, 1 ad. @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [B.Sh. † & A.J. †]; This is only the 5th accepted record for Ohio.

**Black Vulture** : Only 26 birds reported: 9 Mar., 4 @ East Fork L. S.P., Clermont Co. [H.A. et al.]; 10-18 May, 1-3 @ Shawnee Lookout Co. Park, Hamilton Co. [D.Br. / L.P. et al.]; 10 May, 8 @ Brown Co. [B.L. et al.]; 19 May, 2 @ extreme N Cochocton Co. [E.S.]; 19 May, 2 @ Pleasant Hill Res., Richland/ Ashland Co. [E.S.]

**Turkey Vulture** : Widespread arrival took place before the recording period began. A very good flight overall with the tally from Conneaut of 855 becoming a new single site record count for Ohio.

*Lake Erie migration* : 16 Mar., 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]; 27 Mar., 412 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F. et al.]; 27 Mar., 206 @ Edgewater Park, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [T.L.P.]; 27 Mar., 855 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [B.G. et al.]; 28 Mar., 178 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 2 Apr., 119 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 6 Apr., 150+ @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F. et al.]; 6 Apr., 211 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 6 Apr., 85 @ Perkins Beach, Cuyahoga Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]; 9 Apr., 80+ @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]; 26 May, 5 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]

**Greater White-fronted Goose** : Expected numbers.

*All Reports* : 2 Mar., 2 @ Fairport Harbor, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 8 Mar., 6 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [K.O., J.Le.]; 15-21 Mar., 5 with 1 remaining to 18 Apr. @ Hueston Woods S.P., Preble Co. [GDS, B.He. / M.Sc., J.Hm]

**Canada Goose** : Very low numbers of migrants as most birds had moved through the area prior to the recording period. The first brood seen at Magee Marsh W.A. 14 April was slightly early [m.obs.]

*Migrant Maxima* : 16 Mar., 1255 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]; 9 Mar., 1125 @ Mosquito Lake W.A., Trumbull Co. [C.H.]

*Post-breeding Maximum* : 27 May, 173 @ Hancock Co. [B.H., et al.]

**Snow Goose** : Some carry over from the high numbers of the winter season. More than usual

lingered into the season including a rare May record.

**Overwintered** : 1-17 Mar., 52-14 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.], 9 Mar., 9 @ Funk Bottoms, Wayne Co. [R.H.]; 8 Mar., 3 @ Newtown Gravel Pits, Hamilton Co. [B.Sy.]

**Spring Migration** : 1 Mar., 18 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 16 Mar., 1 (b) @ Springfield L. (Akron), Summit Co. [C.H.]; 21 Mar., 6 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [E.S.]

**Late** : 10-19 Apr., 1 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [T.Ch. / J.H. et al.]; 20-27 Apr., 1 (w) @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F. (ph), m.obs.]; 24 Apr., 1 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [fide T.K.]; 2-10 May, 3 (w) @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F. / D.O.]; 11-21 May, 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [R.H. & S.Wg. / K.Me. / m.obs.]

**Ross's Goose** *One Report (OBRC Accepted)* : 30 Mar. - 6 Apr., 1 @ St. Mary's Fish Hatchery, Auglaize Co. [D.D. f]

**Mute Swan** : About 25 birds reported statewide. There was likely some overlap of birds between Mogadore Res. in Portage Co. and LaDuc Res. in Geauga Co.

*Maxima* : 1 Apr., 9 @ Mogadore Res., Portage Co. [BAT]; 13-19 Apr., 9 @ La Due Res., Geauga Co. [T.L.P. et al.]

*Other reports* : 6-8 Mar., pair (with 1 remaining 3 Apr.) @ Seneca L., Guernsey/Noble Co. [S.H.]; 16 Mar. - 24 May, 1 (with a 2nd bird in county 3 May) @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O. / V.F.]; 16 Mar. - 27 Apr., 1 @ L. Isaac, Cuyahoga Co. [TMR et al.]; 26-30 Apr., 1 @ Rockefeller Park Lagoon, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [V.F.]; 16 Apr., 1 @ Hamilton Co. [F.R.]; 21 May, 1 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Holmes/Wayne Co. [L.C.]

**Tundra Swan** : Modest flight.

*Maxima* : 1-21 Mar., 177-241 @ Cedar Point N.W.R., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 4-17 Mar., 25-59 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 4 Mar., 38 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [K.N., S.R.]; 7 Mar., 41 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 9-20 Mar., 20-30 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [R.H. / J.H. / S. Hk.]

*Departure* : 7 Apr., 1 @ Shalersville, Portage Co. [fide D.B.]; 6 Apr., 2 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]



**Tundra Swan** :  
Mallard Club  
Marsh W.A.,  
Lucas Co., Mar.  
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[ph. V.F.]

**Wood Duck** : *Arrival* : 1 Mar., 1 @ Kent, Portage Co. [L.R.]; 4 Mar., 2 @ Caley MP, Lorain Co. [BRA]; 9 Mar., 25 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [Jy.S.]

*Maxima* : 4 May, 45 @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [C.H.]; 10 May, 59 @ CVNRA, Summit & Cuyahoga Co. [census, m.obs.]

**Gadwall** : In large numbers within the W.B. from the beginning of the period.

*Maxima* : 4 Mar., 175 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 17 Mar., 715 @ W.B. marshes, Lucas/Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 22 Mar., 50 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [N.K. et al.]; 2 Apr., 48 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [K.A.]

*Late* : 22 May, pair @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [V.F.]; 19 May, pair @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 19 May, pair @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 10 May, 1 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.K.]; 10 May, 18 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]

**American Wigeon** : One of the better spring concentrations within the W.B.

*Maxima* : 4 Mar., 400 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 17 Mar., 2270 @ W.B. marshes (1550 at Metzger Marsh), Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 23 Mar., 1000 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Holmes/Wayne Co. [S.Hk.]; 22 Mar., 200 @ Calvin's Pond, Mahoning Co. [B.Jo.]; 2 Apr., 82 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [K.A.]

*Late* : 19 May, pair @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [C.H.]; 19 May, 2 m, 1 f @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 10 May, 16 @ Adams Co. [B.L. et al.]; 10 May, 10 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 7 May, 1 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [TMR]

**American Black Duck** : *Maximum* : 4 Mar., 600 @ Coonrod Rd., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]; 4 Mar., 300 @ Little Portage W.A., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]

**Mallard** *Maxima* : 4 Mar., 2800 @ Coonrod Rd., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]; 16 Mar., 2670 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]; 4-17 Mar., 1600 @ Little Portage W.A., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 23 Mar., 1000 @ Funk Bottoms/Killbuck Marsh W.A., Wayne/Holmes Co. [S.Hk.]

*Breeding* : 3 Apr., nest w/ 8 eggs @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [V.F.]

**Northern Pintail** *Maxima* : 1 Mar., 275 (in flight) @ MMWA, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 1-17 Mar., 250-350 @ Little Portage W.A., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 8-15 Mar., 150-350 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [L.Y. / C.J.]; 200 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [K.A.]

*Late* : 19 May, pair @ Pickerel Creek W.A., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]; 17 May, 3 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [D.O.]

**Blue-winged Teal** : widespread incursion 15-17 March with 17 birds at 6 locations.

*Arrival* : 8 Mar., 2 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]; 23 Mar., 50+ @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Holmes/Wayne Co. [S.Hk.]; 28 Mar., 3 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

*Maxima* : 15 Apr., 150 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [K.A.]; 6 Apr., 122 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Wayne & Holmes Co. [C.H.]; 13 Apr., 100 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]; 28 Mar., 50 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [D.O.]

*Late* : 24 May, 1 @ "The Wilds", Muskingum Co. [S.Ha.]; 20 May, 6 @ Hancock Co. [B.H.]

*Breeding* : 18 May, nest w/ 2 eggs @ Pickerel Creek W.A., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]

**Northern Shoveler** *Maxima* : 16 Mar., 492 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]; 2 Apr., 90 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [K.A.]; 23 Apr., 40 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [J.Dk.]; 28 Apr., 25 @ Mosquito L. W.A., Trumbull Co. [DJHC]

*Late* : 23 May, 1m @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [C.L.]; 21 May, 2 m, 1 f @ North Chagrin Resv., Cuyahoga Co. [K.Me.]; 19 May, 2 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [C.H.]; 18 May, 1m @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [D.O.]

**Green-winged Teal** *Maxima* : 17 Mar., 335 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 6 Apr., 200 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F.]

*Inland* *Maxima* : 22 Mar., 50+ @ Calvin's Pond, Mahoning Co. [B. Jo.]; 23 Mar., 50+ @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Wayne/Holmes Co. [S.Hk.]; 2 Apr., 47 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [N.M. & V.F.]; 23 Apr., 30 @ Winton Woods, Hamilton Co. [J.Dk.]

*Late* : 30 May, 1 m @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [J.H.]; 19 May, 1 m @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 18 May, 1 m @ Pickerel Creek W.A., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]

**Canvasback** : Peak migration took place in February.

*Maxima* : 17-29 Mar., 1700 - 1000 @ (Inner) S.B., Ottawa/Erie Co. [V.F.]; 22 Mar., 322 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Late* : 26 Apr., 1 @ Camp Denison, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]; 4 May, 1 @ S.B., Ottawa/Erie Co. [J.P.]

**Redhead** *Maxima* : 14-17 Mar., 700-1100-450 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 17 Mar., 500 - 550 @ S.B. (Inner), Ottawa/Erie Co. [V.F. / R.Ro.]

*Inland Maxima* : 9 Mar., 520 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [DJHC]; 7 Mar., 245 @ New London Res., Huron Co. [V.F.]; 9 Mar., 50 @ Hueston Woods S.P., Preble Co. [B.He.]

*Late* : 13 May, 1 f @ Arcola Creek MP, Lake Co. [V.F.]; 12 May, 3 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [J.Bu., B.Sh.]; 15 April - 12 May, 1 f @ W. Best Preserve, Geauga Co. [K.Me.]

**Ring-necked Duck** : Spring numbers in the 1000's are well known in Ohio but almost always these concentrations are limited to lakes and reservoirs of the northeast. This season a remarkable number again set down on Ohio inland waters, and did so in vast numbers in the northwest while the NE only saw a slight reduction. All told, the 16-17th March saw at least **8400** birds in the western Lake Erie marshes as viewed from the ground. Another 3-4000 were accounted for elsewhere in the state in late March making for a spectacular migration.

*Migration progress* (early March) : 2 Mar., 800 @ Mogadore Res., Portage Co. [L.R.]; 3 Mar., 495 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [DJHC]; 4 Mar., 900 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 4 Mar., 600 @ Cedar Pt. causeway, Erie Co. [V.F.]; 4 Mar., 110 @ Little Portage W.A., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 8 Mar., 150 @ Noble Twp., Auglaize Co. [D.D.]; 8 Mar., 1000 @ Seneca L., Guernsey/Noble Co. [S.Ha.]; 9 Mar., 1000 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [R.H.]; 9 Mar., 200 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [B.C.]

*Migration progress* (mid-March) : 14 Mar., 280 @ Shalersville, Portage Co. [L.R.]; 15 Mar., 500 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [C.J.]; 16 Mar., 300 @ Winton Woods, Hamilton Co. [Jy.S.]; 16 Mar., 3295 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]; 17 Mar., 3100 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 17 Mar., 460 @ Pickering Creek W.A., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]; 17 Mar., 1300 @ Ottawa Co. away from Magee Marsh [V.F.]; 17 Mar., 170 @ Medusa Marsh, Erie Co. [V.F.]; 20 Mar., 820 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [V.F.]

*Migration progress* (late March) : 21 Mar., 200 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 22 Mar., 250 @ Calvin's Pond, Mahoning Co. [fide DHc]; 23 Mar., 500+ @ Killbuck Marsh W.A./Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne/Holmes Co. [S.Hk.]; 31 Mar., 2110 @ Portage Co. [L.R.]; 2 Apr., 560 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [V.F.]

*Late* : 22 May, 1 m @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [V.F.]; 12 May, 6 @ W.Best Preserve, Geauga Co. [K.Me.]; 2 May, 1 @ Whiskey I. Marina, Cuyahoga Co. [FMG]; 24 Apr., 25+ @ Killdeer L., Swine Creek Res., Geauga Co. [fide D.B.]

**Lesser Scaup** *Maxima* : 4 Mar., 10000+ @ S.B. (Outer), Ottawa/Erie Co. [V.F.]; 16 Mar., 1332 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]; 21 Mar., 2800 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 29 Mar., 3300 @ S.B. (Inner), Ottawa/Erie Co. [V.F.]; 1 Apr., 8000 @ Ottawa Co. [V.F.]

*Inland Maxima* : 9 Mar., 300 @ East Fork S.P., Clermont Co. [H.A. et al.]; 8 Mar., 300 @ Hoover Res., Franklin/Delaware Co. [C.B.]; 20-28 Mar. & 2 Apr., 280-300-350 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [V.F. / D.O.]; 21 Mar., 229 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 22 Mar., 140 @ Newtown Gravel Pits, Hamilton Co. [N.K. et al.]; 24 Mar., 212 @ L. Rockwell, Portage Co. [L.R.]; 29 Mar., 680 @ Wellington Res., Lorain Co. [V.F.]

*Late* : 22 May, 2 m, 1 f @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [V.F.]; 11-26 May, 1 m @ S.B. (inner), Erie Co. [V.F.]; 12 May, 3 @ Delaware Res., Delaware Co. [J.Bu. & B.Sh.]

**Scaup spp.** *All Reports*: 22 Mar., 15,000 + @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Greater Scaup** *Reports*: 8 Mar. - 2 Apr., 2-8 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 16 Mar., 26 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]; 23 Mar., 10 @ Funk Bottoms/Killbuck Marsh W.A., Wayne/Holmes Co. [S.Hk.]; 24 Mar., 22 @ L. Rockwell, Portage Co. [L.R.]; 29 Mar., 2 @ Winton Woods, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]; 4 Apr., 10 @ LaDue

Res., Geauga Co. [L.R.]; 6 Apr., 1 @ Nesmith L., Summit Co. [C.H.]

*Late*: 1 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Harlequin Duck** : 3 reports totalling 2 birds.

*All Reports* : 16 Mar., 1 i. m. @ Lakeside Yacht Club, Cleveland Lakefront, Cuyahoga Co. [B.F. / T.L.P.]; 14-16 Apr., 1 m. @ Gordon Boat Ramp, Cleveland Lakefront, Cuyahoga Co. [B.F., J.H., T.L.P. / P.M.]; 18 May, 1 f @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Surf Scoter** : total of 33 birds.

*All Reports* : 25 Mar., 13 @ Fostoria Memorial Res., Hancock Co. [B.H.]; 28 Mar., 13 @ Caesar Creek S.P., Warren Co. [D.O.]; 30 Mar., 1 f @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 6 Apr., 1 m @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 13-26 Apr., 1-2 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O. et al.]; 29 Apr. - 1 May, 1 f @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 10-11 May, 3 @ Pickerington Ponds MP, Fairfield/Franklin Co. [C.Bo. et al.]

**White-winged Scoter** : one report of 1 bird. Only spring report for the 'Middlewestern Prairie Region'?

*All Reports* : 12-22 Mar., 1-2 @ Vermillion R. below Cooper's Hollow, Lorain Co. [fide BRA]

**Black Scoter** : 3 reports totalling 4 birds.

*All Reports* : 22 Mar., 2 m @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 23 Mar., 1 m @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 27 May, 1 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [K.A.]

**Oldsquaw** : very scarce, 7 reports totalling 8 birds.

*All Reports* : 15, 19 Mar., 2 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 20 Mar., 1 m, 1 f @ Meidahl Dam, Clermont Co. [F.R.]; 1 Apr., 1 @ Findlay Res. #1, Hancock Co. [B.H.]; 5 Apr., 1 @ West Branch Res., Portage Co. [fide DJHC]; 10-18 Apr., 1 @ Oberlin City Res., Lorain Co. [P.J. / DJHo]; 13 Apr., 1 f @ Bresler Res., Allen Co. [D.D.]

**Bufflehead** *Maxima* : 16 Mar., 452 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]; 17 Apr., 250 @ S.B.I., Erie Co. [S.Wu.]

*Inland Maxima* : 1 Apr., 61 @ Hancock Co. [census, B.H. et al.]; 4 Apr., 51 @ LaDue Res., Portage Co. [L.R.]; 6 Apr., 50 @ Mogadore Res., Portage Co. [C.H.]; 23 Mar., 50+ @ Killbuck Marsh W.A./Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne/Holmes Co. [S.Hk.]; 13 Apr., 50 @ Bresler Res., Allen Co. [D.D.]; 26 Mar. - 26 Apr., 46-40 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [DJHC / C.H.]

*Late* : 17 May, 1 @ Ottawa/Lucas Co. marshes [D.O.]; 15 May, 2 f @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [R.H.]; 12 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 4 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.C.]

**Common Goldeneye** *Maxima* : 16 Mar., 800+ @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]; 16 Mar., 242 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]

*Inland Maximum* : 8 Mar., 75 @ Hoover Res., Franklin/Delaware Co. [C.Bo.]

*Late* : 10 Apr., 1 @ Paulding Res., Paulding Co. [DMD]

**Hooded Merganser** *Maxima* : 10 Mar., 150 @ Hoover Res., Franklin/Delaware Co. [K.A. / C.B.]; 16 Mar., 50 @ Akron Lakes, Summit Co. [C.H.]; 9 Mar., 48 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [C.H.]

*Nesting* : 26 May, 3 broods totalling 15 young @ C.V.N.R.A., Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [DAC]

**Common Merganser** : Scattered small groups into early April.

*Lake Erie* : 16 Mar., 320 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]

*Inland Maxima* : 18 Mar., 83 @ Hancock Co. [census, B.H. et al.]; 9 Mar., 45 @ L. Rockwell, Geauga Co. [L.R.]

*Late* : 21 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 13 May, 1 m @ Arcola Creek MP, Lake Co. [V.F.]; 4 May, 1 f @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [C.H.]

**Red-breasted Merganser** : A strong spring migration.

*L. Erie* : 6 Apr., 15,788 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]: 23 Mar., 4200 @ Cleveland Lakefront, Cuyahoga Co. [C.H.]: 17 Mar., 750 @ East Harbor S.P., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]: 10 May, 721 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Inland* : 4 Apr., 900 @ La Due Res., Geauga Co. [L.R.]: 24 Mar., 425 @ L. Rockwell, Portage Co. [L.R.]: 19 Apr., 200 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]

*Late* : 22-28 May, 4-1 f @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [V.F. / R.Ro. / J.H.]: 27 May, 5 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [B.H.]: 26 May, 1 @ Catawba I., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]: 19 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]: 16 May, 34 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [V.F.]: 13 May, 410 @ Arcola Creek MP, Lake Co. [V.F.]

**Ruddy Duck** *Maxima* : 11 Apr., 550 @ Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]: 6-15 Apr., 450-520 @ Crane Creek S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]: 4 Apr., 493 @ LaDue Res., Geauga Co. [L.R.]: 22 Apr., 291 @ Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]: 5 Apr., 275 @ Sheldon Marsh S.N.P., Erie Co. [V.F. et al.]: 13 Apr., 240 @ Grand L., (west end), Mercer Co. [D.D.]: 4 Apr., 175 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [DJHC]

*Late* : 26 May, 4 basic pl. @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]: 26 May, 5 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]: 18 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

*Possible Breeders* : 31 May, alt. pl. m + f @ Wellington (in ground) Res., Lorain Co. [V.F.]: 23-28 May, 2 alt. m, 1 alt. f @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [J.H. / V.F.]

**Osprey** : A very weak spring migration; only 55 birds reported away from W.B.

*Early* : 29 Mar., 1 @ Stage's Pond SNP, Pickaway Co. [B.Ma.]: 31 Mar., 1 @ nest site, Portage Co. [L.R.]: 2 Apr., 1 @ Meander Res., Mahoning/Trumbull Co. [DJHC]: 3 Apr., 1 @ City of Delaware WTP, Delaware Co. [B.Sh.]

*Maximum* : 26 Apr., 5 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [E.S. et al.]

*Late* : 30 May, 1 @ Atwood L., Tuscarawas/Carroll Co. [E.S.]: 26 May, 1 @ Lyndhurst, Cuyahoga Co. [N.B.]: 24 May, 1 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]

*Breeding* : returned to Rayland, Jefferson Co., for 4th year, and Berlin Res. powerline site for 2nd year.

**Mississippi Kite**: OBRC Accepted : 17 May, 1 @ Toussaint Marsh W.A., Ottawa Co. [† C.R., D.Yo., L.Yo., K.Ho., S.Ho.]

**Bald Eagle** : An excellent showing among migrant eagles, including a record one-day count by Black Swamp Bird Observatory at Magee Marsh W.A. Nesting population continues its increase. A male hatched in TN seven years earlier was found nesting near Norwalk, Huron Co. [fide O.D.N.R.]

*Migrant maxima* : 27 Mar., 17 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F. et al.]: 29 Apr., 8 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F. et al.]

*Local interest* : 6 Mar., 1 ad., 4 imm. @ Seneca L., Guemsey/Noble Co. [S.Ha.]: 2 Apr., 1 imm. @ North Chagrin Res., Cuyahoga Co. [K.Me.]: 8 Apr., 1 imm. @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]: 10 Apr., 13 imm. @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [DJHC]: 19 May, 1 ad. @ Antwerp (along Maumee R.), Paulding Co. [DMD]

**Northern Harrier**: Lingering winter concentrations, possibly augmented by migrants were noted in March at traditional gathering sites. Overall, a good Lake Erie shore migration.

*Over-wintering*: 9 Mar., 10 @ "The Wilds", Muskingum Co. [R.C.]: 9 Mar., 13 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [B.C.]

*Migration*: 21 Mar., 18 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [L.Y. et al.]: 21 Mar., 10 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [E.S. et al.]: 21 Mar., 3 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]: 4 Apr., 20 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [L.Y.]

*Possible Breeding*: 17 Mar., 1 f (nest bldg.) @ Darsch Rd., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]: 30 May, pair @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [J.H.]: 10 May, 2 @ Adams Co. [B.L. et al.]: 1 May, 1 @ Ross L. W.A., Ross Co. [J.Mc.]: 26 Apr., pair @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [DJHC]

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** : As with other raptor species, weather conditions allowed for several waves of this species to be censused along the shores of Lake Erie. Two records were set, the single day March count from Magee Marsh W.A., and the new state record observed in a mere 2.5 hrs from Maumee Bay S.P.

*Migration* : 27 Mar., 63 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F. et al.]: 28 Mar., 41 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]: 26 Apr., 78 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [E.S.]: 5 May, 228 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [G.M.]

*Local Interest* : 19 Apr., pair @ Oak Openings MP, Lucas Co. [T.K.]: 29 Apr., pair @ nest, Mt Airy Forest, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]: 10 May, 2 @ Adams Co. [B.L. et al.]: 26 May, 1 imm. @ Bayview, Erie Co. [V.F.]

**Cooper's Hawk** : An excellent spring migration along the Lake Erie shoreline in the W.B., including a record single day count at Magee Marsh W.A. by Black Swamp Bird Observatory.

*Migration*: 27 Mar., 32 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F. et al.]: 21 Mar., 13 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [L.Y. et al.]: 28 Mar., 10 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Northern Goshawk** *All Reports* : 10 Mar., 1 imm. @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [D.S. & D.Bu.]: 5 Apr., 1 imm. @ Sheldon Marsh S.N.P., Erie Co. [V.F.], late Apr., 1 @ Huntington Res., Cuyahoga Co. [L.R.]

**Red-shouldered Hawk** : Continued weak numbers in the northwest but a revealing flight detected in the northeast.

*Maximum* : 21 Mar., 161 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [E.S.]: 21 Mar., 12 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [L.Y.]

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Overflight* : 4 Apr., 1 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [K.A.]: 6 Apr., 1 @ Perkins Beach, Cuyahoga Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]

*Arrival* : 13 Apr., 1 @ Winton Woods, Hamilton Co. [J.Ha.]: 15 Apr., 1 @ Riverbend MP, Hancock Co. [B.H.]

*Maximum* : 26 Apr., 1230 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [E.S.]

**Red-tailed Hawk**: A modest flight along Lake Erie. Butomine hawks are well known for their aversion to water crossings, hence the flights witnessed along the shores of the Great Lakes. However, diligent observations from the Lake Erie islands are revealing a surprising number are not all that squeamish about island hopping.

*Early migration* : 1 Mar., 11 @ MMOT, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]

*Maxima* : 4 Apr., 219 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [L.Y. et al.]: 21 Mar., 105 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [L.Y. et al.]: 4 Apr., 50+ @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]

**Rough-legged Hawk** : A weak return migration as little or no structured diurnal flight was detected along Lake Erie's shoreline. A total of 22 birds were reported, mostly as winter residents lingering into the season.

*Residents*: thru 17 Mar., 1 light morph @ Darsch Rd., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]: 9 Mar., 8 (3 dark, 5 light morph) @ "The Wilds", Muskingum Co. [R.C.]: 8 Mar., 1 light morph @ Grand Twp., Marion Co. [D.D.]: 16 Mar., 1 @ Rocky Fork L., Highland Co. [S.Wa.]: 28 Mar., 3 @ LaDue Res., Geauga Co. [N.Ko., S.Z.]: thru 13 Apr., 1 light morph @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [m.obs.]

*Late* : 25 Apr., 1 @ Holmes Co. [L.Y.]: 7 May, 1 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [TMR]: 11 May, 1 @ Fairport Harbor, Lake Co. [P.M.]

**Golden Eagle** : *All Reports* : 21 Mar., 1 imm. @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [L.Y. et al.]: 23 Mar., 1 imm.

@ nr Waverly, Pike Co. [B.Bo.]: 29 Mar., 1 ad. @ Metzger Marsh, Lucas Co. [S.V., G.E.]

**American Kestrel** : It is increasingly clear that when presented with the option of rounding Lake Erie to the east or west, the bulk of migrant kestrels choose east. The flight at Conneaut was still detectable 26 April when 12 birds were counted matching the peak day in the west.

*East Maxima* : 21 Mar., 54 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [L.Y. et al.]: 28 Mar., 49 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*West Maxima* : 21 Mar., 12 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [E.S.]: 27 Mar., 11 @ MMOT, Ottawa Co. [V.F. et al.]

**Merlin** : Not less than 25 individuals reported this spring exclusive of BSBO records. That compares with 16, 12, 13, 19, and 21 for the preceding 5 springs.

*Overwintered?*: 10 Mar., 1 ad. f @ Holmes Co. [E.S.]

*Arrival* : 21 Mar., 1 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [L.Y. et al.]: 21 Mar., 3 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*J.R. Ann Passage* : 28 Mar. - 5 May, 3 obs. @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]: 4-27 Apr., 4 obs. @ HBSP & Mentor Marsh S.N.P., Lake Co. [L.R. / K.Me.]: 26 Apr., 3 @ Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. [E.S.]

*Late* : 1 June, 1 @ SR 53 N of Fremont, Sandusky Co. [D.W.]: 15 May, 1 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [R.H. & S.Wg. et al.]: 10 May, 1 ad. @ MMWA, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]



**Peregrine Falcon** : Only 4 migrants reported exclusive of B.S.B.O. reports.

*Residents* : 16 Mar., 1 @ downtown Youngstown, Mahoning Co. [DJHc]: mid-March, 1 banded @ Elizabeth Town, Montgomery Co. [fide C.M.]: 22 March., 1 imm. m. @ EST Bank, Elyria, Lorain Co. [Koyste, fide B.R.A.]: 22 May, 2 ad., 4 young @ Old Rike's Bldg., Dayton [L.G.]

*Migrants*: 27 Apr., 1 imm. @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]: 3 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]: 18 May, 1 @ HBSP Lake Co. [L.R.]: 19 May, 1 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Wayne/Holmes Co. [E.S.]

**King Rail** *All Reports* : 27 Apr., 1 @ Springville Marsh SNP, Seneca Co. [HTB]: 10 May, 1 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]: 11-19 May, 2 calling @ MMWA causeway, Ottawa Co. [V.F. et al.]: 30-31 May, 1 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [J.H.]

**Virginia Rail** : *Early*: 3 Mar., 1 @ Ira Rd., Summit Co. [TMR] *Arrival* : 28 Mar., 1 @ Mentor Marsh S.N.P., Lake Co. [N.B.]: 13 Apr., 1 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [D.O.]

*Maxima* : 27 Apr., 9 @ Springville Marsh S.N.P., Seneca Co. [H.T.B.]: 15 Apr., 6 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [K.A.] *Local Interest*: 21 Apr. - 26 May, 3-1 @ Ira Rd., Summit Co. [TMR]: 20 Apr., 1 @ Plymouth Marsh, Ashtabula Co. [C.H.]

**Sora** *Arrival* : 1-4 Apr., 1 @ Charlie's Pond, Pickaway Co. [E.L., K.A. et al.]: 5 Apr., 1 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [fide C.M.]: 6 Apr., 1 @ MMWA, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]: 14 Apr., 1 @ Ira Rd., Summit Co. [TMR]

*Maxima*: 5 May, 60 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [T.Fz.]: 4 May, 28 @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [C.H.]: 14 May, 12 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [J.H.]: 20 Apr., 6 @ Plymouth Marsh, Ashtabula Co. [C.H.] *Local Interest*: 14 May, 1 @ Columbus backyard, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]: 12 May, 1 @ Kelleys I., Erie

Co. [P.S.]: 17 May, 1 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]: 20 May, 5 @ Grand River W.A., Trumbull Co. [DJHc]: 26 May, 1 @ Ira Rd., CVNRA, Summit Co. [TMR]

**Common Moorhen** *Arrival* : 15 Apr., 1 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [K.A.]: 20 Apr., 1 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [M.Bu.]: 28 Apr., 1 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Holmes/Wayne Co. [L.C.] *Maxima*: 7 May, 4 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [TMR]

*Local Interest*: 30 May, 1 @ North Chagrin Resv., Cuyahoga Co. [K.Me.]

**American Coot** : Remarkably numerous by mid-March. This season represents the 4th year of excellent concentrations in the W.B. marshes. The bulk of the Magee Marsh W.A. flock left overnight going from 1000+ to less than fifty 27 April [V.F.]. Big Island W.A. has really come along, in recent years, as a breeding locale for coot. More birds may be found here in late May than all of the public access marshes of the W.B. combined.

*Maxima*: 22 Mar., 5000 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [N.K., K.Mc., et al.]: 16 Mar. - 20 Apr., 3263 - 2100+ @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH / V.F.]: 23 Mar., 2500 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Holmes/Wayne Co. [S.Hk.]

*Late*: 28 May, 3 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [D.Br.]: 27 May, 2 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [B.H.]: 27 May, 180 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [K.A.]: 27 May, 1 @ North Chagrin Resv., Cuyahoga Co. [K.Me.]: 25 May, 12 @ Medusa Marsh, Erie Co. [C.H.]: 24 May, 10 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]

*Local Interest*: 13 May, 1 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [P.S.]: 16 Mar., 425 @ Akron Lakes, Summit Co. [C.H.]: 29 Mar., 425 @ LaDue Res., Geauga Co. [N.Ko.]: 6 Apr., 325 @ Mogadore Res., Portage Co. [C.H.]: 15 Apr. 337 @ Hancock Co. [census, B.H. et al.]: 15 Mar., 150 @ L. Cowan, Clinton Co. [L.G.]: 16-19 Mar., 200 @ Newtown Gravel Pits, Hamilton Co. [F.R.]

**Sandhill Crane** : Widely reported although not especially numerous. Less than 30 migrants in total. On the other hand apparent residents, whether breeding or possibly breeding, have increased and are more widespread. Perplexing were several mid-May sightings in the W.B. likely involving some overlap of individuals. A bird was present at Kelleys I., Erie Co., 12-14 May [BAT, P.S., D.Fa.], 3 over Medusa Marsh, Erie Co. 14 May [DJHc], and 3 at Mallard Club Marsh W.A. 17-18 May [m.obs.].

*Migration* : 14 Mar., 22 @ Lucas Co. [m.obs.]: 21 Mar. - 20 Apr., 4 singles @ in the W.B. from Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F. et al.] to Castalia Quarry Reserve, Erie Co. [B.F. et al.]: 6 Apr., 1 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]

*Residents*: 15 Mar. - 24 May, 1 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [J.Ks., J.H., m.obs.]: 6 Apr. - 25 May, 1+7 @ Newbury, Troy, and Burton Twp., Geauga Co. [M.A.S., D.F., B.Fb., et al.]: 27 Apr., pair @ so. of Wooster, Wayne Co. [H.Br.]

**Black-bellied Plover** *Arrival*: 20 Apr., 1 @ O. N.W.R., Lucas/Ottawa Co. [E.Sn., m.obs.]

*Maxima* : 11 May, 25 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [J.H.]: 17 May, 18 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [D.Bu.]: 21 May, 18 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [C.L.] *Late* : 31 May, 2 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]

**American Golden-Plover** *Arrival*: 23 Mar., 35 @ Genoa, Ottawa Co. [J.P.]: 2 Apr., 1 @ Charlie's Pond, Pickaway Co. [B.Co.]

*Maxima* : 25-29 Apr., 47-300 @ Hancock Co. [B.H.] *Late* : 20 May, 4 @ CR 54, Hancock Co. [W.Se.]

**Semipalmated Plover** : About 150 birds were widely found away from Lake Erie but not found in any significant concentrations. The average reported for the W.B. marshes the past 6 years



is 85. This spring only a single individual was reported from the same region.  
*Arrival*: 27 Apr., 1 @ Mahoning Co. fish farm [N.Br.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Delaware Co. [K.A.]  
*Inland*: 23-24 May, 32 @ Marion Co. [J.H. / J.F.]; 19 May, 30 @ Wayne Co. [E.S.]; 22 May, 29 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [B.Sh.]; 17 May, 20 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [L.G.]; 14 May, 20 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [M.Bu.]

*Local Interest*: 5 May, 1 @ Nelsonville, Athens Co. [B.S.P.]; 12 May, 6 @ Pickaway Plains, Pickaway Co. [K.A.]; 10 May, 9 @ Shawnee Lookout County Park, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]

**Piping Plover** *O.B.R.C. Accepted*: 2-7 May, 1 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [ ↑ T.L.P. / ↑ R.H. ]

**Killdeer**: The remarkable early season saw the peak migration on 1 March, three weeks before the average date, when a **spring record single day count of 227** was tallied passing the Maumee Bay S.P. (Lucas Co.) hill overlook [V.F.]. Subsequent strong diurnal flights were noted through the W.B. on 4, 8, 21, and 27 March. The latter date represented the second largest push with 80 birds winging past the Magee Marsh observation tower. Some evidence of early breeding was provided by young observed at Charlie's Pond, Pickaway Co. [B.Bo., G.G., and J.Mc.] 20 April.



**American Avocet**:  
**Ottawa N.W.R., Ottawa Co.**  
**4 May 1997 [ph. V.F.]**

*Maxima*: 7 May, 45 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [TMR]; 30 Apr., 42 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 2 Apr., 17 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [K.A.]; 1 Apr., 15 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [D.JHc]  
*Departure*: 22 May, 1 @ Streetsboro Bog, Portage Co. [C.H.]; 21 May, 1 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [V.F.]; 20 May, 1 @ CR 54, Hancock Co. [B.H.]

**Lesser Yellowlegs**: Albinism amongst shorebirds is particularly rare, so a partial albino (at right) 3-4 May at Ottawa N.W.R. was a real treat.

*Arrival*: 23 Mar., 3 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A./Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne/Holmes Co. [S.Hk.]; 1 Apr., 2 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [D.JHc]; 2 Apr., 15 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [K.A.]  
*Maxima*: 4 May, 115 @ O. N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [C.H.]; 1 May, 75+ @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [R.Ro.]; 4 May, 75 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [D.JHc]; 2 May, 60 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [V.F.]

*Departure*: 26 May, 1 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [B.Sh.]; 22 May, 3 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [V.F.]; 22 May, 1 @ Streetsboro Bog, Portage Co. [C.H.]

**Solitary Sandpiper** *Arrival*: 29 Mar., 1 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [fide C.M.]; 12 Apr., 2 @ Holmes Co. [E.S.]; 25 Apr., 1 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [K.A.]

*Maxima*: 30 Apr., 35 flybys @ MMOT, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 10 May, 10 @ Adams Co., [census, B.L. et al.]

*Departure*: 25 May, 1 @ Streetsboro Bog, Portage Co. [C.H.]; 21 May, 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [J.Bi.]

**Willet**: A total of 45 birds compares with an average of 11 for the past 6 years and exceeds the combined totals for the past three years.

*All Reports*: 22 Apr., 1 @ Washington Co. [L.B.]; 27 Apr., 18 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 30 Apr., 13 @ Ross L., Ross Co. [J.Mc.]; 3 May, 11 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 4 May, 1 @ Medusa Marsh, Erie Co. [J.P.]; 4 May, 1 @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [C.H.]; 18 May, 1 @ Pickerel Creek W.A., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]; 18 May, 1 @ Toussaint Marsh W.A., Ottawa Co. [C.R.]



**All 18 Willet**: **Ottawa N.W.R., Ottawa Co.**  
**27 Apr. 1997 [ph. V.F.]**

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Overflight*: 8 Apr., 2 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [D.Ba.]

*Arrival*: 25 Apr., 1 @ Hocking R., Athens Co. [R.C.]; 25 Apr., 1 @ Delaware Res., Delaware Co. [K.A.]; widespread 27 Apr., @ Ottawa, Geauga, & Lake Counties [m.obs.]  
*Maxima*: 12 May, 60+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [K.Me. et al.]

**Upland Sandpiper** *Migrants*: 20 Apr., 6 @ Charlie's Pond, Pickaway Co. [B.Bo., G.G., & J.Mc.]  
*Possible Breeders (State Threatened)*: 24-29 Apr., 2 @ Bolton Field, Franklin Co. [C.D.]; 24 Apr. - 30 May, 3 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [J.H.]; 26 Apr., pair @ RT. 193 & Stollaker Rd., Denmark Twp., Ashland Co. [C.H.]; 28 Apr., 2 @ Madison Co. [K.A.]; 3 - 11 May, 1-2 @ Fairport Harbor, Lake Co. [R.H., E.B. / L.R.]; 3 May, 1 @ Clark Co. [D.O.]; 9 May, 1 @ Holmes Co. [N.Y.]; 15-17 May, 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [K.Me. / R.H. & S.Wg.]

**Whimbrel**: An extraordinarily early appearance by this species was but one of several exclamation marks on a remarkable shorebird season.

*Record Early*: 16 - 24 Apr., 1 @ Charlie's Pond, Pickaway Co. [K.A., R.Ro., C.D., m.obs.]  
*Arrival*: 17 May, 11 @ MMWA, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 25 May, 6 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [D.D. & C.Gd.]; 30 May, 2 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [N.B.]

**Marbled Godwit** : Another exclamation mark.

*Unprecedented* : 26-29 Apr., 1 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [B.Sh. / K.A.]; followed by 9 there two days later [R.Ro. et al]

**Ruddy Turnstone** : A very strong showing for the species, highlighted by an extraordinary inland flock. See article this issue.

*Arrival* : 6 May, 1 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]

*Maxima* : 18 May, 82 @ spillway, Grand L., Mercer Co. [D.D.]; 28 May, 28 @ Crane Creek S.P., Lucas Co. [R.Ro.]; 18 May, 24 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [DJHc]; 15 May, 15 @ Hueston Woods S.P., Preble Co. [S.Re., G.Kr.]

*Departure* : 31 May, 6 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]; 26-30 May, 12-6 @ MMWA, Lucas Co. [V.F.]

**Red Knot** *All Reports* : 19 May, 17 @ nr Wooster, Wayne Co. [E.S.]; 26 May, 3 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 28 May, 1 @ Crane Creek S.P., Lucas Co. [R.Ro.]

**Sanderling** *Arrival* : 18 May, 25 @ spillway, Grand L., Mercer Co. [D.D.]; 19 May, 1 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [m.obs.]

*Maximum (state record)* : 25 May, 75-120 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [T.L.P. / C.H.]; *Departure* : 30 May, 3 @ Crane Creek S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Arrival* : 26 Apr., 1 @ Ottawa N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [J.P.]

*Maxima* : 25-31 May, 100-26 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [C.H.]; 19 May, 35 @ nr Wooster, Wayne Co. [E.S.]; 21 May, 20 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [J.B.]; 11 May, 20 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [J.H.]

**Least Sandpiper** *Overflight* : 1 Apr., 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [GDS]; 15 Apr., 1 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [K.A.]

*Arrival* : 22 Apr., 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [m.obs.]; 2 May, 30 @ Mosquito L. W.A., Trumbull Co. [DJHc]

*Maxima* : 4 May, 33 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [C.H.]; 14 May, 32 @ Mantua, Portage Co. [C.H.]; 10 May, 27 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Wayne/Holmes Co. [L.Y.]

**White-rumped Sandpiper** : Every few years we experience a good fallout of this species and this season many were in evidence. Nor were they confined to traditional Lake Erie stopover sites, as inland locations shared in the observations. At least 39 different birds were reported for the season with almost half from inland areas.

*Arrival* : 3 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 4 May, 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [C.H.]

*Maximum* : 9 May, 15 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [C.H. / J.D.]

*Inland flocks* : 23 May, 5 @ Marion Co. [J.F.]; 12 May, 4 @ Holmes Co. [L.Y.]; 17 May, 3 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [L.G.]; Also reported from Hancock, Hamilton, Wayne, Preble, and Portage counties.

*Departure* : 25-31 May, 5-1 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [C.H. / T.L.P.]

**Pectoral Sandpiper** *Overflight* : 1 Mar., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Arrival* : 23 Mar., 1 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Wayne/Holmes Co. [S.Hk.]; 27 Mar., 1 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 27 Mar., 1 @ Medusa Marsh, Erie Co. [DJHc]

*Maxima* : 7 Apr., 300 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [B.Co.]; 11-18 Apr., 63-130 @ Mosquito L. W.A., Trumbull [DJHc]; 7 Apr., 100 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [M.Bu., GDS]; 6 Apr., 95 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [C.H.]; 2 Apr., 85 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [V.F.]; 21 Apr., 60 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [J.H.]

*Departure* : 23 May, 1 @ Mantua, Portage Co. [C.H.]; 19 May, 4 @ Mosquito L. W.A., Trumbull Co. [fide DJHc]

Dunlin Careful census work at Ottawa N.W.R. revealed arrival and departure of several waves of birds. Between each of the peak counts listed below were days in which the mudflat at Ottawa was largely devoid of Dunlin. The early April flock is the first record of 100+ birds before the latter half of the month, emphasizing the early nature of migration up to mid-April.

*Arrival* : 1 Apr., 1 @ Charlie's Pond, Pickaway Co. [E.Li.]; 4 Apr., 1 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [G.M.]; 8 Apr., 1 @ Mantua, Portage Co. [C.H.]

*Maxima* : 26 May, 930 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 5 May, 850 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 10 May, 650 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [C.H.]; 26 Apr., 350 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 20 Apr., 250 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 18 May, 200 @ Pickerel Creek W.A., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]; 6 Apr., 105 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]

*Maximum Inland* : 21 May, 60 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [V.F.]

*Departure* : 31 May, 33 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [V.F.]; 30 May, 1 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [J.H.]

**Stilt Sandpiper** Exceptional in spring.

*All Reports* : 13 May, 1 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [K.A.]; 19 May, 1 @ Shreve, Wayne Co. [E.S.]

**Dowitcher spp.** *All Reports* : 23 Mar., 1 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Wayne/Holmes Co. [S.Hk.]; 1 Apr., 1 @ Charlie's Pond, Pickaway Co. [E.Li.]

**Short-billed Dowitcher** *Arrival* : 28 Apr., 1 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [B.Sh.]; 29 Apr., 5 griseus @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]

*Maxima* : 13 May, 75 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [R.Ro.]; 17 May, 50 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]; 19 May, 30 @ nr Wooster, Wayne Co. [E.S.]

*Departure* : 24 May, 1 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [J.H.]; 23 May, 1 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]

**Common Snipe** *Arrival* : 9 Mar., 4 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]; 16 Mar., 1 @ Clark Co. [D.O.]; 16 Mar., 2 @ Pickerel Creek W.A., Sandusky Co. [P.L. et al.]; 17 Mar., 2 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [K.A.]; 17 Mar., 1 @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]

*Maxima* : 6-13 Apr., 60 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]; 8-13 Apr., 40-55 @ Mantua, Portage Co. [C.H.]; 31 Mar., 47 @ Streetsboro Bog, Portage Co. [C.H.]; 14 Apr., 39 @ Oak Openings, Lucas/Fulton Co. [E.T.] *Departure* : 24 May, 1 @ Mantua, Portage Co. [L.R.]; 19 May, 1 @ Pickerel Creek W.A., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]; 7 May, 1 winnowing @ East Branch Cuyahoga R., Geauga Co. [D.B.]; 3 May, 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [GDS]

**Wilson's Phalarope** A total of 10 birds were reported.

*All Reports* : 4-10 May, 1 f. @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [N.B., C.H. / R.H. & S.Wg.]; 9-20 May, 1 m + 1 f. @ Mantua, Portage Co. [C.H. / L.R.]; 9 May, 1 m + 1 f. @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [B.C.]; 12 May, 1 @ nr Port Clinton, Ottawa Co. [J.P.]; 15 May, 1 m @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [T.C.]; 17 May, 1 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [E.S.]; 17 May, 1 f. @ Rt 19 in Crawford Co. [M.Ba.]; 18 May, 1 m @ Pickerel Creek W.A., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]

**Pomarine Jaeger** : Unprecedented in spring. At least 5 individuals documented.

*Accepted O.B.R.C.* : 22 Mar., 1 dark imm. @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [† J.P.]; 14 Apr. - 9 May, 4



**Pomarine Jaeger ("Hook")** :  
Whiskey I. Marina, Cuyahoga Co.  
20 Apr. 1997 [ph. V.F.]

birds present @ Whiskey I. Marina, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [† K.Me. / T.L.P. / P.L. / † V.F. (ph) / m.obs.]; from 20-29 Apr. these birds were joined by a 5th individual. From 10-13 May, at least 1 bird remained. [BAT / P.L.]

**Laughing Gull** *All Reports* : 9-15 May, 1 ad. alt. @ Edgewater Park, Cuyahoga Co. [C.Hi., P.L. / V.F. (ph)]; 17 May, 2 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [D.Bu. et al.]; 23 May, 1 ad., @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 29 May, 1 ad. @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]



**Laughing Gull**  
Edgewater Park,  
Cleveland,  
Cuyahoga Co.  
Ph. V.F.

**Franklin's Gull** *All Reports* : 4 Apr., 1 @ Rt 19 at Turtle Creek, Ottawa Co. [fide T.K.]; 11 May, 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]

**Little Gull** *Only Report* : 23 Apr., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Bonaparte's Gull** *From winter* : 2 Mar., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Arrival* : 15 Mar., 30 @ Lost Bridge, Hamilton Co. [N.K., K.Mc.]; 20 Mar., 12 @ Paulding Res., Paulding Co. [DMD]; 20 Mar., 1 @ East Branch Res., Geauga Co. [D.B.]; 25 Mar., 95 @ Hancock Co. [census, B.H. et al.]

*Maxima* : 4 Apr., 2000+ @ Lorain Harbor, Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]; 18 Apr., 947 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 15 Apr., 537 @ Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]; 26 Apr., 260 @ Castalia Pond, Erie Co. [V.F.]; 30 Apr., 58 @ Whiskey I. Marina, Cuyahoga Co. [FMG]; 12 May, 27 @ Delaware Co. [J.B., B.Sh.]

*Departure* : 31 May, 1 1st yr. @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [V.F.]; 27 May, 10 @ Hancock Co. [census, B.H. et al.]; 26 May, 4 1st yr. @ Lima L., Ottawa MP, Allen Co. [D.D.]

**Ring-billed Gull**: *Maxima* : 1-17 Mar., 12,000 @ Ottawa Co. fields [V.F.]; 1 Mar., 8000 @ Lucas Co. fields [V.F.]; 22 Mar., 8719 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 21 May, 220 @ Killdeer Plains Res., Wyandot Co. [V.F.]; 27 May, 304 @ Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]

*Breeding* : 13 May, 8615 nests @ Dock 20, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [R.D. fide P.L.]

**California Gull** *Accepted O.B.R.C.* : 17 Mar., 1 ad. @ Lorain, Lorain Co. [J.L., B.Mo., et al.]

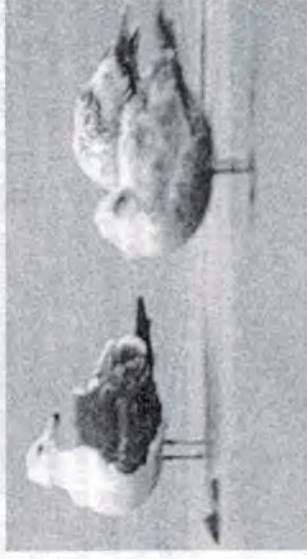
**Herring Gull** *Maxima* : 22 Mar., 3970 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Breeding* : 13 May, 38 nests @ Dock 20, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [R.D. fide P.L.]

**Thayer's Gull** : 4-5 birds. *All Reports* : 16 Mar., 1 imm. @ Edgewater Park, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [T.L.P.]; 16 Mar., 2 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 15 Mar., 1 imm. @ Avon Lake P.P., Lorain Co. [I.W., m.obs.]; 1 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP [J.P.]

**Iceland Gull** : 3-4 birds present for the season.

*All Reports* : 2 & 15 Mar., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, [J.P.]; 17 Mar., 1 1st yr. @ East Harbor S.P., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 22 Mar., 1 @ Wildwood Park, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]



**Lesser Black-backed Gull,**  
Lorain impoundment,  
Lorain Co.  
ph. V.F.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull**: 2 + birds present this season.

*All Reports* : 7-22 Mar., 2 obs. @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 24 Mar., 1 2nd yr. @ Eastlake P.P., Lake Co. [K.Me.]; 11 May, 1 1st yr, 1 2nd yr @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [ V.F. (ph)]

**Glaucous Gull** : 11 + birds continues a strong winter season into spring.

*All Reports* : 7 Mar., 4 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 9 Mar., 7 @ East Harbor marina, Ottawa Co. [K.Me.]; 16 Mar., 1 @ Westerly WTP, Cuyahoga Co. [T.L.P. / B.F.]; 16 Mar., 1 @ Cedar Point Causeway, Erie Co. [RH]; 15 Apr., 1 imm @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Whiskey I. Marina, Cuyahoga Co. [G.M.]; 10 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Great Black-backed Gull**: A strong showing in the winter season was reflected by many lingering into spring. The inland record is the latest seasonally for the interior.

*Maxima* : 8 Mar., 346 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 4 Mar., 220 @ Cedar Point Causeway, Erie Co. [V.F.]; 23 Mar., 175 @ Cleveland Lakefront, Cuyahoga Co. [C.H.]; 24 Mar., 75+ @ Eastlake P.P., Lake Co. [K.Me.]

*Inland* : 27 Apr., 2 @ Springville Marsh SNP, Seneca Co. [H.T.B.]

*Late* : 31 May, 10 (5 1st yr, 5 2nd yr) @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [V.F.]

**Caspian Tern** *Arrival* : 4 Apr., 2 @ Lorain Harbor, Lorain Co. [J.P.]; 5 Apr., 2 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Maxima* : 2-13-17 May, 181, 109, 95 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [T.L.P. / V.F. / R.H. & S.Wg.]; 24 Apr., 49 @ Dock 20, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [P.L.]; 24 Apr., 41 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake [J.P.]

*Inland* : 13 Apr., 1 @ Metzger-Ferguson Res., Allen Co. [D.D.]; 13 Apr., 3 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [DHJ]; 26 Apr., 10 @ Green Lawn Bike Trail, Columbus, Franklin Co. [A.G.]; 9 May, 7 @ Hueston Woods S.P., Preble Co. [D.D.]; 10 May, 1 @ Adams Co. [census, B.L. et al.]

*Late* : 31 May, 6 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]

**Common Tern** : *Arrival* : 3 Apr., 1 @ Seneca L., Guemsey/Noble Co. [S.H.]; 5 Apr., 1 @ L. White, Pike Co. [BSP]; 6 Apr., 1 @ Lorain Harbor, Lorain Co. [T.L.P.]

*Maxima*: 16 May, 20 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [K.A.]; 22 May, 19 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Late* : 30 May, 7 @ Atwood Lake, Tuscarawas/Carroll Co. [E.S.]

**Forster's Tern** *Arrival*: 18 Apr., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]: 19 Apr., 1 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]: 20 Apr., 1 @ Hidden L., Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]: 20 Apr., 1 @ Silver L., Summit Co. [L.R.]: 20 Apr., 1 @ L. Logan, Hocking Co. [C.D.]  
*Maxima*: 17 May, 375 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]: 11-13 May, 255 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [V.F.]  
*Late*: 27 May, 2 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [B.H.]: 27 May, 2 @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [R.R.]: 25 May, 3 @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [C.H.]

**Black Tern**: One of the strongest showings in recent memory. Appx. 40 birds accounted for, including an arrival in Paulding Co. which represents the earliest spring appearance in Ohio.

*Record early*: 18 Apr., 1 @ Paulding Res., Paulding Co. [DMD]  
*Arrival*: 1 May, 1 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [C.J.]: 10 May, 2 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [B.H.]: 10 May, 7 @ Paulding Res., Paulding Co. [DMD]: 10 May, 7 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [B.St.]: 10 May, 1 @ Killbuck Marsh W.A., Holmes/Wayne Co. [L.Y.]  
*Maximum*: 20 May, 10 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [B.H.]  
*Late*: 27-28 May, 1 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [K.A. / J.H.]: 27 May, 1 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [B.H.]

**Black-billed Cuckoo** *Arrival*: 6 May, 1 @ Athens Co. [D.S.J.]: 12 May, 1 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [R.Ro.]: 13 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** *Arrival*: 8 May, 1 @ Germantown Reserve, Dayton, Montgomery Co. [fide C.M.]: 10 May, 1 @ Black Swamp Nature Center, Paulding Co. [DMD]: 10 May, 2 @ MWV, Hamilton Co. [N.K., K.Mc.]

**Barn Owl** *Only Report*: 6 Apr., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Snowy Owl**: No less than five birds lingered into the spring season including a central Ohio bird which came 1 day shy of the latest date for Ohio.

*All Reports*: 27 Mar., 1 @ Sandusky, Erie Co. [fide T.K.]: 27 Mar., 1 dark imm. @ Burke Lakefront Airport, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [DJHo]: 4-15 Apr., 1 @ LaFarge Cement Plant, Paulding Co. [DMD]: 12 Apr., 1 @ Geneva S.P., Ashtabula Co. [J.P.]: 1-23 May, 1 dark imm. @ Newark-Heath Airport, Licking Co. [V.F. (ph) / M.Ba., m.obs.]



**Snowy Owl**  
w/dandelion  
**Newark-Heath Airport,**  
**Licking Co.**  
6 May, 1997  
[Ph. V.F.]

**Long-eared Owl**: *All Reports*: 1-15 Mar., 7 @ Lake Su An W.A., Williams Co. [DMD]: 3 Mar., 4 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [S.B.]: 19 Mar. - 24 Apr., 5 obs. @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]: 25 Mar., 1 @ Dawes Arboretum, Licking County [M.Ba.]

**Short-eared Owl** About 35 birds accounted for. Most exciting was the first documented successful nesting in the state since 1980's.

*Migrants*: 1-22 Mar., 3 @ e. of Paulding, Paulding Co. [DMD]: 22 Mar., 8 @ "The Glades", Pike Co. [J.Mc., G.G.]: 26 Mar., 22 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [R.Ro.]  
*Breeding*: May, 1 nest / 3 young @ "The Wilds", Muskingum Co. [D.I. (ph.)]: 1-30 May, 2-1 on terr. @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [C.J. / J.H. et al.]

**Boreal Owl** This first state record {O.B.R.C. Accepted} made itself known by hitting a window of a Lake Co. (Concord Twp.) home on 9 Apr. The stunned individual was turned into the Penitentiary Glen rehabilitation unit by **Judy Reimer**, where a successful recovery was made. The bird was released a few days later. [J.P. (p.h), m.obs.]

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** *All Reports*: 15 Mar., 1 found dead @ Winton Woods, Hamilton Co. [fide N.K.]: 4 Apr., 1 Hell Hollow MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]: 1 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Common Nighthawk** *Arrival*: 4 May, 3 @ Tiffin, Seneca Co. [D.W.]: 4 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]: 9 May, 1 @ Lake Co. [A.F.]

**Chuck-will's Widow** The only report constitutes a far northerly record of a bird holding territory: 30 May - into June @ Rockbridge, Hocking Co. [J.F.]

**Whip-poor-will** *Arrival*: 24 Apr., 1 @ Marietta, Washington Co. [B.T.]: 3 May, 1 @ so. Columbus, Franklin Co. [K.A.]: 11 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [D.O.]

**Chimney Swift** *Overflight*: 26 Mar., 1 @ Morrow Co. [M.H.]

*Early*: 6 Apr., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]  
*Arrival*: 24 Apr., 1 @ Marietta, Washington Co. [B.T.]: 25 Apr., 3 @ Jatte, CVNRA, Summit Co. [DAC]: 26 Apr., 1 @ MNOT, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]  
*Maxima*: 21 May, 400 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [V.F.]: 21 May, 350 @ Cleveland lakefront, Cuyahoga Co. [N.B.]

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Early*: 16 Apr., 1 @ Green Hills, Hamilton Co. [fide L.P.]  
*Arrival*: 28 Apr., 1 @ Morgan Co. [L.B.]: 28 Apr., 1 @ Washington Co. [L.B.]: 2 May, 1 @ North Chagrin Resv., Cuyahoga Co. [K.Me.]

*Maxima*: 25 May, 50+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]: 24 May, 40+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Breeding*: 17 May, nest bldg. @ California Woods, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]

**Belted Kingfisher** *Breeding*: 19 May, nest bldg. @ California Woods, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]

**Red-headed Woodpecker** *Migrants*: 16 Apr., 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]: 4 May, 12 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** *Overwintered?*: 10 Mar., 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [D.Bu., D.S.]

*Arrival*: 21 Mar., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]: 28 Mar., 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]: 29 Mar., 1 @ Toledo, Lucas Co. [fide T.K.]  
*Maxima*: 5 Apr., 34 @ Fairport Harbor, Lake Co. [L.R.]: 4 Apr., 12 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]

**Departure** : 24 May - 1 June, 1 imm. @ feeder, North Perry, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 13 May, 1 @ Kelleys L., Erie Co. [BAT, P.S., et al.]; 10 May, 1 @ Hancock Co. [K.N. & S.R.]

**Northern Flicker** *Maxima* : 28 Mar., 326 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 5 Apr., 215 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 6 Apr., 167 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 27 Apr., 60 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** : Only 13 birds were reported; all as individuals.

*Early* : 9-13 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [R.Ro. et al.]

*Arrival* : 17 May, 1 @ CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [DAC]; 17-19 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [RHSW / L.R. / BAT]

*Departure* : 31 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 28 May, 1 @ Caesar Creek S.P., Warren Co. [D.Br.]; 28 May, 1 @ Baldwin L., Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** *Early* : 26 Apr., 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [E.H.]

*Arrival* : 2 May, 1 @ Fort Meigs, Lucas Co. [L.Bd.]; 5 May, 1 @ Ira Rd., Summit Co. [M.Z.]

*Maximum* : 30 May, 30 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** *Arrival* : 12 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 17 May, 1 @ MMWA, Lucas/Ottawa Co. [TMR]; 18 May, 1 @ Meander Res., Mahoning Co. [DJHC]

*Maxima* : 31 May, 22 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 30 May, 22 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]

**Acadian Flycatcher** *Arrival* : 6 May, 1 @ Athens Co. [DSJ.]; 12 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 12 May, 1 @ Ira Rd, Summit Co. [M.Z.]; 14 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]

*Maximum* : 30 May, 7 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]

**Alder Flycatcher** *Arrival* : 17 May, 1 @ Mill Creek Park, Mahoning Co. [N.Br.]; 19 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 23 May, 1 @ East Fork S.P., Clermont Co. [D.Br.]

*Maximum* : 30-31 May, 6 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R. / N.B.]

*Local Interest* : 30 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 24-26 May, 1 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]

**Willow Flycatcher** *Arrival* : 7 May, 1 @ MMWA, Lucas/Ottawa Co. [J.P.]; 10 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 10 May, 1 @ CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [census, fide DAC]

*Maximum* : 24 May, 6 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**"Trail's" Flycatcher** *Overflight* : 26 Apr., 1 @ Wilderness Center, Stark Co. [S.Hk.]

**Least Flycatcher** *Overflight* : 21 Apr., 1 @ Tiffin, Seneca Co. [D.W.]

*Arrival* : 2 May, 3 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 3 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 7 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]

*Maxima* : 24 May, 25 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 17 May, 20 @ Kelleys L., Erie Co. [H.T.B.]

*Departure* : 27 May, 1 @ Tuscarawas Co. [E.S.]; 26 May, 1 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 21 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]

**Eastern Phoebe** : Overflights took place before spring period.

*Arrival* : 8 Mar., 1 @ Licking Co. [C.D.]; 8 Mar., 1 @ Charleston Falls MP, Miami Co. [fide C.M.]; 8 Mar., 1 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [fide C.M.]

*Maximum* : 28 Mar., 34 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Breeding* : 14 Apr., on nest @ California Woods, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]

**Great Crested Flycatcher** *Arrival* : 26 Apr., 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [E.H.]; 3 May, 1 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 3 May, 1 @ Lower Scioto Bike Path, Columbus, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 4 May, 1 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [P.P. et al.]; 4 May, 2 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [N.B.]

*Maximum* : 31 May, 9 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Eastern Kingbird** : The remarkable flycatcher season was expressed across all species but punctuated by two members of the genus *Tyrannus*. The multiple massive flights of the Eastern Kingbird were unprecedented. An easterly and westerly diurnal flight on one day combined for 400+ birds.

*Arrival* : 1 May, 1 @ Greendale Wetlands, Hocking Co. [BSP]; 2 May, 1 @ CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [DAC]; 3 May, 1 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [TMR]

*Maxima* : 19 May, 260+ @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 12 May, 180+ @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [J.P.]; 19 May, 140+ @ Metzger Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 15 May, 45+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [K.Me.]

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** The other remarkable flycatcher event was that of Ohio's 8th Scissor-tailed Flycatcher {O.B.R.C. Accepted}, which appeared along the entrance road to Ottawa N.W.R. 13 May to remain 3 days. The bird was photographed and observed by at least 150 birders visiting area birding meccas. I † S.Wr. (ph) / † V.F. / K.Me. / m.obs.]

**Northern Shrike** : Four birds from the winter irruption remained into the spring period.

*All Reports* : 3 Mar., 1 @ Thompson Twp., Geauga Co. [J.P.]; 9 Mar., 1 @ Fairport Harbor, Lake Co. [L.R., K.Me. et al.]; 16 Mar., 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [G.M.]; 22 Mar., 1 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [M.E.]

**White-eyed Vireo** *Arrival* : 15 Apr., 1 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [C.Me. et al.]; 16 Apr., 1 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [L.G.]; 7 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]

*Local Interest* : 17 May, 1 @ Kelleys L., Erie Co. [HTB]; 19 May, 1 @ Antwerp, Paulding Co. [DMD]

**Yellow-throated Vireo** *Overflight (record early)* : 6 Apr., 1 @ Clear Creek Valley, Hocking Co. [R.Tm.]

*Arrival* : 17 Apr., 1 @ Aullwood Audubon Center, Montgomery Co. [T.H.]; 19 Apr., 1 @ Wilderness Center, Stark Co. [S.Hk.]; 2 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]

**Blue-headed Vireo** *Arrival* : 15 Apr., 1 @ Hinckley Hills Rd., Medina Co. [N.Ko.]; 19 Apr., 1 @ Oak Openings MP, Lucas/Fulton Co. [T.K.]

*Departure* : 30 May, 1 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]; 21 May, 1 @ Mill Creek Park, Mahoning Co. [N.Br.]; 20 May, 1 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]

**Warbling Vireo** *Arrival* : 22 Apr., 1 @ Marietta, Washington Co. [L.B.]; 23 Apr., 1 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [L.G.]

**Philadelphia Vireo** *Overflight* : 26 Apr., 1 @ Clear Creek MP, Hocking Co. [DKE, et al.]; 2 May, 1 @ Tanager Woods, Brecksville Resv., Cuyahoga Co. [BAT]

*Arrival* : 10 May, 1 @ Burnet Woods, Hamilton Co. [N.K., K.Mc.]; 12 May, 1 @ Kinnikinnick, Ross Co. [K.A.]; 13 May, 1 @ Barnesville Park, Belmont Co. [S.H.]; 18 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

*Maxima* : 26 May, 9 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 31 May, 8 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 25 May, 7 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

*Departure* : into June @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [E.T.]

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Arrival* : 19 Apr., 1 @ Mohican S.F., Ashland Co. [B.Ph.]; 20 Apr., 1 @ Dawes Arboretum, Licking Co. [C.D.]



**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**  
Ottawa N.W.R., Ottawa Co.  
[ph. S.Wr.]

- Maxima** : 24 May, 50 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 26 and 30 May, 34 & 20 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]  
**Departure** : into June @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [E.T.]
- Horned Lark** : *Maxima* : 1 Mar., 500 @ Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 21 Mar., 550 @ Maumee Bay. S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]
- Purple Martin** *Arrival* : 28 Mar., 1 @ MMOT, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 28 Mar., 1 @ Holmes Co. [E.S.]; 28 Mar., 2 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]  
*Maximum* : 3 May, 22 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]
- Tree Swallow** *Overflight* : 1 Mar., 2 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]  
*Arrival* : 8 Mar., 1 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]; 9 Mar., 2 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [L.G.]; 17 Mar., 3 @ L. Rockwell, Portage Co. [C.H.]  
*Maxima* : 6 Apr., 1000+ @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 12 Apr., 240 @ L. Logan, Hocking Co. [V.F.]
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Arrival* : 4 Apr., 4 @ Stage's Pond, Pickaway Co. [K.A.]; 7 Apr., 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]
- Bank Swallow** *Arrival* : 13 Apr., 1 @ Eastwood L., Montgomery Co. [fide C.M.]; 22 Apr., 1 @ L. Rockwell, Portage Co. [L.R.]  
*Maxima* : peak migration took place 11 May with dozens over many bodies of water [m.obs.]
- Cliff Swallow** *Overflight* : 6 Apr., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]  
*Arrival* : 23 Apr., 1 @ Paulding Res., Paulding Co. [DMD]; 3 May, 5 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]
- Barn Swallow** : *Overflight* : 27 Mar., 1 @ Morrow Co. [M.H.]  
*Arrival* : 1 Apr., 1 @ Meldahl Dam, Clermont Co. [F.R.]; 6 Apr., 1 @ Heblon Fish hatchery, Licking Co. [C.D.]; 6 Apr., 1 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [C.H.]  
*Maximum* : 1 May, 1000+ @ Crane Creek S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]
- Blue Jay** : A poor diurnal migration along the lakeshore.  
*Maxima* : 30 May, 100+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; peak migration over S.B.I. took place 17-27 Apr. [S.Wu.]
- American Crow** : One of the most protracted and conspicuous migrations along L.Erie.  
*Maximum* : 1 Mar., 800 @ MMOT, Ottawa & Lucas Co. [V.F.]; bulk of migration in Feb.
- Red-breasted Nuthatch** : Prominent well into the season reflecting the strong irruption during the past winter.  
*Departure* : 24 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [C.D.]; 12 May, 1 @ North Perry feeder, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 10 May, 5 @ Hancock Co. [census, B.H. et al.]  
*Breeding* : 12-19 May, 1 terr. @ Oak Openings, Fulton/Lucas Co. [E.T.]
- Brown Creeper** *Maxima* : 4 Apr., 22 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 28 Mar., 13 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]  
*Breeding (state record early)* : 11 Apr., nest @ CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [DAC]; 30 May, 1 singing @ North Chagrin Resv., Cuyahoga Co. [K.Me.]  
*Departure* : 10 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 10 May, 2 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]; 7 May, 1 @ Bamesville Park, Belmont Co. [S.H.]
- House Wren** *Overflight* : 1 Apr., 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]; 1 Apr., 1 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]
- Arrival** : 13 Apr., 1 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]; 19 Apr., 1 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 22 Apr., 1 @ Tiffin, Seneca Co. [V.F.]; 27 Apr., 1 @ Kent, Portage Co. [L.R.]
- Winter Wren** *Maxima* : 28 Mar., 15 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 25 Mar., 14 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 30 Apr., 9 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]  
*Departure* : 23 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [DAC]; 18 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 4 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]
- Sedge Wren** : Nine birds reported.  
*Arrival* : 11 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 11 May, 2 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]  
*Potential Breeders (state endangered)* : 15 May, 1 @ Herrick Fen SNP, Portage Co. [C.H.]; 17 May, 1 @ Invin Prairie SNP, Lucas Co. [D.O.]; 19 May + 1 @ MMWA, Ottawa Co. [K.A. / V.F.]; 21 May, 2 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [R.Ro.]; 24 May, 1 @ Funk Bottoms W.A., Wayne Co. [J.H.]
- Marsh Wren** *Arrival* : 1-7 May, + @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [B.Sh.]; 3 May, 2-3 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [m.obs.]
- Golden-crowned Kinglet** *Maxima* : 28 Mar., 65+ @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 28 Mar., 38 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 25 Mar., 25 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [S.Bx, D.Ba.]  
*Departure* : 14 May, 1 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [D.Fa.]; 13 May, 1 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [C.Me. fide B.H.]; 29 Apr., 1 @ California Woods, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]  
*Breeding* : 4 May, 1 @ Hinckley Hills Rd, Hinckley MP, Medina Co. [N.Ko.]
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Overflight* : 28 Mar., 2 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]  
*Arrival* : 29 Mar., 1 @ Winton Woods, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]; 4 Apr., 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 4 Apr., 2 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 5 Apr., 4 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Maxima* : 11 May, 36 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 27 Apr., 26 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Late* : 31 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 30 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 20 May, 3 @ Hancock Co. [census, fide B.H. et al.]
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Overflight* : 28 Mar., 2 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [D.JHc]  
*Arrival* : 4 Apr., 4 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [K.A.]; 4 Apr., 2 @ Caesar Creek S.P., Warren Co. [N.C.]; 4 Apr., 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Maximum* : 12 May, 25 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [R.H.]
- Eastern Bluebird** *Passage migrants* : 28 Mar., 16 @ MMOT, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 27 Mar., 16 @ MMOT, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]
- Veery** *Overflight* : 20 Apr., 3 @ Whiskey I. Marina, Cuyahoga Co. [P.M.]  
*Arrival* : 27 Apr., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]  
*Maxima* : 19 May, 46 @ Ottawa/Lucas Co. marshes [K.A.]; 24 May, 20 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Departure* : 27 May, 1 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]
- Gray-cheeked Thrush** *Arrival* : 1 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 2 May, 1 @ Farm Pond Rd, CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [BAT]; 2 May, 1 @ Tiffin, Seneca Co. [V.F.]; 7 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]  
*Maxima* : 16 May, 15 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 31 May, 9 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]  
*Departure* : well into June [m.obs.]
- Swainson's Thrush** *Overflight (record early date)* : 5 Apr., 1 @ Sheldon Marsh SNP, Erie Co. [A.F. et al.]  
*Arrival* : 22 Apr., 1 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]; 27 Apr., 1 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [L.P., M.Bu., J.Hv.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 1 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Erie Co. [S.Wu.]

**Blue-winged Warbler** *Arrival*: 29 Apr., 1 @ Shawnee S.F., Scioto Co. [R.Ro.]; 29 Apr., 5 @ Without Nature Preserve, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Dawes Arboretum, Licking Co. [C.D.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ MMWA, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]  
*Maxima*: 10 May, 9 @ Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]; 19 May, 9 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 10 May, 8 @ CVNRA, Cuyahoga/Summit Co. [census, fide DAC]; 18 May, 7 @ West Woods, Geauga Co. [D.B. et al.]  
*Late*: 26 May, 1 f. @ MMWA, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]

**Golden-winged Warbler** *Arrival*: 6 May, 1 @ Athens Co. [DSJ]; 6 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 6 May, 1 @ Holmes Co. [L.Y.]; 9 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]  
*Maxima*: 11 May, 2 @ Hueston Woods S.P., Preble Co. [J.Hm.]; 17 May, 2 @ Secor Park, Lucas Co. [D.O.]; 17-19 May, 2 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]  
*Late*: 30 May, 1 m @ MMWA, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 22 May, 1 m @ Zaleski S.F., Athens Co. [V.F.]

**"Brewster's" Warbler** *All Reports*: 7 May, 1 @ Batavia, Clermont Co. [T.Fz.]; 10 May, 1 @ CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [census fide DAC]; 10 May, 1 @ Spring Grove Cemetery, Hamilton Co. [D.D.]; 19 May, 2 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F. et al.]; 24 May, 1 @ Horseshoe Pond, CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [N.Ko., S.Z.]; 24 May, 1 @ Irwin Prairie, Lucas Co. [fide T.K.]

**"Lawrence's" Warbler** *Two Reports*: 11 May, 1 @ Claridon Twp., Geauga Co. [D.B.]; 11 May, 1 @ Curtis Rd., Lucas Co. [fide T.K.]

**Tennessee Warbler** *Very late arrival*: 30 Apr., 1 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [K.A.]; 6 May, 2 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 9 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 9 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]  
*Maxima*: 20 May, 39 @ Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]; 31 May, 25 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 18 May, 16 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [R.Ro.]; 19 May, 13 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 30 May, 13 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]  
*Late departure into June*

**Orange-crowned Warbler**: Thirty-three birds reported for the season.  
*Arrival*: 24 Apr., 1 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [B.Co.]; 26 Apr., 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Dawes Arboretum, Licking Co. [C.D.]; 6 May, 1 @ Riverbend Park, Hancock Co. [B.H.]; 8 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]  
*Maximum*: 17 May, 4 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [H.T.B.]  
*Departure*: 19 May, 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 18 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**Nashville Warbler** *Overflight*: 20 Apr., 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [m.obs.]  
*Arrival*: 26 Apr., 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 26 Apr., 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [E.H.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Dawes Arboretum, Licking Co. [C.D.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 3 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Maxima*: 10 May, 50 @ Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]; 9 May, 30 @ Hinckley L., Medina Co. [N.Ko., S.Z.]; 12 May, 30 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 8 May, 25+ @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [K.Me.]  
*Departure*: 27 May, 2 @ California Woods, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]; 28 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [R.Ro.]; 27 May, 1 @ Nathan Hale Park, Cuyahoga Co. [R.H.]

**Northern Parula** *Overflight*: 6 Apr., 1 @ California Woods, Hamilton Co. [F.R.]  
*Arrival*: 15 Apr., 1 @ Camp Wyandot, Clear Creek MP, Hocking Co. [M.E.]; 19 Apr., 5 @ Shawnee S.F., Ross Co. [C.J.]; 20 Apr., 1 @ Kings Mills, Warren Co. [F.R.]  
*Maxima*: 19 May, 5 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 21 May, 5 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [R.H.]; 30 May, 4 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]  
*Local Interest*: 22 May, 1 on terr. @ Zaleski S.F., Athens Co. [V.F.]; 22 May, 1 on terr. @ Waterloo Nature Center, Clermont Co. [D.Br.]

*Maxima*: 19 May, 200 @ Ottawa/Lucas Co. marshes [K.A.]; 24 May, 85 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 12 May, 30 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]  
*Departure*: Into June @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [E.T.]; 28 May, 2 @ Baldwin L., Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]; 27 May, 1 @ Big Creek Park, Geauga Co. [D.B.]; 26 May, 1 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]

**Hermit Thrush** *Arrival*: 25 Mar., 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 28 Mar., 3 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]  
*Maxima*: 27 Apr., 53 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 27 Apr., 47 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 30 Apr., 40+ @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 3 May, 20+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [K.Me.]  
*Departure*: 20 May, 1 @ Riverbend Park, Hancock Co. [B.H.]; 11 May, 1 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [P.L. et al.]

**Wood Thrush** *Arrival*: 20 Apr., 2 @ MWV, Hamilton Co. [J.Hv., L.P.]; 20 Apr., 1 @ Adams Co. [B.Wh.]; 20 Apr., 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [fide M.Wa.]  
*Maxima*: 24 May, 20 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**American Robin** *Passage Migration*: 27 Mar., 1030+ @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 21 Mar., 700+ @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]

**Gray Catbird** *Arrival*: 26 Apr., 1 @ Kelley's Nature Preserve, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]; 29 Apr., 1 @ Shawnee S.F., Scioto Co. [R.Ro.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Scioto Trails S.P., Ross Co. [K.A.]  
*Maxima*: 18 May, 100+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 10 May, 52 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [B.St.]

**Northern Mockingbird** *Local Interest*: 15 Apr. - 2 May, 3 @ Whiskey I. Marina, Cuyahoga Co. [P.L.] m.obs.; 13 Apr., 1 @ Cleveland Lakeloft S.P., Cuyahoga Co. [B.F.]; 27 Apr., 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 28 May, 1 @ Concord Twp., Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Brown Thrasher** *Arrival*: 25 Mar., 6 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 27 Mar., 1 @ Holmes Co. [L.Y.]; 28 Mar., 1 @ Nathan Hale Park, Cuyahoga Co. [R.H.]; 28 Mar., 1 @ Mentor Marsh SNP, Lake Co. [N.B.]; 28 Mar., 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]  
*Maximum*: 3 May, 12 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**American Pipit** *Arrival*: 4 Mar., 1 @ Delaware W.A., Delaware Co. [K.A.]; 23 Mar., 18 @ Tuscarawas Co. [E.S.]  
*Maxima*: 5 May, 400 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 11 Apr., 150 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [D.Hc]; 11 May, 40 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa/Lucas Co. [B.St.]  
*Departure*: 27 May, 1 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [B.H.]; 19 May, 2 @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 15 May, 1 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [R.H.]

**Cedar Waxwing** *Maxima*: 19 May, 500 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 31 May, 400 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 30 May, 300 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; strong migration through mid-June in c. Ohio [R.Ro.]

**Summer Tanager** *Arrival*: 2 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 3 May, 1 @ Burr Oak S.P., Morgan/Athens Co. [L.B.]; 4 May, 1 @ Burnett Woods, Hamilton Co. [Jy.S.]  
*Overflight*: 8 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [K.Me.]; 14 May, 1 2nd yr. @ Ira Rd, CVNRA, Summit Co. [J.Bf.]; 14-18 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP feeder, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 18 May, 1 @ Holmes Co. [L.Y.]; 20 May, 1 @ CR 203 farm, Hancock Co. [J.Bn. fide B.H.]; 20-24 May, 1 @ Columbus feeder, Franklin Co. [C.J.]

**Scarlet Tanager** *Overflight*: 29 Apr., 1 @ Chardon Twp., Geauga Co. [J.No. fide D.B.]  
*Arrival*: 30 Apr., 1 @ MWV, Hamilton Co. [L.P.]; 30 Apr., Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [GDS]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Dawes Arboretum, Licking Co. [C.D.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Kinnikinnick, Ross Co. [K.A.]; 3 May, 1 m @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [N.B.]  
*Local Interest*: 19 May, 1 orange variant @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [BAT]; 20 May, nest bldg. @ Cincinnati Nature Center, Clermont Co. [D.Br.]

Experimental Station, Athens Co. [V.F.]

Departure : 27 May, 2 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]; 25 May, 1 f. @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**Yellow Warbler** Arrival : 25 Apr., 1 @ Eastwood MP, Montgomery Co. [fide C.M.]; 26 Apr., 7 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [E.H.]; 26 Apr., 5 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [E.H.]; 27 Apr., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 27 Apr., 1 m @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 27 Apr., 1 @ Mahoning Co. fish farm [N.Br.]

Maxima : 19 May, 225 @ Ottawa/Lucas Co. marshes [K.A.]; 10 May, 169 @ CVNRA, Cuyahoga/Summit Co. [census fide DAC]; 25 May, 120 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 10 May, 115 @ Hancock Co. [census, B.H. et al.]

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** Arrival : 30 Apr., 1 @ Kinnikinnick, Ross Co. [K.A.]; 1 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [R.R.]; 3 May, 1 m @ Firestone MP, Summit Co. [P.L. et al.]

Maxima : 19 May, 200 @ Ottawa/Lucas Co. marshes [K.A.]; 25 May, 30 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
Departure : 31 May, 15 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 26 May, 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [GDS]

**Magnolia Warbler** Arrival : 2 May, 1 @ Indigo Hill, Marietta, Washington Co. [B.T.3]; 4 May, 1 @ Hinckley Hills Rd., Hinckley MP, Medina Co. [N.Ko.]; 4 May, 1 @ Burnett Woods, Hamilton Co. [Jy.S. et al.]  
Maxima : 19 May, 200 @ Ottawa/Lucas Co. marshes [K.A.]; 19 May, 80+ @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 31 May, 135 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 30 May, 40+ @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]

Departure : 2 Jun., 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 26 May, 15 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 22 May, 1 m @ Zaleski S.F., Athens Co. [V.F.]

**Cape May Warbler** : A little more than 60 individuals represents a slight improvement over the depressed spring flight of recent years.

Arrival : 26 Apr., 1 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [E.H., R.B.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [C.K. et al.]  
Maxima : 19 May, 8 @ MMWA/O.N.W.R., Lucas/Ottawa Co. [C.H.]; 19 May, 6 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 25 May, 6 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 20 May, 6 @ Hancock Co. [census B.H. et al.]  
Departure : 26 May, 1 @ Burton Twp., Geauga Co. [D.B., A.F.]; 24 May, 1 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 21 May, 1 @ Cincinnati Nature Center, Clermont Co. [D.Br.]

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** Arrival : 26 Apr., 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [E.H.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Dawes Arboretum, Licking Co. [C.D.]; 3 May, 1 @ Howland Rd., Warren, Mahoning Co. [C.B.]; 3 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

Maxima : 12 May, 50 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [R.H. / R.Ro.]; 12 May, 50 @ Ottawa/Lucas Co. marshes [K.A.]; 8 May, 13 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [K.Me.]

Departure : 31 May, 5 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 28 May, 2 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [R.Ro.]; 27 May, 1 @ Litzenberg, Hancock Co. [S.Bx.]; 26 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 23 May, 1 @ East Fork S.P., Clermont Co. [D.Br.]

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** Overflight? : 10 Mar., 22 @ Slage's Pond SNP, Pickaway Co. [R.Ro.]  
Arrival : 24 Mar., 1 @ Hebron Fish Hatchery, Licking Co. [C.D.]; 31 Mar., 1 @ Ira Rd., Summit Co. [TMR]; 2 Apr., 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 4 Apr., 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]

Maxima : 29 Apr., 350 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 10 May, 218 @ Hancock Co. [census, B.H. et al.]; 10 May, 229 @ CVNRA, Cuyahoga/Summit Co. [census fide DAC]; 9 May, 150 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 17 May, 150 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [K.Me.]; 21 May, 75 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]; 10 May, 62 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 25 May, 30+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

Departure : 31 May, 3 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 28 May, 2 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [R.Ro.]; 28 May, 2 @ Baldwin L., Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]; 27 May, 5 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]; 27 May, 1 @ Riverbend MP, Hancock Co. [B.H.]; 26 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 25 May, 1 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]

**Black-throated Green Warbler** Overflight : 6 Apr., 2 @ Shawnee S.F., Scioto Co. [C.J.]  
Arrival : 15 Apr., 1 @ Marietta, Washington Co. [L.B.]; 15 Apr., 1 @ Clear Creek MP, Hocking Co. [M.E.];

29 Apr., 2 @ Hinckley Hills Rd., Medina Co. [N.Ko.]; 30 Apr., 7 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 30 Apr., 12 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F.]

Maxima : 9 May, 50+ @ Hinckley L., Medina Co. [N.Ko., S.Z.]; 12 May, 32 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 19 May, 20 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [DJHc]

Departure : 31 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 31 May, 5 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 30 May, 9 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]

Local Interest : 22 May, 1 on terr. @ Zaleski S.F., Athens Co. [V.F.]

**Blackburnian Warbler** Arrival : 30 Apr., 1 @ Kinnikinnick, Ross Co. [K.A.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [K.A.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [L.P.]; 3 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [J.Bf.]; 3 May, 1 m @ Firestone MP, Summit Co. [P.L. et al.]

Maxima : 19 May, 40+ @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 10 May, 18 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [R.Ro.]; 31 May, 12 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 31 May, 12 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]  
Departure : 31 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]

**Yellow-throated Warbler** Arrival : 1 Apr., 1 @ Miamitown, Hamilton Co. [P.Wh.]; 4 Apr., 4 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [K.A.]; 5 Apr., 1 @ Clear Creek MP, Hocking Co. [M.Ba.]; 16 Apr., 1 @ Pinery Narrows, CVNRA, Cuyahoga Co. [fide Cleveland RBA]

Local Interest : 19 Apr. - 3 May, 3 obs. @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 24 Apr., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 3 May, 4 @ Collier Woods, Seneca Co. [HTB]; 10 May, 3 @ Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]; 18 May, 1 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]

**Pine Warbler** Arrival : 17 Mar., 1 @ Rockbridge, Hocking Co. [J.F.]; 27 Mar., 1 @ Licking Co. [C.D.]; 28 Mar., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 1 Apr., 1 @ Springville Marsh SNP, Seneca Co. [V.F.]  
Maximum : 27 Apr., 4 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]

Late : 10 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [D.O.]; 10 May, 1 @ Oakwood, Hancock Co. [K.N.]; 7 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]



**Kirtland's Warbler** Two Reports [both O.B.R.C. Accepted] : 15-17 May, 1 @ MMWA, Lucas Co. [L.C., T.Ho., T.N.B., T.V.F. (ph)] plus another 2000 or so observers; 15 May, 1 singing male @ Long Pt., Kelleys I., Erie Co. [T.R.H., m.obs.]

#### Kirtland's Warbler :

Magee Marsh W.A., Lucas Co.

17 May 1997 [ph. V.F.]

**Prairie Warbler** : Reports of 14 birds.

Overflight (Record early) : 3 Apr., 1 @ Wilmington Res., Clinton Co. [L.G.]

Arrival : 12 Apr., 1 @ Adams Co. [P.Wh.]; 14 Apr., 1 @ Adams Co. [C.J.]; 19 Apr., 1 @ Wesselman Rd., Hamilton Co. [N.K.]; 21 Apr., 1 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [K.A.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Dawes Arboretum, Licking Co. [C.D.]; 14 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 19-21 May, 1 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [D.La., P.H.]; 19 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co [J.P.]



**Palm Warbler (Western)** *Arrival* : 26 Apr., 1 @ MWV, Hamilton Co. [E.H.]; 27 Apr., 2 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.R.]; 27 Apr., 2 @ Baldwin L./L. Isaac, Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]; 27 Apr., 1 @ CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [DAC]; 27 Apr., 2 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Maxima* : 10 May, 132 @ CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [census fide DAC]; 17 May, 54 @ MMWA, Lucas Co./Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 30 Apr., 50 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 17 May, 36 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [HTB]; 18 May, 35 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 4 May, 29 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.R.]; 22 May, 1 @ MWV, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]; 21 May, 1 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [R.R.]; 22 May, 1 @ MWV, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]

**Palm Warbler (c.f. Eastern)** *Two reports* : 24 Apr., 1 banded @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 27 Apr., 1 @ CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [N.B.]

**Bay-breasted Warbler** *Arrival* : 4 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Dam, Franklin Co. [R.R.]; 4 May, 1 @ Burnett Woods, Hamilton Co. [Jy.S. et al.]; 12 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]  
*Maxima* : 19 May, 80 @ Lucas/Ottawa Co. marshes [K.A.]; 25 May, 30+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 31 May, 12 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Departure* : 30 May, 6 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]; 27 May, 1 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [S.Bx.]

**Blackpoll Warbler** *Overflight* : 30 Apr., 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]  
*Arrival* : 7 May, 1 @ Shawnee Lookout County Park, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]; 8 May, 2 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [K.Me.]  
*Maxima* : 25 May, 30+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 31 May, 22 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Departure* : into June @ Columbus [R.R.]; into June @ Holmes Co. [E.S.]; 28 May, 2 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [D.Br.]

**Cerulean Warbler** *Arrival* : 27 Apr., 2 @ MWV, Hamilton Co. [L.P., J.Hv., M.Bu.]; 29 Apr., 7 @ Shawnee S.F., Scioto Co. [R.R.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]

**Black and White Warbler** *Overflight* : 5 Apr., 1 @ Licking Co. [C.D.]; 6 Apr., 1 @ Shawnee S.F., Ross Co. [C.J.]  
*Arrival* : 29 Apr., 11 @ Shawnee S.F., Ross Co. [R.R.]; 30 Apr., 1f @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]  
*Maxima* : 12 May, 25+ @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [R.H.]; 12 May, 15+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 30 May, 8 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]

**American Redstart** *Arrival* : 28 Apr., 1 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [R.R.]; 29 Apr., 10 @ Shawnee S.F., Scioto Co. [R.R.]; 3 May, 2 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Maxima* : 19 May, 180 @ Ottawa/Lucas Co. marshes [K.A.]; 31 May, 58 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 25 May, 50 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**Prothonotary Warbler** : Only 14 birds reported for the season.  
*Overflight (ties earliest ever)* : 6 Apr., 1 @ California Woods, Hamilton Co. [F.R.]  
*Arrival* : 20 Apr., 1 @ Kings Mills, Warren Co. [F.R.]; 1 May, 1 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [L.Go.]; 1 May, 1 @ Upper Cuyahoga R., Geauga Co. [D.B.]  
*Local Interest* : 12 May, 1 @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [D.A.]; 25 May, 1 @ Sheldon Marsh SNP, Erie Co. [D.D.]

**Worm-eating Warbler** *Arrival* : 29 Apr., 3 @ Shawnee S.F., Scioto Co. [R.R.]; 30 Apr., 10 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [K.A.]; 2 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [R.R.];  
*Overflight* : 8 May, 1 @ Mosquito L. S.P., Trumbull Co. [DJHc]; 9 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [DAC, m.obs.]; 18 May, 3 @ Springville Marsh SNP, Seneca Co. [HTB, D.W.]; 19 May, 1 @ Tuscarawas Co. [E.S.]; 25-27 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [R.H. & S.Wg., V.F., m.obs.]

**Ovenbird** *Arrival* : 19 Apr., 2 @ Shawnee S.F., Scioto Co. [C.J.]; 20 Apr., 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [fide M.Wa., m.obs.]; 22 Apr., 1 @ Dayton, Montgomery Co. [B.Ry.]  
*Maxima* : 19 May, 67 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 18 May, 49 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 12 May, 25+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Late* : 28 May, 2 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [R.R.]

**Northern Waterthrush** *Overflight* : 4 Apr., 1 hit a window @ CR 45, Hancock Co. [J.Sc. fide B.H.]; 20 Apr., 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [m.obs.]  
*Arrival* : 30 Apr., 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [GDS]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Lower Scioto Bike Path, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 2 May, 1 @ Baldwin L., Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]  
*Maximum* : 11 May, 40 @ Ottawa Co. [V.F.]  
*Departure* : 30 May, 1 m @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 26 May, 1 @ confluence of Bridge Creek and Upper Cuyahoga R., Geauga Co. [D.B.]; 24 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.R.]; 21 May, 1 @ Cincinnati Nature Center, Clermont Co. [D.Br.]

**Louisiana Waterthrush** *Arrival* : 23 Mar., 1 @ MWV, Hamilton Co. [fide N.K.]; 29 Mar., 1 @ Burr Oak S.P., Morgan/Athens Co. [L.B.]; 29 Mar., 1 @ Cleves, Hamilton Co. [N.K.]; 29 Mar., 1 @ Tuscarawas Co. [E.S.]; 1 Apr., 1 @ Springville Marsh SNP, Seneca Co. [V.F.]  
*Local Interest* : 19 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [BAT]; 4 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]

**Kentucky Warbler** *Overflight* : 23 Apr., 1 @ Clear Creek Valley, Hocking Co. [G.L., M.E.]  
*Arrival* : 3 May, 1 @ Burr Oak S.P., Morgan/Athens Co. [L.B.]; 4 May, 1 @ Shawnee Lookout County Park, Hamilton Co. [L.P., J.Hv.]; 4 May, 1 @ Bluffton, Allen Co. [L.H.]; 6 May, 1 @ Dawes Arboretum, Licking Co. [C.D.]  
*Local Interest* : 19 May, 1 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [C.B.]; 19 May, 1 m @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F. et al.]; 18 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 18 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.R.]; 9 May, 1 @ Antwerp, Paulding Co. [DMD]

**Connecticut Warbler** : An excellent total of 17 birds was reported this season. Through the efforts of a dozen persons, four birds (3 singing males and a female) were pinned down along the Bird Trail at Magee Marsh W.A. at one time.

*Arrival* : 10 May, 1 @ CVNRA, Summit/Cuyahoga Co. [census, fide DAC]; 17 May, 1 @ Shaker L., Cuyahoga Co. [m.obs.]  
*Multiple Birds* : 19 May, 2 @ Reno Beach, Lucas Co. [K.A.]; 24 May, 2 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [R.H., S.Wg.]

24 May, 2 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 24 May, 2 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 30 May, 4 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F., m.obs.]; 30 May, 2 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]  
*Local Interest* : 19-25 May, 3 obs. @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.R.]; 21 May, 1 @ Cincinnati Nature Center, Clermont Co. [D.Br.]; 23 May, 1 @ East Fork S.P., Clermont Co. [D.Br.]; 26 May, 1 @ North Chagrin Resv., Cuyahoga Co. [R.R.]; 26 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Dam bike path, Columbus, Franklin Co. [C.J.]; 27 May, 1 @ Sharon Woods MP, Columbus, Franklin Co. [M.E.]; 30 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]

**Mourning Warbler** *Arrival* : 17 May, 1 @ Spring Grove Cemetery, Hamilton Co. [D.D. et al.]; 18 May, 4 m @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F., m.obs.]; 18 May, 1 @ West Woods, Geauga Co. [D.B. et al.]; 18 May, 2 @ Columbus Co. [R.R.]

*Peak* : 30 May, 19 (18 singing males, 1 f) @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F. et al.]; 25 May, 12+ @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 19 May, 6 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 30 May, 6 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 25 May, 5 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 19-31 May, 5 total @ Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas Co. [E.S.]; 19 May, 3 @ Black Swamp Nature Center, Paulding Co. [DMD]  
*Departure* : 1 Jun., 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.R.]; 1 Jun., 3 @ Holmes Co. [L.Y.]; into mid-June @ Ashland Co. [H.T.B., V.F.]

**Common Yellowthroat** *Arrival*: 30 Apr., 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [GDS]; 1 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]  
*Maximum*: 25 May, 80+ @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.], 19 May, 64 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Hooded Warbler** *Overflight*: 15 Apr., 1 @ Clear Creek MP, Hocking Co. [M.E.]  
*Arrival*: 25 Apr., 3 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [L.P.]; 27 Apr., 1 @ Meander Res., Mahoning Co. [D.J.Hc]; 3 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**Wilson's Warbler** *Arrival*: 8 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 9 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]  
*Maximum*: 31 May, 38 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 30 May, 35+ @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 25 May, 25 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Departure*: 31 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 30 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 27 May, 1 @ Riverbend Park, Hancock Co. [B.H.]; 26 May, 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [GDS]

**Canada Warbler** *Arrival*: 10 May, 1 @ Mill Creek Park, Mahoning Co. [N.Br.]; 12 May, 1 @ O.N.W.R., Ottawa Co. [R.H.]  
*Maximum*: 30 May, 24 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 31 May, 22 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 24 May, 20 @ Reno Beach, Lucas Co. [R.H.]  
*Departure*: 30 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 28 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]

**Yellow-breasted Chat** *Arrival*: 7 May, 1 @ Shawnee Lookout County Park, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]; 7 May, 1 @ MMWA, Lucas Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]  
*Local Interest*: 13 May, 1 @ Kelleys L., Erie Co. [P.S.]; 19-21 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]

**Eastern Towhee** *Maximum*: 19 Apr., 50 @ Wildemess Center, Stark Co. [S.Hk.]

**American Tree Sparrow** *Maximum*: 16 Mar., 178 @ MMWA, Lucas/Ottawa Co. [HSH]; 26 Mar., 60+ @ Killeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [R.Ro.]; 4 Apr., 50+ @ Fairport Harbor, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Departure*: 4 May, 1 @ MMWA, Lucas Co. [C.H.]; 29 Apr., 2 @ cemetery, Hancock Co. [C.Mc. fide B.H.]; 28 Apr., 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [K.Me.]

**Chipping Sparrow** *Arrival*: 18 Mar., 1 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]; 25 Mar., 10 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 1 Apr., 1 @ Streetsboro, Portage Co. [C.H.]  
*Maximum*: 5 May, 51 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

**Clay-colored Sparrow**. An invasion totaling at least 8 birds. Prior to 1995 there were less than 20 records of Clay-colored Sparrow for Ohio. There have been approx. 20 additional records since that time through this spring. The eastward expansion of this species has stepped up a notch with last year's nesting attempt not likely the last.

*All Reports*: 4 May, 1 m @ Springville Marsh SNP, Seneca Co. [HTB et al.]; 10-12 May, 1m @ Rider Rd, Ottawa Co. [† V.F. (ph.), C.D., m.obs.]; 10 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R. (ph)]; 10 May, 1 m @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [† D.St., C.Sa., S.P., et al.]; 11 May, 2 @ Oak Openings MP, Lucas Co. [T.K.]; 13 May, 1 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [N.Br.]; 19 May, 1 @ Reno Beach, Lucas Co. [K.A.]

**Clay-colored Sparrow**:  
Ottawa Co.  
11 May 1997 [ph. V.F.]



**Field Sparrow** *Arrival*: 19 Mar., 1 @ Whitford Woods Hunting Reserve, Geauga Co. [D.B.]; 23 Mar., 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]  
*Maximum*: 80 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]

**Vesper Sparrow** *Arrival*: 17 Mar., 1 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [K.A.]; 29 Mar., 1 @ Madison Co. [R.Ro.]; 2 Apr., 4 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [V.F.]; 3 Apr., 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 5 Apr., 2 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R., N.B.]  
*Maximum*: 5 Apr., 5 @ Tuscarawas Co. [E.S.]

**Lark Sparrow** *Arrival*: 29 Apr., 1 @ Oak Openings MP, Lucas Co. [E.T.]  
*Local Interest*: 2 May, 1 @ Zanesville, Muskingum Co. [D.L., †]; 26 May, 1 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [C.J.]

**Savannah Sparrow** *Overwintered?*: 1 Mar., 1 @ Holmes Co. [E.S.]; 8 Mar., 5 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]  
*Arrival*: 27 Mar., 1 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 27 Mar., 3 @ Pickaway Co., [R.Ro.]; 29 Mar., 3 @ Madison Co. [R.Ro.]  
*Maximum*: 6 Apr., 30 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.K., K.Mc.]; 27 Apr., 18 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]  
*Late*: 21 May, pair @ Hamilton Riverside, Butler Co. [M.Bu.]

**Grasshopper Sparrow** *Arrival*: 21 Apr., 1 @ T80, Seneca Co. [D.W.]; 21 Apr., 1 @ Island Rd., Pickaway Co. [K.A.]; 28 Apr., 2 @ Hamilton Riverside, Butler Co. [M.Bu.]; 3 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R., K.Me.]  
*Local Interest*: 8 May, 1m @ Lorain impoundment, Lorain Co. [V.F.]

**Henslow's Sparrow** *Arrival*: 15 Apr., 3 @ Clear Creek MP, Hocking/Fairfield Co. [M.E.]; 19 Apr., 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Huntington Resv., Cuyahoga Co. [L.Ri. et al.]  
*Local Interest*: 9 May, 1 @ Madison Twp., Lake Co. [J.P.]; 19 May, 6 @ NW Cochocton Co. [E.S.]

**Le Conte's Sparrow** *O.B.R.C. Accepted*: 9 May, 1 @ Arcola Creek MP, Lake Co. [† J.P.]

**Fox Sparrow** *Arrival*: 1 Mar., 1 @ MMWA, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 4 Mar., 3 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [B.H. et al.]; 10 Mar., 8 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]  
*Maximum*: 4 Apr., 16 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 13 Apr., 8 @ Cleveland Lakefront S.P., Cuyahoga Co. [B.F.]  
*Departure*: 2 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 28 Apr., 1 @ Oak Openings, Lucas Co. [T.K.]; 27 Apr., 1 @ Camp Berry, Hancock Co. [F.L. fide B.H.]  
*Very late*: 18 May, 1 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]

**Song Sparrow** *Maximum*: 13 Apr., 150 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [N.C.]; 2 Apr., 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Arrival*: 4 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Dam, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 4 May, 2 @ ONWR, Lucas/Ottawa Co. [TMR / L.Ba.]; 5 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]  
*Maximum*: 22 May, 37 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 12 May, 14 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 17 May, 12 @ Kelleys L., Erie Co. [HTB]  
*Departure*: 30 May, 1 @ Nathan Hale Park, Cuyahoga Co. [R.H.]; 30 May, 1 @ downtown Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [P.L.]; 25 May, 1 @ Lakewood, Cuyahoga Co. [B.F.]; 20 May, 1 @ Cincinnati Nature Center, Clermont Co. [D.Br.]

**Swamp Sparrow** *Maximum*: 13 Apr., 100 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [E.H.]

**White-throated Sparrow** *Arrival*: 22 Apr., 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]  
*Maximum*: 30 Apr., 260+ @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 27 Apr., 70 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**Departure** : 31 May, 1 @ HBSF, Lake Co. [N.B.]; 30 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 30 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 30 May, 1 @ Columbus, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 27 May, 7 @ feeder, CR 26, Hancock Co. [fide B.H.]; 22 May, 1 @ Adams Co. [R.Ro.]; 22 May, 1 @ Zaleski S.F., Athens Co. [V.F.]

**Harris's Sparrow** *Two Reports* : One OBRC Accepted; 6-11 May, 1 @ feeder nr Wilderness Center, Stark Co. [ † P.So., † B.G. (ph), R.Ba. (ph), V.F., L.Y., m.obs.]

**White-crowned Sparrow** *Arrival* : 4 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]

*Maxima* : 10 May, 92 @ Hancock Co. [B.H., et al.]; 8 May, 44 @ Green Lawn Bike Trail, Franklin Co. [A.G.]; 10 May, 40 @ Tuscarawas Co. [E.S.]; 18 May, 22 @ MMWA, Ottawa/Lucas Co. [HSH]; 21 May, 15 @ Gordon Park, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]

*Departure* : 28 May, 1 @ Sagamore Hills, Summit Co. [DAC]; 27 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Maxima* : 25 Mar., 280 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 4 Apr., 210 @ Fairport Harbor, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 22 Apr., 122 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

*Departure* : 22-25 May, 1 @ feeder, Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 19 May, 1 @ Brecksville Resv., Cuyahoga Co. [DAC]; 15 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [C.D.]; 10 May, 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]



**Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon Junco)** *Two Reports* : 11-15 Mar., 1 m. @ feeder, Tiffin, Seneca Co. [V.F. (ph)]; 17-19 Apr., 1 f. @ feeder, Tiffin, Seneca Co. [HTB, V.F., m.obs.]

**'Oregon' Dark-eyed Junco** :  
Tiffin, Seneca Co.  
11 March 1997 [ph. V.F.]

**Lapland Longspur** : The massive flight censused from the sledding hill at Maumee Bay S.P. becomes the second largest concentration ever witnessed in Ohio. Lucas County also boasts the largest flock ever, that of 10,000 estimated 1 May 1949 (Peterjohn 1989)

*Maxima* : 21 Mar., 4200 + @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F., B.G., E.S., et al.]; 21 Mar., 378 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 27 Mar., 59 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 28 Mar., 48 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 9 Apr., 27 @ Big Island W.A., Marion Co. [V.F.]

*Departure* : 28 Apr., 2 @ Madison Co. [R.Ro.]

**Snow Bunting** *Maxima* : 1 Mar., 145 @ ONWR, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 4 Mar., 61 @ Findlay Res., Hancock Co. [S.R., K.N.]

*Departure* : 21 Mar., 2 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F., E.S. et al.]

**Bobolink** *Arrival* : 30 Apr., 1 @ MMOT, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Island Rd., Pickaway Co. [K.A.]

*Maxima* : 19 May, 350 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 18 May, 200 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Maxima* : 21 Mar., 20,000 flybys @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 27 Mar., 9000 flybys @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]

**Eastern Meadowlark** *Arrival* : 1 Mar., 1 @ Nathan Hale Park, Cuyahoga Co. [R.H.]

*Maxima* : 28 Mar., 30+ @ Fairport Harbor, Lake Co. [L.R.]

**Western Meadowlark** *All Reports* : 6 Apr. - 19 May, 1 @ MMWA entrance, Ottawa Co. [V.F.]

P.L. / R.H., S.Wg. / K.A. et al.; 20 Apr., 1 @ Bolton Field, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 4 May, 1 @ Rt. 590 & Rt. 163, Ottawa Co. [J.P.]; 5-28 May, 1-3 @ Darsch Rd., Ottawa Co. [C.D. / K.A. / R.R.I./ m.obs.]

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** *All Reports* : 23-25 Apr., 1 @ Milford, Clermont Co. [J.N., et al.]; 28 Apr., 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 29 Apr., 1 m @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [B.G.]; 3-12 May, 1 ad. m. @ feeder, MMWA, Ottawa Co. [M.Wa., m.obs.]; 10-11 May, 3-1 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [JSL / N.C.]; 19 May, 1 @ MMWA, Lucas/Ottawa Co. [K.A.]

**Rusty Blackbird** *Maxima* : 1 Mar., 1600 @ Ottawa Co. [V.F.]; 21 Mar., 3400 @ Maumee Bay S.P., [V.F.]; 4 Apr., 300 @ Spring Valley W.A., Warren/Greene Co. [N.C.]

*Departure* : 17 May, 3 @ ONWR/MMWA, Lucas/Ottawa Co. [TMR]; 9 May, 1 @ Baldwin L., Cuyahoga Co. [TMR]; 4 May, 5 @ Mallard Club Marsh W.A., Lucas Co. [C.H.]

**Brewer's Blackbird** *One Report* : 15 Mar. - 4 Apr., 12 - 3 @ Spring Valley W.A., Greene/Warren Co. [J.R. et al. / N.C.]

**Common Grackle** *Maxima* : 17 Mar., 6300 @ Sandusky Co. [V.F.]; 21 Mar., 5800 flybys @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 27 Mar., 4200 @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 9 Mar., 2000 @ Mad R. Twp., Clark Co. [D.O.]

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Maximum* : 6 Apr., 4000 @ Crane Creek S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]

**Orchard Oriole** *Arrival* : 30 Apr., 1 @ Kinnikinnick, Ross Co. [K.A.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [GDS]; 2 May, 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 2 May, 1 @ Morgan Co. [L.B.]; 9 May, 1 @ S.B.I., Ottawa Co. [S.Wu.]

*Maxima* : 16 May, 6 + @ feeder (oranges + nectar), Elktion, Columbiana Co. [W.St.]; also visiting oranges/nectar feeder in Sagamore Hills, Summit Co., 25 May [DAC]; and Thompson Twp., Geauga Co. [DNS]

*Breeding* : 23 May, nest bldg. @ East Fork S.P., Clermont Co. [D.Br.]

**Baltimore Oriole** *Overflight* : 18 Apr., 1 @ Tiffin, Seneca Co. [P.Li.]

*Arrival* : 29 Apr., 1 @ California Woods, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]; 29 Apr., 1 @ Gilmore Ponds, Butler Co. [M.Bu.]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Paulding Co. [DMD]; 30 Apr., 1 @ Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin Co. [K.A.]; 2 May, 1 @ Trumbull Co. [DUHc]; 3 May, 1 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [TMR]

*Maxima* : 19 May, 180 @ Ottawalucas Co. marshes [K.A.]; 18 May, 90+ @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 16 May, 20+ @ feeder (oranges + nectar), Elktion, Columbiana Co. [W.St.]

*Breeding* : 17 May, nest bldg. @ Spring Valley W.A., Greene/Warren Co. [L.G.]

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Overwintered?* : 25 Mar., 1 @ feeder, Findlay, Hancock Co. [D.Ko. fide B.H.]

*Overflight* : 14 Apr., 2 @ feeder, Miami Co. [JMG]; 15 Apr., 1 @ Clear Creek Valley, Hocking/Fairfield Co. [M.E.]; 18 Apr., 3 @ Tiffin, Seneca Co. [P.Li.]

*Arrival* : 25 Apr., 1 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [L.P.]; 2 May, 1 @ Columbus feeder, Franklin Co. [R.Ro.]; 3 May, 2 @ MMBT, Lucas Co. [TMR]; 3 May, 2 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]

*Maxima* : 12 May, 100's @ Kelleys I., Erie Co. [BAT]; 19 May, 70 @ Ottawalucas Co. marshes [K.A.]; 18 May, 46 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Late* : 28 May, 2 @ Spring Valley W.A., Greene/Warren Co. [D.Br.]; 26 May, 2 @ BCSP, Clark Co. [D.O.]; 22 May, 4 @ MWW, Hamilton Co. [D.Br.]

**Blue Grosbeak** *Overflight* : 18 May, 1m @ Pickerel Creek W.A., Sandusky Co. [V.F.]; 24 May, 1 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]

*Arrival* : 9 May, 1 @ Hueston Woods S.P., Preble Co. [J.Hm.]; 10 May, 6 @ Adams Co. [census, fide B.L.]

**Painted Bunting** *1st State Record* (O.B.R.C. Accepted) : 16-19 Apr., 1 m. @ feeder (millet), Tiffin, Seneca Co. [V.F. (ph), m.obs.]

**Indigo Bunting** *Arrival* : 23 Apr., 1 @ Acton L., Preble Co. [M.Sc.]; 30 Apr., 8 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [K.A.]; 2 May, 1 @ Trumbull Co. [DJHc]

*Maxima* : 19 May, 200 @ Ottawa/Lucas Co. marshes [K.A.]

**Dickcissel** *overwintered?* : 27 Mar. - 16 Apr., 1 @ feeder, Enon, Clark Co. [C.Bu. fide D.O.]

*Arrival* : 24 May, 1 @ Rt. 523, Sandusky Co. [R.H. & S.Wg.]; 24 May, "several" @ Eagle Creek Rd., Adams Co. [C.J.]; 24 May, "several" @ entrance to Little Portage W.A., Ottawa Co. [fide T.K.]; 29 May, 3 @ roads E of C.J. Brown Res., Clark Co. [T.Fz.]

**House Finch** *Maxima* : 21 Mar., 22 flybys @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]; 27 Mar., 24 flybys @ Maumee Bay S.P., Lucas Co. [V.F.]

**Purple Finch** *Maxima* : 15 Apr., 46 @ feeder, Rockbridge, Hocking Co. [J.F.]; 27 Apr., 12 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [L.R.]; 30 Apr., 12 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 30 Mar., 10 @ Ceasar Creek Res., Wayne Twp., Warren Co. [D.D.]

*Late* : 28 May, 1 @ feeder, Tiffin, Seneca Co. [D.W.]; 19 May, 1 @ NE Knox Co. [E.S.]; 13 May, 1 @ Marietta, Washington Co. [L.B.]

**Pine Siskin** : All *Reports* : 27 Apr. - 18 May, up to 3 @ feeder, Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 12 May, 1 @ HBSP, Lake Co. [K.Me.]

**American Goldfinch** *Maxima* : 11 May, 400 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 18 May, 300 @ Lakeshore MP, Lake Co. [J.P.]; 30 May, 150 @ Scioto Trails S.F., Ross Co. [K.A.]; 17 May, 115 @ Killdeer Plains W.A., Wyandot Co. [K.A.]

### Exotics

**Trumpeter Swan** Fifteen more birds were released by O.D.N.R.; this flock at Killbuck Marsh W.A., Holmes/Wayne Co., 5 Apr. Two green-banded birds at Funk Bottoms W.A. 15 Mar., preceded this release. Another banded bird was at Sheldon Marsh SNP 17 Mar., [D.L. et al.]

*Unbanded birds* : 1 Mar. - into late Apr., 5 (1 ad., 4 imm.) @ Howard Rd., Lucas Co. [V.F., m.obs.]; 11 Mar., 3 imm @ Mehlidal Dam, Clermont Co. [F.R.]; 19 Mar., 1 ad, 1 imm. @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [fide DJHc]; 25 Mar., 4 @ Vanlue Lagoon, Hancock Co. [B.H.]; 22 Apr., - 10 May, 2 @ Fox L., Hancock Co. [B.H.]

**Chilean Flamingo** : Mar., 1 @ Mosquito L., Trumbull Co. [DHJc]

This summary of the season would not be possible without the contributions of the **214 cited individuals** listed below:

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 Sue Baxter .....S.Bx. T.F.  
 Dan Best .....D.B. J.F.  
 Jim Black .....J.Bl. C.G.3  
 Linda Bode .....L.Bd. L.G.  
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 Bill Bossic .....B.Bo. G.G.  
 David Brinkman .....D.Br. JMG  
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 Harry Bryan .....H.Br. A.G.  
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 Charles Buechele .....C.Bu. FMG  
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 Gary Burkholder .....G.Bh. S.Hk.  
 Sandy Burris .....S.B. J.Hm.  
 Don Burton .....D.Bu. R.Hn.  
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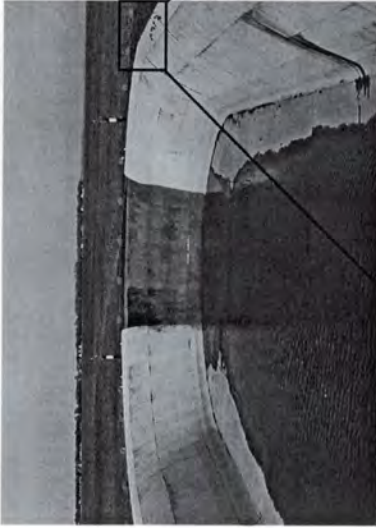
**Shorebird Fallout at Grand Lake St. Marys**  
by  
**David Dister**

**Grand Lake St. Mary's - Then and Now**

Prior to the 1830's, the area known as Grand Lake St. Marys (Mercer/Auglaize Counties) was the largest inland marsh and sedge meadow complex in Ohio. In 1843, during lake construction, a spillway was completed at Coldwater Creek. In 1845, this tremendous wetland was dammed and permanently inundated, creating a reliable source of water for the Miami-Erie Canal, as well as for local and industrial use. After the flood of 1913, a new spillway was constructed in 1914 at Beaver Creek. At more than 14,000 acres and with an average depth of 5-10 feet, the state's largest inland lake is more suited to recreation than for wildlife and birding opportunities. Warm and silt-laden waters developed with the disappearance of standing timber and mosses had reduced wave action. The Mercer Waterfowl Management Area in the southwest corner does provide a staging area for Canada Goose and supports a large Great Blue Heron rookery. Nonetheless, there is virtually no shorebird habitat, except for the usually disturbed small public beach at the State Park along the lake's northeast shoreline. In a fortuitous twist of engineering, the new concrete spillway at the lake's western end may provide critical habitat for the more coastal-oriented shorebirds during migration. This became dramatically clear on the late afternoon of 18 May 1997.

**May 1997 Occurrence**

For many months, the west perimeter road (West Bank Road) around Grand Lake St. Marys had been blocked for construction activity where the lake empties into Beaver Creek. It became evident that a new 500 foot long spillway had been built and was just a few weeks away from an official state dedication 1 June 1997. As I approached the horseshoe-shaped structure, it was obvious that a small flock of shorebirds was resting on the southern lip of the spillway, which was 12 to 18 inches above the current lake level. They were Ruddy Turnstones, and more than just a few, about two dozen. A closer view into the spillway, some 19 feet below lake level, revealed several groups along with scattered individuals everywhere in the shallows waters and dry edges. This was suddenly a seasonal 'best day', and a good chance for a local high count of Ruddy Turnstones. As these shorebirds were constantly moving, it took about 20 minutes before I was satisfied with a total of 56 Ruddy Turnstones, 1 Dunlin, and 1 Sanderling. Perhaps another 20 minutes passed when I noticed a tight flock of small shorebirds circling way out over the northwest end of the lake, presumably looking for suitable shallow water habitat. The flock soon flew out of sight, however, after another 15 minutes, the mystery flock suddenly flew



**The new spillway at  
Grand Lake St. Mary's  
May 1997**



**...and some  
Ruddy  
Turnstones**

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**Interpretation cont.**

† = substantiating details provided.

Overflight : a biological phenomenon whereby a bird overflies, in time and space, its anticipated arrival by fully one migration wave. Spring migration waves are closely associated with weather fronts. Spring frontal passage through Ohio averages 6 days, therefore the occurrence of one or two birds 8 days, in time and space, ahead of the general arrival for the species, provided overflight conditions exist, is conservatively given as an overflight. In the example of Barn Swallow, there are 5 temporal days, and 3 spatial days for a total of 8 between the appearance of an individual on strong SW<sup>ly</sup> winds in C Ohio, and the apparent arrival of the species in the SW. There is a minimum 3 day difference in average migration dates between southern and C Ohio; again conservative.

down to join the other shorebirds in the spillway basin. Wow! Many more turnstones, as well as Sanderlings. A reassessment of the numbers of all three species brought the final count to 82 Ruddy Turnstones, 25 Sanderlings, and 4 Dunlin. This assemblage might be expected along Lake Erie, but not in west-central Ohio!

#### Status in Ohio

The Sanderling is one of the more conspicuous shorebirds along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts during migration and winter. This energetic species forages for invertebrates such as crustaceans, mollusks, worms, and insects along breaking waves coastally, and on mudflats and sandy shores inland. The Ruddy Turnstone forages for similar prey along beaches, breakwaters, and mudflats. The turnstone breeding range overlaps that of the Sanderling in the high latitude tundra, while wintering along Pacific, Atlantic, and Gulf coasts south to Argentina and Chile.

In Ohio, the largest spring movements of Ruddy Turnstone occur between 20 May and 5 June (Peterjohn 1989), being "accidental to locally rare migrants through the northern and glaciated central" counties. Most inland sightings are of 1 to 10 birds, while and inland maximum of 125 were observed in Wayne Co. 17 May 1978.

The largest spring movement of Sanderlings takes place during the last half of May, wherein "they are considered accidental to casual migrants in groups of 3 or fewer" and along Lake Erie "1 to 6 daily" can be expected. There is an obscure report of 62 Sanderlings seen at Firestone Conservation Reservoir in Summit Co. 2 June 1966 [J. Laughlin, *Cleveland Bird Calendar* 62(3): 28]. In checking the *Birds of the Lake St. Marys Area* (1970), the Sanderling is considered an uncommon migrant with spring occurrences 8-30 May, although none are annotated with maximum numbers. The Ruddy Turnstone is considered fairly common as a migrant and uncommon as a summer visitor from 10 May, but again maximum numbers are not given. Both species are given as very rare spring transients at Buckeye Lake by Trautman (*Birds of Buckeye Lake*, 1940). During his survey period of 1921 to 1934, there was only a single Sanderling, and the spring maximum for Ruddy Turnstone was three.

#### Conclusions

The new spillway at Grand Lake St. Mary's is definitely worth checking for those already birding the vicinity. Given the right conditions, other unusual shorebird concentrations are possible, as well as rare gulls and terns on the lip of the spillway. The 1997 Ruddy Turnstone flock becomes the 2nd largest inland concentration in spring for Ohio. The Sanderling flock reported here becomes the second largest spring concentration noted in the interior of Ohio.

## Notes on Cleveland's spring jaegers

by

Kevin Metcalf

In the spring 1997, birders had the opportunity to spend time with a species that usually puts in only a fleeting appearance in Ohio. Five Pomarine Jaegers lingered near the mouth of the Cuyahoga River from 12 April into May. Even the most experienced lake watchers found much to learn from these five birds as they sat in the water, chased gulls, and flew over observer's heads.

The five birds shared many characteristics. All had the Pomarine "double flash" created by whitish bases to the primaries and primary coverts on the underwing, all were about the same size, roughly the size of a Ring-billed Gull, and all had short, blunt-tipped central tail feathers. After spending many hours with these birds, I learned that, when faced with a jaeger to identify, look first to the underwing pattern, look next for a nearby gull to confirm the relative size, and hope the bird comes close enough to see the tail projection. Overall shape and jizz is also useful as one gains experience.

On the Great Lakes, jaegers are usually seen in autumn, and are typically juvenile birds. The Cleveland jaegers were apparently in first-spring plumage. They differed from fall juveniles in that they had whitish, barred uppertail coverts. Some field guides state that, if the jaeger in question has tail coverts paler than the nape, it is probably a Pomarine, while tail coverts darker than the nape indicate a Parasitic. This is in reference to fall juveniles. The word of caution here is that in spring plumage, both species will have paler uppertail coverts, so the field mark is not valid beyond the first fall birds, if it is valid at all.

Although these jaegers shared many traits, they also showed remarkable variation in color. Eventually, I came to know them as individuals and tracked them by name. Two of the birds were dark morphs, two were intermediate, and one was very pale. Below are brief descriptions of each.

"Blondie" - Blondie was the palest of the group, having an evenly pale beige head. The lower neck and chest had indistinct barring. The back was dark brown with tan feather edges. The undertail coverts were whitish with blackish barring. The wing coverts were dark brown and tan edged.

"Dark morph 1" - The two dark morphs were distinct, being a dark chocolate brown overall. This bird had pale, brown edging to the back feathers, which the other dark morph lacked. The upperwing coverts did not show the obvious pale edging seen on the paler birds. The folded primaries were blackish, showing no pale edge to the tips. Dark morph 1 differed from the other dark morph bird in that the dark barring on the undertail was not as broad, being about the same width as the pale barring.

"Blondie"



"Dark-face"



"Hook"



"Hook" - Hook was the darkest of the lot. It had a very angular looking bill with a substantial hook on the end. Hook also had a more blocky -shaped head than the others. It had no pale edging on the back or scapulars. Hook's entire head seemed nearly black, and the undertail coverts had dark barring broader than the pale barring.

"Dark-cap" - Along with the next bird, Dark-cap was intermediate in color between Blondie and the dark morphs, showing more distinct barring overall. With Dark-cap, the forehead, most of the crown, and the area around the eye were dark chocolate brown. The auricular area was the palest of the head. The nape, throat, and neck were pale or medium brown, with indistinct barring of a warm brown color on the neck and breast. Dark-cap had thinner brown edging to the back feathers than Blondie. The upper-wing coverts showed well-defined edging or scalloping. The belly showed more contrast with the breast, being distinctly pale. The tail projection was more noticeable on this individual, and it seemed to be in slightly more advanced or adult-like plumage than the others.

"Dark-face" - Dark-face was very interesting because it appeared slightly smaller than the other four birds. It had a straighter bill than the others, being not as deep at the base. The forehead and face were brown, with a paler nape. It showed distinct barring on the breast and flanks, being a warmer brown color than on the other birds. It also had very noticeable pale, grayish, V-shaped tips to the primaries - a field mark that is supposed to be nearly diagnostic for Parasitic Jaeger in juvenile plumage. Despite the mixed bag of field marks, Dark-face still had the double-flash underwing pattern and the blunt tail projection. It also had no head streaking, which an immature Parasitic Jaeger is supposed to have. Of the other four birds, Blondie also showed faint but noticeable edging to the primary tips, so this oft-cited "Parasitic" field mark does not pass muster with our spring five-some. Dark-face illustrates very well that jaeger identification does have its pitfalls, and should be approached with caution.

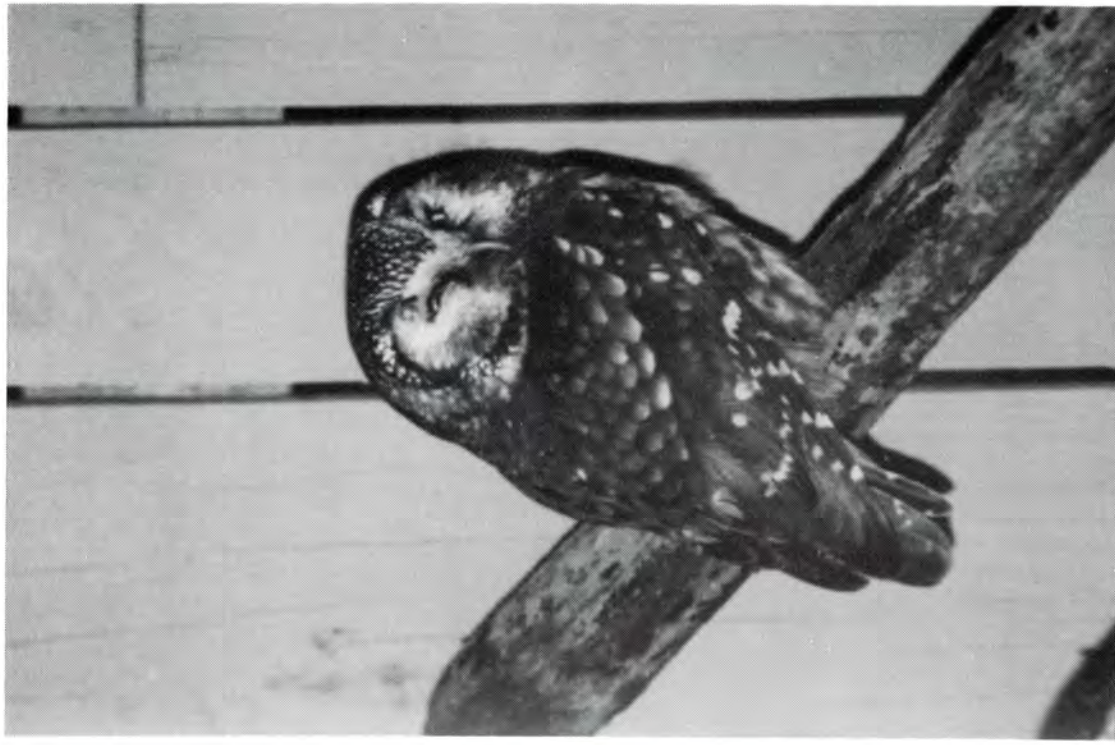
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