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Cover: Kirtland's Warbler at Crane Creek Bird Trail, 9 May 1987, photographed by Thomas Anderson.

Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*)

Ed Pierce

Imagine that small bird feeder in your yard as a subject of national importance. It does seem impossible doesn't it. One day the events of your life are proceeding normally. You enjoy your quiet residential neighborhood, the independence and privacy your home provides and the evenness of your daily routines. The next day you begin to understand how the Kennedy's must live. Up to fifty people have gathered in the street in front of your house. They all have binoculars and telescopes trained on your house. (Actually a small feeder in your front yard.) It's 8:00 A.M. and your neighbors slowly drive past this crowd thinking perhaps that some celebrity is visiting you. Strangers from Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton call you and want directions to your house. The crowd remains several days, returning each day larger and earlier. You can't leave by your front door but must exit through the garage and sneak away in your car down the driveway. You only go into your yard after dark to fill your feeders fighting the thought not to do so. What has happened? You guessed it. You've been victimized by your curiosity. You noticed a small bird at your feeder that you couldn't identify and called the local park naturalist starting a irreversible chain of events that culminated in your house location on the National Rare Bird Alert phone line.

This scenario of events happened this April to Helen and Horace Harger of Bath, Ohio. (A western suburb of Akron.) Their front yard bird feeder (see photo in this issue) was the host to a brambling. This wandering eurasian finch was a first record for Ohio and the forty-fourth record for North America in the last ten years outside it's migratory path in the Aleutians. The Harger's birding is restricted to their feeders but they know the birds they feed. When they first saw the brambling around March 31, 1987 they didn't recognize this colorful black and orange bird about the size of a junco. They checked bird books with a neighbor and settled on a bay-breasted warbler. The local park naturalist, Bert Szabo, called a local birder, Larry Rosche, whose thoughts raced to a possible brambling. Here's how Larry described the events that followed for the Bath newspaper, Villiage View:

"I called Helen and discussed the field characteristics of her "mystery" bird. The bird seemed too large by her description and for a warbler to be eating sunflower seeds seemed absurd. I asked what, if anything, made her think it was not a bay-breasted warbler. Helen said it had a large orange area above the wing. My pulse quickened and I asked her to look up brambling and she excitedly exclaimed, "That's the bird!" I told her to expect me right after work.

I met Pat Haddad and Bill Osborne at the feeders. We were soon joined by Bert Szabo and the vigil began. Alas, no luck, the bird did not reappear. On Friday, Helen saw the elusive bird again. Once again Pat held a long lasting sentry duty to no avail. The weekend was upon me and my hopes of being at the feeder early Saturday were dashed by a foot of snow. Again the Hargers saw the bird, photographing it several times. In the afternoon I braved the snow and met with the Hargers to discuss the bird further. My belief that the bird truly was a brambling became stronger as I watched the feeder and listened to Helen and Horace identify each species that appeared.

Sunday morning began unauspiciously as fog lay over the entire area. Undaunted, Cleveland Bird Calendar Editor Ray Hannikman and I drove to Bath. After an hour the bird appeared! It was indeed a brambling. My faith in the Harger's observations had been rewarded. Now a brambling is big news in the birding community, not just locally, but nationally. This bird was not only a rarity, but a strikingly plumaged male. I informed the Hargers of the possibility of many people wanting to see the bird. They said they would be delighted to share their Eurasian beauty.

Helen called the Bath police to warn them of an influx of binocular clad strangers and Horace kept the feeders filled. Rare bird hot lines alerted Ohio's bird lovers and the North American Rare Bird Alert spread the news across the country. Soon crowds of birders descended onto the quiet Bath neighborhood.

The groups assembled with anticipation Sunday afternoon only to be frustrated. By Monday, birders from as far away as Cincinnati and Columbus were nervously stationed in front of the Harger house. Many saw the bird in the early morning, but again the brambling seemed to know that he was in control of the minds of many. He was going to make the curiosity seekers wait. He seemed to say, "If you want to see Ohio's first brambling, then you are going to have to put your time in."

The bird made a few brief appearances Monday afternoon, but only the few who had waited patiently got to see him. By Tuesday morning the brambling had become reluctant to appear at all. The snow cover had abated and easier foraging was to be found elsewhere. As if to taunt the 50 plus people gabbing on the street, he flew in briefly to be seen only by those intently watching the feeding stations.

All and all, well over a hundred people came to view the bird. Many came and were disappointed but such is the way in birding. A bird like a brambling comes along once in a birders lifetime and Helen and Horace cannot be thanked enough for letting us all share in the sighting of the brambling."

This brambling remained at the Harger's feeder from 3/31/87 to 4/7/87. It was only the fourth Spring (March 1st to May 31st) record for the lower 48 states (see chart and map in this article) in the last ten years. It is also the second latest Spring record in this category. Surely the two snow storms were instrumental in driving this bird to the feeder. (The bird at Foland, Colorado in 1984 "disappeared during balmy weather and returned during periodic snowstorms.") March 30 and 31 produced 4.7" of snow and April 4 and 5, 14" of snow. The great majority of all brambling records (in the chart) are at feeders and in association with juncos. As the snow melted in the days after April 5, the bird became more difficult to find. It was last found April 7. Cold weather extremes seem to be an important factor influencing the vagrancy of bramblings. Of the thirty records in the lower 48 in the last ten years, eleven occurred during the

winter of 1983-1984 which was termed the winter of the "Siberian express" by American Birds, Changing Seasons Editor Paul Lehman who termed it the "coldest December ever in many locations."

Curiously all of the "Spring" records for the lower 48 in the last ten years are eastern whereas the "Winter" and "Fall" records are spread down the western coast of North America and across the northern half of the western and central states (with three records in the east). Where do these vagrants come from? Are the eastern Spring records from the U.S.S.R., China and/or Japan or from the British Isles and/or Norway?

The brambling is a migratory eurasian species. It breeds in north Eurasia from the northern tree limit south to north Norway, central Russia, forested Siberia and north Amurland to the Kamchatka Peninsula in eastern Russia. The species winters south to the British Isles, southern France, northern Italy, Balkan Peninsula (but very rarely in Greece), northern parts of Asia Minor, Syria, Iran, Afghanistan, northwest India, Tibet, China and Japan. In the U.S.S.R. it winters in small numbers in southern Russia.

It's Spring passage through the Caucasus (southern European Russia) begins at the end of February or in early March and the species arrives at its nesting grounds in central and northern European Russia (Arkhangelsk) around April 19 to May 22. "On migrations flying often in huge flocks, bramblings are very abundant everywhere. Especially large numbers of these birds fly over western parts of the U.S.S.R. and through the Caucasias. In some areas of Transcarpathian Region massive concentrations of bramblings occur at winter quarters. For 1 - 1 1/2 hours, an almost uninterrupted stream of birds passes through the air in a continuous band 300-500 m. wide. Approximately the same spectacle is occasionally seen in the foothills of northern Caucasus." (Birds of the Soviet Union.)

On Attu and Shemya Islands, the western most of the Aleutian Islands in Alaska, the brambling arrives in the Spring in small numbers (1-33) around May 12 through May 20 following its normal s.e.-n.e. Asia flight path. Unparalleled flocks up to 48 birds with a maximum flock of 156+ birds were seen in 1980.

In autumn migration the brambling departs the southern Urals (central European Russia) by October 4 through 26. The earliest date ever for fall flocks in this region was September 27, 1907.

On Attu the record fall early arrival date (in the last ten years) was September 11, 1983 with a maximum of 20+ birds seen September 23, 1983. Normal fall arrival seems to be September 17 through October 12 with a maximum of 24+ birds on September 27.

Three of the eastern U.S. records of the brambling (except for Nova Scotia 5/18/83) seem to correlate with the dates of the beginning of the European spring migration of this species and not the dates of the Asian migration (as typified by Attu) although no departure dates from China or Japan have been found. In addition the proximity of the Spring U.S. records to Europe argue for that source as well as the more defined pattern of the more numerous fall and winter U.S. records indicating an Asian source.

This of course assumes that the Spring U.S. records are not simply Asian vagrants that have remained in northern Canada throughout the winter.

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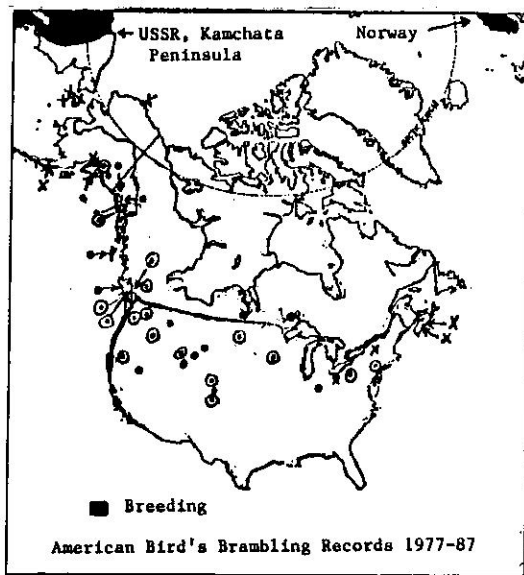
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FALL ●

WINTER ⊙

SPRING X

DATE	LOCATION	DATE	LOCATION	DATE	LOCATION
10/23-28/86	Juneau, Alas.	12/84-3/85	Petersburg, Alas.	3/31/87-4/7/87	Akron, Ohio
11/28/85-Late Jan. 86	Brigham City, Utah	2/5-3/28/84	Crescent City, Calif.	3/6-8/86	Mosher river, Nova Scotia
11/23/85-3/86	Ketchikan, Alas.	2/21/84	Vancouver, Vancouver, Is.	6/2/84	Gambell, Alas.
11/20-12/4/85	Seward, Alas.	1/21-28/84	Ladner, British Columbia	5/31/84	Gambell, Alas.
11/18-30/85	Sheridan, Wyoming	1/19-2/25/84	Vancouver, British Columbia	5/13/84	Anchorage, Alas.
11/13/85-4/20/86	Juneau, Alas.	1/15-3/84	Owatonna, Minn.	3/1-27/84	Pleasant Valley, N.Y.
11/10-26/85	Dubois, Wyoming	1/11-18/84	Tenino, Wash.	5/18/83	Lake Echo, Nova Scotia
11/10/85	Hendricks, Indiana	12/17/83-3/3/84	Foland, Colorado	"Spring" 83	Gambell, Alas.
"ten days in Nov." 85	Fort Alexander, Alas.	12/16-19/83	Pueblo Res., Colorado	"Spring" 83	Pt. Franklin, Alas.
11/20/83-1/7/84	Queen Charlotte City, British Columbia	12/12-26/83	Logan, Utah	5/27/78	Alas. "a few miles e. of normal migration"
11/20/83	Billings Pt., Vancouver Is.	12/9/83-2/15/84	Le-Grande, Oreg.		
10/23-26/83	Atikokan, Ontario	12/4-6/83	Kamloops, British Columbia		
10/22/83	E. St. Paul, Manitoba	1/6-3/22/82	Lake Samanish, Wash.		
10/20-11/4/83	Colorado Springs, Colorado	1/26-2/2/80	Cordova, Alas.		
11/19-12/3/78	Swan Lake, Montana	12/15/79-2/29/80	Bismarck, N.D.		
10/31-11/1/78	Sutcliffe, Nevada	12/78-3/79	Mansfield, Mass.		
11/6/77-2/28/78	Cordova, Alas.	2/2-4/1/78	Allegheny Co., Penn.		

Spring Report

1 March 1987 through 31 May 1987

Matt Anderson and Tom Kemp

As this issue represents the revival of The Ohio Cardinal, the number of birders contributing reports, as anticipated, was lower than what will hopefully be typical in the future. Obviously, a dozen or so major observers cannot effectively canvas the state, especially during spring migration when so many areas are productive. However, the following reports probably represent a fairly decent assessment of the birding picture in Ohio during the spring of 1987. As noted earlier, we expect the number of contributors to increase for upcoming issues. The Ohio Cardinal needs to receive more data from the southern part of the state, southwest Ohio in particular.

Certainly one of the great aspects of birding is its high degree of unpredictability. No two migration periods will ever be the same. Whether the spring migration is good, mediocre, or poor, the sheer number of birders combing the woods, fields, and marshes of the state guarantee that at least a few sightings of particular interest will occur. By most accounts the spring of 1987 would fall into the mediocre category, but three particularly good species were found: Ohio's first Brambling in Bath, Ohio, March 31 to April 7; a Kirtland's warbler along the Crane Creek Bird Trail on May 9; and a Swainson's warbler in Jackson County May 18-25 [perhaps later?]. Additional details on these species are included in this report and in separate articles in this issue.

Other noteworthy sightings included Tricolored heron, Greater White-fronted goose, Mississippi kite, Swainson's hawk, Yellow rails in two locations, Piping plover, Reeve, Common Black-headed gull, California gull, Bewick's wren, Bell's vireos in two or three areas, Harris' sparrow, and Hoary redpoll.

Two hundred seventy-seven species were reported [plus 5 uncorroborated species] for the period. In addition, Brewster's and Lawrence's warblers were seen. Shorebirds were represented by 30 species and warblers by 38 species! Some species appeared in lower than average numbers. Cattle egrets were scarce as were all scoters. Orange-crowned, Prairie, and Worm-eating warblers were hardly mentioned in the reports. Are these species down or are contributors just not reporting them? No Barn owls were reported. Lapland longspurs were reported only once. Present in above average numbers were Lesser Golden- and Semipalmated plovers. Record numbers of the latter were seen. Dickcissels also appeared in greater than usual numbers.

As always, weather played an important part in this year's spring migration. An extremely generalized summary of the weather shows that March was warmer than normal and relatively dry. It appears that waterfowl passed through quickly or completely bypassed the Lake Erie marshes due to favorable flying conditions. The warmer than usual

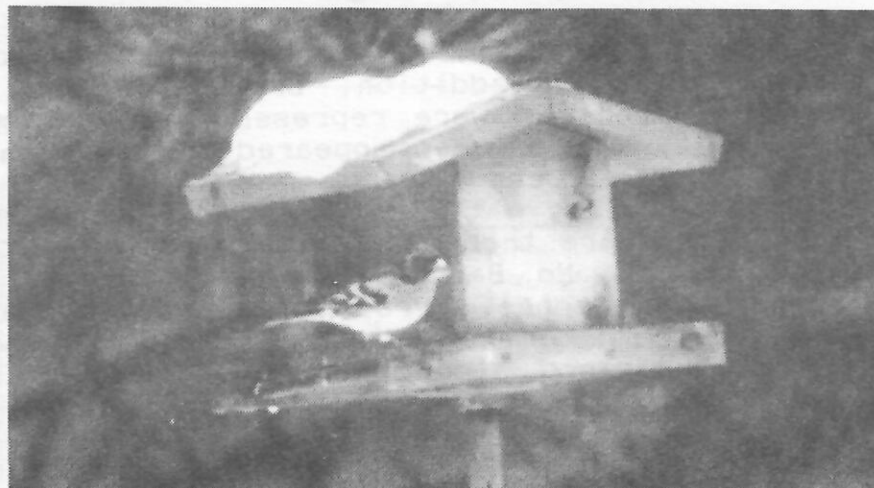
March conditions resulted in early budding of vegetation. Foliage was advanced by a week or more compared to normal throughout spring.

Persistent northeast winds occurred in April and May. Major snow fell in the northeast in late March and early April. The result was a later than normal arrival of May migrants; on the other hand, early spring migrants such as kinglets and White-throated sparrows lingered in above average numbers. Beginning on May 7, winds began to switch around to the south and southwest and a flood of migrants reached northern Ohio. One observer theorized that many warblers, vireos, thrushes, etc., were held up in southern Ohio and remained there in substantial numbers until this wind reversal occurred. May 9 was a particularly favorable day, and hundreds of observers were treated to one of Crane Creek's migration spectacles, complete with an extremely cooperative male Kirtland's warbler.

Unfortunately, migration conditions remained almost too favorable for the most part through mid-May and migrants passed through quickly. Late May brought wet, hot, and humid conditions with few birds of note.

We would like to stress to all contributors the importance of providing proper documentation for all species where such is required. Providing these details will allow at least an improved level of objectivity in determining which sightings should or should not be accepted. Also, contributors are urged to comment on other than just rare species. Important population trends can be gleaned from these remarks.

Following is a species by species account of the Spring 1987 season. We have maintained the same format used in prior Ohio Cardinal issues. Place names and observer initials will be summarized at the end of this section.



Male Brambling, Bath, Ohio. March 31-April 7, 1987. Photographed by Larry Rosche.

Common Loon

3/15 Bresler Res. [RC], 4/5 Caesar Creek [15] [CBB], 4/5 Cowan Lake [14] [LG], 4/16 Eastwood Lake [27] [CM], Late: 5/30 Caesar Creek [SL], 5/31 Beaver Creek Res. [TB]

Pied-billed Grebe

3/15 Buck Creek SP [10] [DO] [widespread]

Horned Grebe

3/7 Buck Creek SP [DO], 3/15 Buck Creek SP [30] [DO], High: 4/9 Mogadore Res. [160] [LR]

Red-necked Grebe D

3/8-18 Summit Lake [LR, EP]*, 4/9 Beaver Creek Res. [TB]*, 4/12 Bresler Res. [RC]*

Double-crested Cormorant

4/19 Spring Valley WA [3] [CC,JS], 5/3 Ottawa NWR [6] [ECP], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [27] [CB]

American Bittern

4/26 Medina Co. [ECP], 4/27 Firestone Metropark [ECP], 5/6 Huron [TL], 5/13 Gordon Park [RH], 5/17 Akron [LR]

Least Bittern

5/8 Cuyahoga Valley NRA [ECP], 5/11 Maumee Bay SP [KA], 5/13 Cleveland [RH], 5/16 Cuyahoga Valley NRA [LR], 5/19 Cleveland [TL], 5/24 Springville Marsh [TB]

Great Blue Heron

4/26 Washington Co. [22 nests] [LB] High: 5/30 Magee Marsh [250] [ECP] [widespread]

Great Egret

3/22 Wilmington [LG], 3/27 Ottawa NWR [ECP], 4/3 Marietta [LB], 4/5 Euclid [LR] High: 5/30 Magee Marsh [50] [ECP] [widespread]

Snowy Egret D

4/10 Cleveland [TL], 4/23 Wayne Co. [JH]*, 5/23 Ottawa NWR [RH], 5/24 Magee Marsh/Ottawa Ref. [5] [KA], 5/30 Magee Marsh [ECP]

Little Blue Heron

5/9 Magee Marsh [KA], 5/11 Lucas Co. [4] [KA], 5/23 Oxbow [JS],
5/23 Ottawa NWR [RH, ECP]

Tricolored Heron D

5/5 Barberton [LR, EP]*

Cattle Egret

5/12 Erie Co. [TL], 5/16 Ottawa Co. [KA] [only reports]

Green-backed Heron

Early: 3/30 Cleveland [TL], 4/21 Barberton [LR] [widespread]

Black-crowned Night-Heron

High: 5/3 Ottawa NWR [25] [ECP]

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

05/15 Dayton [several] [CM], 5/28 Columbus [3] [KA]

Tundra Swan

3/1 Ottawa NWR [50] [ECP], 3/7 L. Rockwell [6] [LR], 3/9
Youngstown [32] [CB], 3/16 Cuyahoga Co. [40] [RH], 3/22 Mosquito Lake
[118] [CB]

Mute Swan

3/1-12 Medway [CM], 5/24 Allen Co. [RC]

Greater White-fronted Goose D

3/1-8 Mosquito Lake [CB]*

Snow Goose

3/1 Mosquito Lake [CB], 3/15 Mogadore [LR], 3/22 Summit Co. [ECP]

Canada Goose

High: 3/1 Ottawa NWR [5400] [ECP]

Wood Duck

3/7 Buck Creek SP [D0], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [50] [ECP], 5/9 Mosquito
Lake [12 - "decreasing"] [CB], 5/24 Springville Marsh [30] [TB]

Green-winged Teal

3/15 Buck Creek SP [35] [D0], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [275] [ECP]
[widespread]

American Black Duck

3/1 Ottawa NWR [100] [ECP], 3/7 Buck Creek SP [40], 3/15 Buck Creek SP [30] [DO]

Mallard

3/1 Ottawa NWR [450] [ECP], 3/7 Buck Creek [150] [DO], [widespread]

Northern Pintail

3/7 Buck Creek SP [8] [DO], 3/30 Barberton [20] [LR], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [35] [ECP]

Blue winged Teal

3/27 Ottawa NWR [ECP], 3/30 Barberton [10] [LR], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [70] [ECP], 4/12 Caesar's Creek/Spring Valley [20] [DO], 5/7 Mosquito Lake [8] [CB]

Northern Shoveler

High: 4/5 Ottawa NWR [50] [ECP]

Gadwall

3/15 Mogadore [15] [LR], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [26] [ECP], normal numbers reported from most observers

American Wigeon

3/14 Clark Lake [22] [DO], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [24] [ECP], normal numbers reported from most observers

Canvasback

High: 3/8 Maumee Bay [5000] [KA], 3/22 Buck Creek SP [80] [DO], others report normal numbers

Redhead

normal numbers reported from most observers

Ring-necked Duck

3/15 Springfield [30] [DO], High: 3/15 Mogadore [755] [LR], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [51] [ECP]

Greater Scaup

reported in fair numbers, Late: 5/20 Ottawa NWR [KA]

Lesser Scaup

3/22 Buck Creek SP [120], normal numbers reported from most obs.

Oldsquaw

4/7 Findley SP [4] [TL], 4/9 Eastwood Lake [CM], 4/9 L. Rockwell [2] [LR], 4/10 Wilmington Res. [2] [LG]

White-winged Scoter

4/7 Wellington Res. [3] [TL] [only report]

Common Goldeneye

reported as normal by most observers, High: 3/1 Ottawa NWR [130] [ECP]

Bufflehead

reported as normal by most observers,

Hooded Merganser

3/7 Buck Creek SP [DO], 3/14 Chesire [LB], 3/18 Nimisila Res. [30] [ECP], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [25] [ECP], 5/24 Cleveland [RH]

Common Merganser

High: 3/1 Ottawa NWR [215] [ECP], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [101] [ECP], reported as normal by most observers

Red-breasted Merganser

reported as normal by most observers

Ruddy Duck

High: 4/9 Mogadore [320] [LR]

Black Vulture

3/10 Fairfield Co. [12] [KA], 5/9 Clear Creek [5] [TB], 5/12 Adams Co. [2] [KA]

Turkey Vulture

3/5 Caesar Creek [SL], 3/8 Oak Openings [TK], 3/20 Caesar Creek [150] [JS], 3/24 Ottawa NWR [34] [LY], 4/15 Oak Openings [60] [TK]

Osprey

4/9 Spring Valley [m.ob], 4/11 Cleveland [TL], Late: 5/31 CJ Brown Res. [CM], 5/31 Buck Creek SP [DO]

Mississippi Kite D

5/20 Delaware Co. [KA]*

Bald Eagle

3/1 L. Rockwell [LR], 4/4 Tiffin [TB], others reported from normal areas

Northern Harrier

status unchanged

Sharp-shinned Hawk

High: 4/27 Ottawa NWR [42] [JKo]

Cooper's Hawk

3/6 Cuyahoga Co. [RH], 5/10 Lima [nesting] [RC], 5 pairs in Oak Openings [TK] [reported in good numbers by most observers]

Northern Goshawk D

4/5 Lucas Co. [MA]*

Red-shouldered Hawk

2/28 Mosquito Creek [3 pairs] [CB], 3/7 Ottawa NWR [24] [EP, TB, DB], 2-3 pairs in Oak Openings [TK], mixed reports from the northeast

Broad-winged Hawk

4/12 Caesar's Creek [DO], 4/17 Oak Openings [TK], 4/26 Cuyahoga Valley NRA [LR], 4/27 Ottawa NWR [99] [JKo]

Swainson's Hawk D

5/13 Hueston Woods SP [RH]*

Red-tailed Hawk

listed as OK by reporting observers [LB, TB, DO, EP]

Rough-legged Hawk

3/1 Mosquito Lake [CB], 3/21 Crane Creek [RC], 3/24 Ottawa NWR [6] [LY], 4/12 Caesar's Creek [DO], 5/10 Ottawa NWR [RH]

American Kestrel

reported as OK by most observers

Merlin D

4/25 Headlands SBP [LR, RH]

Peregrine Falcon D

4/1 Toledo [pair present through most of the period] [m.ob.],
5/7-9 Magee Marsh/Ottawa Ref. [ECP*, KA]

Note: The pair of Peregrines in downtown Toledo have caused quite a bit of excitement and speculation and have remained in the area through the date this report is being written. These birds, needless to say, created mass panic among the downtown Toledo pigeon population. At least one person observed a pigeon being taken in mid-air and plenty of slashed carcasses have been observed on downtown sidewalks. Upon its arrival, the adult male developed a definite interest in the immature-plumaged female. They were often observed chasing each other and the male often dove and circled about the female as she perched atop various buildings. Beginning in May, the falcons began appearing much less frequently, but their regular haunts could not be determined. Further details on these two Pergrines will be forthcoming in the next issue of The Ohio Cardinal. - MA

Ring-necked Pheasant

Reported as OK in northwest, mixed reports from northeast

Ruffed Grouse

4/12 Medina Co. [ECP], 4/22 Lake Co. [TL], 5/4 Scioto Trails SF [6] [KA]

Turkey

4/18 Scioto Trails SF [7] [KA], 5/9 Clear Creek [3] [TB]

Northern Bobwhite

reported a scommon in Portage, Washington, and Lucas Cos. [LR, LB, TK]

Yellow Rail D

4/20-5/5 Irwin Prairie [MA, TK, JO]*, 5/24-27 Big Island WA [KA]*

King Rail

5/24 Big Island WA [LR, ECP, KA], reported from 4 locations in Lucas and Ottawa Cos. [KA]

Virginia Rail

Early: 3/22 Springville Marsh [TB], 3/24 Spring Valley [CM, JH],
5/28 Little Cedar Point NWR [5] [TK]

Sora

Early: 3/28 Spring Valley [CM], 3/29 Springville Marsh [TB]

Common Moorhen

4/21 Barberton [LR], 5/3 Ottawa NWR [3] [ECP], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [2] [CB], 5/27 Big Island WA [15] [KA]

American Coot

3/7 Buck Creek SP [DO], 3/21 Ottawa NWR [50] [ECP], 4/1 Mogadore Res. [100] [ECP], 4/12 Caesar's Creek/Spring Valley [50] [DO]

Sandhill Crane

3/6 Ottawa NWR [2] [KA], 3/8 West Milton [WV], 3/22 Killdeer Plains [KA], 3/25 Marion Co. [KA]

Black-bellied Plover

High: 5/23 Ottawa NWR [51] [ECP]

Lesser Golden-Plover

4/25 Wayne Co. [50] [ECP], 5/3 Cleveland [LR], 5/9 Ottawa NWR [25] [TK], 5/11 Lucas/Ottawa Cos. [5000!] [KA] [not unprecedented-Ed.] [good migration in Lucas Co., many reports-Ed.]

Semipalmated Plover

5/5 L. Rockwell [LR], 5/9 Magee Marsh [TK], 5/13 Greene Co. [6] [DO], 5/15 Ottawa Co. [920!] [KA] [incredible-Ed.], 5/23 Ottawa NWR [100] [ECP]

Piping Plover D

4/11. Cleveland [LR, RH, RHa, TL, m.ob], [extremely rare on the Great Lakes now: all records should be carefully documented-Ed.]

Killdeer

reported as normal

American Avocet

5/22 Magee Marsh [KA]

Greater Yellowlegs

3/18 Cuyahoga Valley NRA [RH], 3/22 Barberton [LR], 3/28 Champaign Co. [DO], High: 5/3 Ottawa NWR [44] [ECP]

Lesser Yellowlegs

High: 5/2 Barberton [60] [LR], 4/25 Wayne Co. [150] [ECP]

Solitary Sandpiper

4/25 Wayne Co. [20] [ECP], High: 5/9 L. Rockwell [29] [LR]

Willet

5/2 Cleveland [18] [RH, TL], 5/2 Barberton [10] [LR] [1st Summit Co. record], 5/9 Magee Marsh [KA]

Spotted Sandpiper

reported as normal

Upland Sandpiper

4/22 Cuyahoga Co. [RH], 4/23 Cleveland [TL], 5/2 Middletown [8] [TL], 5/25 Sandusky Co. [TB]

Whimbrel

5/12 Magee Marsh [TL], 5/17 West Branch SP [LR, EP] [1st Portage Co. record]

Marbled Godwit

4/19 Sandusky Co. [EL], 5/2 Cleveland [RH, TL]

Ruddy Turnstone

High: 5/23 Crane Creek [80] [RH]

Red Knot

5/23-24 Ottawa NWR [ECP, KA], 5/28 Cleveland [2] [TL] [only reports]

Sanderling

5/24 Cleveland [RH], 5/31 Cleveland [RH] [only reports]

Semipalmated Sandpiper

5/16 Ottawa NWR [TK], 5/23 Ottawa NWR [25] [ECP] [only reports!]

Least Sandpiper

5/5 Barberton [ECP], 5/9 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/16 Ottawa NWR [TK] [only reports]

White-rumped Sandpiper

5/23 Ottawa NWR [RH], 5/27 Big Island WA [12] [KA] [only reports]

Pectoral Sandpiper

3/22 Buck Creek SP [DO], 3/27 Ottawa Co. [ECP], 5/16 Ottawa NWR [TK] [only reports!]

Dunlin

4/25 Wayne Co. [5] [ECP], 5/23 Ottawa NWR [200] [ECP]

Stilt Sandpiper

4/27 Barberton [LR], 5/11 Big Island WA [2] [KA], 5/17 Cleveland [TL], 5/23 Huron [TL]

Ruff D

5/23 Ottawa NWR [Reeve] [LR, TL, EP, m.ob.]

Short-billed Dowitcher

5/9 Ottawa NWR [TK], 5/10 Barberton [23] [LR], 5/15 Magee Marsh [150] [KA], 5/23 Ottawa NWR [ECP]

Long-billed Dowitcher D

3/8 Springville Marsh [TB]*

Common Snipe

3/1 Ottawa NWR [ECP], 3/26 Marietta [LB], 3/29 Clark Lake [5] [DO], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [13] [ECP], 5/3 Ottawa NWR [13] [ECP]

American Woodcock

2/20 Washington Co. [LB], 3/2 Germantown Reserve [DN], 3/2 Lucas Co. [TK], 3/13 Champaign Co. [DO], reported OK in northwest

Wilson's Phalarope

5/9-10 Ottawa NWR [4] [TK, RH], 5/16 Oregon [2] [MA, TK], 5/23-24 Ottawa NWR [2] [RH, KA], 5/24 Cleveland [3] [RH, TL]

Red-necked Phalarope

5/22 Magee Marsh [KA] [only report]

Laughing Gull D

5/15 Magee Marsh [KA], 5/31 Headlands SBP [TKe]

Little Gull

5/8 Magee Marsh [KA]

Common Black-headed Gull D

4/6 Cleveland [RH, RHa]

Bonaparte's Gull

3/15 Springfield [DO], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [60] [ECP], 4/12 Mosquito Lake [8] [CB], 5/4 Washington Co. [LB]

Ring-billed Gull

reported as normal by most observers

California Gull D

4/29 Cleveland [RH]*

Herring Gull

reported as normal by most observers

Iceland Gull D

3/21 Cleveland [TL], 3/22 Metzger Marsh [RH], 4/6 Cleveland [KA]

Glaucous Gull D

3/4 Avon Lake [TL], 3/11 Cleveland [TL], 3/21 Cleveland [2] [TL], 4/6 Cleveland [KA], Late: 5/3 Cleveland [RH]

Great Black-backed Gull

High: 4/5 Ottawa NWR [25] [ECP]

Caspian Tern

4/12 Euclid [LR], 4/19 Cleveland [38] [RH], 5/5 Beaver creek Res. [TB], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [4] [CB], 5/9 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/9 Ottawa NWR [20] [KA]

Common Tern

5/3 Ottawa NWR [6] [ECP], 5/5 Beaver creek Res. [TB], 5/8 Ottawa Co. [30] [KA], 5/10 Headlands SBP [LR] [only reports]

Forster's Tern

4/16 Cleveland [RH], 5/5 Beaver creek Res. [TB], 5/8 Ottawa Co. [25] [KA], 5/9 Barberton [LR], 5/16 Cleveland [RH]

Black Tern

5/3 Barberton [LR], 5/4 Beaver creek Res. [TB], 5/24-28 Big Island WA [LR, KA]

Rock Dove

status unchanged

Mourning Dove

status unchanged

Black-billed Cuckoo

5/1 Firestone MP [ECP], 5/9 Barberton [LR], 5/9 Washington Co. [LB], 5/24 Springville Marsh [TB], 5/30 Lima [RC], 5/31 Lake Co. [TL]

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

5/1 Firestone MP [ECP], 5/13 Crane Creek [TB], 5/16 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/24 Buck Creek SP [DO]

Eastern Screech-Owl

widely reported. status unchanged

Great Horned Owl

widely reported. status unchanged

Snowy Owl

3/1 Cleveland [RH], 3/4 Dayton [CM] [last of a good invasion]

Barred Owl

4/5 John Bryan SP [DO], 4/15 Lima [RC], 4/16 Springfield [DO], 5/5 Lucas Co. [nest with 2 young] [TK]

Long-eared Owl

March-April Ottawa NWR [max. 10] [TB, RH, ECP]

Short-eared Owl

3/16 Cuyahoga Valley NRA [RH], 3/21-22 Crane Creek/Magee Marsh [4] [RH, ECP], 3/21 Maumee Bay SP [2] [ECP], 4/16-19 Cleveland [RH, TL]

Northern Saw-whet Owl

3/7 Crane Creek [ECP], 3/21 Englewood Reserve [B],
March-Columbus [no specific dates] [KA]

Common Nighthawk

4/26 Englewood [CBB], 5/1 Washington Co. [LB], 5/9 Kent [LR],
5/13 Greene Co. [15] [DO]

Chuck-will's-widow

5/11 Adams Co. [20] [KA] [increasing?-Ed.]

Whip-poor-will

4/15 Washington Co. [LB], 4/19 Germantown Reserve [TL], 5/4 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/11 Adams Co. [60] [KA], 5/13 Lucas Co. [10] [TK]

Chimney Swift

numbers noted as normal, abundant in northeast [CB]

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

4/26 Washington Co. [LB], 5/10 Logan Co. [DO], thought low statewide [RH]

Belted Kingfisher

status unchanged

Red-headed Woodpecker

3/28 Champaign Co. [DO], 4/17 Washington Co. [LB], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [8] [CB]

Red-bellied Woodpecker

status unchanged

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

4/11 Buck Creek SP [DO], 4/18 Clark Lake [DO], 5/3 Lima [RC], 5/9 Crane Creek [KA]

Downy Woodpecker

status unchanged

Hairy Woodpecker

status unchanged

Northern Flicker

status unchanged

Pileated Woodpecker

5/1 Cuyahoga Co. [nest] [RH], 5/4 Scioto Trails SF [9] [KA], "common" in Washington Co. [LB], scarce in northwest [TK]

Olive-sided Flycatcher

5/10 Headlands SBP [LR], 5/16 Lucas Co. [MA], 5/19 Cuyahoga Valley NRA [LR], 5/26 Irwin Prairie [TK], 5/28 Crane Creek [TB], 5/28 Warren Co. [RH], 5/31 Lucas Co. [MA, TK]

Eastern Wood-Pewee

5/7 Kent [LR], 5/9 Clark Co. [DO], 5/9 Washington Co. [LB]

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

5/21 Kent [LR], 5/28 Crane Creek [TB, TK] [only reports]

Acadian Flycatcher

5/7 Washington Co. [LB], 5/10 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/13 Greene Co. [DO], 5/16 West Branch [LR]

Alder Flycatcher

5/11 Lucas Co. [KA], 5/24 Crane Creek/Ottawa Ref. [5] [KA], 5/24 Sandusky Co. [3] [TB], 5/25 Streetsboro [LR], 05/30 Irwin Prairie [EC]

Willow Flycatcher

5/15 Firestone MP [ECP], 5/16 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/17 Barberton [LR], High: 5/24 Buck Creek SP [15] [DO]

Least Flycatcher

5/2 Akron [LR], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [3] [CB], 5/10 Clark Lake [DO]

Eastern Phoebe

3/14 Washington Co. [LB], 3/14 Hinckley Metropark [ECP], 3/22 Lucas Co. [TK], 3/23 Kent [LR], 3/24 Mosquito Creek [CB]

Great Crested Flycatcher

4/25 Mosquito Creek [CB], 5/1 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/2 Kent [LR], 5/7 Washington Co. [LB], 5/9 Clark Lake [DO]

Eastern Kingbird

4/25 Washington Co. [LB], 5/1 L. Rockwell [LR], 5/4 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/9 Buck Creek SP [DO]

Horned Lark

High: 3/8 Champaign Co. [40] [DO]

Purple Martin

3/30 Washington Co. [LB], 4/12 Caesar's Creek/Spring Valley [DO], 4/19 Akron [LR]

Tree Swallow

Early: 3/12 Barberton [BW], 3/21 Ottawa NWR [10] [ECP], 3/28 Buck Creek SP [D0], 4/12 Caesar's Creek/Spring Valley [40] [D0], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [102] [CB]

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

4/11 Buck Creek SP [D0], 4/21 Lucas Co. [TK], 4/25 Washington Co. [LB]

Bank Swallow

4/12 Caesar's Creek/Spring Valley [D0], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [15] [CB]

Cliff Swallow

4/30 L. Rockwell [LR], 5/16 Ottawa Co. [20 pairs nesting] [TK, KA], 5/17 West Branch Res. [15] [ECP]

Barn Swallow

4/12 Caesar's Creek/Spring Valley [D0], 4/20 Firestone MP [ECP], 4/22 Lucas Co. [TK], 4/26 Washington Co. [LB]

Blue Jay

5/9 Lucas/Ottawa Cos. ["hundreds" migrating along L. Erie shore] [TK, KA]

American Crow

3/3 Lucas Co. [400-500] [TK]

Black-capped Chickadee

status unchanged

Tufted Titmouse

status unchanged

Red-breasted Nuthatch

5/3 Crane Creek [ECP], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [D0], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK], 5/17 Oak Openings [TK] [only reports]

White-breasted Nuthatch

status unchanged

Brown Creeper

status unchanged

Carolina Wren

still scarce in northern counties, reported "common" in Washington Co. [LB]

Bewick's Wren D

reported back in Pike Co. location [TB]

House Wren

status unchanged

Winter Wren

3/25 Cuyahoga Co. [RH], 4/4 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/2 Firestone MP [ECP]

Sedge Wren

5/11 Magee Marsh [4] [KA], 5/13 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/16-17 Spring Valley [2] [JH, BT], 5/18 Euclid [TL, RHa], 5/23 Magee Marsh [RH]

Marsh Wren

5/8 Irwin Prairie [TK], 5/9 Cleveland [LR], 5/9 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/31 Buck Creek SP [6] [DO]

Golden-crowned Kinglet

High: 3/30 Oak Openings [35] [TK]

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

status unchanged

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

4/12 Washington Co. [LB], 4/19 Buck Creek SP [DO], 4/20 L. Rockwell [LR], 4/22 Firestone MP [ECP]

Eastern Bluebird

doing well in most areas

Veery

4/28 Lima [RC], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/3 Portage Co. [LR], 5/5 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [CB]

Gray-cheeked Thrush

5/7 Montgomery Co. [RH], 5/16 Crane Creek [ECP], 5/17 Akron [LR],
5/28 Crane Creek [TK]

Swainson's Thrush

5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/9 Akron [LR], 5/10 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/12
Firestone MP [15] [ECP]

Hermit Thrush

4/4 Buck Creek SP [DO], 4/4 Kent [LR], 4/11 Crane Creek [ECP],
4/19 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO]

Wood Thrush

5/2 L. Rockwell [LR], 5/3 Lima [RC], 5/7 Washington Co. [LB], 5/9
Clark Lake [DO]

American Robin

status unchanged

Gray Catbird

4/26 Lima [RC], 5/2 Akron [LR], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO]

Northern Mockingbird

3/7 Buck Creek SP [DO], 3/24 Cuyahoga Co. [3] [RH]

Brown Thrasher

3/22 Springville Marsh [TB], 3/28 Champaign Co. [DO], 4/14 Lucas
Co. [TK], 4/19 Lima [RC], 4/25 Washington Co. [LB] [two observers
cite improved numbers this year-Ed.]

Water Pipit

3/8 Ottawa Co. [KA], 3/25 Cuyahoga Co. [RH], 3/28 Spring Valley
[6-12] [TL, CM], 4/4 Buck Creek SP [DO], 4/19 Washington Co. [LB], 5/9
Lucas Co. [TK], 5/10 Cleveland [LR]

Cedar Waxwing

status unchanged

Loggerhead Shrike D

5/30 Wood Co. [nesting] [TB, ECP]

shrike, sp.

3/22 Lorain Co. [TL]

European Starling

status unchanged

White-eyed Vireo

4/22 Washington Co. [LB], 5/4 L. Rockwell [LR], 5/9 Clark Co. [DO]

Bell's Vireo D

5/24-31 Buck Creek SP [2 singing males] [DO, JH, CM], 5/25 Sandusky Co. [TB]*

Solitary Vireo

4/20 Lucas Co. [TK], 4/21 Mosquito Creek [CB], 4/26 Akron [LR], 5/2 Firestone MP [5] [ECP], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/9 Marietta [LB]

Yellow-throated Vireo

4/26 Washington Co. [LB], 4/26 Cuyahoga Valley NRA [LR], 5/10 Lucas Co. [TK]

Warbling Vireo

4/25 Washington Co. [LB], 4/30 Kent [LR], 5/5 Clark Co. [DO]

Philadelphia Vireo

5/3 Crane Creek [ECP], 5/5 Columbus [KA] [only reports]

Red-eyed Vireo

4/28 Washington Co. [LB], 5/2 Akron [LR], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/4 Scioto Trails SF [50] [KA]

Blue-winged Warbler

4/21 Crane Creek [RH], 4/25 Washington Co. [LB], 4/26 Akron [LR], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/4 Scioto Trails SF [30] [KA]

Golden-winged Warbler

5/6 Akron [LR], 5/7 Firestone MP [ECP], 5/9 Washington Co. [LB], 5/10-30 Oak Openings [TK, TB], 5/10 Headlands SBP [LR]

Brewster's Warbler

5/2 Akron [LR, RHa]

Lawrence's Warbler

5/7 Crane Creek [BK]

Tennessee Warbler

4/30 Stow [LR], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/4 Scioto Trails SF [110] [KA], 5/9 Marietta [LB], 5/12 Firestone MP [12] [ECP], 5/15 Mosquito Creek [6] [CB-cites decreasing numbers in northeast]

Orange-crowned Warbler

5/11 Miami Co. [RH], 5/23 Erie Co. [ECP] (only reports!)

Nashville Warbler

4/27 Kent [LR], 5/2 Firestone MP [11] [ECP], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/7 Lucas Co. [TK]

Northern Parula

Early: 4/15 Englewood Reserve [CG], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK, ECP], 5/27 Warrén Co. [RH] (only reports!)

Yellow Warbler

4/24 Washington Co. [LB], 4/25 Wayne Co. [ECP], 4/26 Stow [LR], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], High: 5/9 Mosquito Lake [95] [CB]

Chestnut-sided Warbler

5/2 Akron [LR], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK], 5/9 Clark Co. [DO], 5/12 Firestone MP [4] [ECP]

Magnolia Warbler

5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/4 Akron [LR], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK]

Cape May Warbler

5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/6 Akron [LR], 5/9 Washington Co. [LB], 5/9 Crane Creek [15] [TK]

Black-throated Blue Warbler

5/6 Akron [LR], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK], 5/13 Greene Co. [DO], 5/30 Crane Creek [ECP]

Yellow-rumped Warbler

High: 5/4 Scioto Trails SF [600] [KA], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [68] [CB]

Black-throated Green Warbler

4/25 Kent [LR], 4/27 Firestone MP [ECP], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK]

Blackburnian Warbler

5/5 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/6 Akron [LR], 5/7 Firestone MP [ECP], 5/9 Clark Lake [DO] [few reports]

Yellow-throated Warbler

4/21 Washington Co. [LB], 4/29 Medina Co. [RH], 5/13 Greene Co. [DO]

Pine Warbler

4/12 Washington Co. [LB], 4/17 L. Rockwell [LR], 4/20-5/30 Oak Openings [TK], 4/22 Cuyahoga Co. [RH]

Kirtland's Warbler

5/9 Crane Creek [m.ob]*

Prairie Warbler

4/22 Washington Co. [LB], 5/10-30 Oak Openings [TK, MA] [only reports]

Palm Warbler

4/30 Firestone MP [ECP], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [5] [DO], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [CB], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK] [only reports!]

Bay-breasted Warbler

5/4 Scioto Trails SF [3] [KA], 5/8 L. Rockwell [LR], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK], 5/10 Logan Co. [DO], 5/28 Crane Creek [TK]

Blackpoll Warbler

5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/4 Scioto Trails SF [KA], 5/6 Akron [LR], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK], 5/14 Firestone MP [4] [ECP]

Cerulean Warbler

5/2 Washington Co. [LB], 5/4 Scioto Trails SF [30] [KA], 5/8 West Branch [LR], 5/10 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/13 Greene Co. [DO]

Black-and-white Warbler

4/26 Akron [LR], 5/2 Firestone MP [5] [ECP], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/9 Marietta [LB], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK]

American Redstart

5/2 Akron [LR], 5/7 Washington Co. [LB], 5/9 Clark Co. [DO], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK], High: 5/11 Ottawa/Lucas Cos. [150] [KA]

Prothonotary Warbler

5/2 Ross Co. [KA], 5/8 L. Rockwell [LR], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [3]
[CB], 5/12 Marietta [LB], 5/17 Mogadore [LR]

Worm-eating Warbler

5/8 Cuyahoga Valley NRA [LR] [only report!]

Swainson's Warbler D

5/18-19 Jackson Co. [RH]*

Ovenbird

Early: 3/29 Englewood Reserve [MN], 4/25 Washington Co. [LB], 5/3
Hinckley [LR]

Northern Waterthrush

4/26 Akron [LR], 5/5 Firestone MP [5] [ECP], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK]
[only reports!]

Louisiana Waterthrush

Early: 3/24 Glen Helen [RP], 4/12 Washington Co. [LB], 4/12
Hinckley MP [ECP], 4/23 Oak Openings [TK], 4/26 Hinckley [LR], 5/13
Greene Co. [DO], 5/30 Oak Openings [MA, TK]

Kentucky Warbler

5/5 Scioto Trails SF [18] [KA], 5/9 Washington Co. [LB], 5/10
Lucas Co. [TK], 5/21 Euclid [TL]

Connecticut Warbler

5/11 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/11 Crane Creek [KA], 5/15 Euclid [TL],
5/16 Crane Creek [3] [KA, ECP]

Mourning Warbler

5/10 Crane Creek [KA], 5/15 Firestone MP [ECP], 5/17 Springville
Marsh [2] [TB], 5/23 Headlands SBP [LR], 5/28 Mosquito Creek [CB],
5/28 Warren Co. [RH], 5/30 Euclid [LR]

Common Yellowthroat

5/2 Washington Co. [LB], 5/3 L. Rockwell [LR], 5/4 Lucas Co.
[TK], 5/24 Buck Creek SP [10] [DO]

Hooded Warbler

5/2 Washington Co. [LB], 5/4 Scioto Trails SF [20] [KA], 5/8 L.
Rockwell [LR], 5/10 Oak Openings [TK]

Wilson's Warbler

5/5 Bath [LR], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK], 5/12 Firestone MP [ECP],
5/16 Irwin Prairie [TK]

Canada Warbler

5/9 Crane Creek [TK], 5/13 Akron [LR], 5/16 Mosquito Creek [CB],
5/24 Buck Creek SP [DO]

Yellow-breasted Chat

5/7 Washington Co. [LB], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [CB], 5/10 Headlands
SBP [LR], 5/12 Oak Openings [TK]

Summer Tanager

5/5 Scioto Trails SF [16] [KA], 5/9 Marietta [LB], 5/17-24
Wyandot Co. [TB], 5/23 Big Island WA [LR]

Scarlet Tanager

5/2 Marietta [LB], 5/2 Akron [LR], 5/5 Scioto Trails SF [40]
[KA], 5/9 Clark Lake [DO], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK]

Northern Cardinal

status unchanged

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

4/26 Akron [LR], 5/2 Firestone MP [ECP], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO],
5/5 Scioto Trails SF [80] [KA], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK]

Indigo Bunting

5/2 L. Rockwell [LR], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/7 Washington Co.
[LB], 5/9 Buck Creek SP [15] [DO]

Dickcissel

5/14-23 Ottawa Co. [4] [m.ob], 5/17 Springville [3] [TB], 5/24-31
Buck Creek SP [4] [DO]

Rufous-sided Towhee

High: 4/15 Scioto Trails SF [200] [KA]

American Tree Sparrow

Last: 4/4 Firestone MP [ECP]

Chipping Sparrow

3/31 Firestone MP [ECP], 4/1 Portage Co. [LR], 4/12 Lucas Co. [TK], 4/16 Springfield [DO]

Field Sparrow

3/1 Clark Lake [DO], 3/7 Lucas Co. [TK], 3/8 Firestone MP [ECP], 4/19 Buck Creek SP [15] [DO]

Vesper Sparrow

3/28 Champaign Co. [DO], 4/5 Ottawa NWR [ECP], 4/8 Lucas Co. [TK], 4/15 Cleveland [TL]

Lark Sparrow

4/23-5/31 Oak Openings [TK], 5/12 Adams Co. [KA]

Savannah Sparrow

3/28 Champaign Co. [10] [DO], 4/11 Cleveland [LR], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [5] [CB]

Grasshopper Sparrow

5/10 Marietta [LB], 5/10 Lucas Co. [TK], 5/13 Clark Co. [DO]

Henslow's Sparrow

5/12 Adams Co. [4] [KA], "good numbers at Caesar's Creek and Jackson Co.", no dates given-JH

Sharp-tailed Sparrow

5/9 Crane Creek [KA], 5/17 Cleveland [TL, RHa]

Fox Sparrow

3/1 Ottawa NWR [5] [ECP], 3/28 Buck Creek SP [DO], 3/30 Akron [LR], 4/24 Euclid [9] [TL]

Song Sparrow

High: 3/24 Cleveland [300] [JH], 4/24 Euclid [50] [TL]

Lincoln's Sparrow

5/2 Akron [LR], 5/9 Clark Co. [DO], 5/9 Crane Creek [TK]

Swamp Sparrow

3/14 Chesire [LB], 3/21 Crane Creek [RC], 4/11 Clark Lake [DO]

White-throated Sparrow

High: 5/2 Firestone MP [325] [ECP]

White-crowned Sparrow

3/7 Buck Creek SP [D0], 4/5 Lucas Co. [5] [TK], 5/2 Akron [LR]

Harris' Sparrow D

"bird that wintered in Columbus lingered until early March"-KA

Dark-eyed Junco

Late: 4/29 Washington Co. [LB], 5/6 Firestone MP [ECP]

Lapland Longspur

4/11 Cleveland [2] [LR] [only report!]

Snow Bunting

3/1 Ottawa NWR [18] [ECP]

Bobolink

5/2 Portage Co. [LR], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [D0], 5/4 Washington Co. [LB], 5/9 Mosquito Lake [12] [CB], 5/12 Wright-Patterson AFB [25] [DN]

Red-winged Blackbird

status unchanged

Eastern Meadowlark

High: 3/28 Champaign Co. [20] [D0]

Western Meadowlark

5/16 Oregon [TK], 5/16 Maumee Bay SP [TK], Magee Marsh and Killdeer Plains all spring [KA]

Yellow-headed Blackbird

3/8 Lucas Co. [KA]

Rusty Blackbird

Late: 5/11 Crane Creek [KA]

Brewer's Blackbird

3/6-8 Ottawa Co. [5-6] [KA]

Common Grackle

status unchanged

Brown-headed Cowbird

status unchanged

Orchard Oriole

5/2 Washington Co. [LB], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO], 5/6 Akron [LR],
5/10 Cuyahoga Co. [RH]

Northern Oriole

5/2 Washington Co. [LB], 5/2 Akron [LR], 5/3 Buck Creek SP [DO],
5/7 Lucas Co. [TK]

Brambling

3/31-4/7 Bath [LR, m.ob] [1st state record; see article and
photo this issue]

Purple Finch

4/23 Scioto Trails SF [28] [KA], Late: 5/27 Springfield [DO]

House Finch

still expanding its range statewide

Common Redpoll

3/6 Ottawa Co. [140] [KA], 3/7 Ottawa Co. [30] [ECP], 4/2
Cuyahoga Co. [RH]

Hoary Redpoll

3/6 Ottawa Co. [KA]*

Pine Siskin

reported throughout the state into late May

American Goldfinch

status unchanged

Evening Grosbeak

3/5 Mohican SP [46] [JH], 4/23 Scioto Trails SF [220] [KA], 4/25
Oak Openings [12] [TK], 4/30 Washington Co. [LB], 5/2 Dayton [ML],
good numbers in Cuyahoga Valley NRA throughout April [LR]

House Sparrow

status unchanged

UNCORROBORATED REPORTS

The following reports were received without details [with one exception] so will be included in this section. It is important that observers include documentation for rare and/or hard-to-identify species. The Ohio Cardinal Records Committee will review other species for which documentation has been received.

Tricolored Heron 5/15 Magee Marsh

Greater White-fronted Goose 2/28 Big Island WA

Eurasian Wigeon 3/15 Columbus

Merlin 3/22 Big Island WA
5/3 Magee Marsh
5/9 Ottawa NWR

Peregrine Falcon 5/11 Lucas Co.
5/14 Magee Marsh
5/15 Winous Pt.

Yellow Rail 5/20-22 Ottawa Co.

Piping Plover 5/15 Winous Point

Mountain Plover 5/22 Ottawa NWR - Being reviewed by the OCRC. If
accepted, this would constitute a first state record.

Western Sandpiper 5/24 Ottawa NWR
5/27 Big Island WA

Long-billed Dowitcher 5/14 Ottawa NWR

Loggerhead Shrike 4/12 Lucas Co.

Bell's Vireo 5/19-24 Crane Creek

Blue Grosbeak 5/30 Eastlake

Smith's Longspur 5/14 Ottawa NWR

Location Cross-Reference

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Avon Lake	Lorain	Hueston Woods SP	Preble/Butler
Barberton	Summit	Irwin Prairie	Lucas
Bath	Summit	Lake Rockwell	Portage
Bayshore	Lucas	Magee Marsh	Ottawa
Beavercreek Res.	Seneca	Maumee Bay SP	Lucas
Big Island WA	Marion	Metzger Marsh	Lucas
Bresler Res.	Allen	Medway	Clark
Buck Creek SP	Clark	Mogadore	Portage
Caesar's Creek	Greene	Mohican SP	Ashland
Cedar Point NWR	Lucas	Mosquito Creek	Trumbull
Cheshire	Gallia	Mosquito Lake	Trumbull
CJ Brown Res.	Clark	Nimisila Res.	Summit
Clark Lake	Clark	Oak Openings	Lucas
Clearcreek	Fairfield	Ottawa Refuge	Lucas/Ottawa
Cowan Lake	Clinton	Oregon	Lucas
Crane Creek	Ottawa/Lucas	Oxbow area	Hamilton
Cuyahoga Valley NRA	Cuyahoga/ Summit	Scioto Trails SF	Ross
Eastlake	Lake	Spring Valley WA	Greene
Englewood Res.	Montgomery	Springville Marsh	Seneca
Findley SP	Lorain	Stow	Summit
Firestone Metro.	Summit	Streetsboro	Portage
Germantown Res.	Montgomery	Wellington Res.	Lorain
Glen Helen	Greene	West Branch	Portage
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Ohio's First Rufous Hummingbird

Rick Counts

It seems that when the birding is sailing along on an even keel, with all sightings common or expected, the phone rings with word of a rarity. Thus was the case on August 16, 1985, when Esther Reichelderfer called me at 2:30 PM to tell me about a Rufous hummingbird that was found at a feeder in Westerville, just outside of Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Van Sickle had found the bird while watching Ruby-throated hummingbirds at the sugar water. They called the right birders, who checked the sighting, and, after it was confirmed, spread the word. It went state-wide.

After throwing my glasses and scope in the car, I met Kirk Alexander at his house and we started our half-hour car trip. We arrived at 3:20 PM and Esther was there saying that the bird had recently been seen. We sat in chairs furnished by the Van Sickles and faced two feeders near the back of the yard where the bird was last seen. Mrs. Van Sickle said that he was seen feeding at the red salvia to our right.

At 3:30 PM we saw our first hummingbirds in the yard: two female Ruby-throateds feeding at the salvia. The Van Sickles told us to keep a lookout for the Rufous since he was very aggressive and had been chasing other hummingbirds out of the yard. No sooner said than a peculiar sounding hummingbird entered the yard, chasing the Ruby-throateds out of the area. It was the Rufous, a brilliantly colored male with the orange visible with the naked eye! He fed at the salvia and soon came to a feeder no more than ten feet away from us where we obtained excellent views. A Rufous hummingbird in Westerville, Ohio! What a bird! What a year 1985 had been so far. I had already added eight birds to my Ohio list. The Rufous was #306.

The next three days the bird was seen by some 120 birders. I spent nearly all of my time at the Van Sickles watching it. It was like being a tenant at their home, complete with coffee and donuts every morning. Midge and Perry Van Sickle were the nicest birders I had met in a long while. Their hospitality was unbelievable. Every birder was welcome to their backyard and received help locating the bird. The Rufous certainly knew where to show up. I would like to thank the Van Sickles for all of their help and kindness while I was at their home.

Page after page could be written about all I saw while studying the bird. The feeding habits, for instance, really varied: picking bugs from spider webs; flycatching in the high branches of an elm tree; feeding at the berries of a mountain ash; feeding on red salvias eighteen inches above the ground; and of course visiting four different sugar water feeders distributed in two backyards.

It was interesting to notice the different colors on the throat depending on how the light was hitting the feathers. Most of the time the throat was a bright orange-red. But in poor light or shade it

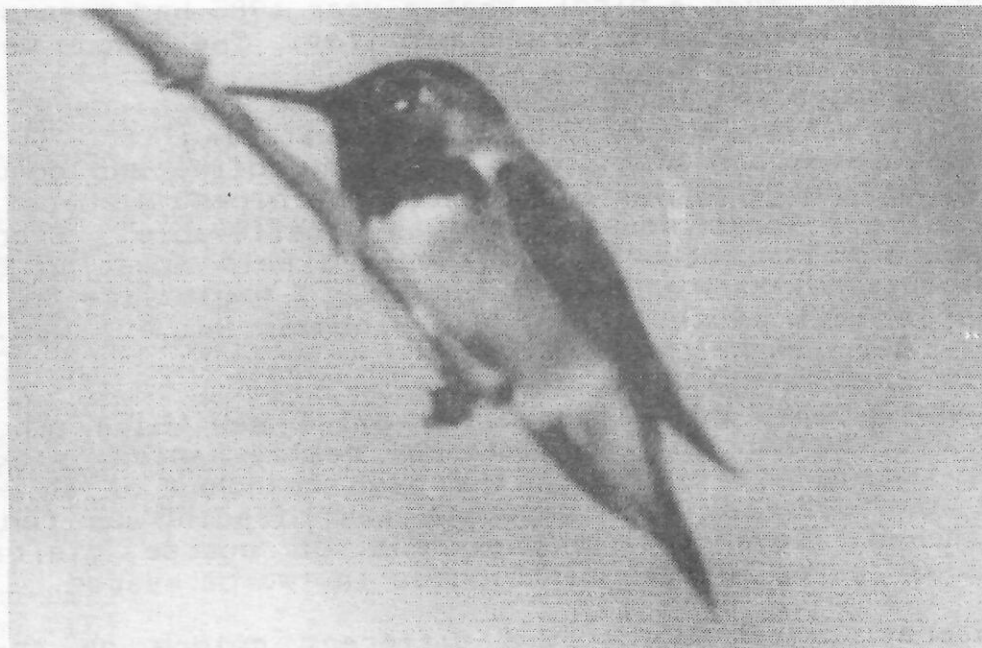
would sometimes appear green, black, gold, or dark blue. It is easy to see why the male hummingbird's throat color can sometimes be deceiving.

The most interesting times for seeing the Rufous were when he would rest in various deciduous trees and preen. He scratched his head with his foot, similar to a dog. His feathers were rearranged with the long bill, sometimes showing his long, green tongue. Once while he was in the mountain ash he sat motionless for nearly 45 minutes which enabled viewing through a spotting scope. This was quite a view through a 20X scope at about 25 yards.

The Rufous was seen a total of four days, 15 August 1985 through 18 August 1985 [Thursday through Sunday]. He was last seen Sunday evening at 7:35 PM by Mike Flynn and me as he left a feeder and flew southeast. This last view was the best: seven feet away at the feeder.

Monday came with no sign of the bird. All neighborhood feeders and flower gardens were checked with no luck. Sharon Woods Metropark, which bordered the rear of the Van Sickle's property, was also checked with no luck. Extensive habitat within the park would have made it very difficult to locate him. The thrill was over. Four days was a good stay, though, for a bird never before seen in Ohio.

Nearly everyone who traveled to see the bird was blessed with fine views, the exception being the few Monday morning birders. If 1986 is anything like 1985 for unusual sightings, those unfortunate birders who missed seeing the Rufous hummingbird in 1985 may find him a year later in the Van Sickle's yard. It will be interesting to see if he does reappear at the same location.



Male Rufous Hummingbird, Westerville, Ohio. August 15-18, 1985.
Photographed by Mike Flynn.

Kirtland's Warbler Fuss

Kent Glauser

I consider myself an average birder. My wife Dolores is better than I am. She has 363 birds on her life list, one more than my 362, even though I have more time to spend in the field. A hawk that the "biggies" in birding can identify at a distance of several hundred yards just looks like a speck in the sky to me, if I am lucky enough to see it.

When I say "biggies" in birding, I am referring to the numerous expert birders we have living in or near Northwestern Ohio. Indeed, we are appropriately blessed with one of the greatest concentrations of gifted birders to attend an area that hosts one of the world's greatest concentrations of migrating birds every spring.

Having said all that, I think the reader will appreciate the reasons for the initial timidity displayed by Dolores and me after experiencing one of the most exciting events in our relatively short birding careers.

On Saturday, May 9th, 1987, at about 9:30 AM, we were standing near the Crane Creek Bird Trail enjoying the parade of warblers in the foliage before us when Dolores said, "There's something different." Looking in the direction Dolores pointed I first croaked something unintelligible - it's hard to talk with your mouth hanging wide open - and then blurted out, "I'll say it is; it's a Kirtland's warbler!" Knowing the bird was one of slightly more than 400 of its kind in the world, I quickly called for someone to confirm the sighting. Unfortunately, before anyone approached our position, the bird disappeared into dense foliage.

Not wanting to create a stampede and knowing that many birders are "doubting Thomases", we chose to tell only a few friends about the incident. Later that morning while walking the Bird Trail, we told a few people about seeing the Kirtland's warbler and asked them to look for it and verify our rare sighting. They assured us they would keep alert and resumed walking toward the entrance to the Trail.

Soon after, Chuck and Marty Michener, whom we had confided in earlier, reached us with the news that the Kirtland's was feeding low in the trees and staying within view near the entrance to the bird trail!

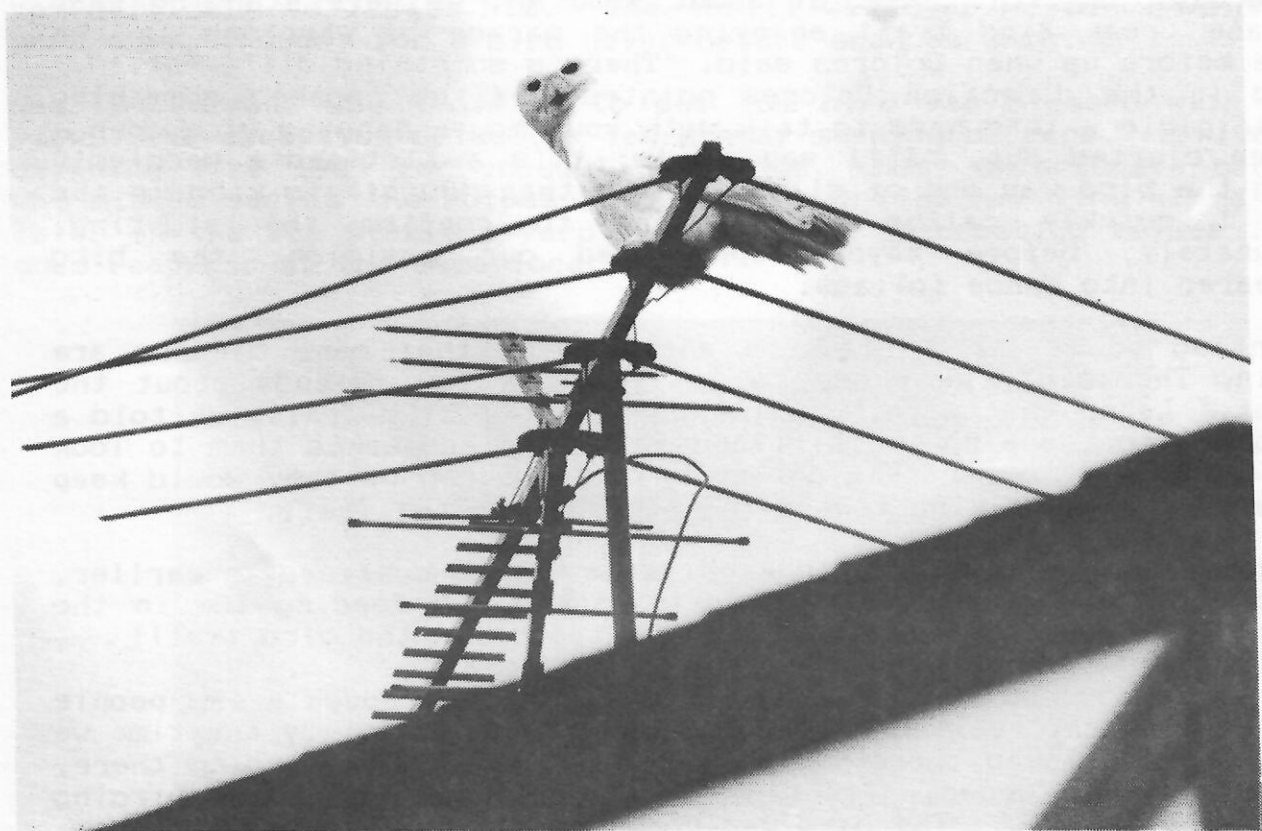
So far as I know, no one was trampled to death, although a few people may have been sent reeling to both sides of the trail. By the time we reached the trailhead there were about 100 spectators standing there, in a surprisingly orderly fashion, taking in one of the best birding shows of their lives. The bird was probably a lifer for most of them. About eight photographers were jockeying for position in front of the warbler.

The second performance by the Kirtland's that day, which began before 11:00 AM and was still in progress when we left at 6:00 PM, was

witnessed by an estimated 500 people. That's what I call a massive confirmation.

On Thursday of the following week, Dolores and I had our names in an article about birding on the front page of the Toledo Blade. Then the phone started ringing. Friends, well-wishers, even strangers called to congratulate, empathize, and ask questions about birds.

Although our birding skills have improved only slightly during this last season, our birding reputation has taken a giant leap forward, thanks to the timely appearance of this rare and lovely little songbird that can bring excitement to all birders, experts and novices alike.



Akron Beacon Journal photo/Ott Gangl

A snowy owl perched on a television antenna at a residence in Akron, Ohio, February 5, 1987 where it remained the entire day. Reprinted with permission of the Akron Beacon Journal.

Crane Creek Kirtland's Warbler

Ed Pierce

Not since May 21, 1980 had a Kirtland's warbler been seen in Ohio. It was also at the Crane Creek State Park bird trail but probably never has this species been seen so clearly by so many people at one time as this last Spring's Bird Trail phenom.

Many people have traveled to the Mio, Michigan area to see this rare species numbering only 500 birds. As most know its habitat restrictions a certain height and spaced Jack Pine, limit its population. It apparently migrates from its recently discovered West Indie's wintering grounds in a single flight as few birds are reported along the path. Slightly off course birds encounter Lake Erie and must rest before crossing this forty mile obstacle. At least that's what happened to the perfect plumaged male May 9, 1987 that rested at the Crane Creek S.P. Bird Trail from about 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. that day. It conveniently stayed at the very opening to the western entrance to the trail, making it almost the first bird seen as each birder began his day's adventures. However, most birders disbelieved Doris Glauser's identification at first. Many not even reversing their path through the trail to check out word of the sighting until informed by other birders that the bird was indeed present. But fortunately the bird was very sluggish and unaffected by human presence and all birders present that day (some guessed two hundred people) had views within nine feet of the bird as it obediently sat in grape vines.

Rarity is of course relative to the observer. One university class of novice birders enjoying their first trip to the Bird Trail and perhaps their fifth field excursion overall started their days birding at the opposite end of the trail disregarding the report of the "rare" bird at the other end of the trail. But then, palm, black throated, green and blue, redstart etc. were all "rare". Emblematic of the day the Kirtland warbler was still present two hours later when they finished the trail and saw it. Some of the student's wondered, how people could get so visibly excited over one bird.

The bird (see photo in this issue) was at times heard to emit a soft warble.

Several Kirtland's have been missed in the past according to American Birds: 1979, Chicago, 5/10; 1980, Crane Creek S.P. Bird Trail, female, banded, 5/21; 1981, Chesterton, Indiana, female, 5/17, third state record; 1983, Michigan City, Indiana, male, 5/22-23; 1984, S. Ontario, female singing on territory, 6/22-7/9, (found as a part of a systematic search of ten likely sites in Ontario and W. Quebec: the third summer bird found in nine summers).

As for other Ohio sightings:

Williams, Birds of Cleveland, 1950 lists 14 sightings ending in 1946 including the original find on the grounds of Dr. Kirtland in 1851. Newman, Birds of Cleveland Region, 1969 reports one sighting 5/19/57. Campbell; Birds of Toledo area, 1968 lists 7 records ending 1966. Troutman, Birds of Buckeye Lake notes that 6 records exist in Central Ohio by members of the Wheaton Club between 1922-1933. Tom Bartlett has a sight and photo record for Seneca County for 1977.

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