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Winter days brightened with widespread sightings of White-winged Crossbills, due to poor spruce cone crops further north. The crossbills converged on the hemlocks at Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, where Allan Claybon caught the attention of this lovely male on 16 Feb 2013.

On the cover:

The influx of Evening Grosbeaks in late 2012 provided the Ohio birding community views of this spectacular species almost 40 counties. Dane Adams took advantage of a recent snowfall for a perfect winter image near Mohican SF on 30 Dec 2012.

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COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Craig Caldwell

Last winter's mildness was in some respects repeated in 2012-13. Dec temperatures were well above average – overall the month was among the warmest 10% of the 118 years with data. Jan temperatures were also above average. Though that month's average scored at only the 70th percentile, 67 record highs were set, some of them eight to 10 degrees above the previous marks. Individual Feb temperatures were about average as was the month as a whole. For the second winter in a row no daily record lows were set in any month. In contrast to last winter, however, Lake Erie did achieve substantial ice cover.

Dec was the fourth wettest on record (summing rain and snow); Pennsylvania and New York were similarly affected. Ninety-eight stations set new daily records, many with increases of more than an inch. The second half of Dec delivered eight to 14 inches of snow across the northern half of the state and up to 18 inches in the snowbelt east of Cleveland. The last week of Dec set 84 daily snowfall records, among them two at stations in *Darke* which recorded 10 and 11 inches compared to previous records of less than 2 ½ inches. Jan precipitation was about average for the state as a whole though the northwest received up to three times its normal amount. Curiously, adjoining states' Jan precipitation amounts were either well above or well below average. Feb was dryer than usual here and in Indiana, New York, and Pennsylvania. Modest numbers of daily records for either snowfall or total precipitation were set in Jan and Feb and most of them were small increases.

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

The big bird news this winter was finches! Jean Iron and Ron Pittaway of Ontario (Canada) Field Ornithologists provide an annual winter finch forecast. Last fall they noted that conifers and other favored seed-producing trees had poor crops and so predicted major southward movements of the birds which depend on them. As I stated in the Fall 2012 Comments, they were so right! We experienced our biggest finch invasion since 2008-09. The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology noted that Common Redpolls reached 36 states. Red Crossbills, Common and Hoary redpolls, Pine Siskins, and especially Evening Grosbeaks were more numerous and more widespread than in any previous year which I could examine. White-winged Crossbill numbers and distribution were also a delight though they didn't match those of 2008-09. Ethan Kistler has provided maps which dramatically show how widespread was the invasion.

This winter marked the 113th Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC). As is customary, Ned Keller summarizes the Ohio counts in a separate article which is accompanied by a table of CBC results. In the species

accounts which follow this section I many times note the highest number of a species found. These values are for single birders or parties, usually birding in a relatively small area, and often are the counts from a single route within a CBC. However, I generally do not include counts from an entire CBC, each of which is the result of many parties' efforts in scattered locales within a 15-mile diameter circle; those data are in the table.

This fall and winter, the sheltered courtyard of Jennings Hall on the Ohio State University campus hosted several birds which stayed there well past their usual departure dates. Do we have our own Magic Hedge, or are these sightings due to the Patagonia Picnic Table Effect? Stay tuned...

Ohio has 296 bird species which are year-round residents, breeders, regular migrants, or regular winter visitors; I call this Ohio's Core List. This Cardinal issue contains reports for 184 of them, a typical winter count. Four hybrids are also listed and there are two entries at the genus level. Among the 184 are 10 warblers, a number which ties last winter's record. Several other "summer" birds lingered as well, and not just at Jennings Hall. The numbers of waterfowl, shorebird, and gull species were typical of recent winters.

More than 100 species are infrequent visitors (some with only a single record). They, with all the species which have never appeared in the state, constitute the Review List, which is maintained by the Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC). The OBRC received or downloaded documentation for 18 review species. Records for seven occurrences of six species were accepted and are attributed to the reporter(s) in the accounts; one record was not accepted. The reports of the other 11, and additional reports of two of the accepted species, are in process. The names of the species with accepted or submitted reports are underlined in the Species Accounts section.

Undocumented or unaccepted reports of Review List species are not published in the Species Accounts. One report of Smith's Longspurs was documented but not accepted; another report was not documented for the Committee. Western Grebe, Black-headed Gull, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Common Raven, and Hoary Redpoll each had some undocumented reports in addition to the documented ones which are among the 17 above. Accounts for Trumpeter Swan (an introduced species with no truly wild birds ever documented here) and one escapee from captivity are also provided but they are not included in the numbers of Review List species above.

The Records Committee and this editor urge birders to report all sightings of Review List species, of Core List species found at unusual times, of nesting by birds previously not known to nest in the state, and of course sightings of birds never before found in Ohio. Information on how to document rarities is available at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/records/documentation.php>.

Data for the following Species Accounts come from reports submitted directly to the *Cardinal*, eBird

(<http://ebird.org/content/ebird>), the Ohio-birds list-serv (<http://birding.aba.org/maillist/OH>), rarebird.org (<http://rarebird.org/forum/default.asp>), Audubon (<http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>), and *The Bobolink*. The last source is courtesy of its publisher, Robert Hershberger. The growth of eBird has enabled me to acquire much more data than were available to previous *Cardinal* editors. Only recently, for instance, have some seasons achieved the milestone of having reports from every county. This winter eight species (Canada Goose, Mourning Dove, Red-bellied and Downy woodpeckers, Blue Jay, White-breasted Nuthatch, European Starling, and Northern Cardinal) were seen state-wide. Red-tailed Hawk, American Crow, and Tufted Titmouse each missed that list by one county.

The volume of eBird data, however, poses another problem – I can individually examine only a tiny fraction of the entries, so I surely miss many comments which would enliven these pages. I really do value the reports sent directly to me and the additional notes a few eBirders send me to supplement their entries.

Most of the species discussed in this issue were present for the entire season, and this feature is seldom noted in their accounts. These birds are either year-round residents or visitors which arrived before Dec and whose last sighting was after Feb. The date of first or last sighting, as appropriate, is provided for species which were not here all winter. A few of these accounts include notes on previous unusual winter records. These data are from Bruce Peterjohn's *The Birds of Ohio* (2001) and *The Ohio Cardinal* since that date, and are usually not individually credited. "Normal" early and late dates are from Harlan *et al.*, *Ohio Bird Records Committee Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ohio*, 2008.

Taxonomic order and nomenclature follow the *Check-List of North American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998) as updated through the 53rd Supplement (2012). This document is published by the North American Classification Committee of the American Ornithologists' Union and is available at <http://www.aou.org/check-list/north/print.php>. County names are in bold italics. Locations whose counties are of the same name, for example Ashtabula (city) and Delaware Wildlife Area, usually do not have the counties repeated. County names for sites described in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus are also omitted. Shortened names and a few sets of initials are used for locations and organizations which occur repeatedly; these abbreviations are listed here. The term "fide" is used in some citations; it means "in trust of" and is used where the reporter was not the observer.

Abbreviations:

Armleder Park = a Cincinnati city park on the Little Miami River, **Hamilton**
 Bayshore = a fishing access point east of the First Energy plant in Oregon, **Lucas**
 BSBO = Black Swamp Bird Observatory
 CBC = Audubon Christmas Bird Count
 CLNP = Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (the former Dike 14), **Cuyahoga**
 Conneaut = the mudflats and adjoining water to the west of Conneaut Harbor, **Ashtabula**

CP = County Park

CPNWR = Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge,

Lucas

CVNP = Cuyahoga Valley National Park, **Cuyahoga** and (mostly) **Summit**

East Fork = East Fork State Park, **Clermont**

Eastlake Power = the Lake Erie viewpoint east of the First Energy plant in Eastlake, **Lake**

eIT = eBird Trail Tracker data entry kiosk, usually found at National Wildlife Refuges and National Parks

Fernald = Fernald Preserve, **Butler** and **Hamilton**

Findlay Reservoirs = several contiguous water bodies east of town in **Hancock**

Headlands = Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve,

Headlands Beach State Park, and adjoining waters, **Lake**

Hoover NP = Hoover Nature Preserve, **Delaware**

Hoover Reservoir = the northern 80% is in **Delaware**, but the dam is in **Franklin**

Kelleys Island = the island and adjoining waters, **Eric Killdeer** = Killdeer Plains State Wildlife Area; a bit is in **Marion** but it's mostly in **Wyandot**

Lorain = the dredge spoil impoundment east of downtown, **Lorain**, unless otherwise noted

m. obs. = Multiple Observers

Magee = Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, **Lucas** (north of the causeway) and **Ottawa**

Maumee Bay = Maumee Bay State Park, **Lucas**, unless obviously otherwise

Mohican = Mohican State Forest and State Park.

Many trails cross the boundaries so some reports include sightings from both.

Mohican SF = Mohican State Forest, **Ashland**

Mohican SP = Mohican State Park, (mostly) **Ashland** and (slightly) **Richland**

MP = Metro Park or MetroPark depending on the system

NC = Nature Center

NP = Nature Preserve, except as part of CVNP

NWR = National Wildlife Refuge

OOPMP = Oak Openings Preserve MetroPark, **Lucas**

ONWR = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, **Lucas**

and **Ottawa**

Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, Highland

SNP = State Nature Preserve

SP = State Park

SWA = State Wildlife Area

WA = Wildlife Area

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

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Craig Caldwell

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

The Mt. Vernon, **Knox**, bird remained at least until 15 Dec (*vide* Jim McCormac). (See the summer 2012 *Cardinal*.)

Greater White-fronted Goose

The first two showed up at ONWR on 02 Dec (m. obs.). Buck Creek SP, **Clark**, hosted the high count of 45 on 23 Jan (Brian Menker) and 38 were at Killdeer on 17 Feb (Cody Kent). Sightings came from 25 counties.



Winter finches were the prime attraction at Spring Grove Cemetery, Hamilton, but this juvenile Greater White-fronted Goose garnered the focus of photographer Allan Claybon on 16 Feb 2013.

Snow Goose

These were present all season, with most of the reports coming in Dec and Feb. The high count was 125, by Jill Bowers at Mercer WA on 23 Feb. Forty-eight counties contributed reports.

Ross's Goose

A few had arrived in Oct and Nov, but the first of this winter weren't reported until 05 Dec, at Caesar Creek SP, **Warren** (Paul DuBuc). Funk Bottoms WA, **Wayne**, hosted up to nine for much of Feb (Ben Morrison saw that many on 04 Feb and m. obs. did so on 14 Feb). One spent the last week of Dec paddling about the downtown Cleveland waterfront near the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (m. obs.). Reports came from 20 counties.

Brant

Renee Tressler found one in Peninsula, **Summit**, during the 16 Dec Cuyahoga Falls CBC. Another was reported on 22 Dec during the Portsmouth, **Scioto**, CBC. Irina Shulgina, Alex Champagne, and Dave Slager each reported one, probably the same one, at different locations

along the Olentangy River, **Franklin**, on 26, 27, and 28 Jan).

Cackling Goose

The high count was 12. Scott Myers found them in the Thomas Wetlands, **Paulding**, on 14 Jan and many observers reported that many from the Darby Bend section of Prairie Oaks MP, **Franklin**, on 05 and 06 Feb. There were several scattered reports of 10 and 11 birds as well. Thirty-three counties had sightings.

Canada Goose

Every county provided at least one report of this species, though a couple of them had a single sighting. The highest of the many four-digit counts was 5000, achieved on 08 Jan in the Island Road Quarries, **Pickaway** (Gene Stauffer), and on 21 Feb as the sum of multiple flyover flocks in **Ottawa** (Ryan Steiner).

Mute Swan

Dana Bollin reported 68 in East Harbor SP, **Ottawa**, on 04 Jan; 30 were still (or again) there on 15 Feb for Robert Dodge. Reports came from 43 counties.

Trumpeter Swan

Sightings were concentrated in the northwest marshes and Killdeer, where they have been introduced, but 21 counties as far south as **Butler** and **Warren** contributed reports. Ron Sempier counted 39 at Killdeer on 13 Dec.



Allan Claybon braved the elements at Caesar Creek SP, Warren, for a great close-up of this Ross's Goose on 07 December 2012.

Tundra Swan

These were scattered in 40 counties statewide.

Elliot Tramer estimated 2200 in CPNWR on 16 Dec. The 03 Feb ONWR census turned up 800, the second-highest number (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus).

Wood Duck

Small numbers were present all winter. The two highest counts were of 11 on 11 Dec and nine on 16 Dec at the Great Miami Mitigation Bank, **Montgomery** (Amanda Lawson, Jason Sullivan, and Chris Zacharias). Thirty-nine counties had sightings.

Gadwall

The high count, 451, came during the 22 Jan Kelleys Island census (Tom Bartlett *et al.*) Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski noted about 400 in the Castalia pond, **Erie**, on 07 Feb. Reports came from 55 counties.

Eurasian Wigeon

Robert Royle picked one out of thousands of other waterfowl in Deer Creek WA, **Fayette**, on 25 Feb. Another dropped in at Wright Marsh, **Wayne**, the same day (m. obs.).

[Eurasian X American Wigeon]

One at Castalia pond, **Erie**, on 17 and 18 Feb, was originally thought to be a pure Eurasian but was later determined to be a hybrid (m. obs.)

American Wigeon

Mary Warren counted 118 in the Castalia pond, **Erie**, on 27 Jan. Robert Hershberger provided the second-highest number, 85, from Wright Marsh, **Wayne**, on 28 Feb. Forty-two counties had sightings.

American Black Duck

Killdeer hosted about 500 on 17 Feb (Cody Kent), the largest of several triple-digit numbers from there and Killbuck WA, **Holmes/Wayne**. Sixty-five counties yielded sightings.

[American Black Duck X Mallard]

About half of the reports of this hybrid were from Blendon Woods MP, **Franklin**, though 15 counties were represented. Laura Jenkins counted 50 at Blendon on 10 Jan.

Mallard

Only **Carroll**, **Lawrence**, and **Van Wert** did not provide reports. Auriel Fournier spent a day traveling Green Creek, **Sandusky**, and estimated 16,000 were along its more than 30 mile length. The Thomas Wetlands, **Paulding**, held 2500 to 3000 from late Jan to late Feb (Doug and Micki Dunakin).

Blue-winged Teal

The few reports were all in Dec and Feb. Several locations in **Franklin** held these, with a high count of eight at the Hoover Reservoir

dam on 10 Feb (Nancy Falcon). Single sites in **Montgomery**, **Portage**, and **Wayne** also had sightings.

Northern Shoveler

A Cincinnati Bird Club field trip turned up about 100 at Rocky Fork on 01 Dec. Ben Warner reported the same number at the Castalia pond, **Erie**, on 18 Feb. Forty-four counties yielded sightings.

Northern Pintail

Funk Bottoms WA, **Wayne**, provided the two highest counts, 250 on 18 Feb (Ken and Helen Ostermiller) and 800 on 28 Feb (Robert Hershberger). Robert's were flybys as he watched from the observation tower. The highest count from elsewhere was the 105 which Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski noted at Cowan Lake, **Clinton**, on 28 Feb. Reports came from 53 counties.

Green-winged Teal

The Bowl, **Harrison**, is on Scott Pendleton's home turf; he saw between 100 and 125 Green-wingeds there on several Dec dates. The high count elsewhere, 80, was by J.W. Rettig and Brian Wulker at Fernald on 15 and 16 Feb respectively. Forty counties provided reports.

Canvasback

Thirty-five counties hosted these. Cullen Park, **Lucas**, held 800 on 19 Feb (Greg Links). Sherrie Duris *et al.* noted 380 at the Brenner Marina, also **Lucas**, on 23 Feb and there were a few other triple-digit sightings.

Redhead

Cory Chiappone provided the high count of 700, at Eastlake Power on 24 Feb. Dan Gesualdo saw about 400 off Lake Point Park, **Ottawa**, on 31 Jan. Sightings came from 52 counties.

Ring-necked Duck

Fernald had triple-digit counts throughout the season; the high was 650 on 17 Jan (Robert Foppe and Jennifer Smolenski). The most elsewhere was 220 in the Price Road lakes, **Portage**, on 02 Jan (Larry Rosche). Reports came from 52 counties.

Greater Scaup

A trickle of fall and Dec reports led to larger numbers of Jan and Feb sightings. The only three-digit counts were 100 on 11 Jan at South Shore Park, **Lucas** (Greg Links), 132 on 22 Jan around Kelleys Island (Tom Bartlett *et al.*), and 200 on 14 Feb at East Harbor SP, **Ottawa** (Allen Chartier). The largest inland flock was 29, found by Emily Leto on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, **Delaware**, on 17 Feb. Thirty-two counties, mostly in the northern half of the state, provided sightings.

Lesser Scaup

Sherrie Duris's explorations along the *Lucas* shore gave us the two highest counts: 1200 at the James Haley Boardwalk on 10 Jan and 975 at Bayshore on 22 Jan (however, see the next entry). The highest count away from Lake Erie was 200, at Eastwood MP, *Montgomery*, on 27 Feb (Amanda Lawson). Fifty-six counties yielded sightings.

Scaup sp.

Several observers estimated that 5000 scaup, no doubt mostly Lesser, were at Bayshore on 24 Jan.

Harlequin Duck

The four reports, all of single birds, are:

During the Lake Erie Islands, *Erie/Ottawa*,

CBC on 16 Dec (*vide* John Pogacnik)

Off North Perry, *Lake*, on 27 Dec and 20 Feb (John Pogacnik)

At Conneaut on 28 Dec, 29 Dec, and 05 Jan (m. obs.)

Surf Scoter

Sightings were frequent from mid-fall through winter into Mar. The high count for this season was six, which John Pogacnik saw off North Perry, *Lake*, on 06 Jan. Several *Cuyahoga*, *Erie*, and other *Lake* locations hosted four or five. The highest inland count was three, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 22 Dec (m. obs.). Two on the Ohio River at Meldahl Dam, *Clermont*, on 23 Feb were just barely in Ohio (Bill Stanley). *Franklin* and *Hamilton* also contributed sightings.

White-winged Scoter

Ray Hannikman and Jerry Talkington saw about 50 flashing their way past Sims Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 11 Jan (*vide* Nancy Anderson). Nancy herself noted 14 in the water there on 03 Dec, the second-highest number. The inland high count was six, at the Twin Peak Gravel Pit #1, *Montgomery*, on 24 Jan (John Habig). Other reports came from *Brown*, *Clermont*, *Erie*, *Hancock*, *Lake*, *Lorain*, *Lucas*, *Richland*, *Union*, and *Warren*.

Black Scoter

John Pogacnik's lake watches off North Perry, *Lake*, again paid dividends; he saw 11 of this species there on 12 Jan. *Cuyahoga* provided two counts of 10, off Bay Village on 30 Dec (Craig Caldwell *et al.*) and at Sims Park on 09 Jan (Cory Chiappone). Single birds at the Findlay Reservoirs from 12 to 28 Dec and at Clear Fork Lake, *Richland*, from 06 to 31 Dec were the only inland sightings (both by m. obs.). A few reports also came from *Erie*.

Long-tailed Duck

Two observers each found three, Lisa Brohl off

South Bass Island, *Ottawa*, on 02 Jan and Dick Hoopes at Eastlake Power on 22 Feb. Sites in *Ashtabula*, *Cuyahoga*, and *Lorain* held one or two birds on several dates. Inland singles graced the *Franklin* end of Hoover Reservoir from 01 Jan to 10 Feb (m. obs.) and the Ohio River shore at Meldahl Dam, *Clermont*, on 25 Jan (William Hull).

Bufflehead

Every count greater than 75 came from the waters around Kelleys Island; the highest was 450 on 21 Jan (Tom Bartlett). Eastlake Power hosted the 75 on 09 Feb for Sherrie Duris and Deb Tefft. Forty-seven counties produced reports.

Common Goldeneye

Tom Bartlett *et al.* noted over 5100 during the 21 Feb Kelleys Island census, and there were several more three- and four-digit counts there in Jan. The highest number elsewhere was Sherrie Duris's 200 at Bayshore on 01 Jan. The highest inland number was a "conservative estimate" of 150 at Eastwood MP, *Montgomery*, on 22 Feb (John Habig). Sightings came from 39 counties all the way south to *Adams*.

Hooded Merganser

Kent Miller found about 350 at Mogadore Reservoir, *Portage*, on 02 Jan, the highest of many triple-digit counts. Sixty-nine counties had sightings.

Common Merganser

Tom Bartlett's CBC team found 4600 at East Harbor SP, *Ottawa*, on 04 Jan. Other *Ottawa* sites and some in *Erie* and *Lucas* produced smaller four-digit counts. The highest inland number was 200, seen 16 Feb at Rocky Fork (Bill Stanley), and Buck Creek SP, *Clark*, on 23 Feb (Doug Overacker). Reports came from 42 counties.

Red-breasted Merganser

Lake Erie hosts huge numbers of these: Jen Brumfield estimated 32,000 off Wendy Park on 05 Dec and Tom Bartlett tallied about 25,000 around Kelleys Island on 21 Jan. The highest inland count was a mere 22 at Hoover Reservoir on 26 Jan (Charles Bombaci). Thirty-three counties produced sightings.

Ruddy Duck

Rick Asamoto provided the two highest counts on 08 Dec, 1500 at Ferguson-Metzger Reservoir and 1700 at Bresler Reservoir. Both sites are in *Allen*. He also noted the third-highest concentration, 640 at Rocky Fork on 09 Feb. Reports came from 50 counties.

Northern Bobwhite

The six reports are of:

Three by Junior Barnes on 19 Dec in his *Highland* garden

One on 30 Dec and two on 17 Jan in Junior-Barnes's Field and Forest Birding Area, *Highland*

Seven below Kim Davis's feeders in *Delaware* on 31 Dec

One by Kenn Kaufman at the Oak Harbor Conservation Club, *Ottawa*, on 12 Jan; he notes it had undoubtedly been released by that hunt club.

One by Ryan Wick in Symmes Township, *Hamilton*, on 16 Feb.

Ring-necked Pheasant

The only double-digit count was by Kyle Brooks, who found 25 near Charlie's Pond, *Pickaway*, on 04 Dec. Thirty-one counties provided sightings.

Ruffed Grouse

The six reports are of:

One near Tappan Lake, *Harrison*, on 15 Dec (Atlee A. Yoder)

One during the Hocking Hills CBC, *Athens/Hocking/Vinton*, on 05 Jan (*vide* Audubon)

One in *Harrison* SF on 10 Jan (Scott Pendleton)

Two near her *Vinton* home on 17 Feb (Debbie Goslin)

One in Denmark Township, *Ashtabula*, on 18 Feb (Diane Hiener)

Four (three drumming and one a flyby) in *Carroll* on 23 Feb (Kent Miller and Ben Morrison)

Wild Turkey

A trio of observers counted 102 at Malabar Farm SP, *Richland*, on 09 Jan. The next highest number was Randy Rowe's 40 west of Wooster, *Wayne*, on 02 Jan. Sixty-seven counties produced reports.

Red-throated Loon

The three reports are:

At the Hoover Reservoir dam on 09 Dec (Al La Sala), presumably the same bird which was reported there in Nov

Off Cahoon Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 15 Dec (Jen Brumfield)

At West Branch SP, *Portage*, on 01 Jan (Wes Hatch and Terri Martincic)

Pacific Loon

One was reported in *Richland*; the OBRC has the data.

Common Loon

Thirty-six counties from Lake Erie to the Ohio River provided sightings. The high count was 42 southbound flybys near Sugarcreek, *Holmes*, on 05 Dec (Ed Schlabach). Jen Brumfield's 35 off

Edgewater Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 05 Dec and Dan Gesualdo's 13 in Volunteer Bay, *Erie*, on 25 Dec were the only other double-digit counts.

Pied-billed Grebe

William Hull and Joe Kappa found what I assume are the same 80 birds at East Fork on 11 and 12 Dec, respectively. The most elsewhere were 33 at the Camp Dennison gravel pits, *Hamilton*, on 01 Jan (Jonathan Frodge). Reports came from 63 counties.

Horned Grebe

The high count of 155 was off Cahoon Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 15 Dec (Jen Brumfield). East Fork hosted the second-highest concentration, 30 on 09 Feb (Leslie Houser). Thirty-six counties produced sightings.

Red-necked Grebe

The four locations with sightings are:

Buck Creek SP, *Clark*, two birds on 09 Dec (Doug Overacker)

Evans Lake, *Mahoning*, one on 15 Dec (Craig Holt)

Hoover Reservoir, one from 10 to 17 Feb (m. obs.)

Maumee Bay, *Lucas*, one on 16 Dec (*vide* Matt Anderson)

Western Grebe

One was reported in *Cuyahoga*; the OBRC has at least one report.

Double-crested Cormorant

Victor Fazio III provided the two highest counts, 450 in outer Sandusky Bay, *Ottawa*, and 235 on Turning Point Island, *Erie*. He scoped both sites on 01 Jan. Paul Krusling tallied the highest number away from Lake Erie, 30 at the mouth of White Oak Creek, *Brown*, on 21 Jan. Twenty-nine counties provided reports.

American White Pelican

John Pogacnik saw this unusual winter visitor soaring above the north end of the Edison Bridge over Sandusky Bay, *Ottawa*, on 23 Dec.

Great Blue Heron

ONWR hosted 91 during the 02 Dec monthly census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Allan Chartier found 88 at East Harbor SP, *Ottawa*, on 15 Jan. Eighty counties had sightings.

Great Egret

There were about 20 reports, half of them in Jan and the rest split evenly between Dec and Feb. All but one were of single birds. Craig Caldwell flushed eight from a roadside ditch at the intersection of Routes 2 and 269, *Erie*, on 19 Jan. The rest of the reports came from other *Erie* lo-

cations and sites in *Brown*, *Clermont*, *Lucas*, *Scioto*, *Summit*, *Wayne*, and *Wood*.

Cattle Egret

David Weaver found a hardy one south of Fredricksburg, *Holmes*, on 16 Dec.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Up to 16 were seen along the Olentangy River in *Franklin* throughout the season (m. obs.). The high count of 51 came on 08 Jan from the mouth of Cold Creek, *Erie* (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo). Reports also came from *Butler*, *Licking*, *Lucas*, *Ottawa*, *Lorain*, and *Wood*.

Black Vulture

Ryan Steiner saw about 60 at Mohican SP on 10 Jan, a large concentration for so far north. More unusual still, a single soaring individual caught Tom Kemp's eye in *Wood* on 09 Jan as did one in *Ashtabula* for John Pogacnik on 19 Jan. The 50 at Paint Creek SP, *Highland*, on 13 Jan were in the heart of their Ohio range (Tommy Grav). Thirty-one counties provided reports.

Turkey Vulture

Most of the birds had withdrawn from northern locations by Dec but began pushing back north in Feb. Soso Creary saw about 200 over East Elementary School, *Athens*, on 15 Jan. The next-highest count was 150, by Perry D. Hershberger near Farmerstown, *Holmes*, 29 Dec. Seventy-two counties had sightings.

Osprey

One was reported during the Delaware Reservoir CBC on 16 Dec; this is a couple of weeks after the last of them usually depart the state.

Golden Eagle

The six locations with sightings, listed chronologically, are:

The Wilds and vicinity, *Guernsey/Muskingum*, one or two seen between 01 Dec and 19 Jan (m. obs.)

Mosquito Lake, *Trumbull*, one on 05 Dec (*vide* Robert Lane)

Kelleys Island, one on both 15 and 16 Dec (John Pogacnik)

East of Ragersville, *Tuscarawas*, one on 27 Dec (James F. Yoder)

Killdeer, one on 09 Feb (Mark Ruane)

East of Martinsburg, *Knox*, one on 18 Feb (Casey Tucker)

Northern Harrier

Killdeer hosted 42 on 10 Feb (Amber Hart). Most of the double-digit counts were from there or nearby. The most elsewhere were the 14 seen during the OOS day at The Wilds, *Muskingum*, on 19 Jan (Tom Bartlett). Seventy-one

counties produced reports.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Mike Williams found three along Washburn Road, *Marion*, on 18 Feb. There were many "twos" from the 61 counties with sightings.

Cooper's Hawk

Greg Links and Larry Rosche each counted eight. Greg's were at Maumee Bay on 16 Dec and Larry's at the Barberton Salt Ponds, *Summit*, on 20 Jan. Reports came from 75 counties.

Northern Goshawk

Five were reported with rudimentary or no supporting data, from *Ashtabula*, *Geauga*, *Portage*, and *Summit* (2). Beginning with the next issue, the Cardinal will not publish any sightings which have not been documented to the OBRC.

Bald Eagle

Dan Gesualdo found 26 at Pickerel Creek WA, *Sandusky*, on 31 Jan. Mike Williams counted 37 along Washburn Road, *Marion*, (just south of Killdeer) on 18 Feb, the "Most fabulous raptor day I've ever had". Seventy-three counties had sightings.

Red-shouldered Hawk

Bill Stanley counted 10 on 05 Jan along his East Fork area CBC route. Mike Williams' Washburn Road tally on 18 Feb included five Red-shouldered. Sixty-four counties provided reports.

Red-tailed Hawk

Reports came from every county but *Meigs*. Chuck Anderson and Tom Kemp spent six hours traveling 120 miles of roads in *Wood* on 17 Feb and tallied 28. Amanda Lawson counted 21 on 09 Feb in the much more limited area of Killdeer. Ed Schlabach reported a rare (in Ohio) "Harlan's" morph on 05 Dec.

Rough-legged Hawk

These began trickling into Ohio in late Oct; sightings didn't pick up until the second week of Dec and then were frequent almost to the end of Feb. Participants in the OOS trip to The Wilds, *Muskingum*, on 19 Jan saw up to 14 there and nearby. The most seen elsewhere was seven, in *Geauga* on two dates and once in *Wyandot* (m. obs.). Reports came from 43 counties.

Virginia Rail

Up to three were counted in Spring Valley WA between 08 and 16 Dec (m. obs.). One report was from the southern, *Warren*, section and the rest were from *Greene*. The Lake Erie Islands CBC, *Erie/Ottawa*, tallied one on 16 Dec (*vide* John Pogacnik). Other reports came from the regular winter "rail spots" in *Holmes* and at Springville Marsh NP, *Seneca*.

Sora

Sam Corbo heard and saw one in the *Greene* section of Spring Valley WA on 16 Dec.

American Coot

Todd Deal estimated more than 1100 were at Rocky Fork on 19 Jan for the only four-digit report. Members of a Cincinnati Bird Club outing found the next highest number, 850, in the Old Highland Stone gravel pits, *Highland*, on 01 Dec. Fifty-eight counties had sightings.

Sandhill Crane

Kirk Westendorf carefully tallied 1922 on 23 Dec along his CBC route in western *Hamilton*, which included Miami Whitewater Forest and Fernald. The next highest number, about 850 in six flocks, passed over Scott Myers' house in *Paulling* on 22 Dec. Twenty-eight counties produced reports.

Killdeer

Bill Stanley counted 77 on 15 Dec during his CBC efforts in *Adams*. Ed Schlabach found 49 near the town of Killbuck, *Holmes*, on 14 Dec. Reports came from 64 counties.

Greater Yellowlegs

Robert Royse found a straggler at Deer Creek Reservoir, *Fayette/Pickaway*, on 12 Dec.

Lesser Yellowlegs

Kent Miller and Ben Morrison saw and heard a seriously out-of-date bird on 07 Jan. A Cooper's Hawk flushed it in the Castalia fish hatchery, *Erie*.

Western Sandpiper

Another out-of-date individual was seen at the *Richland* end of Pleasant Hill Lake on 11 Dec (David Weaver), 12 Dec (Gary Cowell), and 29 Dec (m. CBC obs.).

Purple Sandpiper

The five locations with sightings, listed chronologically, are:

Headlands, where up to three were seen from late Nov to 12 Dec and a single bird on 18 and 20 Jan (m. obs.).

Huron pier, *Erie*, one on 15 Dec (Dana Bollin) and 22 Dec and 05 Jan (both David Clark)

Lake Erie Islands, *Erie/Ottawa*, three during the 16 Dec CBC (*fide* Audubon)

Wendy Park, one on 27 Dec (David Weaver) and 30 Dec (Jen Brumfield)

Cleveland's East 72nd Street vantage point, one from 04 to 09 Feb (m. obs.)

Dunlin

The five chronological reports are:

Forty-three during the 02 Dec ONWR census

(Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus)

One at the *Richland* end of Pleasant Hill Lake on 05 Dec (Gary Cowell)

Two at Berlin Lake, *Mahoning/Portage*, on 11 Dec (Kent Miller)

One at the Findlay Reservoirs on 14 Jan (m. obs.)

Two at Conneaut on 19 Jan (John Pogacnik)

Wilson's Snipe

The high count was the eight which Paula Lozano found at Cuyahoga County Airport on 22 Dec during the Cleveland CBC. Smaller numbers were fairly widespread; reports came from 22 counties.

American Woodcock

The only Dec sighting was during the Wilmot CBC (*Holmes/Stark/Tuscarawas/Wayne*) on 21 Dec. The earliest "spring" arrival noted was two which Gale Wulker heard on 29 Jan at the Camp Dennison gravel pits, *Hamilton*. Bill Stanley found 11 for the high count in the vicinity of the East Fork horseman's parking lot on 27 Feb. The next highest number was five in Possum Creek MP, *Montgomery*, on 07 Feb (Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias). Eleven counties provided sightings.

Black-legged Kittiwake

One, and possibly up to three, visited *Lake*. John Pogacnik saw one on 31 Dec and 01 Jan off North Perry and Jerry Talkington saw one a few miles west at Eastlake Power on 03 Jan.

Bonaparte's Gull

Some were present until the last of the winter season, three in *Ottawa* on 24 Feb (Brett Moyer). They were again reported a week later, for the first "spring" sighting. Chris Pierce estimated 5000 were off Wendy Park on 09 Dec; there were several other four-digit reports from *Cuyahoga* and one from *Lorain*. The highest inland count was 200 in Delaware WA on 03 Dec (Ben Warner). Reports came from 35 counties.

Black-headed Gull

One was reported on and off between 11 and 23 Dec at Wendy Park. It or another was reported on 30 Dec at Conneaut. The OBRC has documentation from both locations.

Little Gull

On 20 Jan John Pogacnik saw one off North Perry, *Lake*, and it or another was off Headlands the same day (*fide* Jen Brumfield).

Franklin's Gull

Ryan Golterman and Craig Holt saw one at Pine Lake, *Mahoning*, on 15 Dec. What was probably a different bird stayed at Metzger Marsh, *Lucas*, on 20 and 21 Dec (m. obs.). Both records

appear to be the first winter sightings in those counties, though not for Ohio.

Mew Gull

One was reported at Lorain Harbor; the OBRC has documentation.

Ring-billed Gull

Many tens of thousands, perhaps as many as 100,000, were off various *Cuyahoga* viewpoints in Jan (m. obs.). The highest inland count was about 4500 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 15 Dec (Jeff Loughman), and about 1000 made it almost to the Ohio River in *Brown* on 29 Jan (Brian Wulker). Reports came from 75 counties.

California Gull

One was reported off Edgewater Park, *Cuyahoga*, and the viewer filed with OBRC.

Herring Gull

Dick and Jean Hoffman and Craig Caldwell separately estimated 10,000 at Cleveland's East 72nd Street on 24 Jan. Many other reports from Lake Erie approached that number. The highest well away from the lake was Tom Bartlett's 1900 at the *Seneca* landfill on 15 Jan. Fifty-one counties produced sightings.

Thayer's Gull

One Nov sighting preceded this season's first, two birds at the Avon Lake power plant, *Lorain*, on 07 Dec (Kent Miller and Ryan Steiner). The next one didn't show up until 19 Dec, at the Findlay Reservoirs (m. obs.). At least one frequented Cleveland's East 72nd Street site between 23 Jan and 10 Feb (m. obs.). The high count was three, found there on 03 Feb (Jen Brumfield) and on the Maumee River at Grand Rapids, *Henry/Lucas* on 09 Feb (Tom Kemp, m. obs. of one). Reports also came from *Lake* and *Ottawa*.

Iceland Gull

Sightings were fairly steady from late fall to mid-Feb and continued thinly into Mar. Up to six (30 Jan by Jen Brumfield) were at Cleveland's East 72nd Street for most of Dec and Jan. There were multiple sightings at other *Cuyahoga* sites and locations in *Lake*, *Lorain*, and *Lucas*. One or two on the Maumee River near Grand Rapids in Feb moved back and forth between *Henry* and *Wood* (m. obs.).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Tom Kemp counted 20 at Grand Rapids, *Wood*, on 07 Feb. Smaller numbers were all along the Lake Erie shore for essentially the whole season. Twenty counties had sightings; of them only *Clermont* and *Warren* are south of Columbus.

Glauous Gull

Though there were three Nov sightings, the first

of this season was 19 Dec at the Ottawa River Interpretive Trail, *Lucas* (Sherrie Duris). Six was the high count; Andy Avram found them at Eastlake Power on 07 Feb. Every Lake Erie-shore county except *Ashtabula* contributed multiple reports and inland *Allen*, *Henry*, and *Stark* also had a few sightings.



The East 72nd Street warm water outlet in Cleveland was teeming with gulls on 28 Jan 2013, yielding a nice photo-op of this juvenile Glaucous Gull for Laura Keene.

Great Black-backed Gull

All the Lake Erie counties and *Wood* produced multiple sightings. Inland, single reports came from *Allen* (four birds), *Defiance*, *Franklin*, *Hancock*, and *Wyandot*. The high count was 400, at Cleveland's East 72nd Street on 23 Feb (Jen Brumfield).

[Herring X Great Black-backed Gull]

Victor Fazio III identified one at the Oberlin Reservoir, *Lorain*, on 06 Jan and John Pogacnik found one at Cleveland's East 72nd Street on 26 Jan.

Pomarine Jaeger

One spent from 03 to 07 Dec at Headlands and at least one was in the Edgewater-to-Wendy Park area, *Cuyahoga*, between 04 and 15 Dec (m. obs. at both locations). John Pogacnik spotted one off North Perry, *Lake*, on 09 Dec.

Parasitic Jaeger

Three reports from *Cuyahoga* and one from *Lorain* have been forwarded to the OBRC.

Rock Pigeon

Two reports of 300 arrived. Paul Hurtado counted them at Griggs Reservoir, *Franklin*, on 08 Jan. Gary Cowell and Jason Hull found them on 17 Jan on and around a silo in *Ashland*. Reports came from 77 counties.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

The OBRC has reports from *Clark*, *Clinton*, and *Wayne*.

Mourning Dove

Every county produced at least one report. Lorraine Heizer found more than 800 in Forestville, **Hamilton**, on 15 Feb. The second-highest number was 420, by Robert Hershberger at his home in **Holmes** on 05 Jan. Robert said, "This was the most unreal number of mourning doves I ever saw at one place..."

Barn Owl

The earliest report was from Crooked Run NP, **Clermont** on 02 Dec (Suzanne Clingman); it was not seen again. The second report was from the CedarOak Farm owl grove at Killdeer on 01 Jan (m. obs.), that bird was seen repeatedly until 09 Feb. A **Holmes** farm hosted two for many visitors on several dates. Single birds were reported in **Ashland**, **Brown**, **Franklin**, **Marion**, **Tuscarawas**, and **Wayne**. Eight multi-county CBC's also produced reports so additional counties might also be represented.

Eastern Screech-Owl

Greg Links counted seven on his CBC route in Maumee Bay on 16 Dec. The high count not during a CBC was Tom Bartlett's four on Kelleys Island on 21 Feb. Fifty-one counties had sightings.

Great Horned Owl

Each of six counties produced reports of three birds. Fifty-nine counties overall contributed sightings.



Chuck Slusarczyk weathered the Lake Erie cold to obtain this outstanding shot of a Parasitic Jaeger at Edgewater Marina, **Cuyahoga**, on 14 Dec 2012.

Snowy Owl

Five were reported:

From 08 Dec to mid-Mar at several **Paulding** locations (Doug and Micki Dunakin; m. obs.)

On 11 Dec in Troy Township, **Geauga** (Ipper Collens)

On 17 Dec near Mt. Hope, **Holmes** (m. obs.)

On 12 Jan along I-71 in **Wayne** (Norah Robinson)

On 13 and 14 Jan near Haskins, **Wood** (Kerry Wilbur and Jack Leow, respectively)

Barred Owl

Michael Horn tallied five in Blacklick Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 26 Jan. There were three reports of three birds from the 52 counties with sightings.

Long-eared Owl

Rebecca Hinkle found two roosts in ONWR that between them held 14 birds; she saw them on at least two Feb dates. A trio of observers found seven in Killdeer on 10 Jan. Reports also came from **Coshocton**, **Cuyahoga**, **Hamilton**, **Hancock**, **Holmes**, **Huron**, **Lorain**, **Stark**, **Tuscarawas**, **Wayne**, and **Wood**.

Short-eared Owl

The high count was 20, by Patti Smith at Killdeer on 01 Jan, and all of the smaller two-digit counts also came from there. Other reports came from 30 counties as far south as **Hamilton**.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Two parties totaling three observers reported three at Killdeer on 20 Jan. Several reports were of two birds. Twenty counties provided sightings.

Rufous Hummingbird

The following table summarizes data provided by Allen Chartier, whose banding efforts have greatly increased our knowledge of the movements of this species. (All of these were also listed in the fall, 2012, **Cardinal**, because they arrived in that season.)

Location and County	Age	Sex	First Observed	Banded	Last Observed
BSBO, Ottawa	HY	F	13 Sep	27 Nov	21 Jan
North Olmsted, Cuyahoga	Ad	M	~23 Sep	see notes	21 Jan
Canal Winchester, Fairfield	AHY	F	~15 Oct	06 Dec	03 Jan
Circleville, Pickaway	HY	F	~27 Oct	25 Nov	01 Feb
Findlay, Hancock	HY	M	29 Oct	21 Nov	01 Jan
Chillicothe, Ross	HY	F	~01 Nov	25 Nov	05 Dec
Canton, Stark	AHY	F	~01 Nov	11 Dec	14 Dec
Lewis Center, Delaware	AHY	F	21 Nov	25 Nov	04 Jan
Williamsburg, Clermont	HY	F	22 Nov	14 Dec	23 Jan

HY = Hatch Year, AHY = After Hatch Year, Ad = Adult

A tilde (~) preceding the date means the exact date is unknown.

The North Olmsted bird was not banded; its identity was provided by Jen Brumfield.



This juvenile Snowy Owl was photographed by Bruce Glick northeast of Berlin, **Holmes**, on 17 Dec 2012.

Hummingbird

Additional sight records which were not confirmed to species came from *Greene* and *Union* (fide Allen Chartier).

Belted Kingfisher

Kirk Westendorf's western *Hamilton* CBC route yielded seven on 23 Dec. Several observers reported four. Seventy-five counties produced sightings.

Red-headed Woodpecker

Two parties achieved the high count of eight. Irina Shulgina saw hers at Killdeer on 05 Jan; Cindy Rowe and Kelli Rowe scoured OOPMP for theirs the next day. Reports came from 62 counties.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

David Carr's Newtown Bottoms, *Hamilton*, CBC route yielded an impressive 40 on 30 Dec. Bill Stanley tallied the most not on a CBC, 12 in Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods, *Clermont*, on 26 Jan. All 88 counties had sightings.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

A CBC route in Spring Grove Cemetery, *Hamilton*, provided seven for Wyatt Westerkamp on 23 Dec. Steve Pelikan found the highest non-CBC count there on 01 Jan, and several other sites yielded four birds. Reports came from 53 counties statewide, though weighted to the south.

Downy Woodpecker

Not surprisingly, Downys shared "all-county" honors with Red-bellieds. Brian Wulker found 41 along his Cincinnati CBC route on 30 Dec. Kelleys Island produced the highest non-CBC count, 26 by Tom Bartlett on 21 Feb.

Hairy Woodpecker

Three parties found eight, one in each month. Eighty-three counties produced reports; *Gallia*, *Mercer*, *Morgan*, *Noble*, and *Van Wert* came up dry.

Northern Flicker

Tom Bartlett's 21 Feb sojourn on Kelleys Island yielded 39 and a couple of CBC routes produced numbers in the 20s. Only *Fayette*, *Meigs*, *Morgan*, and *Van Wert* did not have sightings.

Pileated Woodpecker

Bill Stanley found nine in *Adams* during his 15 Dec CBC efforts. Amanda Lawson almost tied him with eight in Englewood MP, *Montgomery*, on 01 Jan. Seventy-four counties provided reports.

American Kestrel

Kathi Hutton counted 12 at The Wilds and vicinity, *Guernsey/Muskingum*, on 19 Jan. That number and Amanda Lawson's 11 at Killdeer on 09 Feb were the only double-digit reports. Reports came from 82 counties.

Merlin

Cuyahoga hosted triples at two locations. Sally Isacco and Karen and Rich Kassouf found them in Brookside Reservation on 31 Dec. Dick and Jean Hoffman saw that many in Lake View Cemetery on several dates. There were many reports of two birds. Sightings came from 29 counties, mostly northern ones but including *Clermont* and *Hamilton*.

Peregrine Falcon

Fourteen different sites in *Cuyahoga* (6), *Franklin* (2), *Lake* (1), *Lorain* (1), *Summit* (2), and *Wood* (2) each produced two birds. They and 19 other counties produced single-bird sightings.

Budgerigar

I always like to report obvious escapees, so here goes. Tom Forwood, Jr., saw a blue budgie in Kingsville, *Ashtabula*, on 25 Jan while visiting non-birder friends; they said it had been at their feeders since Aug.

Least Flycatcher

Isaac Troyer discovered this most unusual winter bird near his *Holmes* home on 27 Dec; several others saw it that day and the next.

Eastern Phoebe

There were scattered reports (in both time and space) throughout the season. Twenty counties from Lake Erie to the Ohio produced them. Steve Pelikan saw three in Glenwood Gardens, *Hamilton*, on 08 Dec.

[Scissor-tailed X Western/Couch's Kingbird]

A hybrid of uncertain parentage was near Pipe Creek WA, *Erie*, between 09 and 16 Dec. The OBRC has photographs and testimony.



A hike in the woods after trees are bare of leaves can provide stunning winter views of Pileated Woodpeckers. Allan Clayton captured this image on 30 Dec 2012 at Cowan Lake, *Clinton*.

Northern Shrike

Christina Donnelly reported three at Killdeer on 16 Feb. Several observers saw two there on other dates, and doubles were also found at sites in *Ma-honing*, *Muskingum*, *Ottawa*, and *Wayne*. Twenty-six counties, mostly northern and central but also including *Scioto*, produced reports.



Photographer Dane Adams captured amazing detail in this close-up of a Northern Shrike perched in Lawrence Woods SNP, *Hardin*, on 12 Jan 2013.

Blue Jay

These were seen everywhere (in every county, at least). Greg Links found 78 in OOPMP during his 05 Jan CBC efforts. The next highest number was Larry Rosche's 69 on 01 Jan at a private wildlife area in *Portage*.

American Crow

Only under-birded *Van Wert* did not produce a sighting. Margaret Bowman estimated 7500 were over Coshocton (city) on 24 Jan. She said, "The sky was almost black with them, and hundreds were still in the trees along the river... It was impossible to count, as they were streaming in sheets and waves, mostly west and northwest." There were other four-digit counts from *Clark*, *Pike*, and *Richland*. In contrast, Dick and Jean Hoffman said of *Cuyahoga*, they were "completely absent from places we expect at least some to be found."

Common Raven

Many reports continue to arrive from the College Hill Road area of *Knox*; the OBRC has some of them.

Horned Lark

Mike Williams encountered about 1000 along Washburn Road, just south of Killdeer in *Mari-on*, on 18 Feb. Greg Links saw about 800 along rural roads in *Sandusky* on 29 Dec. Seventy counties provided reports.

Tree Swallow

The four reports are:

One over the Little Miami River at Armleder Park on 10 Dec (Stanley Hedeon)
 One during the Cuyahoga Falls CBC, *Portage/Summit*, on 16 Dec (m. obs.)
 Six at Maumee Bay on 13 Feb (Dana Bollin)
 One in the *Warren* section of Spring Valley WA on 27 Feb (J.W. Rettig)

Cave Swallow

Mike Egar documented three which he saw at Edgewater Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 03 Dec.

Carolina Chickadee

The only triple-digit count, 127, was by Brian Wulker, who crisscrossed his Cincinnati CBC route in *Clermont* and *Hamilton* for nine hours on 30 Dec. The highest non-CBC number was 52 by Karen Hook on 16 Feb at her many feeders in *Meigs*. Reports came from 64 counties.

Black-capped Chickadee

Greg Links found 89 in OOPMP on 05 Jan while participating in a CBC. Tom Bartlett had the next highest count, 65 on 21 Feb on Kelleys Island. Thirty-nine counties provided sightings. Ed Schlabach noted in *The Bobolink*, "Modest numbers wintered south of the year-round resident range."

Tufted Titmouse

Brian Wulker's hours of CBC travel yielded 67 in *Clermont* and *Hamilton* on 30 Dec. Karen Hook's *Meigs* feeders again provided the highest count not on a CBC, 57 on 16 Feb. Only *Van Wert* lacked at least one sighting.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Larry Rosche counted 26 in a private *Portage* wildlife area on 01 Jan. Single reports in *Ashland*, *Clermont*, and *Hamilton* shared the next highest number, 20. Larry Gara commented that the two at his Wilmington, *Clinton*, feeders for the entire period "made the winter tolerable". Reports came from every county except *Lawrence*, *Mercer*, *Noble*, and *Shelby*.

White-breasted Nuthatch

This was another "all counties" species. Greg Links' OOPMP CBC route yielded 39 on 05 Jan and there were many non-CBC numbers in the 20s.

Brown Creeper

Greg Links said, "Creeper, creepers, everywhere! Conservative count" about the 46 he found in Wolf Creek Park, *Sandusky*, during the Fremont CBC on 29 Dec. The second-highest number was 14, also on a CBC, at and near the Hebron Hatchery, *Licking*, on 15 Dec (Alex Paton). Nine at Riverbend Recreation Area, *Hancock*, on 09

Jan was the highest non-CBC count (Shane Myers). Seventy-six counties had sightings.

Winter Wren

These were present all season, but reports were more frequent after mid-Dec. Four observers each found four birds, in *Cuyahoga* (2), *Jefferson*, and *Summit*. Fifty-four counties had sightings.

Marsh Wren

The four locations whence came reports are: Spring Valley WA (*Greene* section), two or three between 08 and 16 Dec (m. obs.)

Millersburg CBC circle, *Coshocton/Holmes*, two on 14 Dec (*fide* Audubon and Ed Schlabach).

CPNWR, one on 16 Dec (Elliot Tramer)

Pete's Pond Preserve, *Lake*, one on 18 Jan (John Pogacnik) and 19 Jan (Mary Anne and Tom Romito)

Carolina Wren

Every county except *Henry*, *Putnam*, *Van Wert*, and *Williams* produced sightings. Mark Gilsdorf's CBC route in *Brown* produced 35 on 05 Jan. The highest non-CBC count was 15 by Bill Stanley *et al.* on a Cincinnati Bird Club trip to East Fork on 23 Feb.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

An extraordinary sighting was reported during the 22 Dec Portsmouth CBC, *Scioto*, with "good documentation" which was not made available to the *Cardinal*.



This *Varied Thrush* found itself far from its usual wintering grounds in the far west, and was photographed in Avon Lake, *Lorain*, by Chuck Susarczyk on 07 Dec 2012.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

The high count was 31, in Lake Katherine SNP, *Jackson*, on 15 Dec (Dave Slager), and there were several more double-digit counts. Sixty-nine counties produced reports.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

These were scarce but found throughout the season. Several observers reported two. *Butler*,

Clermont, *Fayette*, *Franklin*, *Hamilton*, and *Warren* all had non-CBC reports and 16 CBCs found them as well. The CBCs added between 11 and 13 additional counties as far north as *Ashtabula* and *Ottawa*.

Eastern Bluebird

Kirk Westendorf found 76, most of them at Fernald, during his 23 Dec CBC efforts. The high count not on a CBC is hard to determine (not every eBirder notes whether the checklist is for a CBC) but appears to be between 30 and 50. Reports came from 81 counties.

Townsend's Solitaire

Tom Bartlett found one at the Kelleys Island Quarry Road Condominiums on 28 Dec; it was seen on and off until 22 Jan. Tom documented it for the OBRC and many folks traveled to "collect" it.

Hermit Thrush

The 22 Jan Kelleys Island census produced seven (Tom Bartlett *et al.*). Three locations on four dates each yielded the second-highest count of four. Thirty-three counties had sightings.

American Robin

Kirk Westendorf estimated 2000 in United American Cemetery, *Hamilton*, on 31 Dec, and there were several other four-digit reports from that county between 29 Dec and 08 Jan. They were found almost statewide, but somehow no one saw any in *Gallia*, *Morgan*, or *Noble*.

Varied Thrush

This wanderer shows up almost annually in Ohio, but I know of no previous winter with what were apparently three different birds. Their locations were Avon Lake, *Lorain*, between 07 and 09 Dec; Fresno, *Coshocton*, from 24 Jan to 24 Feb; and Parma Heights, *Cuyahoga*, from 17 to 19 Feb. The *Cuyahoga* bird was in Karen and Rich Kassouf's yard; Rich documented it for the OBRC. Ed Schlabach called the *Coshocton* bird "a stunningly beautiful male [which] even sometimes sang its unique song". It and the *Lorain* bird were also well described and photographed; the OBRC is sorting through the documentation sets and will attribute them to the hosts and reporters.

Gray Catbird

Single birds were scattered around the state; reports came from 13 counties. Of them, *Lucas*, *Richland*, and *Summit* are north of mid-state.

Northern Mockingbird

Brian Wulker encountered 12 along his CBC route in *Hamilton* on 30 Dec. There were also two reports of nine birds and two of 10 in

central and southern counties. The species was statewide, however: 71 counties had sightings.



The parking lot at Maumee Bay SP was unusually busy on 02 Dec 2012, filled as it was with enthusiastic birders sporting spotting scopes, binoculars, and large lenses all focused on a flock of Bohemian Waxwings. Dane Adams captured the image of this handsome bird.

Brown Thrasher

One spent from at least 30 Dec to 26 Jan at Blendon Woods MP, **Franklin** (m. obs.). In the far north, the Grand Rapids/Waterville CBC (**Fulton/Henry/Lucas/Wood**) turned up one on 05 Jan. Another individual spent a week starting 22 Jan in Mentor Marsh SNP, **Lake**. Sightings also came from **Adams, Butler, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Fairfield, Geauga, Hamilton, and Hancock**. It seems to be a to-sup which of Gray Catbird or Brown Thrasher is the hardier.

European Starling

Every county produced at least one report, though several had only one or two. Ben Warner estimated an intimidating 65,000 inhabited Kelleys Island on 12 Dec. The only other five-digit number was 15,000, members of a flock of them and several blackbird species coming to a roost near Bayshore (m. obs.). There were a couple of dozen reports in the 1000 to 9999 range.



While it's highly unusual to see an Ovenbird having a Christmas Eve feast of walnuts on the snow covered ground, it was one of at least two present in Ohio. Craig Fritz photographed this bird in Olmstead Falls, **Lorain**, on 24 Dec 2012.

American Pipit

The East Fork dam spillway hosted 90 on 29 Dec (Brian Wulker). They apparently stayed to be part of the 152 tallied on the 05 Jan CBC for that area. Late Jan reports from **Ashland** and **Hamilton** had 70 (m. obs.). Sightings came from 36 counties.

Bohemian Waxwing

Usually these infrequent visitors are single birds, or occasionally two or three are together. The 11 at Maumee Bay on 01 Dec were a shock; even the five which remained the next day were a treat. Andy Sewell documented the 11 for the OBRC. One bird spent a week, starting 11 Jan, at Holden Arboretum, **Lake**. The OBRC has documentation of the Holden bird and will be crediting the authors.

Cedar Waxwing

Greg Links found 135 in Secor MP, **Lucas**, on 12 Jan, and the 01 Dec CVNP Towpath Trail census turned up 118 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Fifty-three counties provided reports.

Lapland Longspur

Killdeer hosted flocks totaling about 700 on 18 Jan (Kent Miller). The 250 which Irina Shulgina noted along Washburn Road, **Marion**, the same day might have been some of them, as that road is just south of Killdeer. Ben Warner's 200 in **Delaware** on 16 Dec was the largest count elsewhere. Forty-six mostly northern counties had sightings.

Snow Bunting

Sightings began in earnest in mid-Oct and continued to be frequent well into Mar. The high count was about 300, in the Thomas Wetlands, **Paulding**, on 07 Dec (Doug and Micki Dunakin). Forty-three counties, as for longspurs mostly northern, produced reports.

Ovenbird

Holdovers from fall are becoming more common. One spent from 12 to 16 Dec in the OSU Jennings Hall courtyard (m. obs.). Perhaps it then moved to Blacklick Woods MP, **Fairfield**, where one showed up 28 Dec and was seen until 03 Jan when a Cooper's Hawk took it (m. obs., Diana Morse). Olmsted Falls, **Cuyahoga**, had sightings on 30 Dec (*vide* Audubon), 26 Jan (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo), and 15 to 17 Feb (Patrick Miller). How many birds these last three events represent is an open question.

Common Yellowthroat

The seven reports, all of single birds, were:

On 02 Dec during the monthly ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus)

From 10 to 16 Dec in the OSU Jennings Hall courtyard (m. obs.)

On 15 Dec, seen and heard during the Quail Hollow SP CBC at Mogadore Reservoir, **Portage** (Kent Miller)

On 22 Dec at Prairie Lane, **Wayne**, during the Wooster CBC (Andy R. Troyer)

On 27 Dec during the Ragersville CBC, **Coshocton/Holmes/Tuscarawas** (*vide* Audubon and Ed Schlabach)

On 05 Jan during the East Fork CBC, **Brown/Clermont** (*vide* Audubon)

On 10 Feb at Fernald (William Hull)

American Redstart

One was reported during the 16 Dec Cuyahoga Falls CBC, **Summit/Portage** (*vide* Audubon).

Cape May Warbler

One was reported on Kelleys Island during the 16 Dec Lake Erie Islands CBC (*vide* John Pogacnik).

Magnolia Warbler

One hung around the Dennis Kline residence in **Holmes** from 12 Nov to 24 Dec, spending part of its time in their greenhouse (*vide* Robert Hershberger and Ed Schlabach). This is Ohio's first December record; the previous late date was 19 Nov 1972 according to Peterjohn.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

A female visited Clara and Wayne Yoder's feeders in **Wayne** between 14 and 23 Jan (m. obs.). The only previous winter sighting was noted by Peterjohn as from 04 to 05 Dec 1993.

Palm Warbler

One was seen intermittently at a **Holmes** feeder between 03 and 25 Jan (m. obs.)

Pine Warbler

One spent much of Jan visiting a **Wayne** feeder (m. obs.). The Ragersville CBC reported two in **Tuscarawas** on 27 Dec (*vide* Audubon and Ed Schlabach). One of them might have been the bird seen elsewhere in **Tuscarawas** from mid-Jan into Mar (Ed Schlabach).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

The 125 which David Carr *et al.* reported in the Newtown Bottoms, **Hamilton**, area on 30 Dec was about half of the Cincinnati CBC total. Ben Warner found 80 on Kelleys Island on 12 Dec for the second-highest number. Reports came from 58 counties.

Yellow-breasted Chat

James F. Yoder discovered one in **Tuscarawas** on 27 Dec during the Ragersville CBC (*vide* Audubon and Ed Schlabach). This is the latest, though not sole, winter record in Peterjohn.

Eastern Towhee

Fifty-five counties hosted this showy sparrow. Kirk Westendorf found 26 in western **Hamilton** during his CBC efforts on 30 Dec. The highest non-CBC number was Mark Artmayer's 15 in Mitchell Memorial Forest, **Hamilton**, on 05 Jan. Dick and Jean Hoffman saw a singing individual in Lake View Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, on 05 Feb.

American Tree Sparrow

Tom Bartlett carefully tallied 591 while participating in the 01 Jan Killdeer Plains CBC, **Marion/Wyandot**. The most seen not on a CBC was 305, in ONWR on 15 Jan (Ryan Lesniewicz). Every county but **Lawrence**, **Morgan**, and **Van Wert** provided reports.

Chipping Sparrow

Six was the maximum count. Leslie Houser found that many on the Ohio shore at Meldahl Dam, **Clermont**, on 09 Feb, as did Christopher Collins in Woodland Cemetery, **Montgomery**, on 15 and 16 Feb. At least 22 counties had sightings; some reports were during multi-county CBCs.

Field Sparrow

Fernald and nearby areas yielded 25 for Kirk Westendorf on 23 Dec while CBC-ing. Several individuals reported between 20 and 25 during non-CBC efforts. Sixty counties provided sightings.

Savannah Sparrow

Ed Schlabach found 20 near Ragersville, **Tuscarawas**, on 27 Dec, during a CBC. Andy Sewell's Kingston CBC route in **Ross** yielded 12 on 01 Jan. Reports came from 28 counties.

Grasshopper Sparrow

Matthias Troyer reported one in **Tuscarawas** during the Ragersville CBC on 27 Dec and Jeffrey A. Miller saw it again on 01 and 05 Jan (*vide* Ed Schlabach).

Nelson's Sparrow

Ed Schlabach discovered one in **Tuscarawas** during the 27 Dec Ragersville CBC. It remained at least until 16 Feb, making it Ohio's second January and first overwintering record according to Peterjohn and Kent Miller.

Fox Sparrow

Newtown Bottoms, **Hamilton**, hosted 21 for David Carr *et al.* during their 30 Dec CBC trek. The next highest number was eight, in Armleder Park on 11 Jan (Brian Wulker). Forty-eight counties provided sightings.

Song Sparrow

David Carr's crew also took this species' high-count prize with 219 in Newtown Bottoms (See

Fox Sparrow). Donna Clark had about 50 at her *Montgomery* home on 15 Feb for the highest non-CBC tally. Every county but *Henry* and *Van Wert* had sightings.

Lincoln's Sparrow

One spent from 10 to 25 Dec in the OSU Jennings Hall courtyard (m. obs.).

Swamp Sparrow

David Carr *et al.* counted 57 in Newtown Bottoms (See Fox Sparrow). Ned Keller's 25 at the Shawnee Lookout CP boat ramp, *Hamilton*, on 05 Jan was the highest count not during a CBC. Reports came from 56 counties.

White-throated Sparrow

For a change from Newtown Bottoms, the 23 Dec Western Hamilton CBC provided the high count, the 120 which Kirk Westendorf tallied on his route. Lake View Cemetery, *Cuyahoga*, hosted 58 for Karen and Rich Kassouf on 16 Feb, the highest non-CBC number. Seventy-seven counties contributed sightings.

Harris's Sparrow

Gary Cowell documented one which he found in Byers Woods, *Ashland*, on 01 Dec; it was seen intermittently until 19 Jan (*vide* Ed Schlabach). One lingered from 01 Jan into Apr in the *Franklin* section of Pickerington Ponds MP and was documented by Paul Gardner, Paul Hurtado, Kathi Hutton, and multiple internet sources. Another spent 05 Jan to 09 Feb at a home near Charm, *Holmes*. The last generated several sets of documentation for the OBRC; attribution will follow.



This Nelson's Sparrow was a long-staying rarity which Ed Schlabach discovered and photographed several weeks after its arrival by Kent Miller on 24 Jan 2013.

White-crowned Sparrow

Reports came from 74 counties. David Carr *et al.*'s 325 at Newtown Bottoms on 30 Dec (see Fox Sparrow) was, said David, the "Highest ever CBC count for this territory. Most [were] at Armleder and Anderson Green Space." About 200 remained at Armleder Park on 25 Jan (William Hull and Brian Wulker). Several of the

gambelii subspecies were seen; one which Mark Shieldcastle had banded at BSBO earlier in the season was recaptured there on 16 Feb (*vide* Ryan Steiner). Another spent its fourth winter in a row at Shari Jackson's and Ronnie Macko's feeder in *Stark*.

Golden-crowned Sparrow

The wanderer which first appeared at a *Hancock* feeder in the spring of 2009 returned for its fourth consecutive winter (Kent Miller, Cory Chiappone).



This wayward Harris's Sparrow was a life bird for many enthusiastic new birders during its several months of viewing opportunities at the Pickerington Ponds feeders. This photo was taken by Paul Hurtado on 20 Jan, 2013.

Dark-eyed Junco

Every county except *Van Wert* provided sightings. Greg Links counted 259 along his 05 Jan CBC route in OOPMP. The highest count not part of a CBC appears to be Amanda Lawson's 132 in Englewood MP, *Montgomery*, on 01 Jan. At least five individuals of the "Oregon" group were reported; one of them spent most of Jan and Feb at Paul Hurtado's *Franklin* feeder. Two of the *cismontanus* ("Cassiar") subspecies were reported.



The Oregon subspecies group of Dark-eyed Junco is uncommon in Ohio. This bird was well documented on by Paul Hurtado 08 Dec 2012 during its winter visit to his home in Franklin.

Summer Tanager

One spent 26 to 28 Jan at Dorinda Whitsett's *Hamilton* feeder; Dan Gesualdo photographed it on its last day.



Dorinda Whitsett photographed this rare-in-winter Summer Tanager in her *Hamilton* backyard on 26 Jan 2013.

Northern Cardinal

Whew! Every county produced reports of our state bird. David Carr *et al.*'s 30 Dec efforts (See Fox Sparrow) yielded 144. Mike Williams reported 100 along Washburn Road, *Marion*, on 18 Feb, his "most fabulous raptor day" (See Bald Eagle and various hawk accounts). Shari Jackson and Ronni Mack had 57 at their *Stark* feeders on 16 Feb.

Indigo Bunting

Three late Dec CBCs (Cincinnati, Mohican SF, and Ragersville) each reported one (*fide* Audubon).

Dickcissel

One was reported during the Caesar Creek – Spring Valley CBC (*fide* Audubon).

Red-winged Blackbird

Larry Rosche estimated 160,000 at the Barberton Salt Ponds, *Summit*, on a 20 Jan Cleveland Museum of Natural History field trip. He annotated the report, "This is an enormous roost that has been in this area for decades." He also reported that a mere 75,000 had been there on 25 Dec. Up to 40,000 were noted in the vicinity of Bayshore during the second half of Jan (m. obs.). These two were the only sites with counts exceeding 900. Sixty-nine counties had sightings.

Eastern Meadowlark

John Moore found up to 18 at the Great Miami Mitigation Bank, *Montgomery*, on several Dec dates and 25 there on 27 Jan. Killdeer and its vicinity hosted 11, the highest number elsewhere, on 01 Jan (Tom Bartlett). Reports came from 37 counties.

Yellow-headed Blackbird

At least one was seen by m. obs. on many dates between 16 Dec and 18 Jan in the Bayshore blackbird flock (see Red-winged Blackbird). Greg Links found seven there on 11 Jan. Andy R. Troyer found a male among other blackbirds near Apple Creek, *Wayne*, on 16 Dec. Brief feeder visits were recorded in *Holmes* on 27 Dec (Emery Yoder) and in *Knox* on 01 Jan (*fide* Jim McCormac).

Rusty Blackbird

Greg Links noted 135 among the Bayshore blackbirds on 11 Jan (see Red-winged Blackbird); smaller triple-digit counts came on other days (m. obs.). The highest number elsewhere was 75, noted at three locations. Thirty-nine counties produced reports.

Brewer's Blackbird

The 10 reports of this scarce and oft-misidentified species are:

Thirteen at home in *Wayne* on 03 Dec (Jonas E. Miller)

One seen and heard in his *Holmes* yard on 18 Dec (Robert Hershberger)

One during the Fremont CBC, *Sandusky*, on 29 Dec (*fide* Audubon)

One on the GAR Highway, *Sandusky*, on 01 Jan (Dan and Lynn Gesualdo)

One during the Gypsum CBC, *Erie/Ottawa/Sandusky*, on 04 Jan (*fide* Audubon)

Two at the Castalia hatchery, *Sandusky*, on 04 Jan (Tom Bartlett, Larry Rosche, and Judy Semroc)

One west of Charm on 06 Jan (Milan H. Yoder)

Three at Bayshore on 18 Jan (Kent Miller and Ben Morrison)

One on the University of Findlay campus, *Hancock*, on 03 Feb (Steve Landes)

Three on Wilderness Road, *Wayne*, on 23 Feb (Steve Landes)

Common Grackle

Larry Rosche's 20 Jan field trip to the Barberton Salt Ponds found 145,000 (see Red-winged Blackbird). The most elsewhere were the 20,000 which Ben Morrison estimated in *Stark* on 23 Feb. Seventy-one counties had sightings.

Brown-headed Cowbird

The Barberton ponds also hosted 10,000 of these for Larry Rosche. Up to 5000 were at Bayshore (see Red-winged Blackbird about both sites). The only other four-digit report was Bill Doss's 2000 along State Route 276 in *Clermont* on 01 Jan. Reports came from 61 counties.

Orchard Oriole

A very hardy adult male frequented a jelly feed-

er in Orrville, **Wayne**, from about Thanksgiving into March (*fide* Bruce Glick and David Weaver). They're usually gone not long after Labor Day.

Baltimore Oriole

One was repeatedly seen in Holmesville, **Holmes**, from 12 Nov through Dec (*fide* Robert Hershberger, m. obs.). Winter holdovers of this species are becoming less uncommon.

Purple Finch

The trails at Germantown MP, **Montgomery**, hosted 32 females on 16 Dec (Chris Zacharias). There were many reports in the 10 to 20 range. Fifty-nine counties produced sightings.

House Finch

Laura Gooch noted 150 at the Shaker Lakes NC, **Cuyahoga**, on 20 Feb. The second-highest number was 120, which Greg Links noted among the blackbirds at Bayshore on 17 Feb. All counties but **Morgan** had sightings.

Red Crossbill

By the end of Nov, 22 counties had hosted these; by the end of Feb that number was 25. The high count was the 10 which James E. Yoder found near Fredericksburg, **Wayne**, on 03 Dec. Karen and Rich Kassouf found nine in West Park Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, on 01 Jan. Other cemeteries had up to eight. Curiously, the last reports of the season were of single birds on 17 Feb at two locations, though sightings resumed in Mar and carried into Apr.



Dane Adams photographed a lovely male Red Crossbill which was feasting in the Sweet Gum trees of West Park Cemetery, Cuyahoga, on 07 Jan 2013

White-winged Crossbill

I heartily agree with Ed Schlabach's comment, "It was a great season for this delightful northern finch." The high count of 100 was in Mohican SP, **Ashland**, on 08 Nov (Robert Hershberger and Greg Miller). There were dozens, if not

hundreds, of double-digit counts. Reports came from about half of our counties.

Common Redpoll

Daniel Parsons and Linda Gilbert each noted about 150. Daniel saw his swarm in East Cleveland Township Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, on 16 Dec. Linda's were at her feeders in **Geauga** on 11 Jan; the day before she had about 100 and commented then, "they were everywhere in the yard! Haven't ever seen an invasion like this!" Several other northern counties contributed triple-digit counts, and double-digit flocks extended to the Ohio River. Half of our counties had sightings.

Hoary Redpoll

The OBRC is sorting out multiple reports from **Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Portage,** and **Summit**.

Pine Siskin

The high count by a single observer was 120, by Anne Rau at her feeders in **Licking** on 21 Jan. Donald Morse, Jr., commented that the 100 which he saw at his **Clermont** home on 20 Dec were "in a feeding frenzy" and there were several other reports of about 100. Sixty-six counties produced reports.



*It proved to be an exciting winter with Pine Siskins seen at backyard feeders over much of the state. Ron Sempier snapped a picture of this beauty in his backyard in **Marion** on 13 Dec 2012.*

American Goldfinch

Kim Carter had 60 to over 100 at her feeders in **Athens** on several dates. Mike Zook had about 100 at his in **Ashtabula** on 16 Feb, and there were many counts between 50 and 100. Only **Morgan** and **Van Wert** lacked reports.

Evening Grosbeak

A feeder near the border of Mohican SE, **Ashland**, kept a flock (and birders) busy from 01 Dec to at least 17 Feb. Counts there varied minute by minute, but the highest I found was Dick Lee's

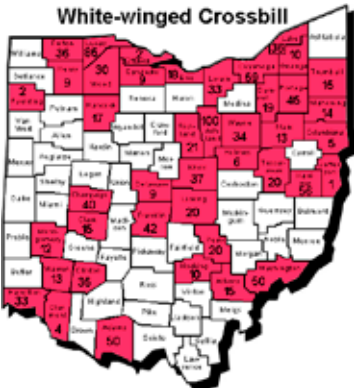
48 on the last day. The highest count other than at the above feeder was 17 by John Herman in Monroe Township, *Holmes*, on 09 Feb; some stuck around there to 28 Feb. Thirty-seven counties provided reports.

House Sparrow

Victor Fazio III noted about 1000 at Bay View, *Erie*, on 04 Jan. Reports came from all counties except *Meigs* and *Morgan*.

WINTER VISITOR MAPS

Courtesy of Ethan Kestler. These maps dramatically show the extent of this winter’s invasion by northern birds. (The numbers within each highlighted state are the high counts available to Ethan and do not always match those in the Species Accounts.)



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MY OHIO BIG YEARS

by Dan Sanders

Introduction and Strategies

I have been doing Ohio Big Years now for 19 consecutive years, since my retirement in June of 1994. I didn't start out 1995 intending to do one, but after completing the daily checklist on our return from a March day of birding at Lake Erie, my birding friend Don Burton suggested that we should try to tally 250 or more species by the end of the year. We found our 250th bird on December 31st of that year, a Fox Sparrow in the Cincinnati area. For 1996, we decided to 'up the ante', and it would seem that I had become 'hooked' on Ohio Big Year birding! Since then, some years have been 'bigger' than others, but I've always started each year with the goal of finding as many Ohio birds as possible.

Since 1995, my annual totals have never been less than 262 species (which I achieved during my ABA Big Year of 2005), but reaching 300 species in a single year had eluded me until 2009 when I was able to record 301 species. Numbers since then had been 298 species in 2010 and 312 species in 2011 – just two species short of the Ohio record set by John Pogacnik back in 1990. Would it be possible in 2012 to top last year's total of 312 species? Only time would tell.

The 2012 Ohio Big Year started out just as they had for many years, by helping out with the Kingston Christmas Bird Count (CBC), which is most always held on January 1st. For me, this has been a great way to start out each new year since all birds seen become FOY (first of year) sightings. Some highlights for the section that our CBC team discovered this year included a Ring-necked Duck, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and White-crowned Sparrow. On the return trip to Columbus, we made a stop at Green Lawn Cemetery for an over-wintering Merlin (reported there earlier), and also for good looks at several Black-crowned Night Herons that were spending the winter along the banks of the Olentangy River near the OSU Stadium. All in all, it was a pretty good first day for another Ohio Big Year.

Another good way to begin a Big Year is to participate in a *Big January*, with the goal of identifying as many species as possible by the end of this first month. Each year, an increasing number of Ohio birders have set a goal of reaching 100 species or more during this time period and, if

successful, they become official members of the Ohio "Century Club". This friendly competition has become more popular in recent years and is a very good way to begin any new year. In 2003, Greg Miller and I teamed up to challenge Rob and Sandy Harlan's January record of 123 species. You can find a summary of this exciting month on Greg's website, but we both surpassed this record with Greg tallying 130 species and I with 132 for that January. Since then, the bar was raised by Ryan Steiner who recorded 137 January species in 2007, and most recently by Dan Gesualdo who tallied 151 species in January of 2012!

Still another good Big Year or Big January strategy is to add species that may still be present from December of the previous year. This is especially true for Ohio rarities. An important January carry-over species from 2011 was a Black-tailed Gull, first discovered by Craig Holt at Ashtabula Harbor on November 16th. The sighting was a first Ohio record, and was seen by many listers from Ohio and beyond! Fortunately, this bird lingered in the area for several more weeks and was seen again in early January by me and others for our 2012 Ohio lists. Other species that sometimes carry over into the next year include Red and White-winged crossbills, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin, Bohemian Waxwing, and other scarce Ohio species such as Rufous Hummingbird and Purple Sandpiper (sometimes the first, but more often the very last shorebird species for the year!).

January and February are also very good months for finding many of the gull species. During the coldest weather, when large areas of Lake Erie are frozen, these gulls are much easier to find as they become more concentrated in open-water areas during their search for food. These locations are usually the warm-water outlets of power plants along the lakefront. During the winter of 2011-2012, a few Ohio birders were able to find most of the 13 Ohio core-list gull species. Most of these sightings were along the South shore of Lake Erie between Sandusky and Conneaut.

Summary of Winter Season Sightings (January 1 through March 21)

The total number of species seen during this season (127) was somewhat low compared to previous years, but this season is normally the "low-

est” one. So after a decent January, February is a good month to plan some out of state birding trips! For me, the trips were to Arizona and California in pursuit of several ABA-area life birds! And so with only 25 days of Ohio birding, here are the winter season highlights:

Core list species: Greater White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Ross’s Goose, Cackling Goose, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Red-necked Grebe, Eared Grebe, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Sandhill Crane, Thayer’s Gull, Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Barn Owl, Snowy Owl, Long-eared Owl, Northern Shrike, White-winged Crossbill, and Pine Siskin.

Review list species (review species are birds on the official Ohio list that have been documented at least one time, but that have an average of no more than two documented sightings per year over the past 10 years): Black-tailed Gull (new Ohio record), Common Raven, and Spotted Towhee.

The Spring Season (March 22 through June 21)

Spring is my favorite season for birding! Who among us does not anticipate hearing the first “Poor Sam Peabody, Peabody, Peabody” song of the White-throated Sparrow? Or seeing the swelling and opening of leaf and flower buds, or hearing the first spring peeper frogs? And being able to witness/experience the spring migration of our Ohio birds is foremost in our minds as we head out to our favorite birding hot spots. We can even go south to meet them, and then follow them as they move northward, clear to the south shore of Lake Erie where some may be temporarily “stopped” for our continued enjoyment before they strike out across the lake to their breeding grounds. Certainly birding is much more than just checking off the names of the birds we all love to see and hear! But keeping track of all the species we see each year is important as well, for personal and for scientific reasons. The highlights of my spring sightings (a total of 146 species) are:

Core list species: Ruffed Grouse, Red-throated Loon, American White Pelican, American Bittern, Least Bittern, Cattle Egret, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Willet, Upland Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, Black Tern, Chuck-will’s-widow, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Alder Flycatcher, Bell’s Vireo, Golden-winged Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Clay-colored Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, and Purple Finch.

Review list species: Pacific Loon, Tri-colored Heron, Glossy Ibis, White-faced Ibis, Piping Plover, Black-necked Stilt, Least Tern, Royal Tern, Eurasian Collared Dove, White-winged Dove, Say’s Phoebe, Fish Crow (a new Ohio record), Kirtland’s Warbler, and Golden-crowned Sparrow.

The Summer Season (June 22 through August 21)

Most new birders would guess that this time period, host for our breeding birds, would not result in the addition of very many new species for a year list, and this is pretty much the case. But there are at least two main reasons for remaining vigilant during this time period. The first and most important one is that from mid-July through the end of this season is when the shorebird migration is getting into full swing, and some of these shorebird species don’t even move through Ohio during the spring migration. The second reason is that this is a time of year for what is referred to as post-breeding dispersal; when (usually) young birds from surrounding states may be aimlessly “wandering about” and end up here in Ohio. And so this is an important season for adding some of the harder-to-find species to your year list. The highlights of the 14 summer additions are:

Core list species: Henslow’s Sparrow, Little Blue Heron, American Avocet, Whimbrel, Hudsonian Godwit, Marbled Godwit, Red Knot, Western Sandpiper, Baird’s Sandpiper, and Sedge Wren.

Review list species: Black-bellied Whistling-duck, Brown Pelican, Mississippi Kite, and Snowy Plover.

The Fall Season to Year’s End (August 22 through December 21)

For adding significant numbers to your year list, the fall migration is just as important as the spring migration, but takes place over a longer period of time. These birds aren’t in as big a hurry to get to their wintering areas as they were to get to the breeding grounds! This may mean that you will have to spend more time in the field to find some of the birds that you may have missed earlier, or those that don’t even move through Ohio during the spring migration. Still other factors may make fall birding more difficult... many of the adult birds have already changed to their basic/winter plumage before arriving here. This makes them more difficult to positively identify. Also, many of these migrants are juvenile birds

with plumages that are quite unlike those of their parents. Another important missing part is that most of these birds are no longer singing, so identifying them by song may be impossible. And so the fall season can be a very challenging one for finding and identifying birds. Of course, some over-wintering species will also begin arriving here by the end of this season. Unfortunately, I added no new birds to my year list during the last nine days of December. The highlights of my fall sightings (a total of 33 species) are:

Core list species: Brant, Golden Eagle, Purple Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Phalarope, Red Phalarope, Franklin's Gull, Little Gull, Sabine's Gull, Pomarine Jaeger, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Rufous Hummingbird, Le Conte's Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow, Red Crossbill, Common Redpoll, and Evening Grosbeak.

Review list species: King Eider, Western Grebe, Prairie Falcon, Black-headed Gull, California Gull, Parasitic Jaeger, Western Kingbird, Varied Thrush, Bohemian Waxwing, Lark Bunting, Harris's Sparrow, and Hoary Redpoll.

Ohio 2012 Big Year Summary

My 2012 Ohio Big Year turned out to be a banner year; I recorded 320 species of birds for a new personal and Ohio record! I was able to find all but seven of the 294 regularly-occurring (core list) Ohio species, my best results for this group between the years of 1995 and 2011. But the biggest difference, for both 2011 and 2012, was in the category of Ohio review list species that were seen and reported by Ohio birders. Up until 2011, the greatest number of review list species I had seen during any of my previous Ohio big years was 17. In 2012, this number in this category jumped to 33 species! And there were several others reported that I did not find. So this was an extraordinary year for finding review-list birds in Ohio; rarities are the biggest single factor for any record-setting year, and something that you can never predict in advance. Why so many review-list species were found this year in Ohio is unknown, but it is most likely related to suitable habitat and the availability of food in their normal range, and/or to regional weather conditions such as extremes of temperature, droughts, hurricanes, and so forth.

Still another most important factor that has contributed to my more recent Ohio listing successes is the ever-increasing number of birders,

with many of them joining the "listing game" at some level. Coupled with this increased interest in birding as a skilled outdoor pursuit is the popularity and use of smart phones and other communication options. This would include eBird postings and the increasingly popular Facebook groups! The ability to call or text other birders from the field, to post to and receive messages from list-serves while in the field, and even to send and receive pictures from the field has made it possible for birders to get to these locations while the reported rarities are still present. And I would point out that 2012 was a most successful year not just for me but for many other Ohio birders as well (see the related article in *The Cerulean*, Winter 2013, Vol.9, No. 1).

I have been asked if this Ohio Big Year record will ever be broken, and my usual response is that "Records are made to be broken". I will guess that this will happen sooner or later, but I will feel very good about having once held the record! I would also add that there are several major factors to consider in this pursuit. The first is that it requires a commitment of time for pursuing birds during all seasons of the year and in a timely manner; especially for Ohio rarities! The second is a commitment to vigilance. This would include using several of the e-communication options that are available to you, both at home and also while "on the road". But the most important aspect of this pursuit is your willingness to share your sightings with all others who may benefit from this timely information! The creation of a statewide network of birding friends will become the single most important asset to your success!

One final note... The authenticity of any final number that is submitted by a birder, especially if it involves a record, is based on the honor system, and it is most important that this number be accompanied by a complete list of birds seen, along with the date and location of the first sighting. Of course, any listed sighting is more believable when other experienced birders are present at the time of your sighting. And so, for "record" achievements, it is always best if the number of "single observer" sightings is very low. This is especially true for any rare/review-list species that you may have included on your list. Though single-observer sightings may sometimes be unavoidable, this is usually not a problem because when a rare bird is found and reported, there are many other birders present, even before you arrive at this location. I am happy to report that for my 2012 Ohio Big Year list, all of the species in-

cluded here were seen and confirmed by at least one other experienced birder. (I will be happy to send a copy of my list to anyone who requests it.)

Acknowledgements... As I have mentioned above, the most important aspect of a successful year of Ohio birding is the help that you receive from other birders, and this year was no exception. First and foremost, I owe my deepest gratitude to Doreene Linzell with whom I share this state record. Without her help in finding and identifying birds, checking list-serves, navigating, and posting/e-mailing/texting, plus Facebook and cell phone communications, we could never have achieved this result! Thanks also to our many birding friends from around the state (you know who you are), for helping us find our “target birds” during this exceptional year!

Dan became very interested in birds at the early age of six years. Two species, a cooing Mourning Dove (identified by his mother), and a nest of American Robins (shown to him by his grandfather), were his “spar” birds. Through his elementary and high school years, the Birds of North America (Golden Guide), and the Peterson Field Guide were his mentors for field identification. As a biology major at OSU, his special interest in birds was influenced and encouraged by Dr. Robert Reese and other OSU teaching associates. During Dan’s professional teaching career, his birding ventures were centered around Spring break, the Fall migration, and several family vacations to other states. But after retiring in 1994, and a challenge to identify 250 or more Ohio species in 1995, the “listing game” became a focal point for his retirement years. Since then, several intermediate and long-term Ohio and ABA-area goals have been set, and as of this date Dan has met or surpassed all of his goals, except for one. They are: Ohio “life-time” goal: 300 species - This was achieved by the end of 1996, and he is currently at 363 Ohio “life” species. Ohio “Big Year” goal: 300 species - This wasn’t achieved until 2010, with a total of 301 species, but a new Ohio Big Year record of 320 species was set in 2012. ABA-area “Big Year” goal: 700 species - Dan’s 2005 ABA Big Year total was 715 species; he was the fifth person to ever reach 700 or more ABA species in a single year. ABA-area “lower 48” goal of 750 species - Dan’s total is currently at 766 species. ABA-area “life-time” goal: 800 species - Dan saw his 800th ABA species in May of 2010, a Bahama Mockingbird at Fort DeSoto CP, Florida. His current ABA total is 816 species. As a result of his ABA-area efforts, Dan inadvertently established an ABA New Millennium record and is currently ranked #1, having recorded 800 ABA-area bird species since January 1, 2001! And what about the goal he has not yet reached? Well, here it is: to average 290 or more Ohio species for 20 consecutive years. And after 19 consecutive Ohio Big

Years, Dan is currently ‘on track’ for reaching this goal. Only time will tell, but I’m guessing that he’ll reach this one as well! And does Dan have any regrets? The answer: Only one... that he didn’t start listing 30 years ago!

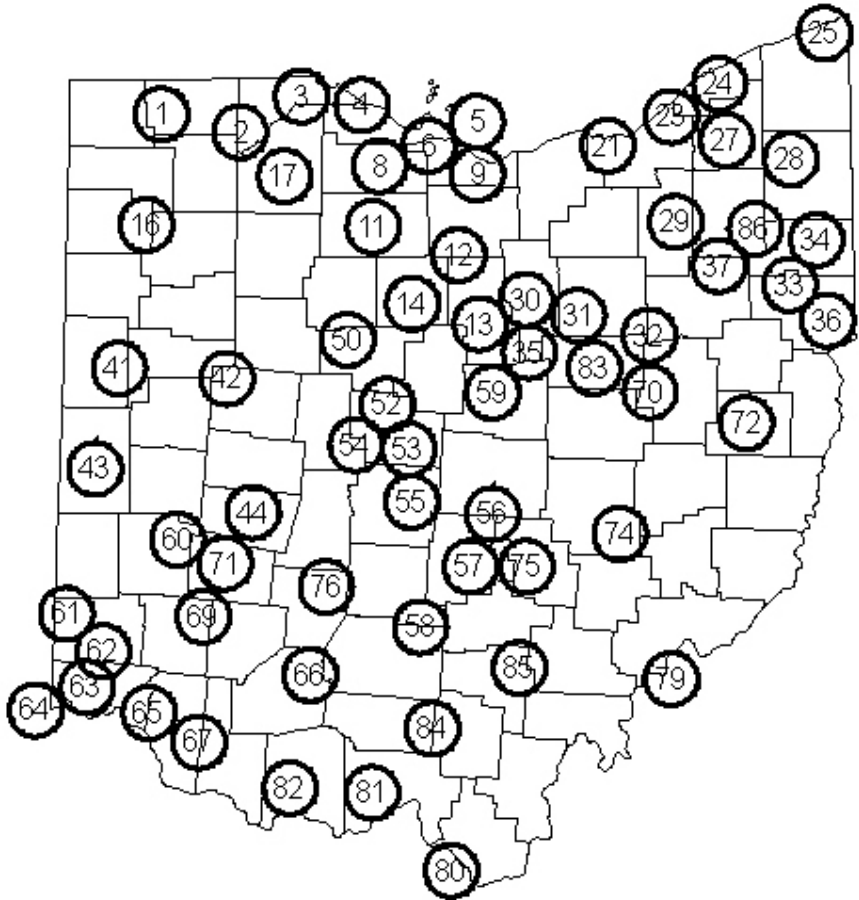
THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS REPORT

By Ned Keller

This year's report includes data from 65 count circles, all of which were official Audubon counts. We welcome two new counts in this year's report, Fayette County and Tri-Reservoir. Statewide, we found 171 species this year, all of which were found on count days (there were no additional count week species). This is by far the largest number of species in recent years, and may represent an all-time high.

Contributing to the high count were 28 species which were reported from only a single count circle this year. Most of them were reports of a single bird: Blue-winged Teal (Dayton), Long-tailed Duck (Ashtabula), Ruffed Grouse (Hock-

ing Hills), Red-throated Loon (Tri-Reservoir), Northern Goshawk (Ashtabula), Sora (Caesar Creek/Spring Valley), Western Sandpiper (Mohican State Forest), Purple Sandpiper (Lake Erie Islands, 3 birds), American Woodcock (Wilmot), Eurasian Collared-Dove (Ragersville), Snowy Owl (Black Swamp), Common Raven (Mohican State Forest), Tree Swallow (Cuyahoga Falls), House Wren (Hoover Reservoir, 4 birds), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (Portsmouth), American Redstart (Cuyahoga Falls), Cape May Warbler (Lake Erie Islands), Magnolia Warbler (Millersburg), Pine Warbler (Ragersville, 2 birds), Yellow-throated Warbler (Ohio River), Yellow-breasted Chat (Ragersville), Vesper Sparrow (Ashland/Boyd County), Grasshopper Sparrow (Ragersville),



Nelson's Sparrow (Ragersville), Lincoln's Sparrow (Columbus), Harris's Sparrow (Ashland), Dickcissel (Caesar Creek/Spring Valley) and Yellow-headed Blackbird (Toledo, 2 birds).

Eleven species were found in all 65 circles: Canada Goose, Mallard, Mourning Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, White-breasted Nuthatch, European Starling, Northern Cardinal and American Goldfinch. We extend our congratulations to one of the new counts, Fayette County, for seeing zero House Sparrows.

In last year's report, I predicted that Toledo would have a tough time topping their species total of 108. Well, they did – they found 110 species this year. That was the only circle to break 100, though. More typical high counts in the nineties were 96 in Ragersville, 95 in Cincinnati, and 91 in Western Hamilton County. Cuyahoga Valley

led the way with 141 participants, followed by Cincinnati with 103.

As always, we have passed on the reports as submitted by the compilers, without checking for accuracy. The only exception is the deletion of several obvious escaped exotic birds.

We would like to thank the National Audubon Society for access to most of the data included this report. See <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count> for lots more information about the Christmas Bird Count. This is a great repository of well over a century of data.

Ned is the administrator of the OOS Ohio-birds list-serve and forum and the website Cincinnati Bird Sightings Log. <http://cincinnatibirds.com/goodbird/sighting.php>. In addition to that task, Ned contributes this CBC summary for each winter issue of the Ohio Cardinal. Earlier this year he retired after several years as the Secretary of the Ohio Bird Records Committee.

Note on the 113th Audubon Christmas Count tables

The tables on the following twenty pages are set up so that all the species are presented for the first half of the locations. Then the species list is repeated for the second half of the locations.

- First half of locations are on pages 66 though 75.
- Second half of locations are on pages 76 through 85.

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SPECIES															
Greater White-fronted Goose															2
Snow Goose									2						1
Ross's Goose								1							
Ross's/Snow Goose															
Brant															
Cackling Goose				1											1
Canada Goose	563	818	146	1172	419	37	165	1714	1080	956	1447	346	18	133	2216
Mute Swan		4							15				5		
Trumpeter Swan														14	
Tundra Swan				254								11			11
swan species															
Wood Duck	33					1		1	1						3
Gadwall		2		5		52	4	1	2					75	108
American Wigeon								2	2						5
American Black Duck	21	1	6	30	1			20	3	1	13	25		20	25
Mallard	115	72	30	307	40	38	56	326	178	16	300	173	30	85	1220
American Black Duck x Mallard															
Blue-winged Teal									8			2			31
Northern Shoveler								1						1	
Northern Pintail															
Green-winged Teal			3	1			2					14	7	16	3
Canvasback												7			
Redhead				1						4					12
Ring-necked Duck	3								15			6		227	253
Greater Scaup				7											
Lesser Scaup	6			10			1		22	20				6	148
scaup species															
Harlequin Duck				1											
Surf Scoter															
White-winged Scoter															
Black Scoter															
Long-tailed Duck				1											
Bufflehead	17			36					2				15	137	18
Common Goldeneye	7			11											
Hooded Merganser	26	27		25	20	5		15	2			76	27		33
Common Merganser	9			117	4			7				4			
Red-breasted Merganser				2375			1			5					1
merganser species															
Ruddy Duck	3			20			45		5		2	6	14		26
duck species			1												
Ring-necked Pheasant		2		3				10					2		

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SPECIES															
Ruffed Grouse															
Wild Turkey	3	9	30	476	13			118	48	1	6	16	39	9	31
Red-throated Loon															
Common Loon			1							1	4		2	6	
Pied-billed Grebe	3	1		3				1	7	8		3	8	3	45
Horned Grebe				2					1	1					1
Red-necked Grebe															
Double-crested Cormorant		1		7						3				1	
Great Blue Heron	9	17	4	18	4	4	3	17	37	3	3	1	19	8	46
Great Egret															
Black-crowned Night Heron															
Black Vulture	178					22		84					6	1	450
Turkey Vulture	23		2		1	19		4				1	3		277
vulture species						50									
Osprey															
Bald Eagle	6	1		4	1	4	4	16			6	4	6	3	2 8
Northern Harrier	4	1	4	3	5	2	1	1	2	1		4	3	21	13
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	1		1				2		2	1		1	2	7
Cooper's Hawk	7	5		5	4	3	6	4	7	4	8	1	10	6	28
Northern Goshawk				1											
accipiter species															1
Red-shouldered Hawk	6	9		8	6	11		6	2	2	25	2	21	7	39
Broad-winged Hawk				1				1							
Red-tailed Hawk	51	29		17	36	17	24	74	22	25	54	27	58	67	102
Rough-legged Hawk		2		1	1			6		1	3	3		14	
buteo species								1							1
Golden Eagle														1	
hawk species															
Virginia Rail															
Sora													1		
American Coot	8			61				1	53			8	65	2	323
Sandhill Crane		3													135
Killdeer	84		4			16		1	1			3	106	22	73
Western Sandpiper															
Purple Sandpiper															
Wilson's Snipe					1				1			2	1	1	
American Woodcock															
Bonaparte's Gull		107		41					30			25	11		
Ring-billed Gull	5	478		7097	30		46	54	654	145	10	178	1479	7	840
Herring Gull				535					14	1	8	1	4		
Lesser Black-backed Gull				3											

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SPECIES															
Great Black-backed Gull				37											
gull species															
Rock Pigeon	190	95	263	95	538	80	178	249	41	193	298	37	96	153	811
Eurasian Collared-Dove															
Mourning Dove	838	262	67	181	238	377	243	472	585	395	369	82	227	333	755
Barn Owl									1						
Eastern Screech Owl	16	4				1	3		1	3		1	3	2	7
Great Horned Owl	12						2		4	2	3	1	6	1	5
Snowy Owl							1								
Barred Owl	4				6	1		1	1	2	3		10	1	6
Long-eared Owl															
Short-eared Owl												5		11	
Northern Saw-whet Owl					1										
Rufous Hummingbird															
Belted Kingfisher	14	10	2	1	20	7	1	18	13		3	7	8	7	26
Red-headed Woodpecker	8	9						6	12	3	10		21		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	86	82	4	15	54	28	33	77	40	25	77	26	134	44	454
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4		1			1		1	1				8	2	52
Downy Woodpecker	76	79	4	27	62	38	24	90	41	40	113	36	108	52	331
Hairy Woodpecker	36	15	1	8	20	15	2	26	6	8	24	6	18	13	41
Northern Flicker	69	15	6	1	11	19	9	39	11	5	9	5	42	33	165
Pileated Woodpecker	20	9	2	1	19	13	2	12	9	4	12	10	21	9	40
woodpecker species															
American Kestrel	52	14	8	6	14	11	13	25	9	18	1	11	13	28	11
Merlin															
Peregrine Falcon															1
Eastern Phoebe						1							2	2	6
Northern Shrike				1											
Blue Jay	330	187	19	126	191	124	90	179	72	118	268	70	185	134	369
American Crow	673	272	33	445	375	9111	16	902	142	185	195	188	182	358	728
Common Raven															
Horned Lark	45	13			72	6	32	13	10	324		16	44	70	835
Tree Swallow															
Carolina Chickadee	119	66	14		15	79		161	86	16		114	268	183	1138
Black-capped Chickadee		31		82	69		45	1		13	425				
chickadee species		49			134					5					
Tufted Titmouse	90	105	5	15	138	49	12	131	49	43	140	34	118	147	664
Red-breasted Nuthatch	9	45		4	31	5	2	15	8	6	7	29	4	35	25
White-breasted Nuthatch	63	89	4	28	75	34	36	97	50	37	144	30	99	34	245
Brown Creeper	3	10			3	12	10	10	17	3	6	2	16	6	37
Carolina Wren	61	22	12	2	58	63	2	30	33	3	11	16	66	29	448

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SPECIES															
House Wren															
Winter Wren		1			1	2		2	1	1		1	2	3	5
Marsh Wren													3		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher															
Golden-crowned Kinglet	18	20	3		31	39	7	10	14	5	11	9	15	35	111
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		3		1							2		1		2
kinglet species															
Eastern Bluebird	218	106	4	13	98	36	21	126	50	13	90	24	151	123	284
Hermit Thrush	4		1			5						2	3	5	16
American Robin	6638	21	81		8	51	48	41	70	4	28	7	1345	6	11,829
Gray Catbird								1							
Northern Mockingbird	58	4	10		16	9	1	32	18	1	1	4	21	12	154
Brown Thrasher	2														2
European Starling	8092	1613	1325	603	1014	2721	5283	2950	643	3430	823	84	1161	440	38,926
American Pipit												5			48
Cedar Waxwing	98	4			2	12		53	2	17			140		450
waxwing species															
Lapland Longspur							497			3	20				35
Snow Bunting							255			5	54				
Ovenbird															
Common Yellowthroat															
American Redstart															
Cape May Warbler															
Magnolia Warbler															
Pine Warbler															
Yellow-rumped Warbler	164	8			3	12	1	1	7			9	103		258
Yellow-throated Warbler															
Yellow-breasted Chat															
Eastern Towhee	8	5	cw			6		4	10			6	17	2	210
American Tree Sparrow	38	181	3	209	368	37	209	114	143	107	605	180	58	173	1170
Chipping Sparrow	1							1							2
Field Sparrow	47	8	10			10		11	6	5		6	8	1	83
Vesper Sparrow			1												
Savannah Sparrow												2		1	25
Grasshopper Sparrow															
Nelson's Sparrow															
Fox Sparrow	9	4						1	1				9	2	33
Song Sparrow	104	60	35	21	36	51	13	77	54	7	61	114	40	68	935
Lincoln's Sparrow															
Swamp Sparrow	12	10			4	2		3	2	1	4	10	10	5	142
White-throated Sparrow	113	11	11	9	18	54		45	24	2	5	28	263	11	767
White-crowned Sparrow	79	9		2	14	19		29	18	2	2	13	11	16	363

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SPECIES															
sparrow species								12							
Dark-eyed Junco	550	157	12	321	156	75	162	160	100	194	319	380	137	242	715
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco															
Harris's Sparrow		1													
Northern Cardinal	374	185	23	267	258	67	73	234	145	165	352	230	296	424	1788
Indigo Bunting															1
Dickcissel													1		
Red-winged Blackbird	231	15		3	1	2	1		2	2	13	18	5	8	313
Eastern Meadowlark	37	1	1					1	6	3			1	6	40
Yellow-headed Blackbird															
Rusty Blackbird														1	26
Brewer's Blackbird															
blackbird species															
Common Grackle	101	1				65	4	3	4	32		1	36	1	168
Brown-headed Cowbird			1	1	5	2	16		20	27		1		6	337
Purple Finch	35			5			1	1		2		2	7		19
House Finch	65	69		65	200	11	60	138	55	119	104	13	75		402
Red Crossbill												4			
White-winged Crossbill		100			1					4		56		1	
Common Redpoll				155	20						55				
Pine Siskin		7		4				1	3	18	1		19		51
American Goldfinch	188	93	3	113	78	44	50	133	70	69	214	28	228	143	593
Evening Grosbeak															
House Sparrow	214	575	38	367	403	89	358	447	388	1164	556	30	186	72	566
TOTAL SPECIES	75	70	43	73	68	61	56	77	80	67	54	77	81	76	95
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	21,509	6345	2238	15,895	5464	13,778	8299	9618	5263	8062	7322	2969	7975	4381	74,606
Observers	35	16	4	15	19	4	8	26	28	8	30	36	64	15	103
Party hours	84.50	45.50	7.00	46.00	53.75	20.25	24.25	49.20	44.00	28.00	69.75	76.00	60.00	36.00	209.00

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OHCC — Clark Co. (44)							67				2								
OHCL — Cleveland (23)	42	423	292	513	212	162	220		143	1461	57	66	1566	76	49	295	29	476	175
OHCO — Columbus (95)		1																	
OHCF — Cuyahoga Falls (29)																			
OHDA — Dayton (60)																			
OHDR — Delaware Reservoir (92)																			
OHEF — East Fork Lake S.P. (67)																			
OHFC — Fayette Co. (78)																			
OHFI — Firelands (9)																			
OHFR — Fremont (6)																			
OHGW — Get Woods (1)																			
OHGL — Grand Lake-St. Marys (41)																			
OHGR — Grand Rapids-Waterville (2)																			
OHGC — Greene Co. (71)																			
OHGV — Greenville (43)																			
OHGY — Gypsum (6)																			
OHHF — Hamilton-Fairfield (62)																			
OHHS — Hocking Hills (65)																			
OHHR — Hoover Reservoir (63)																			
	105	156	584	858	326	222	501	18	62	448	34	52	584	157	48	280	144	362	327
		10	31	327	45	12	39		1173	1073			2			12,203	74	121	310
							9									1	1		1
			2	7			22		12	2						3			
										1						2			
			83	215	42	1	11	2	10	3519			16	2		13,312	3	86	
6			3	28	4	203		31	229				10	19	1	150	15	4	
			2	7	1	3							18	2			3	27	
6	249	547	506	67	226	44	23	49	174	10	41	442	36	29	82	414	65	176	
5																			
1		5	6						9					12				6	
		120	1						1					5					
1	1	17	15	6	21	22			2					126	9		3	8	
35	97	353	892	105	184	182	20	71	144	12	54	297	91	18	53	166	164	192	
														4				9	
93	589	1006	2885	348	874	178		120	1110	165	888	1667	45	604	2663	90	109	194	
69	71	89	89	82	66	84	37	67	76	45	45	87	50	48	86	70	72	77	
55,752	24,980	33,127	26,187	12,755	12,098	24,468	1168	67,034	43,101	2907	6676	24,733	2386	7003	55,564	12,862	7361	15,457	
8	47	89	141	41	36	17	23	5	50	5	9	50	17	13	16	22	13	65	
29.00	60.50	160.50	262.00	65.85	91.00	??	6.00	46.25	58.75	??	33.25	107.75	7.00	31.00	42.50	40.00	38.58	62.00	

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SPECIES															
Greater White-fronted Goose			4												
Snow Goose			2				1								
Ross's Goose															
Ross's/Snow Goose															
Brant															
Cackling Goose			6				1								
Canada Goose	179	1641	1336	180	1095	1428	3135	1582	680	895	298	951	3776	2080	500
Mute Swan	18					28		5	1		2			25	
Trumpeter Swan		5							2					42	
Tundra Swan		62	7	13	69	20		12						702	
swan species							4							77	
Wood Duck							3	1				2	1	1	
Gadwall		6	7	40	8	6	48	1	2	16		136		143	
American Wigeon		2		5			2					1			3
American Black Duck		48	3	17	11	6	16	15	11	6		41	18	44	12
Mallard	227	97	164	688	711	137	216	435	197	355	1	1719	851	1099	57
American Black Duck x Mallard															
Blue-winged Teal															
Northern Shoveler	41		3		1		22					40	8		4
Northern Pintail				1				2		29		43			1
Green-winged Teal							16	8				10		4	2
Canvasback									2						
Redhead	21			5	20										
Ring-necked Duck				1			4					26	51		
Greater Scaup				4	26							4			
Lesser Scaup			1	41	15		43	21				7	12	20	
scaup species		10						75							
Harlequin Duck				1											
Surf Scoter								2							
White-winged Scoter															
Black Scoter					14		1	20							
Long-tailed Duck															
Bufflehead				1518	23		32	8	1			2			
Common Goldeneye	3			101	128		2	3						1078	
Hooded Merganser	4			7	9		88	12		21		29	93	3	
Common Merganser				47	14	2		3						71	
Red-breasted Merganser				810	987			79,090						55	
merganser species				2											
Ruddy Duck	40				1		1	9							11
duck species						10									
Ring-necked Pheasant		1	12	2				1	1	1			2	3	

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OHPC — Paint Creek Area (86)																		
WWPK — Parkersburg WV-OH (79)																		
OHPL — Plymouth (12)		24														36	8	8
OHPO — Portsmouth (81)			1	1												32	14	14
OHQH — Quail Hollow-Hartsville (37)						3					4	1				3	3	3
OHRA — Rogersville (70)						1										1	1	1
OHRU — Rudolph (17)																2	2	2
OHSA — Salem (33)																21	8	8
OHTI — Tiffin (11)						6										21	8	8
OHTO — Toledo (3)																79,967	65	65
OHTR — Tri-Reservoir (86)																209	20	20
OHTC — Trumbull Co. (28)																112	9	9
OHWH — Western Hamilton Co. (63)																6174	22	22
OHWI — Wilmot (32)																95	3	3
OHWO — Wooster (31)																130	25	25
OHYO — Youngstown (34)																1651	40	41
																140	16	16
																2423	50	50
1	1056	382	180	1633	2492	807	2129	461	2353	1474	2013	1130	903	1055	1052	79,967	65	65
				11			15					2	2	4		209	20	20
																112	9	9
																6174	22	22
																95	3	3
4	16															130	25	25
	cw		9	8	44											1651	40	41
						1										140	16	16
																2423	50	50
																2	2	2
																1	1	1
6			6													824	25	25
																312	22	22
	1		3		17											327	25	25
2			44	1												33	7	7
																104	14	14
			4													104	14	14
2	23			2												1755	25	25
																450	6	6
			30	14			20									1146	30	30
																90	3	3
																2	2	2
																7	3	3
																14	2	2
																39	5	5
																1	1	1
24	7	4		23			3									2125	30	30
																1670	17	17
15	3	1	17	59	2	3	4									1739	44	44
6	1						6									5076	22	22
																91,987	18	18
																502	2	2
18			110	7			4									919	30	30
																899	7	7
	60				11											54	20	20
						3			3	2			2					

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SPECIES															
Ruffed Grouse															
Wild Turkey	4	5		1			134	7	89	392		38			
Red-throated Loon															
Common Loon				8	2		1	1	1	1					
Pied-billed Grebe	4		1	1	5		13	3	1			16	5		1
Horned Grebe				16	1	8	1	6							
Red-necked Grebe															
Double-crested Cormorant				27				1		1		2	1		
Great Blue Heron	4	1	2	2	4	8	23	5	19	13	1	51	38	194	20
Great Egret															
Black-crowned Night Heron														4	
Black Vulture			4			2			118	11	10	27			135
Turkey Vulture			4			23	5		289		1	41			19
vulture species															
Osprey												1			
Bald Eagle		10	1	6	6		2	2	4	17		6	5	51	2
Northern Harrier	7	29	22		1	3	1	1	1	3	9		10	19	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	3	1	2		1	5	1		3		4	1
Cooper's Hawk	3	2	6	17	13	3	11	5	22	4	4	7	17	9	1
Northern Goshawk															
accipiter species															
Red-shouldered Hawk			10		2	1	5	12	9	8	34		6	1	3
Broad-winged Hawk											1				
Red-tailed Hawk	16	35	48	9	21	22	62	22	211	40	22	24	50	57	23
Rough-legged Hawk		3					3		14	12	3				
buteo species	1			2											
Golden Eagle				1											
hawk species						4									
Virginia Rail				1					1						
Sora															
American Coot	75		1		1	12	450					7	4	309	75
Sandhill Crane									9	2				8	
Killdeer	9		13	2			4		167	34	5	cw			15
Western Sandpiper										1					
Purple Sandpiper				3											
Wilson's Snipe									31	5		2			
American Woodcock															
Bonaparte's Gull				77	3039		130	25				5	18		
Ring-billed Gull	1970	8		109	13,768		1745	9077	6	136		2	1319	327	93
Herring Gull				693	94		27	190					13	577	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull															

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																1	1	1
	1			1	117		77	33	26	13	50	9	93	84		2401	44	44
										1						1	1	1
8	2				10				1	7	2			7		72	22	22
93	2	6	2	6		2	7	1	6	16	5	8			7	449	44	44
3	9									1	28				1	125	18	18
									1						1	2	2	2
1				15					44						1	363	18	18
53	34		13	27	5	9	2	10	77	6	6	38	15	19	5	1417	64	64
			4											1		11	5	5
									31							45	4	4
254					8							8				1427	20	20
49			1		41				1			1				1025	26	26
																50	1	1
																2	2	2
8	4	3	2	9	4	3	3	18	20	7	18	1	4	8	5	477	57	57
6	3	4	5	3	23	16	5	11	6		10	12	4	7		322	51	51
2	2	1	1		7		1		8	2		3	3	5		112	45	45
3	9		3	7	25	12	5	5	23	7	3	4	12	9		527	62	62
																1	1	1
	1				2							1				7	5	5
1	5		1	13	1		5		2	21	12	10	1			431	47	47
																3	3	3
28	34	10	11	47	185	62	68	42	60	41	23	62	99	55	9	2766	64	64
		2			10							1	13	6		101	21	21
						1						1				8	7	7
																3	3	3
													6			10	2	2
																2	2	2
																1	1	1
1186		90	5	140			1		25	20	287	5	1	12	4	3607	41	41
									5			3205		37		3513	11	11
41	1		3		53	18	4		15	2		32	29	5		890	40	41
																1	1	1
																3	1	1
	cw				64				1			1	4	1		124	15	16
													1			1	1	1
24	15		4						909	72	74					6512	26	26
663	36	1	77	900	1808	528	77	3	6614	924	2384	1057	33	219	2679	143,681	57	57
	2	1		127	26	2308		1	1349	14	9	18	3		2	15,658	39	39
						3			10	1						20	6	6

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SPECIES															
Great Black-backed Gull				19	21			3						1	
gull species				55										3	
Rock Pigeon	113	182	184		326	27	185	123	969	411	40	428	175	29	124
Eurasian Collared-Dove															
Mourning Dove	78	347	1424	20	164	337	160	98	1686	421	397	423	357	400	295
Barn Owl									2						
Eastern Screech Owl			4	17	1	1	13		8	14	1	4		4	2
Great Horned Owl	1	5	14	1			6	2	5				2	6	1
Snowy Owl															
Barred Owl					3	2		1	16	4			1		1
Long-eared Owl														3	
Short-eared Owl		21	2								5			1	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				9			1								
Rufous Hummingbird					1										
Belted Kingfisher	7	6	1	7	2	12	4	22	4	2	14	3			15
Red-headed Woodpecker	4	20	2		3		2	2	40	10			2	3	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	20	30	56	65	56	39	123	40	477	97	48	48	99	38	105
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				4		1			1		1	3	5	1	4
Downy Woodpecker	44	29	41	188	72	47	146	68	420	111	35	67	153	99	89
Hairy Woodpecker	6	5	1	15	15	28	17	109	30	8	4	18	9	11	
Northern Flicker	2	13	41	105	1	14	14	4	124	11	11	24	30	6	45
Pileated Woodpecker		1	7		7	5	23	16	94	9	13	9	3		23
woodpecker species	4														
American Kestrel	33	23	26		1	6	4		47	12	9	21	17	19	14
Merlin			2												
Peregrine Falcon					1							1			
Eastern Phoebe						1		1				2	1		
Northern Shrike		1						1			1			2	
Blue Jay	51	59	118	41	224	83	330	156	534	250	73	64	270	167	71
American Crow	51	37	423	94	41	230	20,000	114	2432	511	244	1714	126	4	181
Common Raven										1					
Horned Lark	17	864	909			154	106		658	665	50	44	645	205	53
Tree Swallow															
Carolina Chickadee	28		101			161	47		763	61	85	226	264		243
Black-capped Chickadee				600	180		2	299	5	24	15			44	
chickadee species	5	22					284			24					
Tufted Titmouse	18	21	58		61	99	242	153	602	158	49	75	112	10	121
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	3	4	31	12	8	26	9	104	46	8	3	17	5	23
White-breasted Nuthatch	21	29	42	29	52	60	234	66	530	101	25	28	141	30	104
Brown Creeper	3	2	6	42	1	4	6	1	50	11		7	14	11	13
Carolina Wren	4	1	42	49	13	56	35	17	386	33	24	126	55	15	78

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OHPC — Paint Creek Area (86)																301	9	9
WVFK — Parkersburg WV-OH (79)																2927	8	8
OHPL — Plymouth (12)																		
OHPO — Portsmouth (81)																		
OHQH — Quail Hollow-Hartsville (37)				5														
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OHTE — Tiffin (11)																		
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																301	9	9
																2927	8	8
47	465	172	300	284	1115	129	435	733	1305	52	75	707	1146	346	62	19,240	63	63
					1											1	1	1
171	426	382	366	728	2796	297	648	343	677	464	349	287	693	534	102	27,662	65	65
1					4								2	5		15	6	6
	2	4		4	7	51		4	16	1		1	1	2		335	49	49
	2	5		14	6	15		1	9	2		8	2	2	2	205	44	44
																1	1	1
	1	1	1	6	7			1		6		6	5	2	1	137	40	40
				1	1				3							13	5	5
				1	6							1		2		63	12	12
				1		1			3							20	9	9
																4	4	4
11	14	1	5	11	15	7	9	2	8	6	5	25	13	6	2	562	62	62
				2	40	17	5	4	1	11	14		14	10		363	35	35
33	66	10	16	69	434	97	39	47	89	59	24	169	209	123	13	5322	65	65
2	1				5					1		20				171	34	34
31	73	22	40	90	405	80	39	66	185	76	41	143	285	157	26	6318	65	65
6	16	2	5	16	128	10	9	16	16	5	7	69	19	1		1132	64	64
21	12	2	4	15	118	24	7	16	32	15	3	53	70	59	5	1879	64	64
10	10		23	8	78		3	4		20	12	13	26	9	2	768	54	54
																4	1	1
21	11	11	13	7	73	34	15	13	47		8	16	49	18	3	968	60	60
					1				2			3				16	9	9
	3					2			2			2				16	11	11
2			1		1					1	2			1		28	18	18
			1		2				1					1	1	15	13	13
33	218	27	75	353	713	231	141	138	215	523	342	198	281	277	23	12,147	65	65
291	96	58	995	402	3712	25	449	295	37	412	101	2110	274	412	5562	111,115	65	65
																1	1	1
			692	55	30	1278	312	978	125	221	4	12	332	262		15,451	52	52
																1	1	1
47	219		84		799							429	261	125		8420	40	40
				305	39	15	85	52	195	249	165		72	20	67	5024	34	34
													133	16		893	11	11
36	170	13	81	102	554	84	48	36	23	113	132	281	277	122	21	7447	64	64
1	cw	6	2	4	123	9	1	3	48	28	6	33	25	8	4	1129	61	62
24	43	13	71	94	462	114	26	46	87	69	82	103	250	111	26	5856	65	65
6	5	2	1	4	17	13		12	22	1	1	25	14	22		802	58	58
36	89	1	28	17	268	22	13	9	41	8	7	190	130	76	14	3655	64	64

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SPECIES																
House Wren																
Winter Wren				7			2	1	4	1			1	1		
Marsh Wren									2							
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher																
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	3	18	49		2	22	5	108	38	4	19	3	4	25	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				2			1									
kinglet species				1												
Eastern Bluebird	2		56	37		40	155	23	633	126	29	125	175	2	129	
Hermit Thrush			2	112							1		3		6	
American Robin	14	24	92	1228	319	205	28	73	26	37	10	3439	784	92	1489	
Gray Catbird													1			
Northern Mockingbird	6	4	24	1	4	7	4	1	146	7	22	33	17	1	1	
Brown Thrasher																
European Starling	5133	639	2534	19,338	1271	1235	1558	501	1740	1624	733	22,150	2548	2081	3611	
American Pipit			4		2				429	12					3	
Cedar Waxwing			10	80	24		13	68	8	6		67			153	
waxwing species				3												
Lapland Longspur	1	2	6			3			254	3			4	12		
Snow Bunting		9		3	16				31				5	1		
Ovenbird					1											
Common Yellowthroat																
American Redstart																
Cape May Warbler				1												
Magnolia Warbler									1							
Pine Warbler																
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1		11	570		2			77	1	11	61	3	5	30	
Yellow-throated Warbler												1				
Yellow-breasted Chat																
Eastern Towhee		1	11	1		1	3	1	73	8	7	18	4		1	
American Tree Sparrow	105	802	657	77	58	73	165	54	1144	1588	51	440	752	1265	38	
Chipping Sparrow													2		1	
Field Sparrow			1			21	14		64		1	22			6	
Vesper Sparrow																
Savannah Sparrow		5	1						12			26	9	4		
Grasshopper Sparrow																
Nelson's Sparrow																
Fox Sparrow			1	4		1	1		5	2		12	5	2		
Song Sparrow	16	86	162	6	35	90	83	6	1276	181	49	314	319	68	31	
Lincoln's Sparrow																
Swamp Sparrow			9	1	2		15	4	84	7		229	5	9	16	
White-throated Sparrow	3	5	65	179	124	14	21	12	313	27	25	164	121	7	159	
White-crowned Sparrow	5	21	100		2	22	3	1	798	33	1	223	11		3	

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16 Dec	29 Dec	29 Dec	22 Dec	15 Dec	27 Dec	23 Dec	29 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec	01 Jan	16 Dec	23 Dec	21 Dec	22 Dec	15 Dec	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	CIRCLES, Count Day	CIRCLES, Count Week
OHPC — Paint Creek Area (86)																4	1	1
WWPK — Parkersburg WV-OH (79)	1			1	1	1		1	5		2			4		75	34	34
OHPL — Plymouth (12)																6	3	3
OHPO — Portsmouth (81)			1													1	1	1
OHQH — Quail Hollow-Hartsville (37)			13	2	104	2		4	10	6	4	56	45	20		1195	55	56
OHRA — Rogersville (70)								1			1	2	1			25	16	16
OHRR — Rudolph (17)																1	1	1
OHSA — Salem (33)																1	1	1
OHTR — Tiffin (11)																1	1	1
OHTO — Toledo (3)																1	1	1
OHTR — Tri-Reservoir (86)																1	1	1
OHTR — Trumbull Co. (28)																1	1	1
OHWH — Western Hamilton Co. (63)																1	1	1
OHWI — Wilmot (32)																1	1	1
OHWO — Wooster (31)																1	1	1
OHYO — Youngstown (34)																1	1	1
																4	1	1
																75	34	34
																6	3	3
																1	1	1
10	cw		13	2	104	2		4	10	6	4	56	45	20		1195	55	56
3								1			1	2	1			25	16	16
																1	1	1
95	137	25	17	89	661	22	63	44	26	29	60	188	413	149	4	6159	62	62
				1	6			1	7			2				210	26	26
141	16		53	14	29	23	2	22	1961	3		6271	3	122	30	53,904	61	61
									1							5	5	5
12	13		13	4	170	18	23		18	7	1	74	109	19	7	1292	56	56
																6	4	4
542	41,045	533	353	3669	3800	7459	1062	3178	23,101	716	1365	30,527	6375	2393	266	330,355	65	65
			55		19		4					1	177	108		1028	17	17
105				9	93	1	20	15	17			309				2806	37	37
																3	1	1
		97			75	195	20	222	41					3		2137	25	25
		2			2	1	11	1	83					1		1350	22	22
																2	2	2
				1	1									1		5	5	5
																1	1	1
																1	1	1
					2											2	1	1
20	3			47	28	6		13	23	4	2	72	2	54		1989	47	47
																1	1	1
					1											1	1	1
2	28	1	11	4	17	2		1	1	6		43	5	15	1	644	49	50
4	1	130	9	236	1404	367	533	286	815	537	242	238	550	1000	102	21,401	64	64
			1	8	1	1							1			26	16	16
					34	3			5			60	2			527	33	33
																1	1	1
					95		2		1			7	2	1		197	18	18
					1											1	1	1
					1											1	1	1
	2		3			2		1	12	1		7		4		179	39	39
23	139	26	117	66	1627	21	88	10	60	48	24	436	388	157	19	9033	64	64
																1	1	1
8	10	1		8	28	5	3	1	53	1	1	69	50	51		993	54	54
18	104	7	55	31	198	3	15	11	140	11	4	408	89	109	2	5905	63	63
5	29	11	13	13	630	3	50		15	1	3	82	339	88		3157	51	51

113TH AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

	15 Dec	30 Dec	01 Jan	16 Dec	30 Dec	29 Dec	15 Dec	15 Dec	14 Dec	29 Dec	01 Jan	16 Dec	31 Dec	05 Jan	15 Dec	
LOCATIONS	CHL — Indian Lake (42)	OHKP — Killebrew Plains Wildlife Area (50)	CHKI — Kingston (89)	OHLE — Lake Erie Islands (5)	CHLK — Lakewood (21)	CHLN — Lancaster (57)	CHMA — Mansfield (13)	CHMT — Mentor (24)	CHMI — Millersburg (83)	CHMO — Mohican State Forest (35)	CHNL — New Lexington (75)	INCR — Ohio River IN-OH-KY (64)	CHOS — O Staughnessy Reservoir (54)	CHOT — Ottawa N.W.R. (4)	CHOX — Oxford (61)	
SPECIES																
sparrow species	12					18										
Dark-eyed Junco	96	268	280	118	266	294	372	227		941	1138	300	46	619	252	128
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco																
Harris's Sparrow																
Northern Cardinal	73	100	277	271	176	258	352	149	1512	316	305	253	421	282	200	
Indigo Bunting										1						
Dickcissel																
Red-winged Blackbird		1	27	25	4	7		61	265	35	55	600	2	85	20	
Eastern Meadowlark		11	9						13		2		12	4	14	
Yellow-headed Blackbird																
Rusty Blackbird		1	2	4	1	2			45	5	6			14		
Brewer's Blackbird																
blackbird species								51								
Common Grackle			281	18	2	23		148	143	6			60	9		
Brown-headed Cowbird	5	12	2	5	3	4	1	1173	50	49	16	14	301	13		
Purple Finch				65				10		1					1	
House Finch	54	5	103	216	135	127	178	79	301	92	54	157	216	149	138	
Red Crossbill					3											
White-winged Crossbill				11	5				7	2						
Common Redpoll				103	8			52						8		
Pine Siskin			1		12	2	39	43	22	27		2	5	1	7	
American Goldfinch	27	47	53	161	210	131	294	75	563	196	81	156	236	168	147	
Evening Grosbeak			10				1			30					3	
House Sparrow	813	785	587	443	1347	204	685	229	2031	915	151	35	989	1531	261	
TOTAL SPECIES	54	57	77	83	79	63	82	77	87	78	58	76	74	78	72	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	9507	6501	10,562	28,985	25,384	5863	32,291	93,532	26,279	11,675	3488	35,186	16,154	14,480	9230	
Observers	13	12	17	18	58	23	35	41	65	24	19	13	46	10	34	
Party hours	36.00	33.25	46.50	49.00	65.50	37.75	100.00	60.75	273.00	53.50	31.50	37.75	60.80	45.00	57.00	

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OHPL — Plymouth (12)																1	1	1
OHPO — Portsmouth (81)																1	1	1
OHQH — Quail Hollow-Hartsville (37)																22,334	65	65
OHRA — Rogersville (70)																3	3	3
OHRO — Rudolph (17)																1	1	1
OHSA — Salem (33)																57,821	53	53
OHTE — Tiffin (11)																213	28	29
OHTO — Toledo (3)																2	1	1
OHTR — Tri-Reservoir (86)																742	27	27
OHTC — Trumbull Co. (28)																3	2	2
OHWH — Western Hamilton Co. (63)																109	200	
OHWI — Wilmot (32)																4562	4	4
OHWO — Wooster (31)																38,364	45	45
OHYO — Youngstown (34)																7505	49	49
																235	26	26
	5778	101	156	113	2945	2	26	2201	28,229	31	366	282	312	58		10,405	63	63
	1	cw	5	10	12		3	2	1			6				25	6	6
																440	18	18
	50	1		1	66				256	14		31	30	91	47	542	15	15
																1104	41	42
																11,030	65	65
																57	6	6
					4202											43,933	64	64
	1	99	8		134	9609		4	3501	6348	22	77	3	150		1,339,552		
		211	3	2	195	1278	91		358	1046	5	26		965	558			
			4					2				10	4	2	1			
	88	156	28	100	243	1018	176	207	100	519	139	31	272	683	59	20	10,405	63
					7					1			5				25	6
					86					85			43				440	18
	1				10					2			1				542	15
		cw	2	6	5	94	13		4	433		24	22	5			1104	41
	121	125	38	105	151	916	68	31	104	359	169	76	317	549	151	28	11,030	65
																	57	6
	30	169	169	20	695	1829	2590	197	868	2006	615	187	1219	2187	944	121	43,933	64
	69	70	60	69	75	96	69	63	61	110	79	72	91	76	84	54	171	
	4741	52,376	3958	4943	12,214	53,226	17,384	8826	14,285	86,463	9591	13,079	53,094	21,382	14,721	10,810	1,339,552	
	13	41	5	18	22	68	18	16	12	43	16	7	48	81	22	11	1792	
	32.50	51.75	14.75	48.50	63.75	287.00	58.50	57.25	32.50	114.00	56.25	55.00	107.75	136.50	76.75	28.00	3828.53	

YEARS AGO

10 years ago, *The Ohio Cardinal*, Winter 2002–03, Vol. 26 No. 2 (Bill Whan, Editor), contained these items:

Bill called the season “. . .harsh, abnormally snowy and cold.” Lake Erie was almost entirely frozen. Five Northern Gannets were reported, though not all passed later OBRC muster.

A Common Eider spent 03 Nov to 13 Jan in Fairport Harbor.

Eight Rufous Hummingbirds (then a review species) were documented.

A Loggerhead Shrike (then not a review species) was at Killdeer Plains on 05 Jan.

Doug Dunakin provided an article about the then new Thomas Wetlands in **Paulding**; the site remains a productive birding venue.

Bill included a survey asking Cardinal readers their opinions on forming a state ornithological society. You know the result. . .

25 years ago, *The Ohio Cardinal*, Winter 1987–88, Vol. 11 No. 2 (Ed Pierce and Tom Kemp, Co-Editors), contained these items:

Mark Shieldcastle discovered Ohio’s first Northern Wheatear on 04 Jan in **Ottawa**; it remained until 21 Jan. (There have been only two since then, in **Marion** in Nov 1998 and **Holmes** in Sep 2009.)

Tom Bartlett found a Barrow’s Goldeneye in **Lorain** on 20 Feb.

Four Christmas Bird Counts (in **Adams**, **Butler**, **Fairfield**, and **Hamilton**) tallied a total of 26 Black Vultures. There were 59 CBCs statewide.

Evening Grosbeaks showed up at seven locations; two of them each had counts of 85.

50 years ago, the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*, “Winter Season”, Vol. 59 No. 1 (Donald L. Newman, editor) Cleveland Hopkins Airport recorded 56 inches of snow during the winter. Kirtland Hills, **Lake**, recorded 174 inches of snow (14 ½ feet!) during the season with 41 inches on the ground in late Dec.

The temperature at Hopkins at daybreak on 24 Jan was minus 19°, the lowest to that date on record. (Most sources do not list a lower minimum at Hopkins since. One shows minus 20° on 19 Jan 1978.)

A Glaucous Gull at East 72nd Street on 16 Feb received special notice.

A Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker visited a **Lake** feeder on 03 and 23 Jan. (Now we omit “Three-toed” from the bird’s name.)

The three winter Northern Mockingbirds reported were “most unusual” in Cleveland.

100 years ago, the *Bird Calendar* Bulletin No. 1, March 1913 (W.H. Hulme, Editor), included this item. (*Bird Bulletins* were then morphing into the *Cleveland Bird Calendar*, which is still published today by the Kirtland Bird Club).

“Cardinals were present in unusually large numbers (for Cleveland), as many as six or eight having been observed in Rockefeller and Wade Parks, and Lake View Cemetery.” [typos in original corrected – ed.]

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The Counties of Ohio



A wayward Townsend's Solitaire found Kelleys Island juniper berries and crabapples good reason for an extended stay. Irene Krise rode the ferry from Marblehead to the island on 28 Dec 2012 and was rewarded with a photo of the rare visitor.

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Back cover:

Su Snyder captured this close-up of a confiding Purple Sandpiper at Cleveland's East 72nd Street on 07 Feb 2013.

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