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**Cover:** White-faced ibis at Crane Creek State Park, Ottawa Co., Ohio on May 18, 1985 photographed by John Pogacnik.

## Oh, What a Spring It Was!

O.K., so you didn't see any warblers, thrushes, flycatchers, etc., etc., but you've seen all those before----haven't you?

But wouldn't you trade them just one time to see a Swainson's warbler, great-tailed grackle, threeruffs and one reeve, white-faced ibis, curlew sandpiper, Mississippi Kite and brown pelican? That was the trade-off this Spring as the dry, persistent Southwest winds moved the expected migrants through (or over) Ohio without delay while moving southern and western vagrants north and east of their expected range. The anomalous result was that you could have seen a majority of the above vagrants and yet still be looking for your first red-breasted nuthatch of the year.

Most of the action was in the northwest. Perhaps Crane Creek State Park and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge get most of the coverage but the Lake does serve as a great bird trap. A forty-mile crossing when you don't know it will end must be inhibiting and in the Spring cause many birds to at least pause on its southern shores. But the chase really started in Columbus at the end of April when a cooperative Swainson's warbler was found. Rick Counts tells about it in this issue. If you heard about it Saturday night, a two hour early morning drive would have put you facing the bird at 7:00 A.M. on Sunday morning and back home in time for church.

After that weekend, each weekend presented a new vagrant adventure. Once you reached the perimeter roads by Davis-Besse all that was required of you was to find the lines of cars parked along any roadside to either see or hear about that weekend's rarity. It was also helpful to check with the maitre d' of the area, John Pogacnik, for full details. On May 5th, the ruffs: not just one but two and later three on May 11th: a curlew sandpiper in molting plumage was seen by many people; a Mississippi kite flew by four lucky birders near the entrance to Cedar Point NWR and was photographed (see this issue) and for those who missed last weekend's ruff, an orange reeve could be found in the grass at the beginning of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (ONWR) entrance road. On May 18th: a white-faced ibis in breeding plumage complete with red lores gave the many viewers along the ONWR entrance road an identification treat. "Johnny on the spot" Pogacnik saw it first with Kirk Alexander in the early morning dimness as he opened the State Park. He trained a scope on what he knew was an ibis in a small pond near the ranger's office and waited for dawn to illuminate the species. After the bird was identified and photographed (see cover: the original slide is much clearer than our enlargement) the bird flew to the marshland/grassland along the Refuge entrance road where it remained the entire day. This is surely Ohio's second record for this species and maybe the first depending on a re-examination of the first record specimen at the Ohio State Museum. On May 25th: a tri-colored heron in breeding plumage at the Cedar Point division of ONWR, annually reported by John, but seen by few others, was viewed by a Columbus bird tour and later by many others.

Throughout the hectic weekends was the great great-tailed grackle chase. Eventually seen four different times between May 5th and

May 16th, by four different observers (see The Reports, in this issue), in the area of Davis-Besse, this prospective first state record always filled the idle interludes with what was for most fruitless searching. But each sighting, about a week apart, (see photo in this issue for one) kept the fever high.

Add to all this a brown pelican on the grass of the old Crane Creek State Park Parking lot and later on the Lake off the State Park Beach on May 1st (see The Reports) pointed out to our man on the spot by a curious park visitor, they were eventually the only two to see this prospective first Ohio record; one to four immature black-legged kittiwake (see The Reports) inland in the flooded cultivated crop fields in the same general area between Davis-Besse and the entrance to Crane Creek State Park as the other vagrants with one adaptable bird seen following a farmer's plow for his dinner; and four long-billed curlews on the beach at Cedar Point NWR on May 22nd; and you begin to agree that it was quite a Spring for no birds.

Although the unusual amount of standing water in the crop fields surrounding Route 2 in this area has now vanished and was largely responsible for such outstanding Spring shorebirding (see The Reports) and certainly aided the Big Day effort reported in this issue, the "fallout" of the southwesterly winds continued into the summer with new northern, lark sparrow and blue grosbeak locations being reported.

But that's a story for another issue.



Retraction: For all of you who said the picture on page two of Volume 7, No 4 (our last issue) was not a gyrfalcon but a snowy owl - CONGRATULATIONS! You are right. The editor would like to claim it was a photo quiz instead of the mistake it was but here really is a gyrfalcon at Crane Creek State Park beach on March 14, 1982 taken by Don Tumblin. By the way, where were the rest of you sharpeyes?

Documentation  
Swainson's Warbler  
(*Limnothlypis Swainsonii*)

Rick P. Counts

Saturday (April 27, 1985) was here and that only meant one thing: warblers and other newly arriving passerines should be in central Ohio. So at 6 A.M., I arrived at Greenlawn Cemetary and awaited daybreak with great anticipation. Just last year (April 26, 1984), this area was loaded with warblers after an overflight the night before. One Hundred Nine species were here on that day in 5 hours of birding. I hoped that history would repeat itself. Boy, was I ever in for a surprise!

The first two hours of birding were very slow with few species and very low individual totals. A very familiar birding trip in the Spring of 1985. Twelve species of warblers were tallied with very few vireos and thrushes. Two Carolina wrens were seen in the dump section of the cemetary, but they have been here for the last two years. White-throated sparrows were probably the most common bird here today. My hopes of a good day were slowly slipping away.

Then my luck changed 180 degrees. My second trip to the pit (a man-made pond) found few birds, but a nice male hooded warbler did catch my eye. While I was looking at this bird, fellow birdwatcher, Cecelia (C.C.) Johnson, came up to me and said she had a bird at the bridge that would be a life lister for her. She wondered if I could come to the bridge and verify a Swainson's warbler she had found while looking for an ovenbird. She said four other birders were still there holding the bird in sight. "A Swainson's warbler," I exclaimed! "I don't even have that bird on my life list." Off to the bridge we went.

On the way over, I was skeptical about the bird. I wondered what else it could be. A Swainson's warbler in Columbus seemed too rare. We were there in five minutes and the other birders were pointing to the ground at some leaves under a large lilac bush. I slowly made my way there and saw the bird flipping over dead leaves feeding on the ground. It reminded me of a worm-eating warbler the way it fed. Now, to get my glasses on that bird. I quickly picked him up and I was actually looking at a Swainson's warbler! A life lister found in central Ohio. I let out a yell and took my glasses down and slowly rubbed my eyes. I still couldn't believe that I was looking at a Swainson's warbler. I looked at a Peterson's Field Guide to be sure and there was no doubt in my mind what I was seeing. Dark brown crown, cream eye stripe, uniform creamy brown tail, rump, back and nape, cream-colored breast, sides and belly, a creamy-colored throat which showed a golden glow in direct sunlight and white undertail coverts. It matched the field guide.

It was time to spread the news to other birders. C.C. took me to a nearby phone to contact other people about the find. I told Todd Dawson and Mike Gibbons of the bird on the way out of the cemetary and they headed in that direction. Five phone calls found no one at home, so it was time to head back to the cemetary for further study of the bird.

We arrived to find 30 other birders near the area where the bird was



Swainson's warbler at Greenlawn Cemetary, Columbus, Ohio  
April 28, 1985 photographed by Tom Bartlett.

last seen. Soon it was relocated and fed in the open for all to see. It put on a good show and seemed to show little fear. I enjoyed its cooperation and decided to stay at Greenlawn for the rest of the day. I was the babysitter and could help other birders find the bird. After all, who could get tired of looking at it? Especially when it was a lifer.

I stayed the remainder of the day and had a total of five hours of continuous viewing time. The closest I got was about 7 feet away. Many other birders got an opportunity to see the warbler (about 250 on Saturday and another 300 on Sunday). Birders from all over Ohio came and were rewarded with fine views. I thought how odd it was to see birders from northern Ohio in Greenlawn Cemetary to see a bird! On Monday morning, the bird could not be found and to my knowledge has not been seen since.

This was probably a first for Columbus to see all of this birding traffic in town. It was an enjoyable experience, and I'm thankful that everyone who looked for the bird found it.

I may never see a Swainson's warbler again, so this memory will remain with me forever.

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Editor

This record of the Swainson's warbler is the only Ohio photographic record of this species. Trautman (1968) reports a specimen taken June 21, 1947, in Lawrence County by Green and now preserved in the Ohio State Museum (#7839).

The Ornithology Committee of the Dayton Audubon Society (1984), states that Jim Hill saw this species on April 22, 1961 near Englewood Dam in a wooded ravine "under very favorable conditions." "The foliage had not greatly advanced, so the bird could be well seen as it remained at lower levels. Its song was readily compared with the song of a nearby Louisiana Waterthrush and the bird was under observation for many minutes. A search for this bird on the following day was fruitless."

Newman (1969) reports a sight record in Huntington Reservation (Cuyahoga County) on May 12, 1963 (without further information). Thomson (1983) states that the observer of this record is unknown. Thomson also gives four other sight records as follows (total information given):

"one, 18 May 1971 near Chardon, Geauga County (Spare);  
another near Chardon, 13 May 1972 (Martin); one, 12 May  
1975 at Firestone Park, Summit County (Biscan), and  
one in late May 1976 at East Liverpool, Columbiana  
County (N. Laitsch)."

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Shorebird Survey in Portage Summit  
and Medina Counties, Spring 1985

Larry O. Rosche

<u>Species</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Black-bellied Plover</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Lodi</u>	
	4/27 3	5/4 1	
	5/27 3		
	5/28 2		
<u>L. Golden Plover</u>	<u>Barberton</u>		
	3/31 1		
<u>Semipalmated Plover</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	4/27 2	5/7 1	5/18 9
	5/12 10		
	5/14 30		
	5/27 20		
	5/30 10		
<u>Killdeer*</u>	<u>Barberton</u>		
	3/9 20		
<u>Greater Yellowlegs</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	4/14 5	4/10 8	4/10 3
	4/20 6	4/22 3	5/8 1
	4/27 2	5/7 3	
	5/4 6		
	5/12 3		
	5/18 1		
<u>Lesser Yellowlegs</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	4/14 1	4/10 1	4/10 1
	4/20 10	5/7 30	5/8 26
	4/27 30		5/18 10
	5/1 40		
	5/6 35		
	5/12 6		
	5/14 10		
<u>Solitary Sandpiper</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	4/20 1	4/16 1	4/29 1
	4/28 2	4/22 2	5/8 10
	5/4 4	5/7 6	5/18 2
	5/12 1		5/26 2
<u>Spotted Sandpiper*</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	4/20 4	5/7 6	4/27 2
	4/27 10		5/8 4
	5/18 30+		5/26 8
<u>Whimbrel</u>	<u>Lodi</u>		
	5/26 40+		
<u>Ruddy Turnstone</u>	<u>Barberton</u>		
	5/18 1		
	5/28 14		
<u>Semipalmated Sandpiper</u>	<u>Barberton</u>		<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	5/12 10		5/18 3
	5/18 15		5/26 10
	5/27 75		
	5/28 250		
	5/30 300+		
<u>Western Sandpiper</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Spencer SWA</u>	<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	5/30 1	5/26 2	5/26 1

\* Species considered to be fairly common to abundant nesters



Shorebird Survey (cont.)

<u>Least Sandpiper</u>	<u>Barberton</u>			<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	4/27	10		5/8 25
	5/12	100+		5/18 10
	5/14	60		
	5/18	20		
	5/27	4		
	5/30	2		
<u>White-rumped Sandpiper</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Spencer</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	5/14	1	5/26 1	5/26 3
	5/18	1		
	5/27	10		
	5/28	15		
	5/30	3		
<u>Pectoral Sandpiper</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Kent</u>		<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	3/25	51	4/16 13	4/13 20
	3/29	370	5/7 20	5/8 2
	3/31	2		
	4/5	21		
	4/12	200+		
	4/20	100		
	4/25	40		
	5/12	2		
<u>Dunlin</u>	<u>Barberton</u>			<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	3/29	1		5/18 12
	5/4	16		
	5/6	30		
	5/12	20		
	5/14	40		
	5/18	20		
	5/27	4		
	5/28	15		
	5/30	2		
<u>Stilt Sandpiper</u>	<u>Barberton</u>			
	5/18	5		
<u>Short-billed Dowitcher</u>	<u>Barberton</u>			<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	5/5	5		5/7 7
	5/6	25		
	5/18	5		
<u>Long-billed Dowitcher</u>	<u>Barberton</u>			
	4/27	3		
<u>Common Snipe #</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Kent</u>		<u>L. Rockwell</u>
	4/14	3	4/20 10	4/10 1
	5/8	1	5/1 1	5/8 1
<u>American Woodcock *</u>		<u>Kent</u>		<u>L. Rockwell</u>
		3/16 7		3/17 4
		5/21 9		
<u>Wilson's Phalarope</u>	<u>Barberton</u>	<u>Kent</u>		
	4/28	1	5/7 1	
<u>Red-necked Phalarope</u>	<u>Barberton</u>			
	5/28	1		
	5/30	1		

\* Species considered fairly common to abundant as nesters.

# Species considered rare nester.



Water Bird Survey for Several Large Inland Lakes in Portage and Summit Counties Spring 1985

Larry O. Rosche

Species	Lake Rockwell Area @										Mogadore Res.				Akron Lakes *				Barberton Salt Pond				
	3/6	3/16	3/24	3/29	4/3	4/14	4/19	3/13	3/28	4/5	4/14	4/20	3/9	3/17	3/31	4/6	4/14	3/9	3/17	3/31	4/12	4/19	
C. Loon				1	1	4	1			3		1			3	3							
Pb Grebe	1	4	2	4	4	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	9	2	2	16	18	2	2	1	2	1	
H. Grebe	1			1	1	3		3		2	1		7	1	5	3							
Tundra Swan																							
GMFRonted G.					1																		
Canada G.	750	400+	280	200	300	223	40	34	38	20	10	4	450	400	38	1	14				2	2	2
Wood Duck			8	20	21	22	22		6	14	20	12					2						
Grn-wing T.			2	7	2	1							250	20	22	2	2	10	200	10	10	12	10
A. Black D.	150	60	22	26	26	12	2	2	2	6	2		200	20	22	2	2	200	10	10	2	2	2
Mallard	350	200+	50	80	38	40	10	24	20	40	60	20	200	200	140	88	60	220	20	50	10	40	40
N. Pintail	80		21																	2	2		
Bl-wing T.			2		12	40	8				12				3	2	20			2	55	70	80
N. Shoveler					2											2					6	4	1
Gadwall	2	3	5	2	8	6	7	6		2	4		2		2	10	1	10	10	10	4	2	1
A. Wigeon	40	8	16	6	28	26		2			4		2		2	10	1	10	8	30	2		2
Canvasback	30				9								55	2				5			12		
Redhead	40							20					86							8			
Ring-neck D.	146	150	140	64	150	84	18	363	485	121	48		60		13	10	4	25	40	100	30	4	4
Gr. Scaup	2															2					2		
Ls. Scaup	16	100+	20	20	40	40	10	22	8	300	30	20	30	220	354	507	40	30	100	320	400	40	40
Oldsquaw																		1					
Wing Scot.						1																	
C Goldeneye	10	10	10		14			1					40			1		1	1	2	2	2	2
Bufflehead	6	8	10	4	6	12		20	2	60	20	60	6		2		10	6	15	30	108	80	80
Hooded Merg.	4	20	40	50	22	18		16		20			4	35	28	10				10	2		
Common Merg.	10	4	16	6	4	1																	
Red-br. Merg.	10	95	150	200	300	300	40			20	6	2	2	10	86	40	60						
Ruddy Duck		6	13	6	65	70	8	5	205	105	80	2	2	10	27	243	20	13	10	40	98	80	80

@ Lake Rockwell Area includes Pippin Lake and Ravenna Rd. wetland area.  
 \* Akron Lakes include Lake Nesmith, Long Lake, Springfield Lake, and Summit Lake.

## Block Busters

### Tom Bartlett

Who you gonna call? Block Busters!

No, Dan Ackroyd and Bill Murray weren't there but over 50 Ohio birders assembled in Adams County, Ohio, on May 31, June 1st and 2nd to help the Ohio Department of Natural Resources survey breeding bird atlas blocks in this area.

Adams County is on the Ohio River and out of the way of most birders, except those who want to see some of Ohio's rarities. Since Dan Rice, the organizer/manager of this five-year project, could not find people to cover the census blocks in the area, he put together a block busting weekend and invited any birder who was working on the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas. Over 50 birders arrived to help cover the area. They slept in barns, cars, motels, tents, under the stars, and in a beautiful house on the edge of the Appalachia Nature Preserve system of the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and The Nature Conservancy. Some of the participants were Dick and Jean Hoffman, Jerry Talkington and son, Bruce Peterjohn, Mary Gustafson, Larry Rosche, Tom and Paula Bartlett, Arden and Erdine Thompson, Steve McKee, Nancy Cherry, Charlotte Mathena, Jim Hill, Merrill Tawse, Town Peterson, Pete Whan, Eric Liebold, Rick Perkins, Esther Reichelderfer, Janet Palmer, Janet Hall, Betty Hardesty, Nevada Laitsch and Frank Renfrow.

Twenty blocks were covered during the weekend, most in Adams County and Brown County, but some also in Highland, Pike and Scioto counties. There were 13 groups, ranging from two to 16 people in a block.

The outcome was very good: 122 species were recorded for the 20 blocks including 16 asterick species (rare). Nineteen species were recorded as possible nesters (Po), 19 as probable nesters (Pr), and 84 (!) as confirmed nesting species (Co).

The unusual species included sharp-shinned hawk (Po), Cooper's hawk (Po), red-shouldered hawk (Po), chuck-will's-widow (Co), least flycatcher (Po), Bewick's wren (Po), hermit thrush (Po), solitary vireo (Pr), prothonotary warbler (Co), golden-winged warbler (Po), northern parula (Pr), black-throated green warbler (Pr), blue grosbeak (Co), dickcissel (Po), Henslow's sparrow (Co), and lark sparrow (Po). No loggerhead shrikes were found.

A census of singing chuck-will's-widows on June 1st yielded 75 birds in Adams County. The same census the night before recorded only 13 chucks so it was done again. This subsequent night was perfect weather: bright moon and windless night. The census area was Brush Creek and some of its tributaries up to Peebles, Ohio.

Red-shouldered hawk, solitary vireo, northern parula, blue grosbeak, dickcissel, and Henslow's sparrows were recorded by more than one group. The number of species per block ranged from 31 species ( $\frac{1}{2}$  coverage by 1 person) to 94 species

(full day coverage by 6 people). The average was 66 species per block.

The block bust has shown to be very effective in gathering data for the atlas and will be used again. Plans are in the works for Ashtabula County next year. Contact Dan Rice, Division of Natural Areas & Preserves, Bldg. F, Fountain Square, Columbus, Ohio 43224, if you are interested.

The more people, the more eyes and ears. And, it's more fun!



Great-tailed grackle in area of Duff Washa Road and Route 19, Ottawa Co., Ohio on May 6, 1985 photographed by John Pogacnik.

## The Reports

### Spring Migration

1 March - 31 May  
1985

Larry Rosche

Each year more and more birders eagerly await the northward passage of spring migrants. It is the time to seek rarities and absorb the flashy colors of breeding plumage. To some it means a "big day" excursion, while to others it is time for their annual hegira to Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge and its environs. Indeed, it seems as though birders outnumber the birds on the now famous bird trail at Crane Creek State Park. Locally it is a time when Tennessee warblers seem to be more prevalent than the ever increasing house finch.

This spring may be remembered as one of the warmest and driest in recent history. An abnormally warm March and April allowed the foliage to emerge well in advance of the usual dates. The continuous southerly breezes made nearly every observer feel that flycatchers, vireos, warblers, and sparrows passed through unnoticed. There were no apparent early over-flights or wave days to speak of, just a continual trickling of small numbers of passerines. It does seem odd that with few movements noted by reporters that the number of outlandish rarities was at a high. Save for the co-operative Swainson's warbler in Columbus and a clay-colored sparrow in Cleveland, nearly all rarities were reported from the western basin area.

As noted, this spring gave many the opportunity to increase their ever-burgeoning state lists, while at the same time providing many a chance to experience an unprecedented shorebird movement in Lucas and Ottawa counties. In fact, upon reading this report, it may seem more like "The Crane Creek Chronicles" as opposed to The Ohio Cardinal. (If only the rest of the state had such coverage.) An attempt has been made to summarize the sightings reported and in the case of common migrants and sedentary species several have been deleted. It is felt that most are interested in reading about the more noteworthy occurrences whether they be local rarities or first state records. Several of this season's top birds were seen and photographed by more than a single competent observer and in some cases well over fifty people were gathered behind spotting scopes viewing a "state bird." There were also those birds seen fleetingly by one person and therefore remain unverified. The sightings deemed truly rare will be submitted to the Ohio Cardinal Records Committee (OCRC) for review. A report on the acceptance of such sightings will be forthcoming.

Loon - Cormorant: Common loons and grebes were unusually scarce during their normal movement period. Interesting was an influx of loons in the northern counties during the latter half of May. Double-crested cormorants were reported in good numbers inland and along Lake Erie.

#### Common Loon

High: 3/31 Caesar's Creek (Montgomery Co.) (16) (J. Hickman). Late birds were 5/22 Beaver Creek Reservoir (Seneca Co.) (TB), 5/28 Lucas Co. (TK).

Horned Grebe

Late: 5/31 Gordon Park (Cuyahoga Co.) (TL).

Red-necked Grebe (D)

3/9 South Bass Island (Erie Co.) (\*KA).

American White Pelican (D)

5/27 Magee Marsh SWA (Ottawa Co.) (\*J. Pogacnik). To OCRC.

Brown Pelican (D)

5/1 Magee Marsh SWA (\*S. Hiris, \*J. Pogacnik). To OCRC.

Double-crested Cormorant

Widespread reports from as far south as Montgomery Co. (CM, RM) and Hamilton Co. (Hugo Honschopp) and as far east as Mosquito Creek Reservoir in Trumbull Co. (CB). High: 4/15 (120) East Harbor SP (Erie Co.) (AT).

Bittern-Ibis: Herons were reported widely and in good numbers. The rarities included white-faced ibis and tri-colored heron in the western basin.

American Bittern

Reported from several areas in the state, which was encouraging. Early 4/7 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter ONWR) (Ottawa Co.) (ECP), 4/13 Spring Valley SWA (Greene Co.) (CM et al), 4/20 Little Portage SWA (Ottawa Co.) (RCo).

Least Bittern

The usual western basin locations, whereas an early bird at Big Island SWA (Marion Co.) (LR) 4/21 was locally noteworthy as was a trio of birds found by Marian Zehnder in the Cuyahoga National Recreation Area (Summit Co.) which subsequently delighted many.

Great Egret

Widespread reports of small groups from Franklin to Trumbull counties and west.

Snowy Egret

Up to 11 were reported from the Magee Marsh area while the only inland report was from Big Island 4/14-21.

Little Blue Heron

4/21 Toussaint SWA (Ottawa Co.) (RCo, KA), 4/22-5/31 up to 2 at Magee (m.obs.), 5/20 East Harbor SP (AT). Inland: 4/22 Portage Co. (LR).

Tricolored Heron (D)

5/22-31 Cedar Point Div. of ONWR (Lucas Co.) (\*m.obs.)

Cattle Egret

4/2 Great Miami River (Hamilton Co.) (HH), 4/17-5/31 Up to 13 present around Magee Marsh (JP, MS, ECP).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

There were only three reports away from the western basin. 3/26 Greenlawn Cemetery (Franklin Co.), 4/13 Gordon Park, 5/8 Lake Rockwell (Portage Co.).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

4/30-5/31 Columbus (m.obs.), 5/4 Miami River (Montgomery Co.) (CM).

White-faced Ibis (D)

5/18-24 ONWR (\*E.Pierce, J.Fry, J.Pogacnik, JK.Alexander). To OCRC.

See cover of this issue.

Swan - Dabbler: Tundra swans departed early and no great numbers were noted. Reports indicate that a breeding population of mute swans may be in the near future. White-fronted geese were far more widespread than expected. Snow geese put in an excellent showing in the western basin. Dabblers were in good numbers overall, with green-winged teal, pintail, and gadwall particularly high. Eurasian wigeon was a local notable in Greene as well as in Ottawa Co. where it has become a regular.

Tundra Swan

3/9 Funk (Wayne Co.) (110) (JVH), 3/17 Mosquito Res. (20) (CB).  
Late: 5/16-17 Beaver Creek Res. (TB).

Greater White-fronted Goose (D)

3/8-4/6 Magee Marsh SWA (up to 18) (m.obs.), 3/9-21 Funk (up to 62) (JVH), 3/14 Oxbow area (24) (adjacent to Hamilton Co. in Indiana) (MM, Alan Knue), 3/16-17 C. J. Brown Reservoir (Clark Co.) (J. Gallagher et al), 3/16 Stage's Pond (24) (Pickaway Co.) (\*KA), 4/3 L.Rockwell (LR).

Snow Geese

3/8-10 ONWR (500+) (JP), 3/10 Mosquito Res. (CB), 3/16 Funk (8) (JVH), 4/3 Big Island SWA (4) (KA).

Brant (D)

5/26 Crane Creek SP (28) (\*JK.Alexander). To OCRC.

Green-winged Teal

4/3 Big Island SWA (140) (RCo), 4/6 Ottawa Co. (300) (KA). Late: 5/31 Barberton (Summit Co.) (4) (ECP) (a possible nesting attempt?).



American Black Duck

High: 4/7 Big Island SWA (1000) (RCo).

Northern Pintail

Local highs: 3/3 Mosquito Res. (39), 3/6 L.Rockwell (80), 3/25 (28) Seneca Co., 4/3 Big Island (495).

Blue-winged Teal

Highs: 4/7 (780) (RCo), 4/10 (900) (KA) Big Island.

Northern Shoveler

Highs: 4/7 (215) (RCo), 4/10 (150) (KA) Big Island, 4/13 Navarre Marsh (Ottawa Co.) (110) (MS).

Gadwall

3/3 Mosquito Res. (18), 3/10 Cedar Point NWR (114), 4/6 Ottawa Co. (300), 4/7 Big Island (200).

Eurasian Wigeon (D)

3/3-11 near Magee Marsh (JP,MS), 4/2 near Maumee Bay SP (Lucas Co.) (JP), 4/2-3 Ottawa Co. (2) (JP), 5/4-11 Spring Valley SWA (\*J.Kallas, et al).

American Wigeon

3/31 Mosquito Res. (20) (CB). Highs: 4/3 (1400) (KA), 4/7 (780) (RCo) Big Island.

Divers: Divers peaked early and all but redheads and red-breasted mergansers received good reports. Tom Lepage (a longtime Lake Erie observer) felt that, while still numerous, red-breasted mergansers were well below peak years. Ring-necked and ruddy ducks received excellent ratings for their numbers. Oldsquaws and all three scoter species were reported from several locations. Much data is felt to be needed in understanding the movement of scoters through Ohio.

Canvasback

3/5 Ottawa-Lucas Co. (1200) (JP), 3/6 Lorain (Lorain Co.) (200) (TL), 3/17 Mosquito Res. (38) (CB), 3/25 Barberton (BW).

Ring-necked Duck

3/5 Ottawa-Lucas Co. (1800) (JP), 4/3 Big Island (1000) (KA).

Greater Scaup

3/17 C.J.Brown Res. (8) (C&B Berry), 4/6 Holmes Co. (DK).

Lesser Scaup

High: 3/20 Perkins Beach (Cuyahoga Co.) (4000) (TL).

Oldsquaw

3/2 Oxbow area (7) (David Styer), 3/5-6,3/29 Lorain (Up to 3) (AT, JP), 3/9 Barberton (BW), 3/29 Sheldon's Marsh (Erie So.) (AT), Crane Creek SP (JP).

Black Scoter (D: inland)

3/5-7,4/19 Lorain (JP,AT), 3/6 Bayshore (Lucas Co.) (JP), 4/3 Ottawa Co. (JP), 4/16-19 Beavercreek Res. (2 males) (TB).

Surf Scoter (D: inland)

3/5,3/29-4/1 Lorain (up to 3) (JP,AT), 5/4 Barberton (\*LR,ECP).

White-winged Scoter

3/4-5,3/14,3/29 Lorain (JP), 3/10 Cedar Point NWR (JKo), 4/3 Big Island (KA), 4/15 Pippin Lake (Portage Co.).

Hooded Merganser

High: 4/10 Big Island (80) (KA). A successful nesting (JP) at Carlisle Metro Park in Lorain Co. was extraordinary for the region.

Common Merganser

Highs: 3/10 Cedar Point NWA (2500) (KA), (416) (JKo)?

Ruddy Duck

Highs: 4/11 Lorain (680) (AT), 4/13 Metzger Marsh (Lucas Co.) (700) (KA), 4/19 Cedar Point NWR (350) (MS).

Vulture - Falcon: The hawk watching near Ottawa NWR indicated that 3/10 and 4/19-20 were days of much movement. There are, however, many discrepancies in the reports. It is hard to imagine that 8 golden eagles as compared to 4 bald eagles is correct. As usual goshawks, merlins and peregrines were submitted without details.

Black Vulture (D: central and northern)

3/18 Clearcreek (Fairfield Co.), 5/31 Adams Co.

Turkey Vulture

Dr. Tramer indicated that a "heavy" movement was noticeable in the western basin in late March and early April. The famed buzzard roost at Hinckley (Medina Co.) had 47 on 5/12.

## Osprey

Few reports away from Hamilton and Ottawa Co. Early: 4/6 Winton Woods (Hamilton Co.) (HH), 4/7 ONWR (TB). High: 4/19 ONWR (19) (JKo). Late: 5/16 Wayne Co. (DK), 5/19 Lucas Co. (RCo).

## Mississippi Kite (D)

5/11 one bird, Cedar Point NWR area (\*LR, Bruce Peterjohn, Don Tumblin). See photo in this issue.

## Bald Eagle

3/10 Ottawa Co. (6), 5/26 Spencer SWA (Medina Co.) (only migrant away from western basin reported). Nesting at Mosquito Res.

## Northern Harrier

Fair numbers reported from 8 counties, with late dates of 5/4 in Medina and Lucas. High: 4/13 ONWR (13) (JKO).

## Sharp-shinned Hawk

Only one observer felt excellent. Highs: 4/18 Sheldon's Marsh (33) (AT), 4/19 ONWR (112) (JKo). A report of a possible nesting in Lucas Co. was locally noteworthy (MA).

## Red-shouldered Hawk

3/10 Lucas Co. (38) (TK), ONWR (55) (MA), Cedar Pt. NWR (19), 3/14 ONWR (52), Brecksville (Cuyahoga Co.), 3/23 Cuyahoga Valley NRA (Summit-Cuyahoga Co.).

## Broad-winged Hawk

Early: 4/6 Hamilton Co. (Paul Hellmann), 4/14 Ceasar's Creek SP (Ida Suttman), 4/14 Holmes Co. (DK). Highs: 4/19 Sheldon's Marsh (200) (AT), ONWR (4283), 4/20 (667) (JKo).

## Red-tailed Hawk

3/10 ONWR (73) (JKo), Oregon (Lucas Co.) (42) (TK), Cedar Pt NWR (10), 3/27 Perkins Beach (16) (TL).

## Rough-legged Hawk

Few reports from 6 counties with up to 7 at Funk (BW) and a late bird at ONWR 5/5 (ECP).

## Golden Eagle (D)

4/4, 4/21 Magee Marsh SWA (\*JP). To OCRC.

## Merlin (D)

3/10 Magee Marsh SWA (\*JP), 5/9 Lucas Co. (\*KA), 5/10 Mosquito

Creek SWA (2) (\*CB), 5/23 Maumee Bay SP (\*JP). To OCRC.

Peregrine Falcon (D)

3/10, 4/5, 4/20 Magee Marsh SWA (\*JP), 5/7 ONWR (\*KA). To OCRC.

Pheasant - Sandhill Crane: Pheasants remain scarce throughout the state but ruffed grouse and bobwhite reports were encouraging. King rail was reported from the usual western basin areas and an individual at Big Island was locally exceptional. Virginia rails and soras were widespread while moorhens and coots were reported to be below average. Sandhill cranes moved through the state in relatively good numbers (for Ohio). Cranes were locally exciting on the Great Miami River where they were "dancing," in Cleveland (William and Nancy Klamm), and Funk (fide J. Bruce) where they are, at best, casual.

Ruffed Grouse

Reported from Adams, Holmes, Portage, Richland, and Ross Co.

Northern Bobwhite

Much improved in the northwest (TK,MA), encouraging reports from Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Portage and Wayne Co., but "very small numbers" after severe weather of past winter in Hamilton Co. and only an occasional bird is heard calling (AW).

Wild Turkey

Only reports were from Tar Hollow SP (Ross Co.). 3/24 (8) (KA).

King Rail

Scattered reports from Lucas and Ottawa Co. where they are fairly rare. 4/21-5/14 Cedar Pt NWR (RCo,JKo), 4/23-5/31 Magee Marsh SWA (MS), 5/11 Little Portage SWA (KA).

Virginia Rail

Early: 3/24 Spring Valley SWA (CM).

Sora

Early: 3/28 Charlie's Pond (Pickaway Co.) (KA), 4/14 Mentor Marsh (Lake Co.) (TL). Highs: JP reported excellent numbers at Magee Marsh, 4/20 Little Portage SWA (27) (KA). 5/14 Coshocton Co. (female with chicks) (EM).

Common Moorhen

Few reports. Early: 4/9 Spring Valley SWA. High: Mosquito Res.(3).

Sandhill Crane

3/6 ONWR (4) (JP), 3/10 Maumee Bay SP (11) (ET), Magee Marsh SWA (82) (JP), 3/19 Catawba Is. (Ottawa Co.) (JP), 3/31-4/4 Spring Valley SWA (CM), 4/3 Big Island SWA (3) (KA), 4/4 Funk, 5/11 Maumee Bay SP (JP), Cedar Pt NWR (2)(KA). Late: 5/19 ONWR (BO). Hamilton Co.: "seen in larger numbers than in many years" (AW): 3/2-14 (21 birds total with the ten on

3/2 "dancing" in courtship ritual).

Shorebirds: This group was the story of spring 1985, with 30+ species reported it was one of the best years of recent history. Extraordinary numbers of avocets, ruffs, and a cooperative curlew sandpiper. Long-billed dowitchers were reported from Barberton, Magee Marsh, and Mosquito Res. It was an excellent year for white-rumped sandpipers and dunlin. Whimbrels were reported in fair numbers in the last part of May.

#### Black-bellied Plover

4/22 Wayne Co. (DK), 5/11 Navarre Marsh (26) (MS), 5/15 Lucas Co., (80) (KA), 5/22 Bayshore (22) (ET). Late: 5/27 Ottawa Co. (55) (RCO), Barberton (3) (BO).

#### Lesser Golden Plover

Early: 3/31 Barberton (BW). 4/10 Lucas Co (4), 4/16 Funk (7) (JVH), 4/23 ONWR (400) (JP), 5/11 Navarre Marsh (26) (MS).

#### Semipalmated Plover

Reported from Cuyahoga, Erie, Marion, Medina, Portage, Summit, and Trumbull Co. as well as the western basin. High: 5/17 Ottawa Co. (80).

#### Piping Plover

5/5 Ottawa Co. (\*J.Pogacnik). To OCRC.

#### Killdeer

3/5 Magee Marsh SWA (10,000) (JP)!

#### American Avocet

4/22 Bayshore (32) (ET).

#### Greater Yellowlegs

Widely reported in good numbers with up to 350 in Ottawa Co. Early: 3/10 Funk (J.Wert).

#### Lesser Yellowlegs

Excellent numbers throughout state where habitat existed.

#### Solitary Sandpiper

Highs 5/6 Ottawa Co.(45), 5/10 Mosquito Res. (18).

#### Willet

4/19 Greenlawn Cemetary (8) (KA), 4/21-22 ONWR (JP), 4/24 Bayshore (2) (ET), 5/10 Lucas Co. (MA,KA,JP).

Upland Sandpiper

Early: 4/12 Franklin Co., 4/16 Burke Airport (Cuyahoga Co.). 5/11 Killdeer Plains WA (Wyandot Co.), Ottawa Co. (8).

Whimbrel

Early: 5/7 Bayshore (KA). Lucas Co. 5/21-22 (AT,ET), 5/24 (47) (JP). 5/28 ONWR (2) (JP). 5/26 Lodi (Medina Co.) (40+)(LR).

Long-billed Curlew (D)

5/22 Cedar Pt NWR (4) (\*M.Shieldcastle). To OCRC.

Ruddy Turnstone

Early: 5/8 Ottawa Co. Highs: 5/22 Bayshore (82), 5/26 Ottawa Co. (92), 5/29 Erie Co. (21).

Red Knot

5/9 Lucas Co., 5/10 ONWR, 5/22-24 Bayshore.

Sanderling

5/6, 5/20 (3) Bayshore (ET), 5/18 Ottawa Co. (28) (RCo).

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Highs were up to 350 at Bayshore and 250 at Barberton.

Western Sandpiper (D: spring only)

Only reports: 5/22 Bayshore, 5/26 Spencer SWA (2).

Least Sandpiper

Early: 4/18 Pickaway Co.(4). High: 5/7 Ottawa Co. (180).

Dunlin

Many thousands reported from Ottawa Co. Early: 3/29 Barberton.

Curlew Sandpiper (D)

5/10-20 Ottawa Co. (\*m.obs.). To OCRC. See photo in this issue.

White-rumped Sandpiper

Excellent numbers reported from all suitable areas except Bayshore. Ottawa Co. 5/8 (3), 5/11 (4), 5/30 (16). Summit Co. 5/18 (10), 5/28 (15), 5/30 (3). 5/27 Cedar Pt NWR, 5/31 Lorain.

Baird's Sandpiper (D: spring only)

5/17 Bayshore (3) (\*E. Tramer). To OCRC.

Pectoral Sandpiper

Early: 3/25 Barberton (51) (BW). Local Highs: 3/29 Barberton (370), 4/6 Ottawa Co. (500), 4/8 Dayton (25), 4/12 Franklin Co. (420), 4/22 Bayshore (125), 4/23 Big Island (1200).

Stilt Sandpiper

Up to 4 were reported from Ottawa Co. (m.obs.). 5/15-17 Bayshore, 5/18-19 Barberton.

Ruff (D)

Up to 3 males and a reeve were found in the flooded fields near ONWR (\*m.obs.) 5/4-11.

Short-billed Dowitcher

High: 5/12 Ottawa Co. (175) (KA).

Long-billed Dowitcher (D: spring only)

3/29 Ottawa Co. (\*JP), 4/27 Barberton (3) (calling) (BO et al), 5/6-10 Ottawa Co. (\*KA), 5/10 Mosquito Creek SWA (\*CB).

Common Snipe

5/1 Coshocton Co. (locally good) (EM), 5/12 Irwin Prairie (Lucas Co.) (chicks) (ET).

American Woodcock

Widely reported. 4/11 near Dayton (eggs) (D.Nolin), 5/4 Firestone Metro Park (Summit Co.) (young) (ECP).

Wilson's Phalarope

4/28 Barberton, 5/8, 5/21, Bayshore, 5/8 Portage Co., 5/18 ONWR (2).

Red-necked Phalarope

5/23-24 Bayshore (AT,ET), 5/29-31 Barberton (LR).

Gull - Tern: Gulls are not usually a major topic of spring migration but ten species were reported highlighted by black-legged kittiwake, Franklin's, Iceland, laughing, and little gulls. Tern reports were not encouraging although black terns were found away from Lake Erie.

Laughing Gull (D)

4/1 Edgewater Park (TL), 4/19 Lorain (JP), 5/3-31 Bayshore (ET, KA).

Franklin's Gull

4/7,5/2,5/17 Ottawa Co., 4/29 Bayshore.

Little Gull (D: away from Lake Erie)

3/29 Lorain, 4/2-3 Ottawa Co. (2nd year), 4/14-15 Ottawa Co. (1st year), 5/3, 5/24 Bayshore (adult) all submitted by J.Pogacnik.

Bonaparte's Gull

Good along Lake Erie and inland they were found at Funk (75) and Mosquito Res. (72).

Thayer's Gull (D)

3/5 Lorain (JP).

Iceland Gull (D: away from Lake Erie)

3/17, 3/30 Lorain (TL,JP).

Lesser Black-backed Gull (D)

4/5-6 Ottawa Co. (JP).

Glaucous Gull

3/5,5/17 Lorain (JP), 3/10-17 ONWR (JP).

Black-legged Kittiwake (D)

3/5 Lorain (JP). 3/28 Bodi Road area (Ottawa Co.) (4 im.) (JP) (extraordinary number), 4/6 Bodi Road (2 im.) (\*KA,JP), 4/5-5/2 Bodi Road (1 im.) (JP) (\*ECP on 4/13).

Caspian Tern

Highs: 4/16 Lorain (TL), 4/20 Barberton (20).

Common Tern

No concentrations noted, with a high of 40 at Mentor.

Forster's Tern

Very scarce (MA), with high of only 12 at Edgewater Park 5/9 (TL).

Black Tern

Small numbers in the western basin. Inland: 5/4 Big Island, 5/6,5/30 Barberton, 5/8 Beaver creek Res.

Cuckoo - Woodpecker: Both cuckoos were exceedingly scarce or late. Migrant owls received poor reports while residents are faring better. Goatsuckers were reported below par as were sapsucker movements. Several expressed concern over flickers and red-headed woodpeckers in the west.



Black-billed Cuckoo

Reported from Adams, Erie, Holmes, Lucas, Mahoning and Summit Co. High of 5 at Oak Openings (Lucas Co.).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Few reports from the same areas as previous species with high of 4 at Oak Openings (MA).

Common Barn Owl

Nest locations found in Guernsey and Ottawa Co. (MS).

Snowy Owl

3/1 Maumee Bay SP (JP).

Barred Owl

Now nesting in Oak Openings (ET).

Long-eared Owl

3/27, 4/4 Magee Marsh SWA (JP), 4/2 Lucas Co. (ECP), 4/6 Reno Beach (Lucas Co.) (KA), 5/23 Jericho Farms (Knox Co.) (\*EM). Nesting was apparently successful in Wyandot Co.

Short-eared Owl

Only reports were from Maumee Bay SP where 2 remained as of 5/31.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Poor showing. Only reports 3/10 ONWR, 3/27, 4/4 Magee Marsh SWA.

Common Nighthawk

Arrivals: 4/19 Columbus, 5/12 Mentor, 5/17 Lorain, 5/23 Toledo.

Chuck-will's widow (D: north and central)

4/28 Adams Co. (2) (RCo, KA). But see Block Busters article.

Whip-poor-will

4/19 Jericho Farms (EM), 4/26 Barneby Center (Hocking Co.) (MS), 4/28 Adams Co. (32), 4/30 Richland Co. (JVH), 5/9 Cleveland (TL).

Chimney Swift

Later than usual in the north. 4/10 Dayton (CM).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

A moribund individual in a Tipp City garage (Miami Co.) 3/29 (fide CM).

Northern Flicker

A major movement was noted 4/13 in Magee area (MS).

Red-headed Woodpecker

Scarce along Lake Erie, common in Stark and Wayne Co.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Down everywhere with a high of only 16 at Greenlawn 4/14.

Pileated Woodpecker

Numbers seem to be stable throughout the state.

Flycatcher - Swallow: Flycatcher movement was thought to be good in the western basin and generally poor elsewhere. Alder flycatchers seem to be advancing breeding ranges. Purple martin reports were low whereas other swallows were thought to be flourishing. In Holmes Co., concern was expressed for cliff swallow.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Eleven reports of single birds. 5/5 Crane Creek SP. 5/10 Lorain Co., 5/21 Greenlawn, 5/28-29 Niles (Mahoning Co.).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

5/19-5/31 Magee area (MS), 5/22 Firestone MP (ECP), 5/25 Oak Openings (MA). "Major movement" 5/27 (MS) along Lake Erie.

Alder Flycatcher

Reports in late May from Jefferson, Lucas, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, and Summit Co. High: 5/20 Portage Co. (5).

Least Flycatcher

High: 5/17 Crane Creek SP (38) (RCo).

Eastern Phoebe

Early: 3/6 Franklin Co. (RCo).

Great-crested Flycatcher

Early: 4/25 Magee Marsh SWA. High: 5/11 Crane Creek SP (18).

Eastern Kingbird

Early: 4/24 Magee Marsh SWA. High: 5/19 Ottawa Co. (28).

Purple Martin

High: 4/4 Chillicothe (Ross Co.) (200) (KA).

Tree Swallow

Early: 3/10 Cedar Pt NWR.

Violet-green Tree Swallow (D)

4/28 Crane Creek SP (\*C&S Crofts). To OCRC.

Bank Swallow

"Flourishing" at Bayshore colony (ET).

Cliff Swallow

5/4-31 Ottawa Co. (up to 20 pair at Sand Beach) (m.obs.), 5/10 Gordon Park (4) (TL). Late arriving: 5/9 Meldahl Dam (Hamilton Co.) (Worth Randle).

Blue Jay - Gnatcatcher: No noteworthy numbers were received on jay movement along Lake Erie. Chickadees and titmice are faring well as is the ubiquitous house wren. Brown creepers were low but nest building in Montgomery Co. was a local rarity. Red-breasted nuthatches were non-existent while Carolina wren seems to be increasing in the north. Winter wrens were fewer along Lake Erie but fair inland. Marsh wrens were fairly widespread and only one sedge wren was reported. Kinglets were felt to be widespread and numerous.

American Crow

3/9 South Bass Is.(120), 3/10 Cedar Pt. NWR (42) indicates movement.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

3/9 S.Bass Is.(KA), 4/11 Lorain (AT), 4/20 Mohican SF (JVH), 5/17 Crane Creek SP (RCo) are only reports of migrants.

Brown Creeper

4/25 Germantown Reserve (nest building) (CM). Migrants were few.

Carolina Wren

High: 4/28 Adams Co.(6). Improved in Holmes Co. (DK). Nesting at several locations in Portage and Summit Co. where they had been absent. However in very low numbers with few calling in Hamilton Co. (AW).

Winter Wren

4/7 ONWR (16) (ECP), 4/11 Niles (CB), 4/14 Firestone MP (12) (BO), 4/16 Greenlawn Cem. (14) (KA).

Sedge Wren

5/30 Magee Marsh SWA (MS).

Marsh Wren

Fairly widespread with reports from six northern counties. Early: 4/14 Cedar Pt NWR (JKo).

Bluebird - Vireo: Ohio has never been considered a major thrush migration center but this year was simply pathetic away from Lake Erie. Bluebirds were up in all areas while brown thrasher continues a downward trend. Robins and catbirds were doing well everywhere. Water pipits were in good numbers and lingered well into May. Cedar waxwings are simply abundant. Both loggerhead and northern shrikes put in appearances in the northern counties. Vireos received mixed reviews but a Bell's nesting in Franklin Co. was outstanding.

Eastern Bluebird

3/2 Lorain Co., 3/9 S. Bass Is. (9), 5/12 Cedar Pt NWR (9).

Veery

Early: 4/22 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/27 Mohican SF. High: 5/21 Greenlawn Cem. (25).

Gray-cheeked Thrush

Only inland reports were 5/8, 5/23 Firestone MP (ECP) and 4/28 Greenlawn Cem. (KA).

Swainson's Thrush

Movements: 5/11 Navarre Marsh (30+), 5/21 Greenlawn Cem. (60).

Hermit Thrush

Early: 3/19 Greenlawn Cem. High: 4/14 Cedar Pt NWR (22) (JKo).

Varied Thrush (D)

3/1-15 Ottawa Co. (first reported in winter 1984 issue). (MS).

Northern Mockingbird

Doing fairly well in south and central counties. Northern reports: 3/1 Erie Co. (AT), 5/7 Richland Co. (JVH), 5/12 Cleveland (TL).

Brown Thrasher

Numbers down especially in the northwest and Hamilton Co. (AW). Reports from Medina and Wayne Co. are good.

Water Pipit

Widespread with numerous reports. 3/16,4/9 Funk, 3/16 Lorain Co.(300+), 3/24 Maumee Bay SP (50).

Northern Shrike (D: central and southern)

3/2-4 Carlisle MP (AT,JP).

Loggerhead Shrike (D: northern)

3/3,3/19,4/4 ONWR (TB,MS,AT), 5/29 Wood Co. (singing male) (TB).

White-eyed Vireo

Arrivals: 4/18 Stage's Pond, 4/20 Spring Valley SWA, 4/23 Magee.

Bell's Vireo (D)

4/23 Magee Marsh SWA (\*JP), 5/9-31 Franklin Co. (Nest and 4 eggs) (\*R.Counts), 5/13 Blendon Woods (Franklin Co.) (\*J.Fry), 5/24 Resthaven (Erie Co.) (\*JP).

Solitary Vireo

Early: 4/14 Firestone MP (2) (BO), 4/20 Mohican SF (JVH), 4/24 Sheldon's Marsh (AT). High: 5/5 Greenlawn Cem. (12) (KA).

Yellow-throated Vireo

Early: 4/19 Greenlawn Cem., 4/20 Spring Valley SWA. High: 4/28 Shawnee SF (Adams-Scioto Co.) (28). None found in Hamilton Co.

Warbling Vireo

Early: 4/23 Magee Marsh SWA, Greenlawn Cem.

Philadelphia Vireo

5/8 Erie Co. (AT), 5/11-31 Magee area (MS), 5/21 Greenlawn Cem. (3) (KA). High: 5/17 Crane Creek SP (8) (RCo).

Warblers: The Lake Erie "hot spots" reported no wave days and no peaks were noted. One observer lamented that one could only find 20-30 species of warbler on a single day at Crane Creek SP (He should have to live in Medina County). Golden-winged, Tennessee, magnolia, palm, bay-breasted, blackpoll, American redstart, prothonotary, Connecticut, mourning, hooded, Wilson's, and Canada warblers were on or above average levels. Cerulean and Cape May warblers were thought to be exceptionally low. Thirty-seven species and one hybrid were reported.

Blue-winged Warbler

Early: 4/21 Englewood Reserve (Montgomery Co.). High: 4/28 Shawnee SF (46).

"Brewster's" Warbler

4/21-5/15 Aullwood Center (Montgomery Co.) (CM), 5/6 Firestone MP (ECP), 5/31 Lorain Co.(JP).

Golden-winged Warbler

Reported from eight areas. Early: 4/23 Greenlawn Cem., Anderson Farm (Lucas Co.). 5/10 Scioto Trail SF (Ross Co.), 5/11 Shawnee SF, 5/12 Cedar Pt NWR, 5/13 Magee Marsh SWA, Holmes Co., Edgewater Park.

Orange-crowned Warbler

Only four reports. 4/20 Greenlawn Cem., 4/23, 5/10 Magee Marsh SWA, 5/23 Firestone MP.

Nashville Warbler

Early: 4/19 Anderson Farm, Greenlawn Cem. Inland high: 5/3 Niles (6) (CB).

Northern Parula

Early: 4/18 Scioto SF. High: 4/28 Clearcreek (20+). 4/30 Mohican SF, 5/7 Magee Marsh SWA (3).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

4/17 Magee Marsh SWA, 5/8 Niles (8), 5/16 Reno Beach (20).

Magnolia Warbler

Excellent throughout.

Cape May Warbler

High: 5/16 Magee Marsh SWA only 18.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Fair numbers indicated with high of 14 at Reno Beach 5/16.

Black-throated Green Warbler

Early: 4/13 Greenlawn Cem., 4/14 Cedar Pt NWR, 4/20 Mohican SF.

Blackburnian Warbler

Reported to be up in the western basin only.

Yellow-throated Warbler

4/13 Tar Hollow (12), 4/16 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/20 Spring Valley SWA, Mohican SF, 4/27 Lorain Co.

Pine Warbler

Few reports. Early: 3/27 Magee Marsh SWA. North: pair on territory at Lake Rockwell (LR).

Prairie Warbler

4/28 Adams Co. (6), 5/11 Holmes Co., 5/12 Greenlawn Cem. A possible nesting at Oak Openings (MA).

Bay-breasted Warbler

Early: 4/25 Greenlawn Cem. Highs: 5/12 Lucas Co. (23), 5/21 Greenlawn Cem. (70) (KA).

Blackpoll Warbler

Numbers were good with a very early date of 4/24 at Greenlawn Cem.

Cerulean Warbler

Only report from Magee was 4/28 (MS). Common nester in habitat.

Black and White Warbler

Early: 4/8 The Woodlot (Ottawa Co.) (JP), 4/14 Cedar Pt NWR (JKo).

American Redstart

Highs: 4/28 Adams Co.,(34), 5/13 Kelley's Is.(Erie Co.) (40).

Prothonotary Warbler

This species is doing well in ONWR area. 4/20 Spring Valley SWA (CM), 5/10 Mosquito Creek SWA (6) (CB).

Worm-eating Warbler

Few reported away from southern breeding areas. 4/15,4/23 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/21 Dayton, 4/28 Sugarcreek Reserve (Greene Co.), 5/4 Mohican SF.

Swainson's Warbler (D)

4/27-28 Greenlawn Cem. (photographed and observed by many). To OCRC. See photo and article in this issue.

Ovenbird

Low numbers in the east but good elsewhere.

Northern Waterthrush

4/22-5/27 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/25 Greenlawn, 5/12 Cedar Pt NWR (4), 5/14 Niles.

Louisiana Waterthrush

Arrivals: 4/3 Mohican SF, 4/5 Akron, 4/8 The Woodlot, 4/13 Tar

Hollow, 4/21 Sugarcreek Res.

Kentucky Warbler

Average numbers in north with outstanding nesting populations in Pike and Adams Co.

Connecticut Warbler (D: fall only)

Good movement for this usually tough-to-find species. 5/15 (3), 5/27 (5) Magee Marsh SWA, 5/17 Dayton, 5/22 Franklin Co., 5/27 Portage Co., 5/28 Niles.

Mourning Warbler

Good numbers reported with a high of 15 at Crane Creek SP and 4 inland at Firestone MP.

Hooded Warbler

Early: 4/20 Spring Valley SWA.

Wilson's Warbler

Highs: 5/16 Reno Beach (28) (KA), 5/17 Magee Marsh SWA (30) (RCo).

Canada Warbler

Local highs: 5/17 Crane Creek SP (30), 5/21 Niles (8).

Yellow-breasted Chat

Widespread reports of individuals at their normal nesting locales. A high migrant total was at Navarre Marsh 5/11 when 8 were tallied.

Tanager - Snow Bunting: Pogacnik reported that summer tanagers were numerous in the Magee Marsh area while scarlets were barely reported! Grosbeaks were in fair numbers with an exceptionally early bird in Oxford. Indigo buntings moved in large numbers after the tenth of May while winter sparrows departed earlier than normal. Reports indicated that sparrow movement was of little consequence with only fox and vesper sparrows receiving good remarks. The only sharp-tailed sparrow report was from Big Island SWA while two reports of clay-colored sparrows were well documented.

Summer Tanager

4/28, 5/11 Adams Co.(up to 14) (RCo,KA), 5/5 Crane Creek SP(ECP). These were the only specific reports. Numerous and better than average in most areas in Hamilton Co. (Worth Randle).

Scarlet Tanager

Early: 4/23 Greenlawn Cem. High: Scioto Co. (32).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Exceptional: 3/17 Oxford (Butler Co.) (\*male fide J.Ingold).



Arrival: 4/21 Englewood Res.(P.Flynn), 4/22 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/25 Mohican SF. Rare in most areas in Hamilton Co. (WR).

Blue Grosbeak (D: central and northern)

5/19 Magee Marsh SWA (\*JP). To OCRC.

Dickcissel

Only report: 5/25-31 Maumee Bay SP (ET).

Rufous-sided Towhee

Widespread and in good numbers.

American Tree Sparrow

Late: 5/1 Magee Marsh SWA (JP).

Clay-colored Sparrow (D)

Dave Corbin found and Jerry Talkington banded an individual in Cleveland 5/10-11. 5/16 Ottawa Co. (\*J.Pogacnik). To OCRC.

Vesper Sparrow

Excellent reports from central and northern sectors starting in early April and remaining as nesters.

Lark Sparrow

The only report is from the traditional Oak Openings area 5/19 (TK).

Grasshopper Sparrow

4/27 Holmes Co. (DKO), 5/6-25 Maumee Bay SP (10) (RCo,KA), 5/31 Summit Co. (ECP).

Henslow's Sparrow

Five reports away from southeastern nesting areas. 4/12 Maumee Bay SP, 4/19 Holmes Co., 5/10 Germantown Res., 5/17 Magee Marsh SWA, 5/19 Navarre Marsh.

Fox Sparrow

Highs: 4/6 Firestone MP (25), 4/7 ONWR (75), 4/12 Greenlawn (32).

Lincoln's Sparrow

Few were reported but does that mean that they are low?

Swamp Sparrow

No movement indicated.

White-throated Sparrow

High: 4/24 Greenlawn Cem. (400) (KA). Late: 5/26 Magee Marsh.

White-crowned Sparrow

Scarce in the east but a high of 350 in Ottawa Co. was reported (KA).

Dark-eyed Junco

Present at Magee through 5/2 with a high of (400) (KA) 4/6.

Lapland Longspur

3/4 ONWR (75) (MS), 3/24 Maumee Bay SP (75) (TK), 4/13 Magee (8).

Smith's Longspur (D)

3/24 Charlie's Pond (\*KA). To OCRC.

Snow Bunting

3/4 ONWR (150) (MS). Present at Magee until 4/14 (JP,MS).

Bobolink - Evening Grosbeak: Bobolink reports were widespread and numerous. Eastern Meadowlarks evidenced an excellent passage. Western meadowlarks were found away from their usual northwestern locations. Blackbirds were average and only one undocumented Brewer's reached this desk. Orioles were thought to be good and a few winter finches were located in several areas.

Bobolink

Early: 4/30 Richland Co. Highs: 5/10 Mosquito Creek SWA (46), 5/12 Cedar Pt NWR (47).

Western Meadowlark

4/7 Killdeer Plains SWA, 5/13 Magee Marsh SWA. Up to 5 were reported from Maumee Bay SP where they are annual now.

Yellow-headed Blackbird (D: away from Lake Erie)

3/28 Ottawa Co. (2), 4/22-23 ONWR, 5/13-19 Sand Beach (female).

Rusty Blackbird

Excellent numbers were reported from ONWR area until the middle of May. 3/17 Spring Valley SWA (100+).

Great-tailed Grackle (D)

5/5,5/6,5/11,5/16 Ottawa Co. (\*JK.Alexander, \*J.Pogacnik, \*T.Bartlett, \*J.Fry). To OCRC. See photo in this issue.

Orchard Oriole

4/28 Scioto Co. (8), Adams Co. (10), 5/11 Magee Marsh SWA, 5/12 Cedar Pt. NWR, 5/20 Lorain, 5/26 Holden Arboretum (Geauga-Lake Co.).

Northern Oriole

High: 5/5 Greenlawn (65) (KA).

"Bullock's" Oriole (D)

5/21 Magee Marsh SWA (\*J.Pogacnik). To OCRC.

Purple Finch

Low numbers were scattered about the state throughout the period.

Red Crossbill

4/21 Hinckley Lake (male) (ECP), 4/27 Anderson Farm (4) (MA).

White-winged Crossbill

4/16 ONWR (3) (JP).

Common Redpoll

4/5 Magee Marsh SWA (JP).

Pine Siskin

Scattered reports indicated some movement. 3/9 S.Bass Is.(2), 4/16 Magee Marsh SWA, 4/20 Mohican SF, 4/27 Greenlawn Cem., 5/5 Anderson Farm, 5/26 Richland Co. (late) (JVH). One pair nesting at Springgrove Cemetary (Hamilton Co.) (Irvin Rapien).

Evening Grosbeak

One report. 4/24 Greenlawn Cem. (KA).

Editor

Thanks to Larry Rosche for such a thorough and timely seasonal report. I'm sure you must realize the time burden of such a tedious and often frustrating job but Larry does it and with a dash of humor!

The compiling committee of Greater Akron Audubon Society members again functioned well, reducing the time lag between the season end and publication. Thanks.

Forty-two reports were received state-wide. Cleveland, Toledo,

Youngstown, Columbus and Wayne, Ross, Trumbull, Portage, Summit, Pickaway, Knox and Hocking counties are a tremendous help in presenting a state-wide migration picture. We still need coverage in the areas of Ashtabula, Conneaut, Steubenville, Martins Ferry, New Philadelphia, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Athens, Lima, Findlay, Marion, Defiance and Bryan, Ohio. Generally, the perimeters of Ohio.

Two hundred eighty-one species and two hybrids were reported to the magazine. Many were rare and unusual. We published the reports for two hundred and twenty-four of these species and the two hybrids, leaving out only the common species that had no notable activity to comply with our page requirements. Most were well documented but some were not documented. Documentation does add reliability to a record when the observer is unknown to the reader as we will all be eventually. This is important historically as you know if you researched past sight records. We provide the forms and note with the report an asterisk if we have a written documentation on file. On the documentation form we have included the species' names of those birds that The Ohio Cardinal Records Committee suggests be documented. In the report, we designate with the symbol (D), after the name of the species of these birds.

In the preceding reports, the terms early, late and high are used to designate the extremes of the information we have received. These terms do not necessarily mean that the species has arrived or departed early or late nor that the migration has peaked at a particular time. The number of each species sighted is included unless only one bird was seen and then no number is designated. The location of the sighting is given with as much preciseness as possible to enable the reader to know where certain birds can be found. The county in which the location resides is identified for each location only at the first instance that the location is mentioned. A cross-reference chart showing each location mentioned and its county appears at the end of the reports.

The Ohio Records Committee has decided not to review all of the documentations submitted to the Ohio Cardinal as it did in the past. They wish our editorial staff to determine the sufficiency of all documentations except for first state records and "sightings of accidental birds that have not established patterns of vagrancy within the state."

However, I feel that our staff cannot devote the time to such reviews without delaying publication (there are 50 documentations in this issue alone) and it does not seem fair to the observer or the reviewer to place the decision to accept or reject a record in the hands of one or two people.

Thus, I again formed a new committee named The Ohio Cardinal Records Committee which will review all the documentations submitted to The Ohio Cardinal. I asked all four of the present members of the Ohio Records Committee to serve on this committee also, if they felt they had time. Dr. Elliot Tramer will be the only member that has agreed to serve on both committees. My thanks to Jean Hoffman, Ray Hannikman and Bruce Peterjohn for the many hours they have applied their expertise in aiding our magazine to publish accurate observations in the past. We will miss their efforts but continue to receive their support and bird report contributions and of course continue to benefit by their service on the Ohio Records Committee.

The new committee should be formed and in action soon. It's our

goal to have the documentations reviewed and reported in the same issue for which they were submitted.

Again thanks to the reporters who so unselfishly share with all of us their observations and thereby make this magazine possible. The names of those reporters with multiple observations appear at the end of this report while those with individual contributions appear in the body of the report.

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Location Cross-Reference

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Akron	Summit	East Harbor SP	Erie
Anderson Farm	Lucas	Edgewater Park	Cuyahoga
Aullwood Nature Center	Montgomery	Englewood Reserve	
Barberton (PPG settling pond)	Summit	(Dayton-Montgomery Park District)	Montgomery
Barneby Center	Hocking	Firestone Metro Park	Summit
Bayshore (power plant)	Lucas	Funk	Wayne
Beavercreek Reservoir	Seneca	Germantown Reserve	Montgomery
Big Island State SWA	Marion	Gordon Park	Cuyahoga
Blendon Woods MP	Franklin	Great Miami River	Hamilton
Brecksville	Cuyahoga	Greenlawn Cemetary	Franklin
C. J. Brown Reservoir	Clark	Hinckley Lake	Medina
Burke Airport	Cuyahoga	Holden Arboretum	Lake
Caesar's Creek	Montgomery	Irwin Prairie SNP	Lucas
Catawba Island	Ottawa	Jericho Farms	Knox
Cedar Point NWR	Lucas	Killdeer Plains	Wyandot
Charlie's Pond	Pickaway	Lake Rockwell	Portage
Chillicothe	Ross	Little Portage State WA	Ottawa
Clearcreek	Fairfield	Lorain	Lorain
Columbus	Franklin	Magee Marsh State WA	Ottawa
Crane Creek SP	Ottawa	Maumee Bay SP	Lucas
Cuyahoga Valley NRA	Summit-Cuyahoga	Meldahl Dam	Hamilton

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Mentor Marsh SNP	Lake	Scioto Trail SF	Ross
Metzger Marsh	Lucas	Shawnee SF	Adams-Scioto
Mohican SF	Ashland	Sheldon's Marsh	Erie
Mosquito Creek Reservoir	Trumbull	South Bass Island	Erie
Navarre Marsh	Ottawa	Spencer State WA	Medina
Niles	Mahoning	Spring Valley WA	Greene
Oak Openings MP (Toledo MP)	Lucas	Stages Pond SNP	Pickaway
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (ONWR)	Ottawa-Lucas	Sugarcreek Reserve (Dayton-Montgomery Co. Parks)	Greene
Oregon	Lucas	Tar Hollow SP	Ross
Oxbow area	Hamilton	Tipp City	Miami
Perkins Beach	Cuyahoga	Toussaint WA	Ottawa
Pippin Lake	Portage	Winton Woods County Park	Hamilton
Reno Beach	Lucas	The Woodlot	Ottawa
Sand Beach	Ottawa		



Mississippi kite near Cedar Point Road entrance to the Cedar Point division of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge on May 11, 1985 photographed by Larry Rosche.

The Big Day  
1985

A big day in Ohio this Spring--impossible. There were hardly any passerine migrants much less "wave days."

Now knowing the unlikelyhood of a good day this Spring, what are the odds of a big day that bests the Ohio record of 179 species? But it happened, as told below by John Pogacnik, chronicler for the "Pogacnik group."

Other famous groups of Springs past: the Kemp and Bartlett groups, each a previous record holder, failed to mobilize, but wait until 1986 when each is assured to attempt to regain their former crown from this upstart recordholder.

Big days received official recognition in 1971 when they were sanctioned by the American Birding Association. Sanctioned because the ABA published rules to standardize the event nationwide (and now worldwide). The object is for a team of observers to see as many species in one day as possible. Not too scientific perhaps but challenging and lots of fun. The birds may be seen, or heard, and most, to conserve time, must be heard. The count can be held during any single 24-hour period during the year but must be on a single calendar day. In fact, most Ohio counts must be timed to occur during a peak May migration day to insure a high count. The participants must remain within direct voice contact of each other during all travel and must travel in the same vehicle if motorized. There must be two or more participants on each count to qualify for a record and the total number of species recorded must have been recorded by at least 95% of the participants. The results are published each year in the ABA journal: Birding. Records are kept for geographical areas (basically states) on a monthly and yearly basis.

The previous Ohio record was 179 species seen May 9, 1981, by Tom Bartlett, Bruce Peterjohn, Don Tumblin and Ed Pierce, as reported in The Ohio Cardinal, Vol. 4, No. 1.

Kirk Alexander, Matt Anderson,  
John Pogacnik  
May 10, 1985 186 Species

In all truthfulness, our big day really began over one month ago. That is about the time we began scouting and preparing our route. The actual day began shortly after midnight when we owled until 12:45 A.M. It was then that we turned up our first species, a barn owl, in the Long Beach area of Ottawa County. We then went to sleep only to wake up at 3:00 A.M., when we began our birding odyssey that would end 420 miles away at 11:30 P.M., in Adams County.

At 3:00 A.M., we began in Ottawa County by searching for rails and owls. Our first stop was the road by the Paradise Acres Campground. We were fairly successful: picking up the Virginia and Sora rails and a screech owl. Matt, during this time, was trying to gross us out by chugging cartons of yogurt but that didn't bother us because we were on a roll. Our next stop, at Little Portage Wildlife Area quickly ended that:

we missed both bitterns and king rail. Then on to Toussaint Wildlife Area and the entrance to Crane Creek where we again got skunked on those species. We were a little disappointed so we decided to move on to Maumee Bay State Park/Little Cedar Point National Wildlife Area. That brought our hopes back up as we picked up American Bittern, numerous ducks, and shorebirds including a willet.

At Maumee Bay Campground, we added several more species including the now annual western meadowlark. Checking our clock, we saw it was 7:00 A.M. and Bayshore power plant was now open. We went in and quickly picked up a laughing gull and a couple additional ducks but missed great black-backed gull, Bonaparte's gull and Caspian tern, all birds that are typically easy to see in this area. We never would get any of those species.

We then headed to Crane Creek around 8:00 A.M. Our goal was 70 species, we had 96. On our way to Crane Creek, our only stop was at Krause Road. What we hoped to pick up was not a bird but a dog. A dog nicknamed the "Yak" since it looks like a cross between a shrub and a dog. It had become sort of a birding good-luck charm for us. It is difficult to come by most days.

At Crane Creek, we added new birds rapidly. By 8:45 A.M., we had 130 species. It was kind of fun telling people who knew we were doing a big day that at 9:00 in the morning we had already seen 130. With everyone wishing us luck, we headed to Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. It was almost a waste of time. We did pick up a red-shouldered hawk but we missed the cattle and snowy egrets, birds almost impossible to come by after leaving the marsh area. We then checked the many flooded fields south of Route 2. Here we picked up many new shorebirds, including a lifer for Matt: the curlew sandpiper.

With a hearty lunch of a couple of candy bars and pop, we headed east on Route 2. Sand Beach produced black terns. A flooded field near Paradise Acres added a mute swan. Our next stop was East Harbor State Park for a cormorant. We got it and also a small group of Forster's terns. We crossed Sandusky Bay and checked Medusa Marsh, knowing this would be our last look at the Lake Erie Marshes. Stopping at Castalia, we added the ring-necked duck and then on to Resthaven Wildlife Area for the elusive black-capped chickadee. We drove the roads there for 45 minutes adding nothing. It was then 2:30 in the afternoon and we were one hour behind schedule so we headed south.

We checked Raccoon Creek and Beaver Creek Reservoirs adding only bank swallow. Our next stop was Killdeer Plains where the long-eared owl, upland sandpiper, common loon were added. In Columbus we saw the yellow-crowned night heron and also added a tufted titmouse and white-breasted nuthatch, our only ones for the day. On to southern Ohio. We had about 160 species, about 2½ hours of light and things looked bleak.

For the southern part of the trip we put Kirk in charge and for a while we wondered if that was a wise move. After driving along rivers for 100 miles we never did pick up the kingfisher that he assured us would be "just up the road." Then we hit an area he knew had a mockingbird, only to get skunked again. We were beginning to feel like the record was out of our reach. Kirk assured us Sciota Trail State Park would be our turning point. As we were cruising the roads at about 40-45 mph, I announced I heard a blue-winged warbler, so Matt stopped and backed up. Within ten minutes, we added a dozen new species. Every stop seemed to add a couple



of more. At one location, we stopped for a golden-winged warbler and Matt asked for our total. I told him about 178-179. We decided since we were so close to the record that I should total our list. To our surprise, we had broken the record as our last bird, the eastern peewee, was 180. We then decided to check under bridges for the eastern phoebe. At the first bridge, I went under one side and Matt went around the other. Matt was almost hit by the bird which made 181. Light was failing fast so we checked an area Kirk said had pine warblers. We listened and all we could come up with were numerous chipping sparrows, but at last the pine warbler (182). We also added the whip-poor-will (183).

We knew our daytime birding was over so we headed into Waverly for our first real meal of the day. It was between 9:30 and 10:00 P.M., when we heard the common nighthawk (184) and then headed for Adams County. We were so tired that none of us really remembers the drive from Waverly. We headed to Ohio Brushcreek, where we quickly added Chuck-Will's-Widow (185) and what would be our final species, the barred owl (186).

It was 11:00 P.M. and we had an hour left. Being the idiots we were, we continued birding hoping to add a night-time singing mockingbird or a Henslow's sparrow but with no luck by 11:30, we called it a day. We got a motel room and passed out knowing we had the record.

The most interesting thing about our day was some of the easy birds we missed. We feel 200 - 210 is possible in Ohio. We hope the easy birds we missed will encourage others to try next year to beat our total. We'll be out there because we had a great time doing it!

The complete list of species seen or heard is listed below:  
common loon, pied-billed grebe, double-crested cormorant, great blue heron, green-backed heron, great egret, black-crown night heron, yellow-crowned night heron, American bittern, mute swan, tundra swan, Canada goose, mallard, American black duck, gadwall, northern pintail, green-winged teal, blue-winged teal, American wigeon, northern shoveler, wood duck, redhead, ring-necked duck, lesser scaup, ruddy duck, hooded merganser, red-breasted merganser, turkey vulture, sharp-shinned hawk, red-tailed hawk, red-shouldered hawk, bald eagle, American kestrel, northern bobwhite, ring-necked pheasant, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, semipalmated plover, killdeer, lesser golden plover, black-bellied plover, ruddy turnstone, American woodcock, common snipe, upland sandpiper, spotted sandpiper, solitary sandpiper, willet, greater yellowlegs, lesser yellowlegs, pectoral sandpiper, white-rumped sandpiper, least sandpiper, dunlin, curlew sandpiper, short-billed dowitcher, long-billed dowitcher, semipalmated sandpiper, herring gull, ring-billed gull, Franklin's gull, Forster's tern, common tern, black tern, mourning dove, rock dove, cuckoo species, common barn owl, eastern screech owl, great horned owl, barred owl, long-eared owl, whip-poor-will, chuck-will's-widow, common nighthawk, chimney swift, ruby-throated hummingbird, northern flicker, pileated woodpecker, red-headed woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, downy woodpecker, eastern kingbird, great crested flycatcher, eastern phoebe, acadian flycatcher, least flycatcher, eastern wood-pewee, horned lark, tree swallow, bank swallow, n. rough-winged swallow, barn swallow, cliff swallow, purple martin, blue jay, American crow, tufted titmouse, white-breasted nuthatch, house wren, Carolina wren, marsh wren, gray catbird, brown thrasher, American robin, wood thrush, hermit thrush, Swainson's thrush, gray-cheeked thrush, veery, eastern bluebird, blue-gray gnatcatcher, ruby-crowned kinglet, water pipit, cedar waxwing, european starling, white-

eyed vireo, yellow-throated vireo, solitary vireo, red-eyed vireo, Philadelphia vireo, warbling vireo, black-and-white warbler, prothonotary warbler, worm-eating warbler, golden-winged warbler, blue-winged warbler, Tennessee warbler, orange-crowned warbler, Nashville warbler, northern parula, yellow warbler, magnolia warbler, Cape May warbler, black-throated blue warbler, yellow-rumped warbler, black-throated green warbler, cerulean warbler, blackburnian warbler, yellow-throated warbler, chestnut-sided warbler, bay-breasted warbler, blackpoll warbler, pine warbler, prairie warbler, palm warbler, ovenbird, northern waterthrush, Louisiana waterthrush, Kentucky warbler, mourning warbler, common yellowthroat, yellow-breasted chat, hooded warbler, Wilson's warbler, Canada warbler, American redstart, bobolink, eastern meadowlark, western meadowlark, red-winged blackbird, orchard oriole, northern oriole, common grackle, brown-headed cowbird, scarlet tanager, summer tanager, northern cardinal, rose-breasted grosbeak, indigo bunting, rufous-sided towhee, Savannah sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, vesper sparrow, chipping sparrow, field sparrow, white-crowned sparrow, white-throated sparrow, Lincoln's sparrow, swamp sparrow, song sparrow, house finch, American goldfinch, house sparrow

The following areas were visited in the order below: Long Beach area, Paradise Acres campground, Little Portage Wildlife area, Toussaint Wildlife area, Maumee Bay State Park/Little Cedar Point NWR, Bayshore power plant, Magee Marsh Wildlife area, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, flooded fields on Lemon and Duff-Washa Roads, Sand Beach/Navarre Marsh, Port Clinton beach, East Harbor State Park, Medusa Marsh, Castalia Pond, Resthaven Wildlife area, Racoon Creek Reservoir, Beaver Creek Reservoir, Killdeer Plains Wildlife area, Columbus area, Sciota Trail State Park, Waverly, Adams County/Ohio Brush Creek.



Curlew sandpiper near intersection of Duff Washa Road and Route 19, Ottawa Co., Ohio on May 11, 1985 photographed by Don Tumblin.



