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Alex Eberts took a late summer trip to the Baypoint sandbar in ***Ottawa*** *with Kurt Wray on 22 Aug. While there he captured this Wilson's Phalarope along the beach.*

On the cover:

While on the search for a Red Knot at East Fork, Christopher Collins took time out to photograph this beautiful Ruddy Turnstone on 19 Sep.

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COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Craig Caldwell

This fall was one of Ohio's hottest. The statewide average temperature in each month was far above the mean of the 122 years with data. Sep was the hottest ever, and Aug, Oct, and Nov ranked numbers three, eight, and 11 respectively. Almost all of the average maximum and minimum temperatures were also well above their long-term means. The Nov average minimum, at number 19, had the lowest ranking; the next-lowest was the Oct average maximum at number 13. Cleveland and Akron had record high temperatures for the date on 18 Nov. And worldwide, the year was the hottest on record.

Precipitation was more variable. Aug was wetter than usual. Its rainfall was in the upper quarter of the 122 years. Most of the state received normal to twice-normal amounts. The central west and southwest had scattered pockets with up to four times normal but parts of the south central area got as little as a quarter of their usual rain. Sep and Oct were a little wetter than usual, both ranking near number 80 with number 122 being the wettest. A few areas received up triple their usual amounts of rain and a few others as little as a quarter of it, though most stations' amounts were only moderately above average. Nov, in marked contrast, was the 11th driest on record. Only the northeast and the far northwest exceeded 75% of their usual rainfall, but even they didn't pass 90%. The ***Fayette*** area got less than an inch all month. The rest of the state received an inch or two, 25 to 75% of the stations' average amounts. One late Nov lake-effect event in the northeast provided the only snow.

Weather data are from the National Weather Service (http://water.weather.gov/precip/), the NOAA (http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/temp-and-precip/maps.php and http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/extremes/records/), and the *Plain Dealer*.

About the usual number of species boasted stragglers beyond their usual departure dates. Several of the last sightings were very late indeed but none set new record late dates. Shorebird habitat seemed more widespread this year than in the previous two, perhaps due to the August rains wetting more inland sites. More Red-throated but fewer Pacific loons than last year showed up. Also in contrast to last year, American White Pelicans were seen far inland from Lake Erie.

Last fall provided no Bell's vireo sightings; this year there were five total from three different locations. Common Raven sightings continue to increase. Winter and Marsh wrens were seen in about as many counties as last fall, Sedge Wrens in only 2/3 as many, and Carolina Wrens in several more. One species of crossbill was seen (versus none last year), but fewer Common Redpolls appeared. Warbler sightings were distributed similarly to last year's. Many fewer Le Conte's Sparrows than last year passed through, but Nelson's Sparrow sightings were similar though this year's ended sooner.

This issue as usual includes the results of the Fall Census conducted in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Because it is an effort by many teams covering a large area, its counts are usually not included as the high numbers cited in the Species Accounts; those are limited to numbers by single individuals or parties.

Regrettably, a few eBird posters use initials or pseudonyms and when contacted declined to provide their real names. Their sightings therefore can't be confirmed and are not reported here.

This issue of the *Cardinal* contains reports of 305 species, a bit under the 307 average of the previous five fall issues. Four hybrids and eight reports at the genus or family level are also included. An entry for an exotic probable escapee is not part of the total. This issue, in contrast to the last one, includes data from every county. However, only Blue Jays were reported in all 88. Eight species were seen in all but one county and 19 more species were seen in at least 80.

Two different White Ibises were simultaneously present during early Aug, in ***Butler*** and ***Montgomery***. Two Swallow-tailed Kites were also reported, in ***Holmes*** and ***Montgomery***; the sightings were 11 days apart so it's possible they were of the same bird. All four of these occurrences and a Black-headed Grosbeak sighting in ***Lucas*** were formally reported to the Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) and their documentations were accepted. See the individual species accounts and the separate OBRC "Recent Actions" article for the names of the reporters. The Committee and this editor thank you!

The OBRC received formal reports of three other review species in addition to those named above but has not yet been able to take action on them. From other sources, the Committee also gleaned reports of 11 review species or forms which had varying amounts of information. Unfortunately, a few review species were reported to on-line venues with no description or photo-

graph, making it impossible to include them in the record.

As always, the OBRC and this editor urge birders to formally report all sightings of Review List species, of Core List species found at unusual times, of nesting by birds previously not known to nest in the state, and of course sightings of birds never before found in Ohio. An easy-to-use on-line form is available at http://www.ohiobirds.org/records/documentation.php.

Data for the following Species Accounts come from reports submitted directly to *The Cardinal* and *The Bobolink*, the latter courtesy of its publisher, Robert Hershberger; eBird (http://ebird.org/content/ebird); and the Ohio-birds listserv (http://birding.aba.org/maillist/OH). In the species accounts, "normal" arrival dates are from Harlan *et al*., *Ohio Bird Records Committee Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ohio*, 2008. Mentions of breeding locations are from Rodewald *et al*., *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio* ("OBBA II", 2016).

Taxonomic order and nomenclature follow the *Check-List of North American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998) as updated through the 57th Supplement (2016). These documents are published by the North American Classification Committee of the American Ornithological Society (AOS) and are available at http://www.checklist.aou.org/. (The former American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) merged with the Cooper Ornithological Society in Oct 2016 to produce the AOS.)

County names are in bold italics. Locations whose counties are of the same name, for example Ashtabula (city) and Delaware Wildlife Area, usually do not have the counties repeated. County names for sites described in Cincinnati (***Hamilton***), Cleveland (***Cuyahoga***), Columbus (***Franklin***), Dayton (***Montgomery***), and Toledo (***Lucas***) are also omitted. Shortened names and a few sets of initials are used for locations and organizations which occur repeatedly; these abbreviations are listed here. The term "*fide*" is used in some citations; it means "in trust of" and is used where the reporter was not the observer.

Abbreviations:

Alum Creek = Alum Creek Reservoir, ***Delaware***, unless otherwise noted

Armleder Park = a Cincinnati city park on the Little Miami River, ***Hamilton***

Audubon = the National Audubon Society (http://www.audubon.org)

BBS = the North American Breeding Bird Survey, a joint project of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Canadian Wildlife Service

Berlin Lake = Berlin Lake (or Reservoir), Mahoning and Portage

Big Island = Big Island Wildlife Area, ***Marion***

Blendon Woods = Blendon Woods Metro Park, ***Franklin***

The Bowl = a limited-access area near the ***Harrison*** airport

BRAS = Black River Audubon Society

BSBO = Black Swamp Bird Observatory, ***Ottawa*** (http://www.bsbo.org)

Buck Creek = Buck Creek State Park, ***Clark***

Burke Airport = Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport, ***Cuyahoga***

Caesar Creek = Caesar Creek State Park, ***Warren***, unless the lake is specified; a bit of the lake is also in ***Clinton***

CBC = Audubon's Christmas Bird Count

CCE = Crane Creek Estuary, ***Lucas*** and ***Ottawa***, viewable from both ONWR and the CCE Trail which originates at Magee

Chapel Drive = a road off Ohio 83 south of Cumberland in ***Noble*** which traverses grasslands

Clear Creek = Clear Creek Metro Park; the eastern 2/3 is in ***Hocking***, the rest in ***Fairfield***

Clear Fork = Clear Fork Reservoir (or Lake), partly in ***Morrow*** but most of the birding is done in the larger ***Richland*** Section.

CLNP = Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (the former Dike 14), ***Cuyahoga***

CMM = the trio of Jon Cefus, Kent Miller, and Ben Morrison

CNC = Cincinnati Nature Center, a non-governmental entity whose Long Branch Farm and Rowe Woods units are in ***Clermont***

Conneaut = the mudflats 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***

Darby Creek = Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park, almost entirely in ***Franklin*** but with bits in other counties as well

Deer Creek = the State Park is in ***Pickaway***, the Wildlife Area is in ***Fayette***, and Deer Creek Lake is in both but mostly ***Pickaway***

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

East Harbor = East Harbor State Park, ***Ottawa***

Edge Preserve = The Nature Conservancy's Edge of Appalachia Preserve, multiple parcels mostly in ***Adams*** and extending a bit into ***Scioto***.

Edgewater = the Edgewater unit of Cleveland Lakefront Metroparks, ***Cuyahoga***

Englewood = Englewood MetroPark,

Montgomery

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

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

Funk = Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area, Ashland and (mostly) ***Wayne***

Grand Lake = Grand Lake St. Marys. The State Park, the state fish hatchery, and the eastern 20% of the lake itself are in ***Auglaize***. The rest of the lake is in ***Mercer***.

Great Miami WMB = Great Miami Wetlands Mitigation Bank, ***Montgomery***

Headlands = Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve, Headlands Beach State Park, and adjoining waters, ***Lake***

Holden = Holden Arboretum, ***Lake***, except for its Stebbins Gulch unit in ***Geauga***

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

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

Huron = the harbor, breakwalls, and old dredge spoil impoundment in that ***Erie*** city, unless noted otherwise

Indian Lake = Indian Lake State Park, ***Logan***

Jones Preserve = Jones Preserve at Long Point, on Kelleys Island, ***Erie***

Kelleys Island = the island and adjoining waters, ***Erie***

Killbuck = Killbuck State Wildlife Area, ***Holmes*** and ***Wayne***

Killdeer = Killdeer Plains State Wildlife Area; a bit is in ***Marion*** but it's mostly in ***Wyandot***

Kiwanis Park = Kiwanis Riverway Park, on the Scioto River in Dublin, ***Franklin***

LaDue = LaDue Reservoir, ***Geauga***

Lake Erie Bluffs = a ***Lake*** Metroparks parcel overlooking the eponymous water body

Lake Hope/Zaleski = Lake Hope State Park and surrounding Zaleski State Forest, ***Vinton***

Lake Loramie = Lake Loramie SP, ***Shelby***

Lorain = the dredge spoil impoundment east of downtown in the city and county of the same name, unless otherwise noted

Lost Bridge = a Great Miami River crossing on Lawrenceburg Road near Elizabethtown, ***Hamilton***, where a covered bridge was lost to fire in 1903

m. obs. = multiple observers

Magee = the boardwalk and immediate vicinity in Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, ***Lucas***, unless otherwise noted. The northern third of the causeway is also in ***Lucas***, the rest in ***Ottawa***.

Mallard Club = Mallard Club Marsh WA, ***Lucas***

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

Medusa = Medusa Marsh, ***Erie***, an informally named and privately owned area between Sandusky and Bay View

Metzger = Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area, ***Lucas***, not to be confused with Metzger Reservoir, ***Allen***

Mill Creek = Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, a limited-access area in ***Mahoning***

Mohican = Mohican State Forest and State Park. Many trails cross the boundaries so some reports include sightings from both without distinction.

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

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

Mosquito Lake = Mosquito Creek Lake, also called Mosquito Creek Reservoir, ***Trumbull***. Mosquito (Creek) Wildlife Area adjoins it.

MP = Metro Park, MetroPark, or Metropark depending on the system

NC = Nature Center

NF = National Forest

NP = Nature Preserve, except as part of CVNP

OBBA II = the second Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas

OBRC = Ohio Bird Records Committee

Old Highland Stone = that company's water-filled gravel pits, ***Highland***

Old Woman Creek = Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, ***Erie***

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

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

ONWR Blausey, Boss, and Navarre = units of ONWR separate from the main area, all in ***Ottawa***; of them only Boss is open to the public

ONWR WD = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Drive, the monthly opening of areas otherwise closed to vehicles, ***Lucas*** and ***Ottawa***

Painesville TP = Painesville Township Park, overlooking Lake Erie in ***Lake***

Pearson MP = Pearson Metro Park, ***Lucas***

Pickerel Creek = Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area, ***Sandusky***

Pickerington Ponds = Pickerington Ponds Metro Park, ***Fairfield*** and ***Franklin***

Pipe Creek = Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, in the city of Sandusky, ***Erie***

Pleasant Hill Lake = an impoundment straddling the ***Ashland/Richland*** line; most viewing is on the eastern, ***Ashland***, end.

Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, ***Highland***

Salt Fork = Salt Fork SP, ***Guernsey***

Sandy Ridge = Sandy Ridge Reservation, ***Lorain***

Seneca Lake = most of the lake and the (non-state) Park are in ***Noble***, while the dam is in ***Guernsey***
SF = State Forest
Shawnee = Shawnee State Forest, ***Scioto***, unless otherwise noted
Shawnee Lookout = Shawnee Lookout County Park, ***Hamilton***
Sheldon Marsh = Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve, ***Erie***
Sherod Park = a city park overlooking Lake Erie in Vermilion, ***Erie***
SNP = State Nature Preserve
SP = State Park
Springfield Lake = in Greater Akron, ***Summit***
Springville Marsh = Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve, ***Seneca***
Spring Valley = Spring Valley Wildlife Area, almost entirely in ***Greene*** but extending into ***Warren***
Stillfork = The Nature Conservancy's Stillfork Swamp Preserve, ***Carroll***
Sunset Park = a city park overlooking Lake Erie in Willoughby, ***Lake***
SWA = State Wildlife Area
TNC = The Nature Conservancy (http://www.nature.org)
TP = Township Park
Villa Angela = the Villa Angela unit of Cleveland's Lakefront Reservation
WA = Wildlife Area
Wake Robin = a trail and boardwalk in Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, ***Lake***
Wendy Park = a lakeshore Cleveland park, ***Cuyahoga***
Wilderness Road = a road which traverses Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area, ***Wayne***, and adjoining farmland
The Wilds = a limited-access big-mammal breeding and research facility in ***Muskingum***, also used generically to include the surrounding reclaimed strip mines
Willow Point = Willow Point Wildlife Area, ***Erie***
Winous Horseshoe = a limited-access part of Winous Point Shooting Club, ***Ottawa***
Winous Point = Winous Point Shooting Club, ***Ottawa***
Woodman Fen = a natural area, part of Dayton's Five Rivers MetroParks system, ***Montgomery***
Zaleski = Zaleski State Forest, ***Vinton***

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Craig Caldwell

Greater White-fronted Goose
The first showed up on a golf course in Painesville, ***Lake***, on 29 Sep (*fide* Ian Lynch). Five locations hosted birds on the second date of 16 Oct. One of the five contributed the high count of 210, the sum of two flocks passing over ONWR (Chris Pierce). The most away from Lake Erie were Micki Dunakin's 105 at the Paulding Reservoirs on 19 Oct. (14 counties)

*Adam Brandemihl photographed this Greater White-fronted Goose resting on the Nationwide Pond in Dublin, **Franklin**, on 13 Nov.*

Snow Goose
Thomas Slemmer saw the first, 20 in the Crane Creek estuary of ONWR on 12 Oct. The next were about 50 which flew over Wake Robin on 21 Oct (Jon Cefus, Kent Miller, and Ben Morrison, hereafter CMM). The high count was Brandt Schurenberg's 60 over Fernald on 27 Nov. (13 counties)

Ross's Goose
The reports, all of single birds, are:
Along Pond Lick Road in Shawnee on 17 Oct (Alan Green)
At Darby Creek from 17 to 23 Oct (m. obs.)
At Summerly Pond, ***Franklin***, on 20 Oct (Carl Winstead)
In Three Creeks MP, ***Fairfield***, on 29 Oct (Julie Billings)
By South Charleston Pike, Springfield, ***Clark***, on 04 and 06 Nov (m. obs.)

Brant
The first was seen from 25 Oct to 01 Nov at Mosquito Lake (m. obs.); between then and 05 Nov a hunter took it (*fide* Jim McCarty). Another spent 29 Oct to 05 Nov unusually far south at Rocky Fork (m. obs.). The high count was Cory Chiappone's eight off Sunset Park on 04 Nov. ***Ashtabula***, ***Erie***, and ***Hancock*** also had sightings.

Cackling Goose
Joe Luedtke found three at a pond at the Kalahari Resort, ***Erie***, on 07 Sep; at least one remained until 19 Sep (m. obs.). Gary Cowell contributed the high count of six, from Amick Reservoir, ***Morrow***, on 03 Nov. ***Franklin***, ***Hamilton***, ***Mercer***, ***Ottawa***, ***Richland***, and ***Wyandot*** also hosted them.

Canada Goose
Ron Sempier saw about 1200 at the Upper Sandusky Reservoir, ***Wyandot***, on 25 Nov. Only ***Fayette*** did not produce a sighting.

Mute Swan
Jeffrey Roth's seven in Kessler Swamp SNP, ***Hocking***, was the high count. (31 counties)

Trumpeter Swan
The high count came during the 04 Sep ONWR census; Ed Pierce's team found 116 and then came close to tying themselves on 06 Nov with 97 (*fide* Douglas Vogus). The most elsewhere were the 33 which Stefan Minnig found at Killdeer on 12 Nov. (22 counties)

Tundra Swan
The first date was 13 Oct, when Edward Ingold found one at the Findlay Reservoirs and Kent Miller and Ben Morrison saw four at Walborn Reservoir, ***Stark***. ONWR hosted about 125 on 22 Nov (Mark Shieldcastle) and 27 Nov (Mike Wielgopolski). The most elsewhere were the 85 which Bonnie Fish and Matthew Valencic noted at LaDue on 09 Nov. (23 counties)

Wood Duck
Cam Lee found 129 at Killdeer on 28 Aug but Elliot Tramer topped him with 169 in CPNWR on 09 Oct. (76 counties)

Mandarin Duck
I have little doubt that the one which spent the last half of Nov and beyond on the Olentangy River in Columbus had escaped from captivity. If I'm wrong, the OBRC will credit all who provided formal reports of what would be an extraordinary find.

Gadwall
Ron Sempier saw the first two of the season, in ONWR on 13 Aug (a 23 Jul sighting preceded his). Jon Cefus and Kent Miller found about 650 at Mosquito Lake on 28 Oct and ONWR held about 350 on 27 Nov (Mike Wielgopolski). (52 counties)

American Wigeon
Patty McKelvey found the first, two at Lorain on 28 Aug, and sightings continued almost daily through the end of the season. Mosquito Lake

hosted about 550 on 28 Oct (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller); the most elsewhere were Lisa Phelps' 150 in ONWR on 25 Sep. (43 counties)

American Black Duck
Ronnie Clark saw about 100 at Darby Creek on 11 Nov and Sarah Lawrence counted 86 at always-reliable Blendon Woods on 23 Nov. (43 counties)

Mallard
Mark Shieldcastle noted about 900 in ONWR from the CCE Trail on 23 Nov. The most elsewhere were Rick Asamoto's 600 in Mercer WA on 25 Oct. Only ***Belmont***, ***Brown***, ***Gallia***, and ***Henry*** did not produce reports.

[American Black Duck x Mallard]
Hybrids were reported from ***Ashtabula***, ***Cuyahoga***, ***Franklin***, ***Lake***, ***Lucas***, ***Montgomery***, ***Stark***, ***Summit***, and ***Trumbull***, and were no doubt present in many other counties.

Blue-winged Teal
Chris Pierce saw the first of the season, two at Sandy Ridge on 04 Aug. Kent Miller found about 300 in the CCE on 04 Sep. ONWR Blausey held about 125 that same day (Tom Bartlett). Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker contributed the highest inland count, 100 at Buck Creek on 08 Sep. (47 counties)

Northern Shoveler
There were a few Jul sightings, but Joe Baldwin's bird at Big Island on 14 Aug was the first of fall. Craig Holt's 80 at Pine Lake, ***Mahoning***, on 17 Nov was the high count. (45 counties)

Northern Pintail
The first was a single at Magee on 03 Sep (Laura Frazier), and there were two in the CCE on the next day (Kent Miller). The third sighting didn't come until 23 Sep, when Bill Ohlsen and Ed Wransky separately found one at Lorain. Dan Gesualdo counted 93 off Sherod Park on 09 Nov. (27 counties)

Green-winged Teal
The 07 Aug ONWR census produced the season's first (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Jon Cefus and Kent Miller found 950 at Mosquito Lake on 28 Oct; the second-highest number was Karl Mechem's 500 at ONWR on 08 Nov. (45 counties)

Canvasback
Tom Kemp found the earliest, in CPNWR on 09 Oct. Mickie Getz saw 25 along the Chippewa Inlet Trail, ***Medina***, on 26 Oct. The second-highest count was 10, by Helen and Ken Ostermiller at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, ***Lorain***, on 10 Nov. (21 counties)

Redhead
Adriana Losey found one along the ONWR WD on 25 Sep. The next sighting was Josh King's at the Grand Lake hatchery on 11 Oct. Warren Leow found about 100 in Lake Erie near Pipe Creek on 16 Nov; the second-highest count was 28 by Edward Ingold at the Findlay Reservoirs on 07 Nov. (28 counties)

Ring-necked Duck
Brian Wulker saw the first, at Fernald on 19 Sep and again on 06 Oct. Gary Cowell found 340 at Lexington Community Park, ***Richland***, on 13 Nov. (46 counties)

Greater Scaup
Observers reported two or three at Painesville TP on 21 Oct. The first inland report was Rick Asamoto's, two birds at Williams Reservoir, ***Allen***, on 25 Oct. Dave Chase found 15 at Headlands on 13 Nov. The next highest number was four, shared by Gustino Lanese at Sandy Ridge on 02 Nov and Rick Asamoto at Williams Reservoir on 26 Nov. (11 counties as far south as ***Morgan***)

Lesser Scaup
The first were four at ONWR on 25 Sep (Jim and Tracy Zervos). Jen Brumfield counted 160 off Edgewater on 21 Oct; Edward Ingold had already doubled that with 300 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 13 Oct. (36 counties)

Scaup sp.
Matt Kemp saw about 4400 at the mouth of the Maumee River, ***Lucas***, on 29 Nov.

Harlequin Duck
All of the reports came along the Lake Erie shore:
One off Sunset Park on 09 Nov (Cory Chiappone and Jim McConnor)
One off Stanton Park, ***Lake***, on 20 Nov (John Pogacnik)
Two passing Lake Erie Bluffs on 21 Nov (John Pogacnik)
One moving among several sites east of downtown Cleveland on 22 Nov (m. obs.)

Surf Scoter
Thirteen Oct marked the first sightings, of one at Clear Fork (John Herman) and 16 off Painesville TP (m. obs.). The most were the 35 which Jen Brumfield and Chris Pierce saw off Rocky River Park, ***Cuyahoga***, on 03 Nov. The most at an inland site were Rick Asamoto's four at Williams Reservoir, ***Allen***, on 25 Oct. (12 counties as far south as ***Warren***)

White-winged Scoter
Multiple observers saw four off Painesville TP on 13 Oct. The next reports came more than

a week later, with up to 10 birds being seen at three locations on 21 Oct. Margaret Higbee *et al.* counted 88 in three flocks passing Headlands on 31 Oct. Penny O'Connor saw 20, in two flocks, off Cahoon Park, ***Cuyahoga***, on 26 Nov. ***Erie*** also hosted some, but singles at Alum Creek on 16 Nov (John Games and Ron Sempier) and at Pleasant Hill Lake on 22 Nov (John Herman) were the only inland sightings.

Black Scoter
The first sightings were on 21 Oct, one bird off Sherod Park (Dan Gesualdo), five off Edgewater (Jen Brumfield), and 12 off Painesville TP (CMM). The high count was Cory Chiappone's 41 from Sunset Park on 04 Nov, and the inland high were the 22 seen at Alum Creek from 12 to 15 Nov (m. obs.). The furthest south was a single which Brad Jackson saw on the Great Miami River in Dayton on 19 Nov. (14 counties)

Long-tailed Duck
Scott Myers saw the first, off Kelleys Island on 28 Oct. The last of the season spent 12 to 19 Nov at Bresler Reservoir, ***Allen*** (m. obs.). Bonnie Fish and Matthew Valencic provided the high count, 11 at LaDue on 09 Nov. The second-highest number, three, was shared by Cory Chiappone off Sunset Park on 07 Nov and several observers at Kokosing Lake WA, ***Knox***, on 09 Nov. ***Lucas*** completes the list of counties with sightings.

Bufflehead
Sue Tackett well described the first, an extraordinarily early arrival at the Grand Lake hatchery on 04 Sep. The next weren't seen until 21 Oct, when sites in ***Cuyahoga***, ***Erie***, ***Fulton***, and ***Hancock*** hosted up to five. Inga Schmidt saw 160 at LaDue on 20 Nov and Warren Leow 85 off Sherod Park on 16 Nov. (43 counties)

Common Goldeneye
Louis Hoying saw the first, two at Lake Loramie SP, ***Shelby***, on 21 Oct. Jon Cefus and Kent Miller saw the next, 15 at Mosquito Lake on 28 Oct. Columbia Park, ***Cuyahoga***, provided a view of 45 for Ken Andrews on 27 Nov. Dick Hoopes almost tied him with the inland high of 44 at Mosquito Lake on 17 Nov. (16 counties)

Hooded Merganser
Sightings gradually increased in both frequency and quantity as the season progressed. Warren Leow counted 123 near Pipe Creek on 16 Nov. The inland high number was 100, at Chippewa Lake, ***Medina***, on 20 Nov (the Ostermillers). (47 counties)

Common Merganser
Chad Biegler watched several groups totaling about 300 birds pass Huron on 20 Nov. Bill Ohlsen noted about 125 passing Rocky River Park, ***Cuyahoga***, on the next day. The inland high was Bob Lane's 29 divided between Evans and Pine Lakes, ***Mahoning***, on 24 Oct, and Shane Myers found 26 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 20 Nov. (26 counties)

Red-breasted Merganser
The first since 04 Jul passed Lakeview Park, ***Lorain***, on 28 Aug (Patty McKelvey). The next were two on the Wellington Upground Reservoir, ***Lorain***, on 11 Sep (Tim Krynak). About 15,000 passed Sunset Park on 28 Nov (Cory Chiappone). The most inland were 150 flying over Walnut Creek, ***Holmes***, on 21 Nov (Alvin E. Miller). (26 counties south to ***Butler***)

Ruddy Duck
The first of the season were two which Paul Jacyk saw from both Bay View and Cullen Parks, ***Lucas***, on 02 Aug; one was still there a week later. Rick Asamoto's 1600 at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, ***Allen***, on 26 Nov was the high count, and next were the Ostermillers' 1200 at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, ***Lorain***, on 25 Oct. (47 counties)

Northern Bobwhite
A Cincinnati Bird Club outing to Old Highland Stone produced 10. Other sightings, of up to seven birds, came from ***Adams***, ***Clermont***, ***Fulton***, ***Montgomery***, ***Ottawa***, ***Pickaway***, ***Summit***, and ***Wayne***. Released or wild, they're always fun to see.

Ring-necked Pheasant
Irina Shulgina found eight at Darby Creek on 08 Nov. (21 counties)

Ruffed Grouse
Three locations each produced two: Newbury Township, ***Geauga***, on 03 Aug (Ian Lynch), Miners' Memorial Park, ***Morgan***, on 25 Oct (Margaret Bowman), and Tar Hollow SP, ***Ross***, on 25 Nov (Leslie Sours *et al.*). Additional reports came from another ***Geauga*** site, another ***Morgan*** site, two sites in ***Harrison***, and one site in ***Vinton***.

Wild Turkey
The high count was 65, the sum of two flocks which Ron Sempier found near Ankenytown, ***Knox***, on 26 Oct. Patrick Coy saw 54 while hiking in the Virginia Kendall area of CVNP on 24 Nov. (65 counties)

Pied-billed Grebe
Phil Richardson saw about 100 at Metzger on 17 Oct, and Dan Gesualdo found 66 at East Sandusky Bay MP, ***Erie***, on 28 Oct. Gary Cowell provided the highest inland count, 44 at Clear Fork on 22 Nov. (71 counties)

Horned Grebe
Scott Cressey saw the first, two at Magee on 15 Sep. Next were five at ONWR on 25 Sep (Dave Chase). Dennis Troyer saw about 125 off Sunset Park on 18 Nov, while Ben Morrison's 14 at Mosquito Lake on 15 Nov was the inland high count. (35 counties)

Red-necked Grebe
Shawn Seeley saw two at Conneaut on 13 Oct. The next were singles on 21 Oct off Edgewater (Jen Brumfield) and Sunset Park (Cory Chiappone). Other ***Cuyahoga*** and ***Lake*** sites also hosted singles, as did ***Delaware*** and ***Trumbull***.

Eared Grebe
The reports are:
One a couple of weeks early off Huntington Reservation, Cuyahoga, on 16 Oct (Janice Farral, Tim Jasinski)
One off Sherod Park on 09 Nov (Dan Gesualdo)
One at Alum Creek from 11 to 21 Nov (Carl Winstead followed by m. obs.)
One at Caesar Creek on 12 Nov and another at Rocky Fork on 13 Nov (both Rick Asamoto)

Eurasian Collared-Dove
These continue to pop up in new places; ***Butler***, ***Clark***, ***Erie***, ***Holmes***, and ***Wayne*** had sightings. (But their first regular location in ***Mercer*** didn't.) Counts of four came from the South Charleston Bike Trail, ***Clark***, on 08 Oct (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker) and a farm near New Bedford, ***Holmes***, on several dates (*fide* David L. Erb).

*Tom Fishburn photographed one of the Eurasian Collared-Doves in Margaretta Township, **Erie**, on 02 Oct.*

Rock Pigeon
John Hull saw about 600 at a boat ramp on the Great Miami River in Hamilton, ***Butler***, on 25 Nov. Blythe Hazellief came in second with 350 at Dayton's Veterans Park on 30 Nov. (81 counties)

Mourning Dove
Donna Kuhn and Lisa Phelps found about 400 in the agricultural fields near Charlie's Pond, ***Pickaway***, on 13 Aug. Several birders saw about 250 at Old Highland Stone on 06 Aug. Only ***Henry*** and ***Pike*** didn't contribute reports.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Singles on 06 Nov at Terra Woods, ***Clark*** (Jeff Peters), and Lorain (m. obs.) were the last; the Lorain bird had been there since 23 Oct. John Habig kayaked seven miles of the Hocking River in that county on 02 Aug and tallied six birds. (65 counties)

A late Yellow-billed Cuckoo at Lorain gave Lori Brumbaugh a chance to capture a photo on 04 Nov.

Black-billed Cuckoo
Singles on 06 Oct at East Fork (John Landon) and Shawnee Prairie Preserve, ***Darke*** (Rob Clifford), were almost the last. However, Joe Brehm found one in Zaleski on 17 Oct. Not surprisingly, most of the sightings were of single birds, but at least five locations hosted two. (31 counties)

Common Nighthawk
Paul Sherwood saw the last, one bird over Sandusky, ***Erie***, on 18 Oct. Gregory Bennett saw about 375 in Copley Township, ***Summit***, on 30 Aug. Bill Stanley provided the next highest count of 250, from Silverton, ***Hamilton***, on 28 Aug. (55 counties)

Eastern Whip-poor-will
Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery hosted the last; Patty McKelvey saw it on 30 Sep, long after the second to last and late for so far north. Zachary Allen saw that next to last one at home in ***Scioto*** on 08 Sep. John Habig found three along Jack Run Road, ***Hocking***, on 02 Aug. ***Harrison*** and ***Noble*** also had sightings.

Chimney Swift
Jeff Bartosik saw the last, at Woodman Fen on 26 Oct. (Often some remain into Nov.) Jenny Bowman watched at least 1300 go to roost at Sells Middle School, ***Franklin***, on 09 Sep. Two other locations each hosted about 1200 during the first week of Sep. (76 counties)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Brian Wulker made a positive identification at one at a home in Cincinnati on 19 Nov, a very late but not unprecedented date for the species. The second-last spent 11 to 15 Oct visiting Amy Downing's feeder in Findlay, ***Hancock***; that's a typical time for the last sighting. Allen Chartier banded 33 and saw another 16 near Frazeysburg, ***Muskingum***, during a demonstration on 03 Aug. Several birders enjoyed the spectacle of 25 to 30 feeding on jewelweed in a powerline cut in Shawnee Lookout between 09 and 11 Sep. (79 counties)

A favorite bird for many, Bruce Leonhardt captured this flight shot of a Ruby-throated Hummingbird at his home in Monfort Heights, ***Hamilton****, on 28 Aug.*

Anna's Hummingbird
Allen Chartier reported that a female of unknown age was at a home in Elizabeth Township, ***Miami***, from 20 Nov to 18 Feb. He banded it on 21 Dec.

Rufous Hummingbird
R. Lee Reed saw one at Huffman Prairie, ***Greene***, on 23 Sep; this sighting is especially notable by its not being at a feeder. Allen Chartier provided these additional reports:

Location and County	Age	Sex	First Observed	Banded	Last Observed
Perry Twp., ***Richland***	Imm	F	26 Sep	04 Oct	11 Nov
Hamilton Twp., ***Warren***	Ad	F	mid-Oct	09 Jan '17	*
Lakeville, ***Holmes***	Ad	F	20 Oct	08 Dec	15 Dec
Tipp City, ***Miami***	Imm	M	mid-Nov	no	13 Dec

Ad = Adult, Imm = Immature
* still present at time of writing in mid-Feb

Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird
One spent 21 to 27 Nov at a home in Clintonville, ***Franklin*** (*fide* Allen Chartier).

Yellow Rail
Tim Jasinski, Wildlife Rehabilitation Specialist at the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, Bay Village, ***Cuyahoga***, took in an injured one, treated it, and released it on 14 Oct. Gary Fowler banded it before release and reports that it was the first of the species to be banded in Ohio since record-keeping began in1960. Remarkably, a Bay Village homeowner had photographed it or another in her back yard on 12 Oct (*fide* Tim Jasinski).

This little Yellow Rail looks happy and content thanks to some loving care that enabled it to recuperate from injury on 14 Oct..

King Rail
Dick Hoopes and Matthew Valencic found one at Margaret Peak NP, ***Lorain***, on 01 Aug. Another was heard at a marsh on Township Road 346, ***Holmes***, on 20 Aug (Aaron Nisley), 22 Aug (Hallie Mason), and 23 Aug (Eli Miller *et al.*).

Virginia Rail
Brian O'Connor noted the last two of the season, at Darby Creek on 21 Nov, though the ***Holmes*** "rail marsh" had a Dec sighting. Dave Chase saw the second to last, at Wake Robin on 13 Nov. Bonnie Fish saw an adult and two youngsters at The Rookery, ***Geauga***, on 07 Aug, and William Hutchinson also found a triple, at Spring Valley on 06 Nov. (15 counties)

Sora
These get quiet in late summer, so it's not a surprise that the season's first wasn't noted until 13 Aug, at Killdeer (Irina Shulgina). One was seen at Wake Robin for most of the month before the season's last encounter on 22 Oct (Zachary Allen). ONWR Blausey held eight on 04 Sep (Tim Krynak) and Lorain had five on 01 Oct (Ian Ruppenthal). (16 counties)

Common Gallinule
Alyssa Tarnowski saw the last one, along the Cedar Point Chausee, ***Erie***, on 16 Oct. Tom Kemp had seen one in CPNWR on 09 Oct. Su Snyder and Kisa Weeman counted 16 along Clark Road in Killbuck on 07 Sep. ***Geauga***, ***Lucas***, ***Marion***, and ***Ottawa*** also contributed reports.

American Coot
Paul Sherwood noted about 2000 at East Sandusky Bay MP, ***Erie***, on 05 Nov, and Warren Leow saw what was probably the same flock near Pipe Creek on 16 Nov. Dennis Mersky saw about 1500 at Mosquito Lake on 29 Oct. (52 counties)

Sandhill Crane
Su Snyder counted 119 at Wilderness Road on 30 Sep and birders found up to 99 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 31 which Cory Chiappone found at Mosquito Lake on 01 Nov. (29 counties)

Black-bellied Plover
A few trickled through in Jul, but this season's first was one which Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder found at Wilderness Road on 04 Aug. Ron Sempier's at Big Island on 14 Nov was the last. Tom Kemp saw 15 at CPNWR on 09 Oct and the inland high tally was by Ben Maurer, 11 at Hoover NP on 01 Nov. (24 counties)

On 15 Sep, Darlene Friedman captured this Black-bellied Plover stretching its wings on the Maumee Bay beach.

American Golden-Plover
One spent most of Jul and into Aug at Big Island (m. obs.). The first elsewhere was one at Wilderness Road on 18 Aug (the Ostermillers). The latest were two at Killdeer on 18 Oct (Ron Sempier). The most were 18 seen at Wilderness Road on both 05 and 07 Sep (m. obs.). (19 counties)

Semipalmated Plover
These started arriving in Jul. Rick Asamoto saw the last, at Caesar Creek on 16 Nov. William Hutchinson had seen it or another there on 06 Nov. This second-last date was shared with Nancy Falcon, who found six at Slate Run MP, ***Pickaway***, then. Medusa hosted 52 for Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison on 03 Sep, while the most inland were Cam Lee's 44 at Big Island on 13 Aug. (38 counties)

Piping Plover
The OBRC has some information from one ***Lucas*** and two ***Ottawa*** locations.

An adorable Piping Plover was seen and photographed at Maumee Bay by Darlene Friedman on 05 Sep.

American Avocet
Gary Bush provided the first report of the season, eight birds at Conneaut on 04 Aug. The last was seen on and off at Hoover NP until Jennifer Kuehn and Ben Maurer last reported it on 01 Nov. Many birders saw 15 at Lorain on 14 Oct, and Sara Queen found 12 at Paint Creek SP, ***Highland***, on 21 Sep. (13 counties)

Killdeer
Bryan Sharp counted 427 at Darby Creek on 22 Aug. Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison found about 350 at Medusa on 03 Sep. (81 counties)

Upland Sandpiper
Steve Jones, Cam Lee, and Ron Sempier separately reported one from Big Island on 13 Aug; it apparently didn't stay the night.

Whimbrel
The reports, all of single birds, are:
At the Camp Perry beach, ***Ottawa***, on 04 Aug (Ryan Lesniewicz) and 05 Aug (Kim Warner)
At ONWR on 07 Aug (Rebecca Hinkle and Deb Tefft)

At Conneaut on 14 Aug (Bob Krajeski, then later in the day by Richard Banish)
At ONWR Blausey on 23 Aug (Tom Bartlett)
At Dillon SP, ***Muskingum***, on 25 Aug (m. obs.)
At Walborn Reservoir, ***Stark***, on 05 Sep (Ben Morrison)

Long-billed Curlew

The OBRC has an eBird report with a description from ***Erie***.

Hudsonian Godwit

The reports are:
Two at Medusa on 25 Sep (Dan Gesualdo) and one there on 04 Oct (Paul Sherwood)
One along Howard Road, ***Lucas***, from 04 to 06 Oct (m. obs.)
One at Mosquito WA from 25 Oct to 02 Nov (m. obs.)
Three at ONWR on 06 Nov (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus)

This Hudsonian Godwit, photographed by Darlene Friedman on 06 Oct, spent three days at Howard Marsh MP, ***Lucas****.*

Marbled Godwit

Dan Gesualdo saw the season's first, at Medusa on 11 Aug, though one had dropped in at Big Island in late Jul. The last were two at Medusa on 04 Oct (Paul Sherwood). Two others had been there between 17 and 21 Aug (m. obs.) and Buck Creek also hosted a duo, on 31 Aug (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker). ***Lorain***, ***Ottawa***, and ***Trumbull*** also contributed reports.

Ruddy Turnstone

Several Jul reports preceded this season's. The last was Jamie Koller's find at Headlands on 11 Oct. The second-last was at Conneaut on 02 Oct (Mark Vass). Dave Smith provided the high count of eight, from Bay Point, ***Ottawa***, on 17 Aug. (12 counties of which ***Clermont*** is the only one south of mid-state)

Red Knot

The reports are:
Three at Bay Point, ***Ottawa***, on 17 Aug (Dave Smith) and one or two there to 29 Aug (m. obs.).
Up to six at Willow Point between 01 and 11 Sep (m. obs.)
One at Conneaut on 02 Sep (John Pogacnik)
Two at ONWR Blausey on 04 Sep (Tom Bartlett *et al.*)
One, the first ***Clermont*** record, at East Fork from 16 to 18 Sep (m. obs.)

Some great shorebirds posed for Alex Eberts at Baypoint, ***Ottawa****, on 22 Aug, including this sought-after Red Knot.*

Dunlin

The last of the season were three at the Shreve Fish Pond, ***Wayne***, on 25 Nov (Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder), though there were several Dec sightings as well. Mosquito WA hosted about 150 on 27 Oct (Elizabeth McQuaid) and up to 100 on other dates. The most elsewhere were 46 at Headlands on 27 Oct (Alex Eberts). (30 counties)

Late in the afternoon 03 Oct, Christopher Collins found this sleepy Dunlin near the pond at Maumee Bay.

Stilt Sandpiper

Ron Sempier found the last, at Killdeer on 18 Oct. Jen Brumfield *et al*. counted 62 at Willow Point on 27 Aug. The second-highest count was 22, along the ONWR WD on 21 Aug (Lori Brumbaugh),

and the inland high was 13, at Hoover NP on 17 Sep (Irina Shulgina). (26 counties)

Sanderling
The last were two which Jamie Keller saw at Conneaut on 19 Nov; they or two others had been there since 15 Nov. The high count was Robert Batterson's 78 near the Cedar Point lighthouse, ***Erie***, on 04 Sep. The next highest number was 55, noted by Greg Pasek at Bay Point, ***Ottawa***, on 03 Sep. The inland high count of eight came from the Findlay Reservoirs and was shared by Dave Smith on 25 Aug and Amy Downy and Robert Sams on 04 Sep. (22 counties)

Purple Sandpiper
Lots of folks saw the season's first, at Headlands on 27 Oct. The last were solos on 20 Nov, at Huron (Chad Biegler) and Lorain harbor (Dave Smith). Other reports came from ***Ashtabula***, ***Cuyahoga***, and ***Lake***.

It's not often that you trip over a rare bird, but that is almost what Alex Eberts did when he found this Purple Sandpiper at Headlands on 27 Oct.

Baird's Sandpiper
Cam Lee saw the first of the season, at Big Island on 06 Aug. It might have been the same bird which had been found there on 27 Jul, and it stayed to 14 Aug. Brian O'Connor found nine at Hoover on 06 Sep. The last was a solo bird which spent 25 to 31 Oct at the Grand Lake hatchery (m. obs.). (22 counties)

*Following his great day at Baypoint, **Ottawa**, with Alex Eberts, Kurt Wray returned to find this Baird's Sandpiper on 23 Sep.*

Least Sandpiper
Rick Asamoto saw three birds at Carillon Historical Park, ***Montgomery***, on both 20 and 22 Nov. They were the last but for one late Dec find. Chris Pierce noted about 135 at Willow Point on 31 Aug and Carl Winstead about 80 at Big Island on 09 Aug. (46 counties)

White-rumped Sandpiper
The last was one which spent 11 to 14 Nov at La-Due (m. obs.). It was seen quite a bit after the second to last, which Ed Wransky found at Lorain on 27 Oct. Paul Sherwood's 14 at Willow Point on 28 Aug were the most. Six were at Medusa on 19 and 20 Aug (m. obs.). (14 counties)

Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Jeff Harvey and John Petruzzi saw the first, at Mill Creek on 16 Aug, and it stuck around a few more days. Several birders saw the last, one or two at the Findlay Reservoirs on 25 Sep. Marge and Ron Bicknell had seen the high count of nine there on 27 Aug. The second most were groups of five at three other locations. (***Hamilton*** is the southernmost of the 11 counties with sightings)

Pectoral Sandpiper
Eric Shlapack saw the last, two at Charles Mill Lake, ***Ashland***, on 21 Nov. The second-last was a solo which Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder found at Prairie Lane on 15 Nov. Cam Lee saw about 300 at Big Island on 02 Aug and up to about 275 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 80 which Jen Brumfield *et al.* found at Willow Point on 27 Aug. (40 counties)

A shorebird hotspot, East Fork provided Kathleen Niesen with the opportunity to photograph this Pectoral Sandpiper on 15 Sep.

Semipalmated Sandpiper
Multiple observers saw the last, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 15 Oct. Jen Brumfield's group noted 230 at Willow Point on 27 Aug; the second most were flocks of 75 at Medusa on two dates and Mosquito Lake on one. (41 counties)

Western Sandpiper
One mid-Jul sighting preceded this season's first, which Steve Jones and Denise Falzone separately reported from Big Island on 11 Aug. The last,

and most, were three which the Ostermillers found at Mosquito Lake on 30 Oct; Jeff Harvey had seen one of them earlier that day. Donna Kuhn and Lisa Phelps found the second-last two weeks earlier, at Sandy Ridge on 15 Oct. (11 counties)

Semipalmated/Western Sandpiper
Ken Andrews saw five at LaDue on 10 Nov, later than the last date for either species individually identified.

***Calidris* sp. Sandpiper**
Bryan Sharp saw 15 indeterminate "peeps" at Hoover NP on 03 Nov and Cam Lee another five at Big Island on 11 Nov.

Short-billed Dowitcher
The last were eight at Medusa on 04 Oct (Paul Sherwood). Jen Brumfield *et al*. found 95 at Willow Point on 27 Aug. The most elsewhere were Paul Sherwood's 25 at Medusa on 19 Sep and the inland high count was 16 at a Barrett Paving pond, ***Montgomery***, on 20 Aug (m. obs.). (22 counties)

Alex Eberts watched as this Short-billed Dowitcher probed the sand along the Baypoint sandbar in ***Ottawa*** *on 22 Aug.*

Long-billed Dowitcher
The first were found along the ONWR WD on 13 Aug; observers saw up to nine. John Herman found the last, two birds at the ***Richland*** end of Clear Fork on 23 Nov. On 14 Nov, the second-last date, Ron Sempier had found one at Big Island and two at Killdeer. Andrea Anderson's 20 at ONWR on 01 Oct were the most. The second-highest number of nine was shared by Karen Potts at ONWR on 13 Aug and Richard Counts at the Hardin Wetlands on 05 Nov. (15 counties)

Wilson's Snipe
Cam Lee provided the high count, 35 at Killdeer on 20 Nov. (38 counties)

American Woodcock
A single Dec report followed this season's last, which was by Inga Schmidt along Chagrin River Road, ***Geauga***, on 27 Nov. The high count of four was shared by Inga at that site on 05 Sep, Dan Donaldson in Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 22 Oct, and Kirk Westendorf at Armleder Park on 31 Oct. (25 counties)

Spotted Sandpiper
Tom Kemp saw the last, which flew past his Grand Rapids, ***Lucas***, home on 05 Nov. The second-last was at Three Creeks MP, ***Franklin***, seen by Rob Thorn on 29 Oct. Jeff Loughman's 40 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 28 Aug was the high count, and next were Joe Baldwin's 18 at Big Island on 14 Aug. (63 counties)

Solitary Sandpiper
Zachary Allen saw the last, in the Superior Wetlands of Wayne NF, ***Scioto***, on 20 Oct. Sarah Lawrence had seen one at Blendon Woods the day before. John Petruzzi found 25 at Mill Creek on 16 Aug. (53 counties)

Greater Yellowlegs
One bird spent a few early Dec days in ***Wayne***; otherwise the last was the one which Sean Hollowell found at Huffman MP, ***Montgomery***, on 28 Nov. Medusa hosted 45 on 25 Sep for Donna Kuhn and James Muller. The most elsewhere were George Novosel's 26 during the ONWR WD on 21 Aug, and Ben Maurer's 25, the inland high, wasn't far behind at Hoover NP on 17 Sep. (41 counties)

It can be a challenge to find shorebirds in ***Greene****. Fortunately for Sean Hollowell, this Greater Yellowlegs stopped in at Huffman MP on 07 Nov.*

Willet
One spent long enough at Buck Creek on 14 Aug for several folks to see it, but the one which Richard Banish saw at Conneaut the same day left five minutes later. They were the season's first. Cam Lee saw the last, at the north end of Delaware Reservoir on 13 Oct. The second-last was three weeks earlier; Ashli and Larry Gorbet saw it near Oak Harbor, ***Ottawa***, on 25 Sep. The only multiple sighting was Jen Brumfield's duo at Edgewater on 15 Aug. ***Erie***, ***Hancock***, and ***Lorain*** also had sightings.

Lesser Yellowlegs
Rick Asamoto saw the last, two birds at Mercer WA on 15 Nov. Jeffrey Roth's single at Buckeye Lake SP, ***Fairfield***, on 08 Nov was the next to last. Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 74 during the 07 Aug ONWR census (*fide* Douglas Vogus), and the inland high was the Ostermillers' 60 at Sandy Ridge on 01 Aug. (46 counties)

Wilson's Phalarope
The first (after a mid-Jul sighting) were two at Big Island on 06 Aug (Gary Cowell, Cam Lee). The last was one which spent from 15 to 25 Sep at Medusa (m. obs.). Before that, the last were two at Walborn Reservoir, ***Stark***, on 13 Sep (Kent Miller). Willow Point hosted seven on 31 Aug (Chris Pierce) and up to six on other dates. The most elsewhere were four at ONWR on 20 and 21 Aug (m. obs.). ***Franklin***, ***Montgomery***, and ***Wayne*** also had sightings.

Red-necked Phalarope
Again, a late-Jul sighting preceded this season's first, two birds which Rick Asamoto and Chris Zacharias found at a gravel pit in West Carrollton, ***Montgomery***, on 14 Aug. One spent 02 to 05 Oct at TNC's Great Egret Marsh, ***Ottawa***; Tom Frankel saw it last. The high count was Warren Leow's four at Willow Point on 29 Aug. Other reports came from ***Champaign***, ***Hamilton***, ***Hancock***, and ***Lucas***.

Red Phalarope
Friday, 21 Oct, was a banner day. Jen Brumfield saw two solos flying east at Edgewater; Dan Gesualdo saw one westbound at Sherod Park; Deborah Parker saw one floating in Lorain harbor; and Dan Smith and Robert Sams saw one at the Findlay Reservoirs. Four passed Huron the next day (CMM). Cam Lee *et al.* saw the last, off ***Erie*** during a pelagic trip on 17 Nov. A single ***Lake*** sighting completes the list of counties.

Pomarine Jaeger
Kent Miller and Ben Morrison saw one at Huron on 22 Oct, and Dave Smith another off Nickel Plate Beach, ***Erie***, on 20 Nov.

Parasitic Jaeger
A few descriptions and photos accompanied posts from ***Ashtabula***, ***Cuyahoga***, ***Erie***, and ***Lake***.

Long-tailed Jaeger
Posts from two ***Erie*** locations have photos; posts from ***Lake*** have minimal or no descriptions.

Jaeger sp.
Sightings of indeterminate birds came in ***Cuyahoga***, ***Erie***, and ***Lake***.

Black-legged Kittiwake
John Pogacnik saw the only one, with a brief look at Lakeshore Park, ***Ashtabula***, on 20 Nov.

Sabine's Gull
The first were two off ***Ottawa*** which pleased participants during a pelagic cruise on 03 Sep. Another duo passed Jen Brumfield at Edgewater on 21 Oct. The last was one which flew by Dan Gesualdo and Warren Leow at Sherod Park on 16 Nov. The second-last date was 22 Oct, when singles were seen at two ***Erie*** and one ***Lake*** locations. A most unusual inland bird spent from 18 Sep to 02 Oct at LaDue for a host of birders to enjoy.

*During a Lake Erie pelagic off **Ottawa** on 03 Sep, two juvenile Sabine's Gulls were photographed by Alex Eberts.*

Bonaparte's Gull
Jen Brumfield estimated 5200 were at Edgewater on 21 Oct. Dan Gesualdo saw about 3300 at Huron the same day. The inland high count was 1300, by Jon Cefus and Kent Miller at Mosquito WA on 28 Oct. (51 counties)

Black-headed Gull
A post from ***Hancock*** had a description; posts from ***Ashtabula*** and ***Lake*** did not.

Little Gull
The reports are:
One at Huron on 21 Oct (Dan Gesualdo)
One passing over Wake Robin in a flock of Bonaparte's Gulls, also on 21 Oct (CMM)
Four off Perry TP, ***Lake***, on 22 Oct (Eli Miller) and two (of the four?) off nearby Lakeshore Reservation the same day (John Pogacnik)
One inland at Lake Mosier, ***Hancock***, on 11 Nov (Amy Downing and Jeff Loughman)
One at Conneaut on 13 Nov (John Pogacnik)

Laughing Gull
The reports, all of singles, are:
At a West Carrollton, ***Montgomery***, gravel pit on 14 Aug (Rick Asamoto and Chris Zacharias)
At Conneaut on 06 Oct (Craig Holt)
At Buck Creek on 19 Oct (Jeff Peters)

At Caesar Creek on 23 to 24 Oct (m. obs.)
At Evans Lake, ***Mahoning***, on 07 Nov (Ben Morrison)

Franklin's Gull
Alex Eberts saw the first, at Maumee Bay on 08 Sep. Several birders enjoyed the first inland bird, at Indian Lake SP, ***Logan***, on 05 and 06 Oct. The last spent 22 to 24 Nov at the Findlay Reservoirs (m. obs.) after Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams had seen five there on 19 Nov. Bob Krajeski saw nine at Conneaut, also on 19 Nov. (13 counties)

Ring-billed Gull
The high count was 8000, at Huron on 20 Nov (Paul Sherwood). The inland high was 5600, at the Findlay Reservoirs on 27 Nov (Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams). (68 counties)

Herring Gull
Kent Miller saw about 3000 at the Bolivar landfill, ***Stark***, on 22 Nov. Jon Cefus found about 2000 at a gravel pit by Green Avenue, ***Stark***, on 13 Nov. The third-highest number was Jen Brumfield's 900 off Edgewater on 21 Oct. (54 counties)

Thayer's Gull
Jeff Loughman and Robert Sams discovered one at the Findlay Reservoirs on 20 Nov and Jeff Peters saw it there the next day.

Iceland Gull
Ryan Jacob and Kim Smith saw one in Huron on 15 Nov. Another (or the same one?) spent 20 to 22 Nov at the Findlay Reservoirs (m. obs.).

Lesser Black-backed Gull
Ben Morrison found the first, at the Camp Perry beach, ***Ottawa***, on 20 Aug. The next were three at the Findlay Reservoirs on 25 Aug (Dave Smith). Those reservoirs hosted 32 on 30 Oct (Robert Sams) and up to 30 on other dates. The most elsewhere were 14 at the ***Seneca*** landfill on 13 Nov (also Robert Sams). (14 counties)

[Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull]
Kent Miller winkled one of these from the gull flock at the Bolivar Landfill, ***Stark***, on 22 Nov.

Glaucous Gull
Both sightings were on 20 Nov, at Lorain (Bill Ohlsen) and the Findlay Reservoirs (Jeff Loughman, Shane Myers, and Robert Sams).

Great Black-backed Gull
Gautam Apte contributed the high count, 20 at Conneaut on 20 Nov. Robert Sams found the inland high of three at the ***Seneca*** landfill on 13 Nov. (10 counties)

Caspian Tern
The last date was 22 Oct, when Eli Miller saw two at Wendy Park and Dick Hoopes another two at LaDue. Bay Point, ***Ottawa***, gave us the high count, 230 on 24 Aug (Leslie Sours *et al.*). The most elsewhere were 75 at TNC's Great Egret Marsh, ***Ottawa***, on 24 Aug (John Games and Ron Sempier) and the inland high count was 49, at LaDue on 05 Aug (Matthew Valencic). (43 counties)

Black Tern
John Landon saw the season's first of this scarce breeder, on 10 Aug all the way south at East Fork. Brian Menker saw the last, also well inland at Buck Creek on 22 Sep. The ***Richland*** end of Clear Fork hosted 15 on 17 Aug for Gary Cowell, and Joe Baldwin found eight at Big Island on 14 Aug. (16 counties)

Often skittish, this Black Tern allowed Alex Eberts to get a great profile shot on 22 Aug at Baypoint, ***Ottawa****.*

Common Tern
Paul Sherwood found the last one of the year at East Sandusky Bay MP, ***Erie***, on 05 Nov. The only other sightings that month came on 03 Nov, four to six birds at three ***Cuyahoga*** sites which are so close together that the reports are probably of the same small flock. Tim Kleman saw 170 at Maumee Bay on 17 Sep, and the next most were Alex Eberts' 134 at Bay Point, ***Ottawa***, on 22 Aug. Gary Cowell provided the inland high count of 15, from Clear Fork on 31 Aug. (19 counties)

Forster's Tern
Tom Kemp saw the last, five at CPNWR on 17 Nov. The highest reliable count was the 42 which Ryan Lesniewicz found at East Harbor on 04 Oct. The inland high count of eight came twice, from East Fork on 14 Aug (John Landon) and Delaware SP on 26 Sep (Steve Jones). (22 counties)

Red-throated Loon
The season's first was enjoyed by many birders at Eastwood MP, ***Montgomery***, on 30 Oct. Cory Chiappone and Jim McConnor counted 24 total in four groups passing Sunset Park on 17 Nov,

and Dennis Troyer saw 10 there on 28 Nov. The inland sightings in addition to the Eastwood bird were of singles in ***Clark***, ***Delaware***, ***Geauga***, and ***Richland***. ***Ashtabula***, ***Cuyahoga***, ***Erie***, and ***Lorain*** also contributed reports.

Pacific Loon

A post from ***Trumbull*** had some details which might enable OBRC review. Posts from ***Cuyahoga*** did not.

Common Loon

Alvin E. Miller and Wayne E. Miller counted 644 passing overhead near Walnut Creek, ***Holmes***, on 21 Nov. Reuben S. Erb counted 362 that same day from his nearby property. The most away from ***Holmes*** were Chris Pierce's 95 off Bradstreet's Landing, ***Cuyahoga***, on 18 Nov. (38 counties)

Neotropic Cormorant

A bird in ***Butler*** generated several formal reports and a host of informal ones.

Double-crested Cormorant

Jen Brumfield *et al.* saw about 4600 during a cruise off ***Ottawa*** on 13 Sep. Several birders reported about 2500 passing Huron on 22 Oct. Melanie Shuter's 1000 at Deer Creek SP on 04 Nov was the inland high number. (71 counties)

American White Pelican

The first of the season were three over Magee on 03 Aug (Susan Carpenter). The next were five off Kelleys Island on 19 Aug (Tom Bartlett). The last were 56 passing over ONWR in two flocks on 22 Nov (Mark Shieldcastle). Three flocks totaling 100 to 125 passed ONWR on 25 Sep (m. obs.), and up to 90 were seen at the ***Mercer*** end of Grand Lake between 27 Sep and 30 Oct. Reports also came from ***Clermont***, ***Fairfield***, ***Franklin***, and ***Pickaway***.

American Bittern

Tod Hooe made the season's first sighting of this secretive breeder, at Killbuck's Wright Marsh on 06 Aug. Irina Shulgina saw the last, at Darby Creek on 08 Nov. Duos were seen at Darby Creek on four dates (m. obs.) and at ONWR on 04 Sep (Cam Lee and David Lehner). (12 counties)

Least Bittern

These are even harder to find than their larger cousins. Jeremy Severance did find the season's first, near Rockhouse, ***Hocking***, on 07 Aug. Ken Andrews saw the last, at the Columbia Reservation, ***Lorain***, on 09 Oct. The most were triples at Conneaut on 06 Sep (Jonathan Oliveras) and 09 Sep (m. obs.). ***Erie***, ***Franklin***, and ***Marion*** also contributed sightings.

Great Blue Heron

Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 254 during the 07 Aug ONWR census (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Donna Kuhn almost matched them with the inland high count of 234 at Big Island on 18 Aug. The most elsewhere were Cam Lee's 148 at Killdeer on 15 Aug. Only ***Crawford***, ***Lawrence***, and ***Monroe*** did not have sightings.

Great Egret

The 07 Aug census at ONWR produced 327 of these (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus), and up to 270 were seen there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 125 at Medusa on 21 Aug (Chris Pierce), and the most inland were 71 at Big Island on 18 Aug (Donna Kuhn). (64 counties)

Snowy Egret

John Biddick saw the last, one near the ONWR Visitor Center on 13 Oct. Michelle Liebold saw the next to last, in Fremont's Walsh Park, ***Sandusky***, on 03 Oct. Lori Brumbaugh counted 29 along the ONWR WD on 14 Aug. The most elsewhere were Chris Pierce's 13 at Medusa on 21 Aug, and Linda Osterhage's six at Lost Bridge on 19 Aug made the inland high. (13 counties)

Little Blue Heron

The last was one at Killdeer on 11 Sep (Cam Lee, Irina Shulgina). Up to four were reported at Englewood between 06 and 21 Aug (m. obs.) and six or possibly eight immature birds were at Killdeer on 15 Aug (m. obs.). (15 counties)

Cattle Egret

One which showed up at Lorain on 01 Nov remained until 01 Dec (m. obs.). Paul Sherwood and Dave Smith separately reported the last elsewhere, one bird at Huron on 09 Nov. Brian Wulker's 26 at Camp Denison, ***Hamilton***, was by far the high count; next was Susie Shetterly's five at ONWR on 27 Aug. Reports also came from ***Holmes***, ***Richland***, and ***Warren***.

Green Heron

Matt Kemp saw the last, in Whitehouse, ***Lucas***, on 23 Oct. Mill Creek hosted 45 for John Petruzzi on 16 Aug and up to 40 on other dates. The most elsewhere were 16 which Cory Gratz saw in Ackerman NP, ***Knox***, on 13 Aug. (63 counties)

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Scranton Flats in Cleveland hosted the last three of the season on 19 Nov, though of course they're seen all winter along the Cuyahoga and other rivers (m. obs.). Paul Sherwood counted 21 at Medusa on 14 Aug. Eric Elvert provided the inland high number of six, at Deeds Point MP, ***Montgomery***, on 28 Sep. (26 counties)

White Ibis
Kathi Hutton and Darrell Phipps documented one which spent from 05 to 16 Aug at Englewood. Kathi, along with Daniel DeLapp, Leslie Houser, and Jay Lehman, documented another which was at Gilmore MP, ***Butler***, on 07 to 13 Aug. Many photos of these birds were also posted online.

Roger Garber photographed this White Ibis at Englewood on 05 Aug.

***Plegadis* sp. Ibis**
Brief postings from ***Ottawa*** and ***Trumbull*** contained no details.

Black Vulture
Gary Cowell found about 90 at Pleasant Hill Lake on 27 Sep. (45 counties all the way north to ***Cuyahoga***)

Turkey Vulture
About 400 passed Tom Kemp's Grand Rapids, ***Lucas***, home on 23 Oct. Only ***Monroe*** didn't produce a report.

Osprey
The last of the season was late to depart; Brian O'Connor saw it at the ***Franklin*** end of Hoover Reservoir on 28 Nov. Margaret Bowman counted seven at Nimisila Reservoir, ***Summit***, on 04 Aug. (70 counties)

*An Osprey and a Double-crested Cormorant play "King of the Hill" on 18 Sep during Adam Brandemihl's visit to Kiwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**.*

Swallow-tailed Kite
Darrell Phipps documented a sighting in Germantown, ***Montgomery***, on 19 Aug. Su Snyder documented her sighting in Clark Township, Holmes, on 31 Aug. Both birds (Or were they the same one?) also generated multiple informal reports.

*After missing the bird the day before, Christopher Collins returned to a field in Farmersville, **Montgomery**, to photograph this Swallow-tailed Kite on 17 Aug.*

Mississippi Kite
The OBRC has informal reports with descriptions from ***Ross*** and one from ***Fairfield*** with no description.

Bald Eagle
Elliot Tramer found a magnificent 47 at CPNWR on 09 Oct. Jeff Harvey's 18 at Conneaut on 28 Aug was the second-highest count. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker provided the inland high count of 15, at Killdeer on 12 Nov. (76 counties)

Northern Harrier
Richard Counts watched seven hunt the Hardin Wetlands on 05 Nov. Darby Creek hosted seven on several dates (m. obs.) and Scott Pendleton found that many at the Second Reclaim District, ***Harrison***, on 29 Oct. (54 counties)

Sharp-shinned Hawk
The high count was the nine migrants which passed over Tom Kemp's ***Lucas*** home on 11 Oct. Ed Schlabach saw six over his ***Homes*** property on 04 Nov. (60 counties)

Cooper's Hawk
The high count was six; they passed a mile south of Charm, ***Holmes***, on 08 Oct (Eli Miller). (72 counties)

Red-shouldered Hawk
Ed Schlabach counted 11 passing his ***Holmes*** property on 04 Nov. (68 counties)

Broad-winged Hawk
The high count were 70 passing Edward Ingold's ***Hancock*** home on 23 Sep, and next highest were Josh King's 18 passing Eastview Park, ***Mercer***, on 15 Sep. Sightings came nearly daily but dwindling in number to the last, a single bird which Margaret Bowman saw in ***Morgan*** on 25 Oct. (46 counties)

Red-tailed Hawk
Early Nov brought big movements. Ed Schlabach counted 62 from home in ***Holmes*** on 04 Nov and Reuben S. Erb topped him by one the same day at a different ***Holmes*** location. The third-highest count was 15 by Tom Kemp in ***Lucas*** on 03 Nov. Only ***Jackson***, ***Monroe***, ***Pike***, and ***Van Wert*** didn't produce reports.

This Red-tailed Hawk soared over Tom Fishburn on 20 Aug at ONWR.

Rough-legged Hawk
Jeremy Severance saw the first, in Westerville, ***Franklin***, on 16 Oct, and sightings came almost daily after that. Scott Pendleton's four at The Wilds on 23 Nov was the high count. Inga Schmidt saw two along Hayes Road, ***Geauga***, on 08 Nov, and Matt Hogan tied her near ONWR on 18 Nov. (19 counties)

Golden Eagle
The reports are:
An early flyover on 01 Sep near Sugarcreek on the ***Holmes/Tuscarawas*** border (Raymond L. Miller)
One passing his ***Wayne*** home on 02 Oct (Aaron Miller)
One north of Maysville, ***Holmes***, also on 02 Oct (David Weaver)
One near Millersburg, ***Holmes***, on 22 Oct (Allen and Daniel Stutzman)
One in ***Holmes*** on 04 Nov (Ed Schlabach and Atlee A. Yoder)

Barn Owl
The reports are:
One heard pre-dawn near Funk on 26 Aug (Benjamin H. Yoder)
One heard during a naturalist-led night hike at Stillwater Prairie Preserve, ***Miami***, on 02 Sep (m. obs.)
One near Sugarcreek, ***Holmes***, on 03 Sep (Edward Ingold)
One on his farm in ***Scioto*** on 30 Sep (Zachary Allen)
One in an abandoned silo in Midway, ***Madison***, on 06 Nov (Lisa McWilliams and Brian Ortman)

Eastern Screech-Owl
Scott Pendleton found a triple at his home farm in ***Harrison*** on 04 Sep. So did Bill Stanley at East Fork on 13 Sep and Zachary Allen near Lake Vesuvius, ***Lawrence***, on 17 Oct. (37 counties)

Great Horned Owl
Three was also the high count for this species, and again it was shared. Kirk Westendorf's were at Armleder Park on both 03 and 12 Aug; Sara Schebo found them at Possum Creek MP, ***Montgomery***, on 02 Nov; and Ryan Lesniewicz added his at home in Oak Harbor, ***Ottawa***, on 28 Nov. (48 counties)

Snowy Owl
I don't know who saw it first, but several folks eventually got a look at one from Coen Road, Vermilion, ***Erie***, on 14 Nov.

Barred Owl
Steve Jones tallied four in Lawrence Woods SNP, ***Hardin***, on 21 Sep, and there were many reports of three. (48 counties)

Long-eared Owl
Ed Pierce's ONWR census team found two on 06 Nov (*fide* Douglas Vogus).

Short-eared Owl
I quote at length from a 31 Aug Ohio-Birds post by Pat Rydquist, a ***Summit*** MetroParks naturalist: "The huge numbers of purple martins at Nimisila Reservoir abandoned their pre-migration roost last week. Larry Hunter of the Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association boat rides let me know that an owl discovered the roost. The numbers went from 20,000 to 10,000 and then

250 [on] succeeding nights. The owl was spotted over the roost each of these nights and was identified by shape, size, habitat and behavior as a short-eared owl." According to Harlan *et al.*'s *Annotated Checklist*, the species is a casual nester in the state, but this is still an extraordinary sighting. The first sighting after this report was Irina Shulgina's and Ronnie Clark's independent finds at Darby Creek on 21 Oct. Richard Counts provided the high number of five, from the Hardin Wetlands on 27 Nov. (11 counties)

Northern Saw-whet Owl
Cory Chiappone and Tom Frankel saw the first arrival, at Headlands on 11 Oct. All of the sightings not by banders were of single birds in ***Athens***, ***Cuyahoga***, ***Hamilton***, ***Knox***, and ***Stark*** in addition to ***Lake***. See the separate table following the species accounts for the banding station results.

Belted Kingfisher
The high count of seven was shared by Brian Tinker in the Station Road area of CVNP on 06 Aug and Brad Imhoff at Knox Lake in that county on 07 Sep. (81 counties)

Red-headed Woodpecker
The Girdham Road area of OOPMP hosted 20 on 12 Aug (m. obs.). Steve Jones found 14 in Lawrence Woods SNP, ***Hardin***, on each of 21 Sep, 01 Oct, and 04 Oct.

Red-bellied Woodpecker
Anne and Dwight Chasar's CVNP Fall Census crew found 117 throughout the park on 17 Sep. (For the numbers of other species they tallied, see the separate article.) Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 26 during the 01 Oct CVNP Towpath Trail census. Paul Sherwood provided the highest single-observer number, 18, from Edison Woods MP, ***Erie***, on 23 Oct. Only ***Pike*** didn't have a sighting.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Edward Ingold saw the first probable migrant in Parma, ***Cuyahoga***, on 04 Aug, though it might have wandered from the breeding areas some distance to the east. Sightings in ***Butler***, ***Hardin***, and ***Vinton*** on 18 Sep were definitely migrants, even if they started their journeys in Ohio. Four parties each saw four birds, all during the period from 07 to 09 Oct. (56 counties)

Downy Woodpecker
The 04 Sep and 06 Nov ONWR censuses produced 31 and 35, respectively (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Tom Bartlett counted 26 on Kelleys Island on 19 Aug. ***Pike*** alone did not provide a report.

Hairy Woodpecker
On 09 Sep the trio of CMM tallied seven in a survey of The Nature Conservancy's Stillfork Swamp Preserve, ***Carroll***, hereafter simply Stillfork. (83 counties)

Northern Flicker
Bill Deininger found 30 in CLNP on 25 Sep, but Ed Pierce *et al.* beat him with 39 in ONWR on 02 Oct (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Bob and Elaine McNulty found seven in one tree at Blendon Woods on 29 Sep. Only ***Lawrence***, ***Monroe***, and ***Pike*** did not produce sightings.

Pileated Woodpecker
Nine miles of travel in Shawnee yielded 13 for Fred Losi on 02 Oct. The second-highest count of six was shared by Henry Trimpe along the Wetmore Trails of CVNP on 17 Sep and Laura Smith in Hueston Woods SP, ***Butler/Preble***, on 09 Oct. Bob Placier banded one in ***Vinton*** on 28 Nov and re-caught another he had banded there back in Sep 2010. (Bob says he's "likely the only Ohio bander to have had all seven of our [woodpecker] species"). (71 counties)

Bob Placier banded this Pileated Woodpecker in ***Vinton*** *on 28 Nov.*

American Kestrel
Edward Ingold found eight at and near the Findlay Reservoirs on 20 Oct. A Cincinnati Bird Club trip to Old Highland Stone on 29 Oct also produced eight. (77 counties)

Merlin
Jason Parrish saw the first, in Union Cemetery,

Franklin, on 13 Aug. An Amish-manned Big Sit in ***Holmes*** on 08 Oct yielded seven; Eli Miller by himself saw three south of Charm, ***Holmes***, that same day. (43 counties)

Peregrine Falcon
Ed Schlabach watched three pass his property in ***Holmes*** on 08 Oct. Harry Colestock also saw three, at an old gravel pit in ***Washington*** on 01 Oct. (32 counties)

*A Peregrine Falcon turns to look at Su Snyder as she takes its photo on 03 Sep at Prairie Lane, **Wayne**.*

Eastern Kingbird
The last was Gabriel Amrhein's in Glen Helen Preserve, ***Greene***, on 01 Oct. Ed Pierce *et al.* counted 70 in ONWR on 07 Aug (*fide* Douglas Vogus) and Tom Bartlett found 38 across Kelleys Island on 19 Aug. (68 counties)

Vincent Capozziello captured this slightly ruffled Eastern Kingbird on 11 Aug at Magee.

Olive-sided Flycatcher
Inga Schmidt saw the first, by Chagrin River Road, ***Geauga***, on 07 Aug. Mike Smith saw the last, in Franchion Lewis Park, ***Licking***, on 04 Oct. Tom Kemp provided the high count of four, from CPNWR on 30 Aug. (33 counties)

Eastern Wood-Pewee
Bill Stanley saw the last one, at his ***Clermont*** home on 16 Oct. The CMM trio counted 28 during their Stillfork survey on 09 Sep. The next highest count was Irina Shulgina's 15 at Killdeer on 28 Aug. (79 counties)

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
The first showed up in Paula Lozano's Lakewood, ***Cuyahoga***, yard on 20 Aug. The last departed a bit late; David L. Erb *et al.* saw it during their ***Holmes*** Big Sit on 08 Oct. Two others had been seen elsewhere on 06 Oct. The high count of three was shared by Aaron Miller near Apple Creek, ***Wayne***, on 09 Sep and Nancy Anderson at CLNP on10 Sep. (35 counties)

Acadian Flycatcher
The last were solos at Armleder Park on 01 Oct (Brent Nelson) and Hocking Hills SP on 03 Oct (Mike Taylor). Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker saw the most, 11 in Punderson SP, ***Geauga***, on 02 Sep. (48 counties)

Alder Flycatcher
This is usually our first flycatcher to depart, and this year followed the pattern: Laura Gooch saw the last at Shaker Lakes NC, ***Cuyahoga***, on 02 Sep. The second-last was quite a bit earlier; Gary Cowell saw it at Gorman NC, ***Richland***, on 20 Aug. Betty Glass saw two at a restored wetland in Euclid Creek Reservation, ***Cuyahoga***, on 12 Aug. ***Clark*** and ***Summit*** also provided sightings.

Willow Flycatcher
A member of Ed Pierce's ONWR census team saw one on 02 Oct (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Waylon Reed saw the last but for it, at Ohio Northern University's Oakes Farm, ***Hardin***, on 25 Sep. Cam Lee found six at Killdeer on 28 Aug. (39 counties)

Alder/Willow ("Traill's") Flycatcher
Greg Pasek saw an indeterminate bird at CLNP on 26 Sep, a date which suggests Willow. (20 counties)

Least Flycatcher
The last were seen on 08 Oct, about as expected, in ***Coshocton*** near Millersburg (Tania Perry) and in the Rocky River Reservation, ***Cuyahoga*** (Eric Watts). Eddie Hicks found six at Magee on 03 Sep. (42 counties)

Eastern Phoebe
Though many were still here in Dec, the last of this season was Marcus England's find at Griggs Reservoir, ***Franklin***, on 23 Nov. Linda Hollinger counted 20 near Hebron, ***Licking***, on 03 Oct

and the second-most were Jen Brumfield's 13 in CLNP on 08 Oct. (79 counties)

Great Crested Flycatcher
Emily and Melanie Ingalls well described a lingering individual they saw in CLNP on 23 Oct; Gautam Apte had photographed one of the two he saw there on the previous day. Zachary Allen saw the last before these, in Wayne NF, ***Scioto***, on the typical date of 07 Oct. Diane Early counted eight at Griggs Reservoir Park, ***Franklin***, on 11 Sep. (50 counties)

Northern Shrike
Cory Chiappone and Joseph Boros separately reported the first, from Mosquito Lake on 26 Oct. Other singles were in ONWR and ***Carroll***, ***Cuyahoga***, ***Delaware***, ***Lorain***, and ***Wyandot***.

White-eyed Vireo
Zachary Allen saw the last, in Wayne NF near Nelsonville, ***Athens***, on 12 Oct. Stillfork hosted 22 when CMM surveyed it on 05 Sep. The next highest number was the nine which Margaret Bowman found in Bur Oak SP, ***Morgan***, on 15 Sep. (50 counties)

Bell's Vireo
The reports are:
Three in Oakwood SNP, ***Hancock***, on 06 Aug (Robert Sams)
One along the Heritage Trail, ***Franklin***, on 21 Aug (Bryan Sharp), 24 Aug (Cynthia Norris), and 31 Aug (Angelika Nelson)
One at Shawnee Lookout on 06 Sep (Linda Osterhage)

Yellow-throated Vireo
Scott Pendleton discovered the last, in Harrison SF on 16 Oct. Matt Courtman had seen the next to last exactly a week earlier, along the Hoover Park Connector Trail, ***Stark***. Ryan Gniewecki counted eight around Sippo Lake, ***Stark***, on 09 Sep. (50 counties)

Blue-headed Vireo
The last date was 31 Oct; that day Sally Isacco saw one in Painesville TP and Miranda DeBoard another at Woodman Fen. The high count of five was also shared, by Jeff Bartosik at Hills & Dales MP, ***Montgomery*** on 04 Oct and Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker at Gallagher Fen SNP, ***Clark***, on 12 Oct. (47 counties)

Philadelphia Vireo
This species' first sightings, on 22 Aug, were shared by Joan Scharf at Chagrin River Park, ***Lake***, and Bob and Elaine McNulty at Blendon Woods. Three sites hosted one on the last date of 08 Oct: from north to south they are Wake Robin (m. obs.), Grand Lake SP (Josh King), and CNC's Rowe Woods (Bill Stanley). Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias counted five at Woodman Fen on 29 Sep. (39 counties)

Warbling Vireo
George Billman's find at Blendon Woods on 17 Oct was the last. ONWR hosted 19 on 04 Sep (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus), and Laura Frazier found 14 at nearby Magee the same day. (55 counties)

Red-eyed Vireo
Bryan Sharp saw the last, at Highbanks MP, ***Delaware***, on 13 Oct. John Games and Ron Sempier counted 16 in 3½ hours at Delaware SP on 15 Sep. (75 counties)

Blue Jay
Susan Carpenter watched about 200 pass Barberton Reservoir, ***Summit***, on 01 Sep; Cory Chiappone noted a similar number at Headlands on 06 Oct. Every county produced at least one sighting.

American Crow
Linda Hollinger estimated that 5000 crossed the Muskingum River to land in riverside trees at Zanesville, ***Muskingum***, at dusk on 28 Oct. Linda wrote, "It was an amazing and startling spectacle, a gift to an out of state birder present only because of a blown tire on the nearby interstate." Gary Cowell's 1450 at Clear Fork on 02 Nov was the second-highest concentration. Only ***Henry***, ***Pike***, and ***Van Wert*** didn't produce reports.

Fish Crow
The OBRC has copies of posts with descriptions from several ***Cuyahoga*** sites and one in ***Lorain***; posts from ***Summit*** have none.

Common Raven
Three ***Jefferson*** sites each hosted two: Friendship Park on 06 Nov (Andrea Anderson), Township Road 166 on 13 Nov (also Andrea Anderson), and Wintersville on 29 Nov (Gary Bush). Singles were seen in ***Belmont***, ***Columbiana***, ***Harrison***, ***Holmes***, ***Mahoning***, and ***Washington***.

Horned Lark
Jim McConnor counted 108 at Sunset Park on 18 Nov. (58 counties)

Purple Martin
Judy Hochadel reported that a few martins were part of a mixed swift and swallow flock at her farm in ***Trumbull*** during the week of 10 Oct. The second- last was another straggler, at Beechhaven, ***Perry***, on 09 Oct (Vicki Derr). Several folks saw one at an abandoned gravel pit in ***Washington*** on 01 Oct. The marshes of Nimisila Reservoir, ***Summit***, hosted up to 20,000 in Aug; see the Short-eared Owl account for more.

The most elsewhere were about 1000 at a roost at Herr Road and Upper Valley Pike in ***Champaign*** on 03 Aug (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker). (51 counties)

Tree Swallow
These are usually gone by the middle of Nov, but R. Lee Reed saw a straggler at Eastwood MP, ***Montgomery***, on 27 Nov. The last but for it was Edward Ingold's quartet at Springville Marsh on 11 Nov. The high count of 1086 came during the 02 Oct ONWR census (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Next was Richard Counts, who found 877 at the Hardin Wetlands on 05 Oct. (68 counties)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow
The last were a late flock of four or five which spent 22 to 24 Nov at Eastwood MP, ***Montgomery*** (m. obs.). The second to last, Dan Gesualdo's find at Sherod Park on 19 Nov, was straggling even more considering the site's latitude. The last date before those was the more typical 23 Oct, when Geoffrey Palmer saw 30 in Trenton, ***Butler***, and Brian Menker a single in Old Reid Park, ***Clark***. Tom Kemp saw about 300 massing at Grand Rapids, ***Lucas***, on 02 Sep. (52 counties)

Bank Swallow
The last were one at Walborn Reservoir, ***Stark*** (Ben Morrison) and two in Worthington, ***Franklin*** (Thomas Arbour) on 01 Oct. Joan Scharf saw about 150 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 07 Aug as did the Ostermillers at Wilderness Road on 18 Aug. (35 counties)

Cliff Swallow
Jeff Peters saw the last, one bird at the Findlay Reservoirs on 02 Oct, a bit late for the latitude. Philip Steiner found about 120 at Beulah Beach, ***Erie***, on 07 Aug; Jack Stenger's 50 at Lost Bridge on 05 Aug was the second-highest number. (36 counties)

Cave Swallow
Most of the posts which the OBRC gleaned from ***Ashtabula***, ***Cuyahoga***, and ***Lake*** included at least a minimal description.

Barn Swallow
Jen Brumfield saw the last of the season, at Edgewater on 27 Nov, but sightings there and nearby resumed in Dec. Before that the last were up to three birds seen at locations in ***Mercer*** and ***Highland*** on 30 Oct. Tom Bartlett counted 413 at Kelleys Island on 19 Aug and Amy Downing and Robert Sams came in second with about 275 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 04 Sep. (76 counties)

Carolina Chickadee
Brian O'Connor provided the high count, 36, from Hoover Dam Park on 17 Sep. (65 counties)

Black-capped Chickadee
Mary Anne Romito saw about 50 in the Rocky River Reservation, ***Cuyahoga***, on 08 Oct. (34 counties)

Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee
Fifteen counties, mostly in the overlap zone but including ***Franklin***, generated reports undetermined at the species level.

Tufted Titmouse
Ed Bremer counted 24 in Blacklick Woods MP, ***Fairfield***, on 04 Nov. (84 counties)

Red-breasted Nuthatch
Tom Frankel saw the first sure migrant, at Conneaut on 06 Aug. (Earlier reports came from the areas where they nest.) Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati hosted 38 for Brian Wulker on 09 Oct. The second-highest count, 14, was shared by Elizabeth McQuaid at CLNP and Kenn Kaufman's workshop attendees at Magee, both on 25 Sep. (62 counties)

White-breasted Nuthatch
Eric Elvert found 36 at Gilmore MP, ***Butler***, on 20 Aug. Five locations each held 15. Only ***Pike*** didn't have a sighting.

Brown Creeper
The ONWR census team found the first two migrants, on 07 Aug (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Counts of six came from Headlands on 24 Sep (Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison) and Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 08 Oct (Jen Brumfield). (66 counties)

House Wren
Rick Luehrs saw the last of the season at Huffman MP, ***Greene***, on 09 Nov, but a few well-described sightings came during Audubon Christmas Counts. Ed Pierce *et al.* tallied 17 in ONWR on 07 Aug (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Counts of 12 came from Springville Marsh on 20 Aug (Tom Bartlett) and Lorain on 09 Oct (Joshua Vardous). (69 counties)

Winter Wren
Inga Schmidt's find along Chagrin River Road, ***Geauga***, on 24 Aug might have been the first migrant, but just as easily could have wandered from one of the nearby nesting sites. Amy Seaman and Jack Toriello well described the two which they saw at Magee on 29 Aug; these surely came from further north. The next migrant was at Headlands on 12 Sep (Ian Lynch). Jen Brumfield found 12 in Erie Street Cemetery, Cleveland, on 08 Oct. (48 counties)

Sedge Wren
Darby Creek provided many sightings including the most (10 on 23 Aug by Irina Shulgina)

and the last (one late for the latitude on 20 Oct by Carl Winstead). The second-last date was 10 Oct, when David A. Brinkman saw one in Miami Whitewater Forest, ***Hamilton***, and Irina Shulgina another in the Honda Wetlands, ***Union***. The most away from Darby Creek were four, at Fernald on 09 Aug (Brian Wulker) and at the Great Miami WMB on 21 Aug (Jason Sullivan and Chris Zacharias). (13 counties)

Marsh Wren

The high count was eight, shared by Irina Shulgina at Darby Creek on 23 Aug and Marge and Ron Bicknell during the ONWR WD on 17 Sep. (28 counties)

Dan Enders photographed one of the five Marsh Wrens he saw at Darby Creek on 06 Aug.

Carolina Wren

Pamela Hunt counted 13 in Glenwood Gardens, ***Hamilton***, on 09 Oct, and Carol Holdcraft found 17 in Englewood two days later. ***Hardin***, ***Monroe***, and ***Pike*** did not provide reports.

Eastern Bluebird

The 05 Nov CVNP census tallied 55 (Douglas Vogus *et al*.). Bill Grant counted 45 in the new Acacia Reservation, a former golf course in ***Cuyahoga***, on 15 Oct. (81 counties)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

John Pogacnik spotted one at Lake Erie Bluffs on 18 Nov, a very late date even for southern Ohio, let alone the north coast. But Tom Frankel had seen and heard one in Mentor Lagoons SNP, ***Lake***, on 12 Nov. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker found 10 at Buck Creek on 21 Aug and 15 there the next day. The most elsewhere were Bryan Sharp's nine at Darby Creek on 22 Aug. (64 counties)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Patrick Coy and Karin Tanquist correctly noted that their find in the Virginia Kendall area of CVNP on 27 Aug was "somewhat early". The next were a single at Magee (Mary Frazier) and three at the Maple Ridge Reserve, ***Miami*** (Mary Caldwell) on 03 Sep. Bill Ohlsen saw about 50 at Sheldon Marsh on 11 Oct. (66 counties)

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Bruce Simpson found the first, at Delaware SP on 14 Sep. Ron Sempier saw the next, along the ***Marion*** Tallgrass Trail on 19 Sep. Erin Vardous estimated that Sheldon Marsh hosted 150 on 10 Oct. Bill Ohlsen found about 75 there the next day, a number matched by Laura Gooch and Andy Jones at the Shaker Lakes NC, ***Cuyahoga***, on 09 Oct. (74 counties)

A challenging bird to photograph, Vincent Capozziello nailed this shot of a Golden-crowned Kinglet at ONWR on 11 Oct.

Veery

Andrew Simon and Adriana Vetor found the last, free-ranging at the Cincinnati Zoo on 11 Oct. David L. Erb *et al*. counted seven heard in the predawn of 08 Oct at the beginning of their ***Holmes*** Big Sit. Four locations each hosted three. (35 counties)

Gray-cheeked Thrush

George Billman saw the first, at Kiwanis Park on 03 Sep. Linda Osterhage's find at Shawnee Lookout on 20 Oct was the last. The BSBO staff counted 15 at Magee on 25 Sep and up to 10 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the five which Kent Miller and Ben Morrison found at Huron on 29 Sep. (38 counties)

Swainson's Thrush

Helen Souffrant saw the first, at Magee on 22 Aug. The last date of 25 Oct was a little late for one at Headlands (Cynthia Norris) and one window-killed in Shaker Heights, ***Cuyahoga*** (*fide* Andy Jones), but about right for the one by the Olentangy River in Columbus (Emily Keeler). Sharp-eared Cristy J. Miller counted at least 400 passing overhead in ***Holmes*** in the pre-dawn of 19 Sep. Rueben S. Erb heard 115 early on 08 Oct, also in ***Holmes***. The most eyes-on were the 21 which Ed Pierce's census team found in ONWR on 04 Sep (*fide* Douglas Vogus). (59 counties)

Hermit Thrush
The first migrant, which Dan Enders saw at Blendon Woods on 11 Sep, could have come from one of the nesting sites in Mohican or the far northeast counties. Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery hosted 26 on 08 Oct (Jen Brumfield) and 20 were in CLNP on 23 Oct (Emily and Melanie Ingalls). (45 counties)

A Hermit Thrush made a brief appearance for Christopher Collins at Lorain on 22 Oct.

Wood Thrush
Carl Winstead gave a good description of a very late bird at his ***Franklin*** home on 04 Nov. Greg Cornett saw the second to last, at his ***Delaware*** home on 12 Oct. Bill Deininger counted 12 in CLNP on 04 Sep. Counts of nine came from near Apple Creek, ***Wayne***, on 17 Sep (Andy R. Troyer) and Leesville Lake WA, ***Carroll***, on 18 Sep (Jon Cefus). (54 counties)

American Robin
Inga Schmidt noted about 1300 coming to a roost by Chagrin River Road, ***Geauga***, on 24 Aug. Betsy MacMillan watched another roost, in Northfield, ***Summit***, and saw about 740 on 26 Aug. Only ***Monroe*** and ***Pike*** didn't have sightings.

Gray Catbird
Tom Bartlett found 45 in Springville Marsh on both 06 and 20 Aug. Michael Brush saw the last of the season, at Stillwater Prairie Preserve, ***Miami***, on 25 Nov, but sightings continued into Dec. (79 counties)

Brown Thrasher
Egypt Valley WA, ***Belmont***, hosted 16 on 10 Sep (Adam Mitchell). Stillfork held nine on 09 Sep (CMM). Dean Clifton's single in ***Warren*** on 21 Nov was the last of the season, but a few also lingered into winter. (55 counties)

Northern Mockingbird
Neil Hayward found 12 in Armleder Park on 20 Sep. Counts of eight came from Old Highland Stone on 06 Aug (m. obs.) and Lake Snowden, ***Athens***, on 11 Aug (Stefan Gleissberg). (66 counties)

European Starling
Paul Sherwood estimated 10,000 were infesting (my word, not his) Huron on 20 Nov. Robert Sams found at least 6500 in a wetland adjoining the ***Hancock*** Sanitary Landfill. ***Monroe*** alone didn't produce a report.

Cedar Waxwing
Cory Chiappone and Jim McConnor saw about 950 westbound past Sunset Park on 17 Nov. Bill Stanley noted many flocks totaling about 450 moving southwest over his home in ***Clermont*** on 30 Oct. (83 counties)

House Sparrow
Ken Andrews watched about 300 "[t]aking sand baths near the river" along Fitzwater Road in CVNP on 28 Aug. (82 counties)

American Pipit
Margaret Bowman saw the first, near Twin Churches Lake, ***Perry***, on 03 Sep. Ben Morrison and Cynthia Norris found 75 in North Bloomfield, ***Trumbull***, on 29 Oct. (35 counties)

House Finch
Matt Courtman found about 90 along the Hoover Park Connector Trail, ***Stark***, on 21 Aug. Margaret Peak NP, ***Lorain***, hosted about 55 on 18 Oct for Bill Ohlsen. (79 counties)

Purple Finch
Counts of eight came from the Williamsburg Wetlands of East Fork on 10 Nov (Bill Stanley) and Germantown MP, ***Montgomery***, on 20 Nov (Chris Zacharias). (50 counties)

*Kathy McClintock spotted a male and female Purple Finch hanging out with House Finches on 29 Oct at her home in Lima, **Allen**.*

Red Crossbill
John Pogacnik saw a male and two females at Girdled Road Reservation, ***Lake***, on the very early date of 19 Aug.

Common Redpoll
Three popped in at Rocky River Park, ***Cuyahoga***, for Jen Brumfield on 17 Nov. One

visited John Pogacnik's feeder in ***Lake*** on 20 Nov.

Pine Siskin
Michelle Jackson had one in her ***Lake*** yard on 20 Sep. Solos at two ***Ottawa*** sites on 02 Oct were the next (Kenn Kaufman, Raymond Heithaus). Cory Chiappone and Jim McConnor counted 13 at Sunset Park on 17 Nov and John Pogacnik's feeder in ***Lake*** hosted "about a dozen" on 20 Nov. Jody Shireman's six in Tiffin, ***Seneca***, was the next highest number. (25 counties)

American Goldfinch
Bryan Sharp counted 231 in Homestead MP, ***Franklin***, on 05 Nov. Bill Grant found 165 in Acacia Reservation, ***Cuyahoga***, on 21 Sep. Only ***Pike*** didn't have a sighting.

Evening Grosbeak
At least two overflew Christy J. Miller near Millersburg, ***Holmes***, on 02 Nov.

Lapland Longspur
Micki Dunakin and Scott Myers saw the first, at the Black Swamp NC, ***Paulding***, on 05 Oct. The next was much later; Ed Wransky saw it at the fishing pier in Lorain (city) on 21 Oct. Matt Kemp found 25 at Maumee Bay on 18 Nov. The only other double-digit count was Cory Chiappone's 15 at Sunset Park on 08 Nov. ***Clark***, ***Hamilton***, ***Wayne***, and ***Wyandot*** also had sightings.

Snow Bunting
Jamie Koller saw the first, five at Headlands on 11 Oct. The next was a solo in ***Hancock*** on 22 Oct (Robert Sams). Marc Hanneman noted 110 in Andover, ***Ashtabula***, on 28 Nov, and Cory Chiappone's 78 at Sunset Park on 07 Nov was the second-highest count. (18 counties)

31 Oct was a good day to be at Mosquito Lake, as there were many great birds there including this Snow Bunting seen by Christopher Collins.

Ovenbird
Joe Woyma found the last of the season at Ralph J. Perk Plaza, Cleveland, on 03 Nov. That's at least two weeks later than expected, but at least one appeared during a CBC in late Dec. Rick Luehrs counted six at Huffman MP, ***Greene***, on 29 Sep. (41 counties)

Worm-eating Warbler
The reports are:
One near the Shawnee SP lodge on 06 Aug (Margaret Bowman)
One at her ***Athens*** home on 02 Sep (Michelle Ward)
One at Armleder Park, also on 02 Sep (Helen Wright-North)
One in Zaleski on both 21 and 29 Sep (Bruce Simpson)
One at a neighbor's house in ***Athens*** on 22 Sep (Joe Brehm)

Louisiana Waterthrush
The reports, all of single birds, are:
By the Hocking River in that county on 02 Aug (John Habig)
At East Fork on 08 Aug (Bill Stanley)
Near Becks Mills, ***Holmes***, also on 08 Aug (Elias A. Raber)
At Muskingum River SP, ***Morgan***, on 18 Aug (Margaret Bowman)
In Zaleski on both 21 and 29 Sep (Bruce Simpson)

Northern Waterthrush
Brian Wulker saw the first, at Fernald on 09 Aug. The next were three at Springville Marsh on 14 Aug; Tom Bartlett banded two of them. These three also provided the high count. The last one by a wide margin was Aaron Milenski's "strangest November sighting I've ever had", in a shrub border in downtown Cleveland on 22 Nov. That date eclipses last year's last date (09 Nov), itself very late. The second-last sightings were on the expected 10 Oct, single birds in Miami Whitewater Forest, ***Hamilton*** (David A. Brinkman) and CVNP's Ira Road marsh (Mary Anne Romito *et al.*). (18 counties)

*An inquisitive Northern Waterthrush perches for Bruce Leonhardt on 07 Aug in Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**.*

Louisiana/Northern Waterthrush
Charles Bombaci saw one too briefly to identify in Delaware WA on 06 Aug, before the first definite Northern appeared.

Golden-winged Warbler
Kim McKenzie saw the first, at Maumee Bay on 25 Aug. The last was Sam Queen's find in his ***Highland*** yard on 01 Oct. (12 counties)

Blue-winged Warbler
The last was straggling a bit; Mickie Getz saw it along Chippewa Trail North, ***Medina***, on 13 Oct. Before it were singles on 25 Sep in Reynoldsburg, ***Franklin*** (James Gere) and Lake Loramie SP, ***Shelby*** (Louis Hoying). Sam Romeo found three in Trimble Community Forest, ***Athens***, on 03 Aug, as did Jane Kaschak near Steubenville, ***Jefferson***, on 21 Sep. (26 counties)

[Golden-winged x Blue-winged "Brewster's" Warbler]
Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble saw one at Englewood on 07 Aug. Rick Luehrs found another at Narrows Rest NC, ***Greene***, on 01 Sep.

[Golden-winged x Blue-winged "Lawrence's" Warbler]
Daniel Beechy found one of these back-crosses near Millersburg, ***Holmes***, on 11 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler
Mary Huey discovered the last, at Chagrin River Park, ***Lake***, on 18 Oct. It was late for so far north, as were the two on the second-last date of 08 Oct, which Joe Jarrell saw at Magee and Bruce Simpson at Blendon Woods. Magee hosted the most, 12 on 16 Sep (David Rymal), and three locations each yielded six. (61 counties)

While at Magee on 16 Sep, Vincent Capozziello got into a staring contest with this Black-and-white Warbler. The warbler won.

Prothonotary Warbler
Eric and Liz Shlapack saw one still hanging around the nest box trail in Hoover NP on 01 Oct, a month after they usually vacate the state. As usual, Hoover NP Area N hosted the most, seven which Charles Bombaci found on 06 Aug. The most elsewhere were Dick Hoopes' four at Berlin Reservoir on 14 Aug. (19 counties)

Tennessee Warbler
Two north coast sites shared the first date of 17 Aug. That day Noah Sanday saw one bird at Magee and Joe Sudomir another at Meadowbrook Marsh, ***Ottawa***. Jeff Bartosik found the last, at Woodman Fen on 26 Oct. Counts of 15 came from Shawnee Lookout on 29 Sep (Jeff Bilsky) and Apple Creek, ***Wayne***, on 01 Oct (Aaron Miller). (59 counties)

Orange-crowned Warbler
Bruce Simson provided the first two sightings, early birds in Delaware SP on both 03 and 09 Sep. The last two were rather late; Ken Andrews found one by the lower Cuyahoga River in that county on 11 Nov and Ed Bremer another at Scioto Audubon MP, ***Franklin***, on 20 Nov. Fred Dinkelbach's three at Station Road in CVNP on 27 Sep were the high count. (27 counties)

Nashville Warbler
Tom Bartlett saw the first, at Kelleys Island on 19 Aug. Nancy Obryan saw the next, at home in ***Geauga*** on 29 Aug, and three sites hosted singles the next day. The last were in Chagrin River Park, ***Lake*** (Mary Huey) and Prairie Oaks MP, ***Madison*** (Susan Brauning) on 01 Nov. Andy R. Troyer found 11 near Apple Creek, ***Wayne***, on 02 Oct. (55 counties)

Connecticut Warbler
Bruce Simson discovered one at Blendon Woods on 31 Aug and several other birders viewed it after he posted the find. Inga Schmidt saw another the same day at Chagrin River Road, ***Geauga***. Bob Placier banded one in ***Vinton*** on 02 Oct, the latest of almost daily scattered sightings starting about a week before. All of the sightings, in 14 counties, were of solos.

Mourning Warbler
Tom Bartlett *et al*. banded the first, at Springville Marsh on 14 Aug. More than a week passed before the next turned up, in CLNP on 23 Aug (Bill Eisele, Matthew Valencic). Heather Luedecke saw the last, in Scioto Audubon MP, ***Franklin***, on 02 Oct. The only two-fer was Bill Deininger's, in CLNP on 03 Sep. (16 counties)

Kentucky Warbler
The reports are:
Two in Leesville Lake WA, ***Carroll***, on 04 Aug (Jon Cefus)
One near Athens (city) on 17 Aug (Joe Brehm)
One at the Edge Preserve, ***Adams***, on 30 Aug (Jeff Bilsky)

One seriously late bird at Zaleski on both 21 and 29 Sep (Bruce Simpson)

Common Yellowthroat
Ronnie Clark saw the last, in the ***Franklin*** section of Prairie Oaks MP, on 17 Nov. Bryan Sharp and Rob Thorn each saw one on 06 Nov, at the Honda Wetlands, ***Union***, and a small marsh by the road leading to the Columbus impound lot respectively. Bill Grant found 21 in the Erie Street Cemetery, Cleveland, on 24 Sep. (70 counties)

Hooded Warbler
The last date of 05 Oct was shared. Blendon Woods hosted one bird, which Kori Gasaway found, and Isaac Troyer saw the other west of Holmesville, ***Holmes***. Three sites each had one on 02 Oct. Elizabeth Ames and Jay Wright found six in the vicinity of the Lake Hope SP NC, ***Vinton***, on 25 Sep. (30 counties)

American Redstart
The last, which Susan Shetterly found at Lorain on 15 Oct, was lagging a little. George Billman noted 20 in Kiwanis Park on 06 Sep, and Amy Downing and Robert Sams saw 15 in Oakwoods NP, ***Hancock***, on 24 Sep. (63 counties)

Cape May Warbler
Lori Brumbaugh saw the first, in Garfield Heights, ***Cuyahoga***, on 20 Aug. The last were two which Carol Holdcraft found in Carriage Hill MP, ***Montgomery***, on 18 Oct. Magee hosted eight on 22 Sep (David Myles) and at least five locations each held five. (57 counties)

Cerulean Warbler
The last of these departed on schedule, though most were gone earlier. The last three were singles in Shawnee Lookout on 09 Sep (Helen Wright-North), Lake Loramie SP, ***Shelby***, on 25 Sep (Louis Hoying), and in ***Highland*** on 29 Sep (Sara Queen). Sheryl Johnson saw an apparent family group of six near the lodge in Shawnee on 05 Aug. Three locations hosted duos. In addition to the above counties, ***Greene***, ***Holmes***, ***Portage***, and ***Wayne*** also had sightings.

Northern Parula
Paula Lozano saw the last, at her Lakewood, ***Cuyahoga***, home on 11 Oct, just a little late for so far north. Shawnee Lookout hosted six for Michael Gertz on 11 Sep. (37 counties)

Magnolia Warbler
The season's first, which John Habig found in Hocking Hills SP on 03 Aug, might have nested there. Helen Souffrant saw the first sure migrant, at Magee on 22 Aug. Sandie Myers saw the last, a bit late at her ***Belmont*** home on 23 Oct. Kelly Warner's in CVNP on 16 Oct was late for the latitude but Bill Stanley's on the same date at his ***Clermont*** home was right on schedule. George Novosel counted 29 in CLNP on 11 Sep; Aaron Miller found 20 in the Apple Creek, ***Wayne***, area on 03 Sep. (72 counties)

Bay-breasted Warbler
The first was along Snypp Road, ***Greene***, on 28 Aug (Gabriel Amrhein), the last in Armleder Park on 22 Oct (Richard Payne), and the most – 23 – in CLNP on 11 Sep (Gustino Lanese). (55 counties)

Blackburnian Warbler
The first, which Carrie Mitchell found near Lock 29 in CVNP on 08 Aug, probably nested nearby, as that's a very early date for an arrival. Joe Brehm's two in ***Athens*** on 17 Aug might also have nested there or in nearby ***Hocking***, but Noah Sanday's three at Magee that same day surely came from Canada. The last, which J.W. Rettig found in Mariemont, ***Hamilton***, on 17 Oct, was about a week late to depart, and one at Headlands on 12 Oct (Dennis Mersky) was definitely straggling. Counts of six came from Micki Dunakin's ***Paulding*** home on 04 Sep and Headlands on 10 Sep (Ned DeLamatre). (55 counties)

Blackpoll Warbler
Adam Brandermihl saw the first, at Kiwanis Park on 23 Aug. On 22 Oct Eli Miller went to Headlands in the morning and Wendy Park in the afternoon and found a Blackpoll at each for the last reports. Two miles of walking in ONWR on 29 Sep produced 60 for Joel Such, and others found up to 56 elsewhere. (55 counties)

*During the fall at Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, birds like this Blackpoll Warbler photographed by Christopher Collins on 07 Oct enjoy hanging out in the trees by the parking lot.*

Yellow Warbler
Kent Miller and Ben Morrison found one at Headlands on 08 Oct; the last are usually crossing into Kentucky at about that time. (But Rob Harlan points out that, "when late Yellows are

found, they are typically found along Lake Erie".) Magee hosted 18 on 06 Aug (Mike Wielgopolski) and Conneaut held 12 on 17 Aug (Ben Morrison). (48 counties)

Chestnut-sided Warbler
Tom Kemp saw the last, at Grand Rapids, ***Lucas***, on 16 Oct, late for that far north. The only double-digit counts were 12 at Buck Creek on 05 Sep (Mike Hatfield) and 14 at Magee on 25 Sep (Paul Jacyk). (47 counties)

Bay Breasted/Blackpoll Warbler
Kim Smith found a "baypoll" in Steyer NP, ***Seneca***, on 21 Oct, late for a Bay-breasted but more seasonable for a Blackpoll.

Black-throated Blue Warbler
Levi Murphy saw the first, two in Providence MP, ***Lucas***, on 23 Aug. Irina Shulgina discovered the second, in Kiwanis Park on 29 Aug. The last date of 19 Oct was a bit late, but shared by Sarah Lawrence in Blendon Woods and Stefan Minnig at Woodman Fen. Andy Jones provided the high count of eight, from Magee on 25 Sep. (44 counties)

Palm Warbler
Doug Johnson's find, one at Magee on 31 Aug, was on schedule for a first arrival. The next was seen by Gary Cowell at the ***Morrow*** end of Clear Fork on 04 Sep. Irina Shulgina found a very late bird at OSU's Waterman Farm, ***Franklin***, on 21 Nov. The last two sightings before that were a single bird near Hamilton, ***Butler***, on 13 Nov (Ted Judy) and three at Old Highland Stone on 12 Nov (Brandt Schurenberg). These dates are late as well; usually the species has cleared the state by the end of Oct. Inga Schmidt and Adriana Losey shared the high count of 14, at Chagrin River Road, ***Geauga***, on 01 Oct and LaDue on 02 Oct respectively. (56 counties)

Pine Warbler
In contrast to many species, these weren't laggards. Brandt Schurenberg saw the last, in Winton Woods CP, ***Hamilton***, on 13 Nov, a typical last-report date. The second-last preceded it by a fair amount; Su Snyder saw it (or them) on 06 and 09 Nov at her ***Wayne*** home. Three sites each hosted three. (38 counties)

Yellow-throated Warbler
The last date was 08 Oct, a week or so past their usual departure, but singles were seen on that date at Armleder Park during a Cincinnati Bird Club outing and in Wayne NF, ***Washington***, by Pamela Hunt. Jennifer Kuehn counted five in Kiwanis Park on 29 Aug. William Hutchinson and Russell Taylor found triples at Shawnee Lookout on 04 and 09 Sep respectively. (30 counties)

Yellow-rumped Warbler
Helen Souffrant saw the first, at Magee on 22 Aug. The next got all the way to ***Hardin***, where Michael Crouse saw it on 27 Aug. A BRAS field trip to French Creek Reservation, ***Lorain***, tallied 60 on 10 Oct and others found up to 54 elsewhere. (81 counties)

A singing Yellow-rumped Warbler caught Vincent Capozziello's attention on 22 Oct at ONWR.

Prairie Warbler
Usually these are gone before Oct, but one spent at least 05 to 11 Nov at the OSU wetlands, ***Franklin***; Bryan Sharp saw it last. Mark Maier found the last but for it, along Deer Creek in Clarksburg, ***Ross***, on 27 Sep. Rick Luehrs saw two at Chaparral Prairie SNP, ***Adams***, on 05 Aug, as did Aurelia Kucera in Sycamore SP, ***Montgomery***, on 19 Aug. (10 counties)

Black-throated Green Warbler
Jon Cefus saw the season's first, at Leesville WA, ***Carroll***, on 04 Aug; it probably nested there. Marc Hanneman's find, two at Andover, ***Ashtabula***, on 25 Aug, were also probably locals (they nest at Mohican). Migrants usually start arriving about a week into Sep, so the one Judi Williamson discovered at Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, ***Erie***, on 26 Aug was a significantly early bird. Takayki Uchida saw the last, at Griggs Reservoir Park, ***Franklin***, on 24 Oct, about on time for the latitude. Magee hosted 14 on 15 Sep (Scott Cressey) and four other locations each held 10 to 12. (63 counties)

Canada Warbler
The first migrants arrived as expected; they were seen 17 Aug at Magee (Noah Sanday) and Euclid Beach SP, ***Cuyahoga*** (Mark Anderson). Karen and Rich Kassouf saw the last, a straggler at their ***Cuyahoga*** home on 10 Oct. The only other sighting that month was also behind schedule; Ronnie Clark saw it at Darby Creek on 06 Oct. The high count of four was shared by Daniel Beechy near Millersburg, ***Holmes***, on 27 Aug and Eddie Hicks at Magee on 03 Sep. (23 counties)

Wilson's Warbler
This species' historical migration window runs from mid-Aug through the third week of Oct, so this year's sightings broke the pattern at both ends. The first wasn't seen until 29 Aug, at Kiwanis Park (m. obs.). The last date was 08 Oct, when Josh King saw one at Grand Lake SP and Jennifer Allison and Carolyn Straiker another at the CVNP Ira Road marsh. Tom Frankel's eight at Headlands on 11 Sep was the high count. (42 counties)

Yellow-breasted Chat
Miranda DeBoard's find at Woodman Fen on 29 Sep was a laggard, but scattered birds had been seen almost daily until then. The most were doubles at East Fork on 16 and 26 Aug (Bill Stanley). (17 counties)

Eastern Towhee
The CMM trio counted 24 at Stillfork on 07 Oct. (72 counties)

American Tree Sparrow
Megan Blackwell saw the first, at Conneaut on 04 Oct. Ed Pierce *et al.* tallied 117 at ONWR on 06 Nov (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Estimates of 50 came from Mill Creek on 20 Nov (John Petruzzi) and Killdeer on 24 Nov (Irina Shulgina). (55 counties)

An American Tree Sparrow perched nicely for Vincent Capozziello at ONWR on 29 Nov.

Chipping Sparrow
Allen W. Troyer found at least 100 in Kidron Park, ***Wayne***, on 24 Sep. Stillfork hosted 75 for CMM on 05 Sep. (76 counties)

Clay-colored Sparrow
The reports are:
One along North Toussaint-Portage Road, ***Ottawa***, on 23 Sep (Kenn Kaufman). Kenn saw one at the same location on 23 Sep 2015 as well!
One at Blendon Woods on 26 Sep (Bruce Simpson)
One in Crooked Run NP, ***Clermont***, on 09 and 10 Oct (Kathi Hutton)
Two along a powerline corridor in ***Geauga*** on 10 Oct (Nancy Obryan)

Field Sparrow
Rick Asamoto and Chris Zacharias tallied 32 at the Great Miami WMB on 29 Oct. (73 counties)

Vesper Sparrow
The last hung around a week or so beyond the usual time; Ron Bicknell found it in the Great Miami WMB on 11 Nov. The last but for it were Lori McCollister's three near Zanesville, ***Muskingum***, on 25 Oct. Counts of four came on 22 Oct from reclaimed land in ***Harrison*** (Scott Pendleton) and at Lorain (Paul Jacyk and Kim Warner). (21 counties)

Lark Sparrow
The reports are:
Two in Oakes Quarry Park, ***Greene***, on 01 Aug (Sean Hollowell)
One in Scioto Audubon MP, ***Franklin***, on 02 Aug (Karl Mechem)
Three at Old Highland Stone on 06 Aug (m. obs.)
One in Chagrin River Park, ***Lake***, on 20 Sep (Joan Scharf)

Savannah Sparrow
Marcus England saw the last of the season, in Prairie Oaks MP, ***Madison***, on 24 Nov, but sightings resumed in Dec. Richard Counts tallied 88 in the Hardin Wetlands on 05 Oct. The second-highest count was 30, by John Games and Ron Sempier at the Findlay Reservoirs on 31 Aug. (41 counties)

Grasshopper Sparrow
Joe Hammond and Steve Landes saw the last, at Darby Creek on 22 Oct. Margaret Bowman provided the high count of 12, from grasslands along Smith Road, ***Morgan***, on 01 Oct. Sandie Myers' six near Dilles Bottom, ***Belmont***, on 03 Aug was the second-highest number. (19 counties)

Henslow's Sparrow
As they did with the previous species, Joe Hammond and Steve Landes saw the last, at Darby Creek on 22 Oct. That's about a week after they usually leave the state. Melanie Shuter's find at Deer Creek SP on 17 Oct was lagging a bit. Melanie also counted nine at Deer Creek on 08 Aug. (12 counties)

Le Conte's Sparrow
Dave Chase, Dave Smith, and Leslie Sours weren't birding together, but they all saw the season's only one, at Wake Robin on 19 Oct.

Nelson's Sparrow
Anne and Dwight Chasar *et al.* discovered one at the CVNP Coliseum Grasslands on 17 Sep

during the annual Fall Census. The next, and most, were four which Cory Chiappone found at Wake Robin on 29 Sep. That location also hosted the last, which Cynthia Norris saw on 25 Oct. (13 counties)

Fox Sparrow
Three sites each held one on the first date of 09 Oct: Erie Street Cemetery, Cleveland (Lori Brumbaugh), CPNWR (Tom Kemp), and Killdeer (Irina Shulgina). Ed Pierce *et al*. counted 18 in ONWR on 06 Nov (*fide* Douglas Vogus), and Robert Sams took the single-observer prize with 13 at Litzenberg Memorial Woods, ***Hancock***, on 27 Nov. (49 counties)

Song Sparrow
David A. Brinkman provided the highest count, 47 in Miami Whitewater Forest, ***Hamilton***, on 10 Oct. Only ***Jackson*** and ***Pike*** didn't have sightings.

Lincoln's Sparrow
Judi Williamson saw the first, at Edison Woods MP, ***Erie***, on 08 Sep. The last but for a mid-Dec sighting was Ashli Gorbet's find in Oak Harbor, ***Ottawa***, on 30 Nov. That's quite late – usually they're gone by about 07 Nov – but Stefan Minnig also saw another straggler, at McCracken Fen SNP, ***Logan***, on 27 Nov. Hanna Gibson saw the last but for those two at her ***Clinton*** home on 07 Nov. Irina Shulgina provided the high count of 10, from the Honda Wetlands, ***Union***, on 15 Oct, and four locations each hosted eight. (51 counties)

Swamp Sparrow
The high count of 54 came from Darby Creek on 20 Oct (Carl Winstead). (57 counties)

The Great Miami WMB is a great spot for sparrows. On 23 Oct, Christopher Collins found this cooperative Swamp Sparrow there.

White-throated Sparrow
Anne and Dwight Chasar saw and heard one sing near Station Road in CVNP on 04 Aug, at least a month before they're expected. Cory Chiappone found another pioneer at Mentor Lagoons SNP, ***Lake***, on 25 Aug. The third made it all the way to Blendon Woods before being seen on 31 Aug (Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble). Bill Boyd saw about 100 at Lorain on 08 Oct and Jen Brumfield came up with 60 at Wendy Park on 23 Oct. (78 counties)

Harris's Sparrow
One was reported from 25 Sep to 01 Oct at the BSBO feeders, ***Ottawa***. Many posts with descriptions and photos, but no formal reports, resulted.

*The BSBO feeders, **Ottawa**, played host to a visiting Harris's Sparrow in the fall of 2016. Alex Eberts captured this playful shot on 26 Sep.*

White-crowned Sparrow
Daniel Aldana and Diego Ochoa saw the first, at Blendon Woods on 16 Sep. The next date was 24 Sep; six locations held them that day. Bill Ohlsen counted 52 at Margaret Peak NP, ***Lorain***, on 13 Oct. (63 counties)

Dark-eyed Junco
Cory Chiappone saw one at Headlands on 22 Sep; it was probably the first migrant. The 06 Nov ONWR census produced 124 (Ed Pierce *et al*., *fide* Douglas Vogus). Mary Huey's 75 in Willoughby Memorial Gardens, ***Lake***, on 15 Oct was the second-highest number. (77 counties)
An individual attributed to the *cismontanus* subspecies was reported in ***Summit***, and an "Oregon" junco was reported in ***Franklin***.

Summer Tanager
The last of the season was a laggard by about two weeks; Irina Shulgina found it at Kiwanis Park on 15 Oct. However, one also spent most of Dec and into Jan at a ***Holmes*** farm (m. obs.). Counts of four came from Shawnee Lookout on 20 Aug (Jack Stenger), Fernald on 22 Aug (Brian Wulker), and Burnet Woods on 30 Aug (again Jack Stenger). (13 counties)

Scarlet Tanager
Brad Imhoff saw the last, at Wolf Run Regional Park, ***Knox***, on 10 Oct. The high count of four was shared by Carrie Mitchell in Franklin Township, ***Portage***, on 05 Aug, CMM at Stillfork on 05 Sep, and Jack Stenger at Lake Hope SP, ***Vinton***, on 17 Sep. (53 counties)

Northern Cardinal
ONWR hosted 44 on 06 Nov (Ed Pierce *et al*., *fide* Douglas Vogus). The high count by an individual was 40. Brian Steel saw that many in the West Chester, ***Butler***, area on 24 Oct, as did Aurelia Kucera in Sycamore SP, ***Montgomery***, the next day. Only ***Pike*** didn't produce a sighting.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
These often hang around until mid-Nov, but this year's last sighting was on 24 Oct, at Hills & Dales MP, ***Montgomery*** (Jeff Bartosik). Huffman MP, ***Greene***, hosted 25 on 26 Sep (Jeff Peters), a number which dropped to 14 on 29 Sep (Rick Luehrs). The most elsewhere were nine at Shawnee Lookout, also on 29 Sep (Jeff Bilsky). (56 counties)

Black-headed Grosbeak
Matt Anderson discovered and documented one in OOPMP on 27 Aug.

Blue Grosbeak
At least five hung around past the usual last date of about 07 Sep, and the last two of them were very late indeed. David DeLapp saw one in Miami River CP, ***Butler***, on 28 Sep and Eric Elvert another at the Great Miami WMB on 04 Oct. Brian Wulker found 11 in the prime nesting location of Fernald on 08 Aug. Counts of six came from Old Highland Stone on 06 Aug (m. obs.) and Armleder Park on both 18 and 31 Aug (Richard Payne). (14 counties)

Indigo Bunting
Elliot Tramer found a straggler in OOPMP on 29 Oct, about a week after they've usually all left the state. Ed Schlabach saw the second to last, also dawdling, at Walnut Creek, ***Holmes***, on 20 Oct. Jack Stenger found about 40 in Gilmore MP, ***Butler***, on 15 Aug, and a trio of birders saw about 20 near Hillsboro, ***Highland***, on 06 Aug. (73 counties)

Dickcissel
Old Highland Stone hosted the last, one bird on 20 Aug (m. obs.). Monte VanDeusen saw four at the Junction Earthworks, ***Ross***, on 07 Aug and Brian Wulker tied him at Fernald the next day. Other reports came from ***Huron***, ***Lucas***, ***Marion***, ***Miami***, and ***Montgomery***.

Bobolink
Ronnie Clark saw the last, two birds at Darby Creek on 20 Oct. The Hardin Wetlands hosted 157 for Richard Counts on 12 Sep. He found only 28 there on 05 Oct, and Eli Miller equaled that second-highest number at Wilderness Road on 03 Sep. (26 counties)

Baltimore Oriole
Each year now, one or more seem to stay past their historical mid-Sep departure time. This season topped all previous ones. At least nine locations hosted one between 15 and 30 Sep. After that were a bird at T.J. Evans Park, ***Licking***, on 03 Oct (Margaret Bowman), one at Sandy Ridge on 12 Oct (m. obs.), one seen at a feeder almost daily between 14 and 26 Nov in ***Jefferson*** (Andrea Anderson), and one seen into Dec at a home near Apple Creek, ***Wayne*** (*fide* Andy R. Troyer). (60 counties)

*Andrea Anderson captured this hungry Baltimore Oriole at her feeder in Steubenville, **Jefferson**, on 19 Nov.*

Orchard Oriole
J.W. Rettig found the last, at Armleder Park on 09 Sep. Two families totaling nine birds graced Old Highland Stone on 06 Aug (m. obs.), and Dick Hoopes found six near Berlin Lake on 14 Aug. (27 counties)

Red-winged Blackbird
A roost at Darby Creek held about 20,000 on 18 Oct (Jenny Bowman), Huron held 15,000 on 20 Nov (Paul Sherwood), and Lorain held a relatively paltry 5000 on 02 Nov (Joshua Vardous and Ed Wransky). (82 counties)

Eastern Meadowlark
Scott Pendleton found 60 near Cadiz, ***Harrison***, on 09 Oct. (50 counties)

Rusty Blackbird
Lisa Phelps saw the first, five at Magee on 17 Sep. Almost a week went by before Holly Lynn saw the next, at Sheldon Marsh on 23 Sep. Scott Pendleton found about 700 in the Tappan area, ***Harrison***, on 22 Oct, and Kent Miller another 500 along Howell's Egypt Road, ***Columbiana***, on both 05 and 10 Nov. (45 counties)

Common Grackle
Glen Helen Preserve, ***Greene***, hosted about 12,000 on 30 Oct (Gabriel Amrhein). Patrick Coy "stood on Kendall Park Rd [***Summit***] for about 30 minutes and counted waves of mostly Grackles" totaling 3500 of them on 09 Oct. (79 counties)

Brown-headed Cowbird
Bryan Sharp saw at least 450 at Heritage MP, ***Franklin***, on 05 Nov. (62 counties)

Blackbird sp.
Irina Shulgina saw about 50,000 in "huge flocks passing for several minutes going west" at the Honda Wetlands, ***Union***, on 28 Oct.

Errata
The Killdeer Redhead report in the summer issue had the viewers reversed; Ron Sempier saw it on 01 Jun and Cam Lee on 04 Jun. (Cam had first seen it in May.)
In the summer issue I reported ***Knox*** as a county with a Eurasian Collared-Dove sighting. A reader asked for details and I couldn't re-find the source, so it's best to consider it an iffy entry.

Northern Saw-Whet Owl Banding Results 2016 Fall through 20 December

All data are courtesy of Tom Bartlett unless otherwise noted.

Banding Station	County	Bander in Charge	Nights	NSWO Banded	EASO Banded	Foreign Recaps	In-season Recaps
Kelleys Island	Erie	Tom Bartlett	32	76	1	6	21
Miller Farm	Seneca	Jim Coffman	14	34	1	0	1
Caesar Creek	Warren	Rebecca Palmer/Steve Lee	21	57	0	1	5
Lake Erie Bluffs	Lake	Ann Bugeda/Dan Donaldson	10	8	0	0	0
Hueston Woods	Butler	Dave Russell	1	2	0	0	0
Norma Johnson	Tuscawaras	Dan Kramer	4	2	0	0	0
Palatial Estates	Vinton	Bob Placier	26	40	0	2	0
Lowe-Volk Park	Crawford	Bob Placier	1	3	0	0	0
Dowler Ridge	Athens	Kelly Williams	3	2	0	0	0
Fernald	Hamilton/Butler	Tim Tolford	2	9	0	0	0
Huston Brumbaugh NC	Stark	Adam Zorn	15	5	0	1	1
Ohio Totals			**129**	**238**	**2**	**10**	**28**

NSWO = Northern Saw-whet Owl

EASO = Eastern Screech-Owl

"Foreign Recaps" are Saw-whets banded elsewhere and captured this year at the named station.

"In-season Recaps" are Saw-whets both banded and recaptured this year at the station.

At Kelleys Island, a female Saw-whet which had originally been banded in Cheboygan, WI, on 22 Mar 2015, flew into Tom's nets four times. The same-site recaptures occurred up to 37 days following initial capture.

The Caesar Creek recapture had been banded in northern Indiana in 2011 (Rebecca Palmer).

One of the Palatial Estates recaptures had been banded a week earlier on Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada, and the other about two weeks earlier near Clarksburg, West Virginia (Bob Placier).

Fernald data are courtesy of Brian Wulker.

The Huston Brumbaugh foreign recapture was on 03 Nov; it had been banded on 29 Sep near Hilliardton, Ontario, Canada. This station's data are courtesy of Adam Zorn.

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ASHTABULA BREAKWATER REPAIR CREATES NESTING HABITAT FOR OHIO STATE-LISTED COMMON TERN (*Sterna hirundo*)

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Abstract — A modified block design was used to create nesting habitat for the state-listed Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) during an armor stone breakwater repair in the Ashtabula Harbor, OH. The blocks had a 15-cm deep recess on top which permitted placement of gravel substrate suitable for nesting. The breakwater is separated from the mainland by approximately 0.25 km, which serves to minimize access by mammalian predators. To attract the terns, we used Murrmaid® call boxes and tern decoys. We developed and implemented a monitoring program during the 2014 to 2016 breeding seasons based on the Department of Defense Coordinating Bird Monitoring guidelines. We also used motion-activated cameras to document use of the site by any species not detected during surveys. Higher average counts of terns were observed in 2015 and 2016 than in 2014. While Common Terns were observed roosting on the breakwater, and in one case, foraging directly adjacent to the site, no nesting by the birds was recorded. Ashtabula Harbor is located in a region largely devoid of nesting terns, therefore, sources of birds to colonize the site will likely come from large established colonies in Buffalo, NY (approx. 140 km east) or Sandusky, OH (approx. 170 km west). Relative distance of existing colonies plus the time taken for terns to utilize man-made structures in other areas of the Great Lakes may require an additional 3 to 5 years or longer before terns will nest on the site.

Key Words — Ashtabula Harbor, breakwater repair, Common Tern, monitoring, solar-paneled call box, Engineering With Nature, nesting substrate

INTRODUCTION

In 2013, maintenance repairs were performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Buffalo District on the Ashtabula Harbor breakwater, Ashtabula, OH (Figure 1). This effort included unique design features meant to provide nesting habitat for the Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*), a state listed, endangered species in Ohio, and is threatened in Michigan, New York, and Minnesota (Nisbet 2002, Cuthbert *et al.* 2003). This species has also been designated a national nongame bird species of concern by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This demonstration project was meant to illustrate the value of developing coastal infrastructure to benefit natural resources under the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) Engineering With Nature (EWN) initiative (Bridges 2012). Ashtabula Harbor is fed by the Ashtabula River and is one of many areas designated as a Great Lakes Area of Concern by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) because of significant contamination that has occurred over preceding decades (USEPA 2014); these areas are now targets of significant efforts to restore ecological health to the Great Lakes Region.

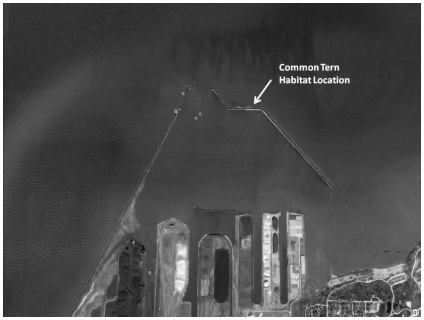

Figure 1. Location of the breakwater in Ashtabula Harbor, OH designed to create nesting habitat for the Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*).

The Common Tern experienced significant declines due to the millinery trade during the late 19th century. It was through efforts of the Audubon Society in the 1930s that focused effort on population recovery of this and other species that

led to the implementation of a Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada that allowed the species to recover (Nisbet 2002). However, by the 1970s, the species had declined again due to pesticides and toxins, including Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE, a breakdown product of dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane, DDT) that reduced reproductive output. These terns are also sensitive to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which can impair reproductive success (Nisbet 2002). A corresponding surge in predatory gull (*Larus* spp.) populations likely contributed to the decline (Nisbet 2002), plus competition for nesting sites with the Ring-billed Gull (L. delawarensis) (New York Department of Environmental Conservation [NYDEC] 2013). Currently, populations have recovered since the 1970s, but are still well below historical numbers (Cuthbert *et al.* 2003). In the Great Lakes Region, this species is now largely dependent upon made-made structures to provide suitable nesting sites that are isolated from predators and protected from human disturbance (Karwowski *et al.*1995, Riveredge Associates 2012). There are significant data to show that these terns regularly nest on navigation structures and man-made islands constructed or modified specifically for nesting birds (Karwowski *et al.* 1995, Cuthbert *et al.* 2003, Riveredge Associates 2012). By demonstrating the value of repaired breakwaters for nesting tern habitat, it is expected that future harbor restoration efforts throughout the Great Lakes may provide significant nesting habitat for the eventual recovery of Common Tern populations in the Great Lakes Region.

METHODS

Nesting site design — Sixteen 2.4 m x 2.4 m x 1.2 m concrete blocks with a 15 cm deep recess were placed on the base of the Ashtabula breakwater (Figure 2) in 2013 and 2014. These created a total nesting area of approximately 46.5 m^2 (superscript) for the terns. The blocks were filled with a gravel substrate suitable for nesting. Murrmaid® call boxes, tern decoys, woody debris, and wooden shelters were added to attract breeding terns to the site (Figure 3). Call boxes were elevated in the 2016 breeding season after the original call boxes were damaged during a storm in May 2015 (Figure 4). In addition, the breakwater

Figure 2. Sixteen specially designed concrete blocks serve as the foundation of nesting habitat created for the Common Tern during the breakwater repair in Ashtabula Harbor. The elevated position of the blocks on the breakwater reduces wave damage during storms.

Figure 3. Blocks were filled with suitable gravel nesting substrate, tern decoys, woody debris, and wooden covers to attract nesting Common Terns to the site.

Figure 4. After a storm damaged the Murrmaid® call boxes in May 2015, call boxes were elevated at the start of the 2016 breeding season.

is separated from the shore by approximately 300 m, minimizing access to the structure by mammalian predators. Cabling was tied along the sides and top of the structure to minimize access by avian predators. Specific details on the breakwater nesting habitat design can be found in Fredette *et al.* (2016) and a summary of the design is provided in Guilfoyle *et al.* (in press).

Monitoring protocols for Common Terns — Development of the monitoring protocols followed the U.S. Department of Defense Coordinated Bird Monitoring guidelines (Bart *et al.* 2012). Ten-minute surveys were conducted on the breakwater beginning in early May and lasting until late June for three consecutive years beginning in 2014. Surveys were conducted twice a week, every other week (approximately four times/month). Occasionally, weather or lake conditions prevented surveys from being completed. In 2015, access to the Kinder-Morgan, Inc., property permitted the addition of 30-min spotting scope surveys from the shore. Spotting scope surveys were conducted approximately once a month in 2015 and 2016. Most surveys were conducted between 0900 and 1300. During the surveys, the observer recorded all birds that were in the vicinity of the breakwater, adjacent breakwaters and piers, adjacent open water areas, or flying overhead. No surveys were conducted during periods of high winds or rain. Total counts of all species detected during the monitoring can be found in Guilfoyle *et al.* (2017).

RESULTS

During the 2014 to 2016 field seasons, 23 visits to the breakwater were made between during May and June (2014: n=6 , 2015: n=9, 2016: n=8). During 2015 and 2016, four 30-minute spotting scope surveys were conducted from the Kinder-Morgan property (2015: n=, 2016: n=2). In 2014, only one Common Tern was detected. A total of 11 and seven terns were detected in 2015 and 2016, respectively. Mean number of terns per survey were lower in 2014 than in 2015 and 2016 (Figure 5).

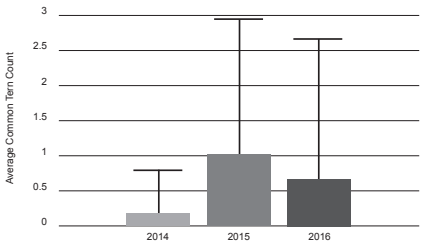

Figure 5. Mean number of Common Terns per survey (with Standard deviation) observed annually during monitoring efforts on the repaired Ashtabula breakwater, 2014–2016.

DISCUSSION

Since the completion of the Ashtabula Harbor breakwater nesting habitat, no Common Terns were observed nesting on the site. In some respects, this result was not surprising since recently created habitats, especially in an area like Ashtabula that is isolated from larger established colonies, often take more than two or three seasons to attract nesting terns (Dave Sherman, Ohio Department of Nature Resources [ODNR), pers. comm.; Connie Adams, New York Department of Environmental Conservation [NYDEC], pers. comm.). Given the isolation of Ashtabula, at least five years may likely be needed to successfully attract nesting terns (Connie Adams, NYDEC, pers. comm.).

Examples of artificially created nesting habitat that required multiple seasons to attract nesting by Common Terns include habitat created by the ODNR (Dave Sherman, ODNR, pers. comm.) and the reestablishment of nesting colonies of Common Terns and Roseate Terns (*S. dougallii*) on Great Gull Island, NY, located 20 km northeast of Montauk Point (Ginzburg 1994). Currently, nesting attempts by the Common Terns have taken place approximately 40 km distant from Ashtabula on Gull Point Natural Area at the Presque Isle SP, ***Erie,*** PA. The first nesting attempt at this park after a 40 year absence has not produced any successfully fledged young during the 2012 to 2016 breeding seasons (Patricia Barber, Pennsylvania Game Commission [PGC], and Sarah Sargent, Audubon Pennsylvania, pers. comm.). While it is unfortunate that the Common Tern nesting attempts at Presque Isle SP have failed, terns nesting in closer proximity to Ashtabula may portend nest attempts on the repaired breakwater in the near future. Since terns have been observed on the breakwater and foraging in the vicinity of the created nesting habitat, we believe it is only a matter of time before the terns attempt to nest at the Ashtabula site.

If Common Terns begin nesting successfully at the Ashtabula breakwater site in the near future, it will demonstrate that the design is effective in promoting population growth of this species in the Great Lakes Region. Since the implementation of the design is only approximately $55,000 more than a typical breakwater repair without these features (Fredette *et al.* 2016) (about 10% higher cost of average breakwater repair), adoption of this design could provide a cost-effective option during other breakwater repairs. Adoption of this design through the Great Lakes could contribute to the recovery of Common Tern populations and potentially contribute to de-listing in OH and other states in the Great

Lakes region. In the meantime, The Nature Conservancy, a collaborative partner in this effort from the start, will continue to monitor the site during future breeding seasons. It is hoped that the USACE Buffalo District will continue to assist in the set-up and break-down of the call boxes and motion-sensor cameras before and after the breeding season until terns nest regularly on the site. Additional funds may need to be procured to regularly refresh gravel nesting substrate after each winter.

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RECENT ACTIONS BY THE OHIO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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This report includes all records which have been resolved by the Ohio Bird Records Committee since the last report published in *The Ohio Cardinal*. All common and scientific names, and the taxonomic order in which records are presented, are based on the Fifty-seventh Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-List of North American Birds. We resolved 27 records, 23 of which were accepted, with sighting dates ranging from September 2014 to August 2016. In order for a record to be accepted, the documentation must be approved (sometimes after multiple reviews) by at least eight of the nine committee members. All of the records below pertain to the sighting of an individual bird unless otherwise noted.

The purpose of the Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) is to endorse records of birds in Ohio. The Committee bases its decisions on the documentation submitted. Secondarily, photographs and descriptions posted to on-line venues can sometimes be evaluated. By applying peer review to observational records, these sightings become valuable scientific data and part of Ohio's ornithological record. We also maintain the official Ohio State Bird List and publish all committee decisions. Here we provide an update on recent activity of the committee:

Accepted Records

Western Grebe (***Aechmophorus occidentalis***) – Caesar Creek Lake, ***Warren***, 03 Jan through 09 Jan 2016. Documented by Les Houser.

White-winged Dove (***Zenaida asiatica***) – Baughman Township, ***Wayne***, 19 Jun 2015. Documented by Su Snyder.

White-winged Dove (***Zenaida asiatica***) – Centerburg, ***Delaware***, 25 May 2016. Documented by Adriana Losey.

Curlew Sandpiper (***Calidris ferruginea***) – Harding Township, ***Lucas***, 12 May 2016. Documented by Christopher Warneke.

Black-headed Gull (***Chroicocephalus ridibundus***) – Fairport Harbor, ***Lake***, 24 Dec 2015. Documented by Laura Peskin.

Mew Gull (***Larus canus brachyrhynchus***) – Lorain Port Authority, ***Lorain***, 12 Jan 2016. Documented by Chuck Slusarczyk Jr.

White Ibis (***Eudocimus albus***) – Englewood MetroPark, ***Montgomery***, 05 through 16 Aug 2016. Documented by Kathi Hutton and Darrell Zachary Phipps.

White Ibis (***Eudocimus albus***) – Gilmore Metropark, ***Butler***, 07 through 13 Aug 2016. Documented by Jay Lehman, Leslie Houser, Kathi Hutton, and Daniel DeLapp.

Glossy Ibis (***Ibis falcinelle)*** – ***Marion***, 05 May 2016. Documented by Ron Sempier.

White-faced Ibis (***Plegadis chihi***) – Funk Bottoms, ***Wayne***, 26 Jun 2015. Documented by Su Snyder.

Plegadis Ibis sp. – Highland Stone Quarry, ***Highland***, 06 May 2016. Documented by James Wheat.

Swallow-tailed Kite (***Elanoides forficatus***) – Germantown, ***Montgomery***, 19 Aug 2016. Documented by Darrell Zachary Phipps.

Swallow-tailed Kite (***Elanoides forficatus***) – Clark Township, ***Holmes***, 31 Aug 2016. Documented by Su Snyder.

Mississippi Kite (***Ictinia mississippiensis***) – Anderson Township, ***Hamilton***, 23 May 2016. Documented by Dennis Connair.

Prairie Falcon (***Falco mexicanus***) – Whitehouse, ***Lucas***. 22 May 2014. Documented by Matt Anderson.

Loggerhead Shrike (***Lanius ludovicianus***) – Fairport Harbor, ***Lake***, 28 May 2015. Documented by Su Snyder.

Bohemian Waxwing (***Bombycilla garrulus***) – five individuals, Lake Erie Bluffs Metropark, ***Lake***, 23 Mar 2015. Documented by Su Snyder.

Brambling (***Fringilla montifringilla***) – Medina, ***Medina***. 19 Dec 2015 through 12 Mar 2016. Documented by Dan Bertsch.

Kirtland's Warbler (***Setophaga kirtlandii***) – Magee Marsh Boardwalk, ***Lucas***, 12 May 2016. Documented by Christopher Warneke.

Western Tanager (***Piranga ludoviciana***) – Upper Sandusky, ***Wyandot***, 04 May 2016. Documented by Craig Caldwell.

Black-headed Grosbeak (***Pheucticus melanocephalus***) – Oak Openings Preserve MetroPark, ***Lucas***, 27 Aug 2016. Documented by Matt Anderson.

Painted Bunting (***Passerina ciris***) – Waterville, ***Lucas***. 11 Nov 2014. Documented by Matt Anderson on behalf of Liz and Liam Anderson.

Painted Bunting (***Passerina ciris***) – Randolph Township, Portage, 18 Jan through 12 Apr 2016. Documented by Ted Karabinus, Cheryl Karabinus, and Larry Rosche.

Records not Accepted

Gyrfalcon (***Falco rusticolus***) – ***Cuyahoga***, 02 Feb 2016. The documentation did not explicitly consider similar species.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker (***Picoides scalaris***) – ***Montgomery***, 02 Mar 2016. The documentation did not rule out other woodpecker species.

Red-cockaded Woodpecker (**Picoides borealis**) – ***Clermont***, 25 Mar 2016. The documentation did not rule out other woodpecker species.

Phainopepla (***Phainopepla nitens***) – ***Portage***, 02 Mar 2016. The documentation was not sufficient to confirm the identification of this species.

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK FALL CENSUS, 2016

By Dwight Chasar and Craig Caldwell

The 2016 Fall Census was held on 17 Sep, right in the middle of the 12 to 23 Sep historical range of dates. Twenty-two teams fielded 64 participants, the second-highest number for a fall census. Temperatures ranged from 69 to 76 degrees. A pre-dawn rain resumed between 8:30 and 10:00 am and the rest of the day was cloudy. We found over 7800 individuals; almost a fifth of them were Common Grackles. That count falls near the middle of the historic range of 3395 to 11362, the latter number also inflated by over 6000 grackles that year (2001). The species count of 96 was about average.

In contrast to the spring census results, we found no cuckoos. The numbers of Canada Geese, Northern Flickers, American Crows, and House Sparrows were higher than usual. The Chimney Swift count was second only to last fall's and the 27 Green Herons were the most ever. Black-capped Chickadees were scarcer than usual and the Turkey Vulture count was the lowest ever, probably due to the weather.

The Rockside Road wetlands produced a Sora and an American Bittern. The Station Road area hosted the Orange-crowned Warblers and the sole Connecticut Warbler was along the Wetmore Trail. The Nelson's Sparrow, found in the Coliseum Grasslands, was only our second. For the first time on a fall census we didn't find a Black-throated Green Warbler.

2016 CVNP FALL CENSUS TABLE

Species	Number	Species	Number
Canada Goose	635	Double-crested Cormorant	2
Wood Duck	30	American Bittern	1
Mallard	39	Great Blue Heron	40
Wild Turkey	41	Green Heron	27
Rock Pigeon	7	Turkey Vulture	5
Mourning Dove	86	Osprey	1
Chimney Swift	465	Bald Eagle	3
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	4	Cooper's Hawk	5
Sora	2	Red-shouldered Hawk	6
Killdeer	50	Red-tailed Hawk	15
Solitary Sandpiper	3	Barred Owl	3
American Woodcock	1	Belted Kingfisher	13

Species	Number
Red-headed woodpecker	5
Red-bellied Woodpecker	117
Downy Woodpecker	90
Hairy Woodpecker	30
Northern Flicker	101
Pileated Woodpecker	31
American Kestrel	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	21
Least Flycatcher	2
Eastern Phoebe	49
Great-crested Flycatcher	1
Eastern Kingbird	1
Yellow-throated Vireo	5
Warbling Vireo	5
Red-eyed Vireo	15
Blue Jay	456
American Crow	336
Tree Swallow	7
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	78
Barn Swallow	1
Black-capped Chickadee	205
Tufted Titmouse	74

Species	Number
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	110
House Wren	10
Marsh Wren	1
Carolina Wren	24
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4
Eastern Bluebird	70
Swainson's Thrush	8
Wood Thrush	1
American Robin	615
Gray Catbird	145
Brown Thrasher	2
European Starling	172
Cedar Waxwing	430
House Sparrow	151
House Finch	45
American Goldfinch	271
Ovenbird	2
Black-and-white Warbler	3
Tennessee Warbler	2
Orange-crowned Warbler	3
Nashville Warbler	2

Species	Number
Connecticut Warbler	1
Common Yellowthroat	33
Hooded Warbler	13
American Redstart	6
Cape May Warbler	1
Magnolia Warbler	3
Bay-breasted Warbler	2
Blackburnian Warbler	1
Yellow Warbler	2
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5
Blackpoll Warbler	4
Palm Warbler	2
Pine Warbler	1
Yellow-throated Warbler	1
Eastern Towhee	29
Chipping Sparrow	12
Field Sparrow	31
Nelson's Sparrow	1
Song Sparrow	76
Lincoln's Sparrow	1
Swamp Sparrow	5
Dark-eyed Junco	2

Species	Number
Scarlet Tanager	7
Northern Cardinal	150
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	10
Indigo Bunting	3
Red-winged Blackbird	718
Eastern Meadowlark	7
Common Grackle	1506
Total Individuals	7820

YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

10 years ago, the Fall 2006 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 30 No. 1 (Bill Whan, Editor) contained these items:

A King Eider showed up in ***Geauga*** on 29 Oct.

Observers in ***Morrow*** noted a Common Loon migration flight of about 1400 birds.

Ferguson Reservoir, ***Allen***, hosted a Western Grebe.

Three Ruffs were reported.

More than 100 Winter Wrens were at Mentor Lagoons NP, ***Lake***, on 05 Oct.

25 years ago, the Fall 1991 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 15 No. 1 (Rob Harlan, Editor) contained these items:

Twenty-one Brant were found, spread among seven locations.

A Yellow Rail was in ***Tuscarawas*** on 21 Sep.

Aptly named Killdeer Plains WA hosted a "mind boggling" 1200 Killdeer between 06 and 12 Aug.

A Loggerhead Shrike nested in ***Holmes***.

A flock of 50 Brewer's Blackbirds was in ***Hancock***.

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

50 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* of Summer 1966, Vol. 62, No. 3 (for Aug) and Fall 1966, Vol 62, No. 4 (for Sep-Nov), Donald Newman, Editor, included these items:

"Several hundred" Tundra Swans flew over Lyndhurst, ***Cuyahoga***, at 11:20 pm on 02 Nov.

No airborne migrating flocks of Canada Geese were noted, though small numbers of the species were seen in the area.

Three Bald Eagles warranted special mention.

A Yellow Rail wandered into Mentor Mall, ***Lake***, on 17 Oct; it was captured, fed, and then released on 22 Oct.

Observers saw at least 1500 Common Nighthawks over Lakewood, ***Cuyahoga***, on the evening of 29 Aug.

A Short-eared Owl was in Pepper Pike, ***Cuyahoga***, on 04 Aug.

100 years ago, The *Cleveland Bird Calendar* did not publish an issue.

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Christopher Collins had to get really low on the Maumee Bay beach to get this shot of a Semipalmated Plover on 03 Oct.

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Back cover:
This is one of the 67 American White Pelicans seen by Sean Hollowell at Grand Lake SP on 10 Oct.

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