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*A long-overdue first state record, Jon Cefus captured these photos of Ohio's first confirmed Slaty-backed Gull on 18 Jan inside of the private Bolivar Landfill in **Tuscarawas**. Many birders were able to observe the bird from a nearby park.*

**On the cover:**

*Following a board meeting of the Ohio Ornithological Society on 02 Feb, Treasurer Bruce Miller spent some time exploring Green Lawn Cemetery, **Franklin**, with other members. This Redhead was enjoying some solitude in the open waters near the bird feeders.*

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## COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Craig Caldwell

*We received the sad news of Bill Thomson III's untimely death while we were preparing this issue. BT3 was many things: loving son, husband, and father; tireless advocate for birds; author, editor, and publisher; musician; raconteur; and above all a friend. We will miss him.*

The cool Nov, which followed three hotter-than-normal months, made winter's uncommon warmth all the more surprising. Dec's overall mean temperature and its mean highs and lows were all in the upper 20% of the 124 years of data. Jan average temperatures were about in the middle of the historical range, but those numbers were dragged down by the record lows generated by the polar vortex which hit during the last week. Feb's average temperature jumped again into the top quarter of all years and included some record highs during the first week. Precipitation in all three months was above average, with Feb being the seventh-wettest on record.

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*.

The 119th Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was held from 14 Dec to 04 Jan. Mike Busam has again provided us with an overview and highlights to accompany the table of data. In the species accounts which follow this "Comments" section I note the highest number of a species found. Most of these values are those of single birders or parties, usually birding in a relatively small area, and often are the counts from a single route within a CBC. However, I seldom include counts from an entire CBC, each of which is the result of many parties' efforts in scattered locales within a 15-mile diameter circle; those data are in the table.

More than the usual number of Eastern Phoebes lingered well into the season; they were seen on 23 CBCs and at other times as well. Other unexpected finds included White-eyed, Blue-headed, and Red-eyed vireos; several swallows; a Sedge and five House wrens; a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; Vesper, Lark, LeConte's, and Lincoln's sparrows; at least two Baltimore Orioles; 11 warbler species in addition to the hardy Yellow-rumped; a Rose-breasted Grosbeak; three Indigo Buntings; and a Dickcissel. Winter finches, didn't fulfil expectations (we had no crossbills),

but Red-breasted Nuthatches remained plentiful.

This issue of the *Cardinal* contains reports of 190 species, a bit above the average of 188 since the winter of 2010-11. The species accounts also include six hybrids (all of waterfowl and gulls), five reports below the species level, and one exotic, Egyptian Goose. This issue also continues the streak of data from every county though under-birded Van Wert tallied only 24 species. Only Mourning Doves were reported in all 88 counties; 10 species were seen in 87 and 20 more were seen in at least 80.

Eight review species were reported; their names are underlined. Sightings of six of them generated formal reports to the OBRC – thank you! Reports of the other two species (Fish Crow and Harris's Sparrow) were only posted to eBird or other media, fortunately with photos or descriptions which will allow review. These numbers don't include Trumpeter Swan, the Egyptian Geese, and three unusual (for Ohio) color morphs.

The OBRC and this editor continue to 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://ohiobirds.org/rare-birds/report-a-rare-bird-sighting/>.

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" departure and 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 59th Supplement (2018). These documents are produced by the North American Classification Committee of the American Ornithological Society and are available at <http://www.checklist.aou.org/>.

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>)  
 Bayshore = a fishing access site near a power plant a bit east of Toledo  
 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), *Ma-honing* 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*  
 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*  
 Howard Marsh = Howard Marsh Metropark, a recently opened bird magnet in *Lucas*  
 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 Loramic = Lake Loramic State Park, **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 Wildlife Area, **Lucas**  
Marblehead Light = Marblehead Lighthouse State Park, **Ottawa**  
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 Lake State Park, formerly Mosquito Creek SP, and also called Mosquito Creek Reservoir, **Trumbull**. Mosquito (Creek) Wildlife Area adjoins it.  
Nimisila = Nimisila Reservoir, **Summit**  
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**  
OSU = The Ohio State University, of course; sites are in **Franklin** unless noted otherwise  
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  
Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, **Highland**  
Salt Fork = Salt Fork State Park, **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**

Wintergarden Woods = Wintergarden Woods and Saint Johns Nature Preserve, **Wood**

Woodman Fen = a natural area, part of Dayton's Five Rivers MetroParks system, **Montgomery**

Zaleski = Zaleski State Forest, **Vinton**

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Craig Caldwell

### **Snow Goose**

Kirk Westendorf provided the high count, 46 which flew over Fernald on 22 Feb. The second-highest number was 39; David English and Kelly Kozlowski saw them in Burton, **Geauga**, on 07 Feb. (47 counties)

### **Ross's Goose**

Several birders saw six at The Slough, **Logan**, between 15 and 16 Feb. (18 counties)



A Ross's Goose stopped by Fox Lake Road on 16 Feb while Su Snyder was birding in **Wayne**.

### **[Snow x Ross's Goose]**

One hung around a pond behind Kent Miller's house in **Stark** from 05 to 10 Dec.

### **Snow/Ross's Goose**

Seven counties hosted indeterminate birds.

### **Greater White-fronted Goose**

Cam Lee and David Lehner counted 57 at Killdeer on 25 Feb. (42 counties)

### **Cackling Goose**

Kent Miller's pond in **Stark** also hosted 24 of these on 07 Dec. (41 counties)

### **Canada Goose**

Paul Sherwood estimated 4200 were visible from the Cedar Point Chausee, **Erie**, on 21 Jan. The next-most were 2896 tallied by Kent Miller and Ben Morrison on Congress Lake, **Stark**, on 15 Dec. Only **Monroe** didn't have a sighting.

### **Cackling/Canada Goose**

These were seen in five counties.

### **Greater White-fronted x Canada Goose**

Cristy and David Miller believe two birds at Lake Harmony, **Wayne**, on 21 Feb were this hybrid.

### **[Snow x Canada Goose]**

Several birders are sure that the bird they saw at

the Ohio Veterans Home, Erie, on 23 Feb was this hybrid.

### **Mute Swan**

John Finn found 16 at the Jackson Pike wastewater treatment plant, **Franklin**, on 16 Dec. Next-most were the 10 which Daniel DeLapp and Richard Payne separately saw at Fernald on 27 Jan. (46 counties)

### **Trumpeter Swan**

The most were 151 which Ed Pierce *et al.* counted in ONWR on 03 Feb (*vide* Douglas Vogus). The most inland were Michael Williams' 56 at Mosquito Lake on 08 Jan. (37 counties)



Trumpeter Swans were investigating Tom Fishburn at Castalia Pond, **Erie**, on 30 Dec.

### **Tundra Swan**

Jack Leow found about 4000 on 07 Jan, appropriately near Cygnet, **Wood**. Ed Pierce's ONWR census team counted 3824 on 02 Dec (*vide* Douglas Vogus). (49 counties)

### **Egyptian Goose**

One spent from 18 Jan to 08 Feb in **Athens** and it or another was in **Wayne** from 16 to 19 Feb. Since the closest established feral population of this exotic species is in south Florida, these birds no doubt escaped captivity or were released in Ohio.

### **Wood Duck**

Twenty were around Acton Lake in Hueston Woods on 25 and 26 Feb (m. obs.) (57 counties)

### **Blue-winged Teal**

The Columbus CBC tallied five on 16 Dec (*vide* Rob Thorn), and ONWR held four on 02 Dec (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). Seven other counties hosted smaller numbers.

### **Northern Shoveler**

Ryan Lesniewicz provided the high count of 120,



from Castalia pond, **Erie**, on 27 Jan, and Dan Gesualdo saw 80 there on 08 Feb. The most elsewhere were 56 at Medusa on 01 Jan (Erin and Joshua Vardous). (45 counties)

### Gadwall

Castalia pond again hosted the most, 350 on 08 Feb (Dan Gesualdo) and up to 325 on other dates. Ed Pierce's ONWR census crew found the most elsewhere, 304 on 02 Dec (*vide* Douglas Vogus). (60 counties)



*Tom Fishburn got eye-level with this beautiful Gadwall at Castalia Pond, Erie, on 02 Feb.*

### Eurasian Wigeon

Birders saw one at Big Island on 28 Jan.

### American Wigeon

About 200 spent 17 to 26 Feb at Wilderness Road (m. obs.). Paul Sherwood saw the most elsewhere, 141 at Medusa on 20 Dec. (58 counties)

### Mallard

Amy Didion saw about 3200 east of Bellevue, **Erie**, on 24 Jan. ONWR hosted 2173 for Ed Pierce *et al.* on 02 Dec (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Only **Jackson** and **Scioto** didn't produce reports.

### [American Wigeon x Mallard]

Kent Miller and Ben Morrison found this hybrid at Congress Lake, **Stark**, on 15 Dec.

### American Black Duck

Blendon Woods is the go-to spot for this species; Liz Shlapack saw 140 there on 26 Jan, and birders found up to 120 on other dates. Matt and Tom Kemp found the most elsewhere, 109 in Cedar Point NWR on 16 Dec. (68 counties)

### [Mallard x American Black Duck]

Observers winkled out six from their "parents" at Blendon Woods on 26 Jan. (19 counties)

### Northern Pintail

The wetlands along Wilderness Road held 900 on 25 Feb (m. obs.) and up to 800 on other dates. The most elsewhere were counts of 350 at Shawnee Lookout on 22 Feb (Brian Wulker) and Berlin Lake on 23 Feb (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller). (58 counties)

### Green-winged Teal

Rick Luehrs counted 42 at the Osborne Road gravel pits, **Clark**, on 02 Dec. (42 counties)

### [Gadwall x Green-winged Teal]

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker photographed one at Old Reid Park, **Clark**, on 19 Dec. They've seen this hybrid there several times before, and it's the only site in Ohio with eBird records of it.

### Canvasback

Warren Leow saw about 1500 off Cullen Park, **Lucas**, on 15 Feb. The next-most were R. Lee Reed's 1000 at Great Egret Marsh, **Ottawa**, on 07 Feb. Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison found 500 at Berlin Lake on 25 Feb for the largest number away from Lake Erie. (69 counties)

### Redhead

775 were off Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 27 Feb (Paul Jacyk) and 720 were at Berlin Lake on 05 Dec (David Hochadel). (70 counties)

### Ring-necked Duck

The Shawnee Lookout wetlands held 550 for Brian Wulker on 27 Feb. (67 counties)

### Greater Scaup

Karl Overman saw about 600 at the Bayshore fishing access site, **Lucas**, on 09 Feb, and 500 were off Lorain (city) harbor on 27 Feb for Jim McCormac. The most inland were Tim Troutner's 60 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 22 Feb. (53 counties)



*A Greater Scaup takes flight right in front of Debbie Parker at the Lorain Harbor on 13 Feb.*

### Lesser Scaup

About 4000 were off Maumee Bay on 03 Dec and 1750 off Dry Tree Point, **Lucas**, on 16 Jan (both Paul Jacyk). Robert Sams saw the most at an inland site, 1300 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 27 Feb. (66 counties)

### Greater/Lesser Scaup

Paul Jacyk saw a mixed flock of 4000 off Maumee Bay on 01 Jan. (48 counties)

### Surf Scoter

Sightings were frequent in Dec and Jan but fewer in Feb. Debra Sweeney saw four at Edgewater on 12 Dec. (9 counties as far south as **Montgomery** and **Preble**)

### White-winged Scoter

Duane Miller and Atlee Yoder provided the high count, 18 which flew past Huron harbor, **Erie**, on 04 Dec. The Ira Road marsh in CVNP hosted the inland high number of three for Molly Toth on 16 Feb. (27 counties)



On 13 Feb, a Debbie Parker captured a lovely photograph of a White-winged Scoter at Lorain Harbor.

### Black Scoter

Sightings were fairly steady until 15 Jan, when Bob Helton saw two off the Euclid Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**. The season's only report after that was of a single bird at Lake Cable, **Stark**, on 15 Feb (m. obs.). Nicky Rosner counted 28 off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Dec, and up to 27 were seen there on other dates. The next-largest flock was the five which spent 10 to 13 Jan at Willard Reservoir, **Huron** (m. obs.). (9 counties as far south as **Warren**)

### Long-tailed Duck

Counts of five came from Turkeyfoot Lake, **Summit**, between 07 and 10 Dec (m. obs.) and Miller Road Park, **Lorain**, on 02 Feb (Chris Pierce). (25 counties)



A striking male Long-tailed Duck put on a show at Miller Road Park, **Lorain**, for Debbie Parker on 01 Feb.

### Common Goldeneye

Gautam Apte saw about 1000 from Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 24 Dec. Next-most were Josiah Stumbo's 900 off Buelah Beach, **Cuyahoga**, on 16 Feb. Eric Elvert's 149 at Eastwood MP, **Mont-**

**gomery**, on 09 Feb were the most inland. (67 counties)

### Bufflehead

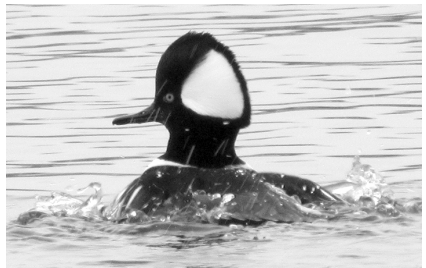
Tom Bartlett found 85 at Killdeer on 13 Jan. (67 counties)



Chad Wilson captured a photograph of one of the most striking waterfowl to visit Ohio when this Bufflehead cruised by Lorain on 02 Dec.

### Hooded Merganser

Matthew Valencic counted 343 at LaDue on 01 Dec. Seneca Lake, **Noble**, hosted the second-highest number, 276 on 07 Dec (m. obs.). (72 counties)



This dashing drake Hooded Merganser was photographed by Sue Carpenter on 19 Dec at Summit Lake.

### Common Merganser

About 3000 were off Headlands on 27 Feb; Joan Scharf wrote that they were "[p]ast ice shelf in open water near breakwall, probably a lot more as flocks were flying in and out to other parts of open water". About 2700 were visible in Sandusky Bay (**Erie/Ottawa**) from the Yetter Road fishing pier on 02 Jan (Philip Chaon). Meg Glines' 324 at Berlin Lake on 16 Jan was the inland high count. (64 counties)

### Red-breasted Merganser

Lakefront Park in Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, hosted about 8000 on 28 Feb (Margaret Bowman and Julie Wittmer). Joan Scharf had seen 5000 at Headlands the day before. Hoover Reservoir held the inland high number of 49 on 22 Feb (Charles Bombaci). (49 counties)

**Ruddy Duck**

Chris Pierce found 300 at the Wellington Up-ground Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 02 Dec. (47 counties)

**Northern Bobwhite**

The only 2018 sightings were of 12 on 15 Dec during the Adams County CBC (*vide* Mark Zloba) and one on 22 Dec in **Brown** during the East Fork CBC (m. obs.). Ron Bicknell saw three groups totaling 12 at the Great Miami WMB on 01 Jan. Joan Scharf thinks the two she saw at Lake Erie Bluffs on 15 Jan were released birds. **Lucas, Perry**, and **Wyandot** also had sightings.

**Ring-necked Pheasant**

Steve Borgwald saw 15 along River Drive, **Pickaway**, on 16 Jan, and Darby Creek hosted 10 on 22 Jan for Jenny Bowman. (28 counties)



*This stunning Ring-necked Pheasant strutted in front of Sue Carpenter on 21 Dec at Swine Creek Reservation, **Geauga**.*

**Ruffed Grouse**

One was at Clendening Lake, **Harrison**, on 01 Jan (Scott Pendleton) and two others were at Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest on 20 Jan (Jay Wright).

**Wild Turkey**

A group of birders saw an amazing 170 in fields by Hill Church Street, **Stark**, on 26 Jan. (66 counties)

**Pied-billed Grebe**

Bill Stanley's 25 at East Fork on 25 Feb were the most; 20 were seen there on other dates. Susan Carpenter counted 17 at Summit Lake on 06 Dec. (43 counties)

**Horned Grebe**

LaDue held 49 for Matthew Valencic on 01 Dec. The next-most were the 40 which participants on a BSBO cruise saw in Cleveland Harbor the same day. (49 counties)

**Red-necked Grebe**

The last of 2018 were a single bird at LaDue on 09 Dec (Inga Schmidt, Mark Shaver) and two at Hoover Reservoir on 15 Dec (*vide* Lee McBride). The Findlay Reservoirs provided another duo, seen on 01 Dec (Michael Crouse) and 07 Dec (Edward Ingold). The only other location was Lake Barber, **Hamilton**, where the new year's first was seen starting 27 Feb (m. obs.).

**Eared Grebe**

Cole DiFabio saw one at Hueston Woods on 01 Dec; it had first been seen the day before.

**Rock Pigeon**

Terry Bronson saw about 500 at a large farm in **Washington** on 14 Dec. Jim McCormack and Kim Smith found 400 near Killdeer on 30 Dec as did David A. Brinkman on the west side of Cincinnati on 01 Jan. Only **Vinton** didn't produce a report.

**Eurasian Collared-Dove**

Two adjoining houses in Bellevue, **Sandusky**, hosted 16 on both 01 and 29 Jan (m. obs.). (9 counties)

**Mourning Dove**

David Johnstone noted 255 at Caesar Creek on 14 Dec. (All 88 counties)

**Rufous Hummingbird**

Allen Chartier provided the details for the following reports; the birds' hosts were Theresa Yowler and Jane Florjancic, respectively.

Location and County	Age	Sex	First		Last
			Observed	Banded	Observed
Lebanon, Warren	HY	F	23 Oct	09 Nov	21 Jan 2019
Valley View, Cuyahoga	HY	F	30 Oct	10 Nov	19 Jan 2019

HY = Hatch year

**Sandhill Crane**

The high count of 400 was shared by Jonathan Reinhard, who saw five flocks cross County Road 143, **Paulding**, on 08 Dec, and by Jacob Roalef and John Walker, who saw the same number fly over Germantown, **Montgomery**, on 17 Dec. (44 counties)



*This group of Sandhill Cranes dropped in at LaDue on 08 Dec while Sue Carpenter was birding there.*

**Virginia Rail**

The reports are:

One along the Holmes County Trail on several dates (m. obs.)

One during the Mansfield CBC, **Morrow/Richland**, on 15 Dec (*vide* Jason Larson)

Three during the Wilmot CBC, **Holmes/Stark/Tuscarawas/Wayne**, on 21 Dec (*vide* Ben Morrison)

Two at Navarre, **Stark**, on 02 Jan (Kent Miller) and one there until 11 Jan (m. obs.)

### American Coot

About 650 were at Mosquito Lake on 01 Dec for David Hochadel. Counts of 500 came from Turkeyfoot Lake, **Summit**, on 05 and 07 Dec (George Novosel) and two **Highland** locations on 05 Jan (Bill Stanley). (43 counties)

### Killdeer

Katrina Schultes *et al.* saw 45 along Glen Ebon Road, **Athens**, on 17 Feb. The next-highest number was 30; on 27 Feb Cole DiFabio saw that many at Hueston Woods as did Gregory Allen by Swamp Road, **Licking**. (71 counties)

### Pectoral Sandpiper

Melanie Shuter provided an excellent description of a very out-of-season bird in **Pickaway** on 27 Feb.

### American Woodcock

One in Wilmington, **Clinton**, on 14 Dec (Andy Dickerson) was the only sighting that month. Two Jan sightings preceded the many in Feb. Andrew Hood found 10 in the **Union** section of Glacier Ridge MP on 22 Feb and four locations each hosted six. (21 counties)

### Wilson's Snipe

Five Dec reports led to many in Jan; the number then decreased in Feb. The high count of 10 was shared by m. obs. near Sugarcreek, **Tuscarawas**, on 04 Jan and Tom Frankel *et al.* at Mentor Lagoons SNP, **Lake**, on 14 Jan. (15 counties)



*Marty Dermody was lucky to stumble upon this Wilson's Snipe in below-freezing temperatures at Fernald on 01 Feb.*

### Pomarine Jaeger

Shari Jackson and Ben Morrison saw one at Fairport Harbor's Lakefront Park, **Lake**, on 10 Dec.

### Bonaparte's Gull

Gary Cowell found 420 at Charles Mill Lake, **Richland**, on 02 Dec. Pickerington Ponds held 250 for Rob Thorn on 01 Dec. (34 counties)

### Little Gull

One spent from 13 to 24 Dec at Caesar Creek and (presumably) another was at Buck Creek between 10 and 14 Feb (both m. obs.).



*On 27 Nov, a Little Gull flashed one of those dark underwings for Debbie Parker at Lorain Harbor.*

### Laughing Gull

Andrea and Brad Imhoff found one at Buckeye Lake SP, **Licking**, on 27 Feb.

### Ring-billed Gull

Patrick Markee estimated that 40,000 were visible from Wendy Park on 23 Dec. The BSBO boat trip on 01 Jan tallied 30,000 in Cleveland Harbor. The most not in **Cuyahoga** were Dave Chase's 14,000 at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 26 Jan, and the inland high count of 6000 came from Tappan Lake, **Harrison**, on 16 Dec (Terry Bronson). (80 counties)

### Herring Gull

The high number of 10,000 was shared by Patrick Markee at Wendy Park on 23 Dec and Suzanne Valek at Edgewater on 03 Feb. The Bayshore fishing access, **Lucas**, provided the highest non-**Cuyahoga** count, 3200 on 14 Jan (Matt Kemp). Several birders saw 1200 at the Bolivar Landfill, **Stark**, on 04 Jan for the inland maximum. (65 counties)

### Iceland Gull

Cleveland's 55<sup>th</sup> Street Marina hosted five on 22 Feb for Jen Brumfield. Detail-oriented birders identified single Thayer's-type birds in **Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain**, and **Stark**. (12 counties)

### Slaty-backed Gull

I have no doubt that the bird which spent part of Jan at the **Stark/Summit** border was correctly

identified. The OBRC will credit those who provided formal reports.

### Lesser Black-backed Gull

Scott Myers counted 39 at the *Defiance* power dam on 04 Feb. The next-most were Nate Koszycki's 28 at Bayshore on 08 Jan. (26 counties)



*Debbie Parker had a close encounter with this beautiful Lesser Black-backed Gull on 02 Jan at Lorain Harbor.*

### Glaucous Gull

The season's first was off Huntington Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 02 Dec (Bill Ohlsen). The next was Joe Woyma's find at CLNP on 16 Dec, and sightings were fairly steady after that. Nine were off Wendy Park on 20 Feb for Kathy Murphy. Kent Miller's five at the Bolivar Landfill, *Stark*, on 22 Jan made the largest inland tally. (9 counties)



*A snowy scene made the perfect backdrop for this handsome Glaucous Gull at Lorain Harbor while Debbie Parker was shooting on 26 Nov.*

### [Herring x Glaucous Gull]

This is a fairly common hybrid; one spent most of Jan at the Bolivar Landfill, *Stark* (m. obs.).

### Great Black-backed Gull

Matt Hall saw about 150 at Miller Road Park, *Lorain*, on 01 Feb, as did m. obs. at Edgewater on 17 Feb. The most away from Lake Erie were the 30 which Jon Cefus and Kent Miller saw at the Bolivar Landfill, *Stark*, on 01 Feb. (12 counties)

### [Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]

This is another fairly common hybrid. A trio of birders identified one at Springfield Lake, *Summit*, on 01 Jan.

### Common Tern

Single stragglers showed up at Huntington Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 02 Dec (Bill Ohlsen) and at CLNP on 16 Dec (Joe Woyma).

### Red-throated Loon

All of the sightings were in Dec. One or two birds were seen at sites in *Ashtabula*, *Cuyahoga*, *Guernsey*, *Lake*, *Lorain*, and *Noble*.

### Pacific Loon

The OBRC has a report from *Ashtabula*.

### Common Loon

Sightings were more or less continuous except for a two-week gap in Jan. Birders found between seven and 10 at Lorain (city) harbor on 02 Dec. The inland high count was four, at LaDue between 01 and 05 Dec (m. obs.). (26 counties)



*A Common Loon stretches its wings near Kelleys Island on 04 Nov when Tyler McClain was ready to capture the moment.*

### American White Pelican

The reports are:

One at Scioto Audubon MP, *Franklin*, from 03 to 07 Dec (m. obs.)

One at Caesar Creek on 08 Dec (Lee Funderburg, John Landon)

Three at Williams Reservoir, *Allen*, on 18 Jan (m. obs.)

One along the Ohio River shore near Marietta, *Washington*, on 14 and 15 Feb (m. obs.) (It spent most of its time in West Virginia waters.)



*An American White Pelican posed in the morning sun at Scioto Audubon MP, *Franklin*, for Ronnie Clark on 07 Dec.*

### Double-crested Cormorant

Bill Deininger saw about 400 from Wendy Park on 16 Feb, and many other large numbers came from there and other *Cuyahoga* sites. The most elsewhere were Michael Schramm's 55 at a gravel pit in *Washington* on 24 Dec. (35 counties)

### Great Blue Heron

Campbell Memorial Park, *Franklin*, hosted 65 for Jenny Bowman on 24 Feb. (82 counties)

### Great Egret

Sightings were fairly regular until the last, which was of one bird at Clear Fork Reservoir, *Morrow*, on 09 Jan (Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble). Cedar Point NWR provided the high count of seven on 07 Dec (Tom Kemp). (13 counties)

### Black-crowned Night-Heron

Tom Bartlett and Tyler McClain saw 20 along the western shoreline of Sandusky (city), *Erie*, on 01 Jan, and up to 16 were there on other days. The mouth of Cold Creek, *Erie*, hosted the next-most, five on 26 Jan (m. obs.). All of the inland sightings were of solo birds. (10 counties)

### Black Vulture

Eric Juterbock found 150 at Paint Creek SP, *Highland*, on 10 Jan. (49 counties all the way north to *Cuyahoga*)

### Turkey Vulture

Counts of 80 came from *Jackson* on 07 Jan (Alex Eberts) and The Ridges, *Athens*, on 11 Jan (Phil Cantino). (76 counties)

### Osprey

Jason White gave a thorough description of a very early arrival near the Ohio River in Wayne NF, *Washington*, on 15 Feb.

### Golden Eagle

The only well-documented reports are of a single bird at Killdeer on 02 Dec (Greg Smith) and a few miles north of there four hours later (Mandy Roberts).

### Bald Eagle

The Old Woman Creek estuary, *Erie*, hosted 32 on 13 Feb. Patricia Dwight wrote, "An amazing display of mature and immature eagles flying and perching on a very windy day. I have never seen this many eagles together off the observation deck at this location before. Quite an extraordinary sight." Mosquito WA held 29 on 09 Dec for Larry Richardson, who wrote that they were "Almost all (2 adults) sub adult eagles clustered around and fighting over I assume food on the ice out from Mahan Denman Rd lake access." Dan Gesualdo tied Larry's 29 at Pipe Creek WA, *Erie*, on 13 Jan. All counties but *Fayette*, *Meigs*, *Monroe*, *Pike*, and *Van Wert* had sightings.

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

Andrew Wolfe saw three in Waterville, *Lucas*, on 29 Dec; the rest of the sightings were of single birds. (68 counties)

### Cooper's Hawk

The BSBO boat trippers saw four along the lower Cuyahoga River on 01 Jan as did Jonathan Wilhelms in CLNP on 09 Jan. (89 counties)

### Northern Goshawk

The OBRC has a report from *Lake*.

### Northern Harrier

One group of 32 made up part of the 40 which Richard Counts saw at the Hardin Wetlands on 16 Dec. The second-highest count of 14 was shared by Leslie Sours at Darby Creek on 22 Jan and Gautam Apte at Killdeer on 09 Feb. (78 counties)

### Red-shouldered Hawk

A CBC team counted seven near East Fork on 22 Dec. (75 counties)



Diana Steele photographed this gorgeous Red-shouldered Hawk in the Oberlin College Arboretum, *Lorain*, on 11 Feb.

### Red-tailed Hawk

The ONWR census crew tallied 21 on 05 Jan (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *vide* Douglas Vogus). The next-most were Gary Cowell's 15 during the Knox County CBC on 16 Dec. Only *Monroe* didn't produce a sighting.

### "Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk

Brian Wulker photographed one of this morph at Fernald on 24 Jan; raptor expert Brian Sullivan confirmed the identification.

### Rough-legged Hawk

Five sites each hosted the high count of five. (47 counties)

### Snowy Owl

All of the sightings were of single birds. Charity Mott saw the last, near Bryan, *Williams*, on 17 Feb. It lingered a while later than the second-last,

which spent from 28 Jan to 05 Feb near Archbold, **Fulton**, for m. obs. (10 counties)

### Barred Owl

Luke Kemper and Brett Smith saw four in the **Hocking** section of Wayne NF on 23 Feb. (54 counties)

### Barn Owl

Sightings came from **Coshocton**, **Holmes**, **Muskingum**, **Tuscarawas**, and **Wayne**.

### Eastern Screech-Owl

Three were sighted in each of six locations. (44 counties)



*Su Snyder photographed this Eastern Screech-Owl taking a nap near Mt. Eaton, **Wayne**, on 18 Jan.*

### Great Horned Owl

Tom Kemp provided the high count of five, from Cedar Point NWR on 16 Dec. Three sites each had triples. (54 counties)



*This nesting Great Horned Owl at Green Lawn Cemetery, **Franklin**, was photographed on 02 Feb by Bruce Miller.*

### Short-eared Owl

Fourteen graced the Huffman Prairie Flying Field, **Greene**, for Rick Luehrs on 07 Jan. (34 counties)

### Northern Saw-whet Owl

All of the sightings were solos. Micki Dunakin saw the last, at her **Paulding** home on 09 Feb. (11 counties)

### Long-eared Owl

The last date of the season was 25 Feb. On that day Nathan Mast saw one at Honey Run High-

lands Park, **Knox**, and Regina Schieltz saw two at her **Darke** home. Observers found three at the Norma Johnson Center, **Tuscarawas**, on both 11 and 12 Jan. (10 counties)



*This Long-eared Owl was found by Jen Brumfield in CVNP and Lori Brumbaugh was lucky to capture a photo on 25 Nov.*

### Belted Kingfisher

Cory and Howard Gratz tallied five along their CBC route in **Knox** on 16 Dec. (89 counties)

### Red-headed Woodpecker

Bruce Simpson and Rob Thorn counted 20 in and around Blendon Woods during the Columbus CBC on 16 Dec. (69 counties)

### Red-bellied Woodpecker

Avoca Park, **Hamilton**, hosted 34 for Christine Gray and Paul Krusling on 30 Dec. Bruce Simpson and Rob Thorn saw 27 at Blendon Woods on 16 Dec to go with the Red-headed's there; Ed Pierce's ONWR census-takers tied them on 05 Jan (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Only Van Wert didn't have a sighting.



*A Short-eared Owl posed for Adam Brandemihl during the sunset hours in **Wyandot** on 08 Dec.*

### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Bryan Smith found five near Proctorville, *Lawrence*, on 08 Dec. One was on his suet feeder and the others in Crown City WA. (56 counties)

### Downy Woodpecker

David Carr's CBC route in Newtown Bottoms, *Hamilton*, produced 41 on 30 Dec. *Van Wert* alone didn't have a sighting.

### Hairy Woodpecker

Nick Mrvelj tallied 10 in Mill Creek Park, *Mahoning*, on 23 Dec. (81 counties)

### Northern Flicker

Greg Miller counted 20 in the Lake Buckhorn area, *Hobmes*, during the 28 Dec Millersburg CBC. *Van Wert* and *Williams* didn't have sightings.

### Pileated Woodpecker

Four locations each produced counts of six. (78 counties)

### American Kestrel

Ron Sempier saw 11 at Killdeer on 05 Jan. *Hocking*, *Monroe*, and *Morgan* had no sightings.



This American Kestrel showed off its dinner while Scott Zimmermann was birding at Big Island on 16 Dec.

### Merlin

The high count was five; they were in Union Cemetery East, *Franklin*, on 21 Feb (Jason Parish). (46 counties)



Akron Fulton Airport, *Summit*, hosted a Merlin that was photographed by Sue Carpenter on 14 Jan.

### Peregrine Falcon

At least 10 locations hosted duos. (39 counties)

### Eastern Phoebe

Half-hardy was enough this winter: Sightings came from 36 counties with dates throughout the season.

### Northern Shrike

The Ottawa section of Magee held three on 26 Feb for Sandra Blease. (21 counties)

### White-eyed Vireo

Lots of birders saw one in Lake View Cemetery, *Cuyahoga*, on 04 Jan. Was it late to leave or early to arrive?

### Blue-headed Vireo

Vern Bingman photographed one in Bowling Green, *Wood*, on 30 Dec.

### Red-eyed Vireo

Ann Oliver photographed one in Cincinnati's Burnet Woods on 09 Dec.

### Blue Jay

Two hours in Acacia Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, produced 87 for Bill Grant on 05 Feb. Only *Van Wert* didn't have a sighting.

### Fish Crow

Posts from two *Cuyahoga* sites had descriptions. Those from two *Summit* locations had descriptions and photos. But nobody filed a report with the OBRC.

### Common Raven

The Bowl hosted three for Scott Pendleton on 12 Jan. (11 counties)

### American Crow

A roost in Poland Township Park, *Mahoning*, had 2750 on 30 Dec (Nick Mrvelj and John Petrucci). Leslie Warren had seen about 1700 heading towards that area on 27 Jan. The most elsewhere were more than 1400 in Lexington Community Park, *Richland*, on 06 Jan (Gary Cowell). *Van Wert* alone was crow-less.



Debbie Parker had her camera ready when this American Crow struck a pose at Lorain on 02 Nov.



**Horned Lark**

Sylvia Hadley saw 500 at the Richland Quarry, **Clinton**, on 15 Jan. The next-most were Ethan Maynard's 350 along Soltis Road, **Geauga**, on 11 Jan. (70 counties)

**Tree Swallow**

The reports are:

One at ONWR on 02 Dec (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus)

One at Piedmont Lake, **Harrison**, on 09 Dec (Tim Troutner)

One at the Findlay Reservoirs on 24 Feb (also Tim Troutner)

Four or five at Lake Barber, **Hamilton**, on 27 and 28 Feb. (m. obs.)

**Barn Swallow**

The reports follow. Were there two, three, or four individuals?

Two along the Magee causeway on 02 Jan (Philip Chaon)

One at ONWR Boss on 05 and 06 Jan (m. obs.)

One at ONWR on 15 Jan (Mark Shieldcastle) and 16 Jan (Gregory Allen)

**Swallow sp.**

One appeared at Sheldon Marsh during the Firelands CBC on 15 Dec (Paul Hillman and Mary Warren). Another was at the **Hancock** sanitary landfill on 25 Jan (Amy Downing). These sightings were too distant for identification to species but were well documented as swallows.

**Carolina Chickadee**

Bruce Simpson and Rob Thorn counted 57 in and around Blendon Woods during the Columbus CBC on 16 Dec. (62 counties)



Bruce Miller perfectly captured the cuteness of this busy little Carolina Chickadee at Blacklick Woods, **Franklin**, on 06 Jan.

**Black-capped Chickadee**

Counts of 45 came from Kelleys Island on 16 Dec (Tyler McClain), along Cable Line Road, **Portage**, on 01 Jan (Cole DiFabio and Jim McConnor), and at the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 03 Jan (Janice Farral).

**Tufted Titmouse**

The Blendon Woods area CBC route produced 37 for Bruce Simpson and Rob Thorn on 16 Dec. **Meigs** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**

Elias Raber counted 52 during five miles of travel in Mohican on 07 Dec and 35 there on 01 Jan. The next-highest number, 34, was shared by Bryan Smith at Crown City WA, **Lawrence**, on 08 Dec and Mike Smith at Findlay SP, **Lorain**, on 03 Feb. (80 counties)

**White-breasted Nuthatch**

The two highest counts came during ONWR censuses, 33 on 05 Jan and 30 on 03 Feb (Ed Pierce *et al.*, *fide* Douglas Vogus). Only **Meigs** and **Van Wert** didn't produce sightings.

**Brown Creeper**

Counts of seven came from Lou Berliner Park, **Franklin**, on 16 Dec (Karl Mechem and Jason Parrish) and Gilmore MP, **Butler**, on 10 Feb (Charlie Saunders). (78 counties)

**House Wren**

The documented reports are:

At Blacklick Woods, **Fairfield**, on 08 Dec (Rob Thorn)

At Cruiser Park, **Franklin**, during the Columbus CBC on 16 Dec (Bradley and Lindsay Deering)

At Chesapeake, **Lawrence**, on 01 Jan (Bryan Smith)

At Alum Creek on 07 Jan (Al Lloyd)

At Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 08 Jan (Cynthia Norris)

**Winter Wren**

Maumee Bay hosted 12 on 16 Dec for Jamie Cunningham. Warren Leow saw five at Magee on 14 Feb. (45 counties)

**Sedge Wren**

Several birders got to see one at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 30 Dec.



This adorable leucistic Black-capped Chickadee was found and photographed by Liz McQuaid at the Rocky River Reservation Nature Center, **Cuyahoga**, on 19 Feb.

### Marsh Wren

The last were single birds on 06 Jan at Darby Creek (Chris Lotz) and Navarre, **Stark** (Jon Cefus). Jamie Cunningham found three at Maumee Bay on 16 Dec. (8 counties)

### Carolina Wren

David Carr's CBC route in Newtown Bottoms, **Hamilton**, produced 71 on 30 Dec. Paul Kru-sling and Timothy Rice found 56 the same day at Avoca Park, **Hamilton**. (83 counties)

### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Benjamin Yoder saw an extraordinarily late bird consorting with goldfinches, kinglets, and Yellow-rumped Warblers at Lake Park, **Coshocton**, on 24 and 26 Dec.

### Golden-crowned Kinglet

Scott Pendleton traveled five miles in the Piedmont Lake area, **Harrison**, on 09 Dec and tallied 27. He then found 16 at Clendening Lake, **Harrison**, on 01 Jan. (74 counties)

### Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Two counts of three came from Lake Barber, **Hamilton**. Joshua Eastlake's were on 01 Jan and Richard Payne's on 18 Jan. (37 counties)

### Northern Wheatear

The OBRC has a report from **Portage**.

### Eastern Bluebird

Reuben S. Erb had as many as 81 (on 20 Jan) visiting his suet feeders near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**. Jim McCormac and Kim Smith found 33 at Lake Logan SP, **Hocking**, on 05 Jan. (83 counties)



A beautiful Eastern Bluebird investigated Debbie Parker while she was birding at Chippewa Lake, **Medina**, on 31 Jan.

### Hermit Thrush

The high count of six was shared by Bryan Smith at Crown City WA, **Lawrence**, on 08 Dec and Tom Bartlett at Kelleys Island on 12 Jan. (46 counties)

### American Robin

About 500 were in the Lake Barber area, **Ham-**

**ilton**, for Joshua Eastlake on 23 Dec. **Meigs**, **Monroe**, and **Van Wert** didn't produce reports.

### Varied Thrush

The OBRC has a report from **Cuyahoga**.



Debbie Parker captured this beautiful photograph of the Varied Thrush that visited Lake View Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, on 04 Jan.

### Gray Catbird

Solo sightings were scattered throughout the season, and three locations each held two birds. (14 counties)

### Brown Thrasher

Eight counties produced sightings, all of single birds.

### Northern Mockingbird

Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, hosted 16 for Jack Verdin on 15 Jan. Counts of eight came during CBCs, from **Knox** on 16 Dec (Gary Cowell) and Newtown bottoms, **Hamilton**, on 30 Dec (David Carr). (72 counties)

### European Starling

Rob Thorn noted a roost of about 6000 birds in Columbus on 16 Dec. Only **Vinton** didn't have a sighting.

### Cedar Waxwing

Birders found 161 in the Black River Reservation, **Lorain**, on 15 Dec. (59 counties)

### House Sparrow

Paul Jacyk saw 420 at Dry Tree Point, **Lucas**, on 01 Jan. Paula Lozano counted 353 at Cuyahoga County Airport on 22 Dec. **Morgan** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

### American Pipit

Micki Dunakin saw the last of 2018, on 29 Dec at her home in **Paulding**. The first of the new year showed up by Soltis Road, **Geauga**, on 10 Jan for Matthew Valencic, and up to three were there on later dates. The only counts exceeding four were of 15 at the Barrow FS on 07 Dec (David Factor) and of 13 north of Circleville, **Pickaway**, on 27 Jan (Eric Reiner). (19 counties)

### Evening Grosbeak

A private inholding in Mohican hosted 10 on 10

Feb (Mike Smith) and up to eight on other days. Several birders found seven in Fresno, **Coshocton**, on 11 and 12 Jan, as did Brad Imhoff in Mt. Vernon, **Knox**, on 28 Feb. (9 counties)



An Evening Grosbeak delighted birders when it stopped by a private residence in **Coshocton**, where Christopher Collins photographed it on 04 Dec.

#### House Finch

CBCers counted 89 at Shaker Lakes NC, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Dec. (84 counties)

#### Purple Finch

George Weigly saw 13 at the Richardson farm, **Athens**, on 20 Jan. (48 counties)

#### Common Redpoll

Sally Isacco found 56 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 16 Dec and up to 50 were seen there on other dates. The most elsewhere were eight at nearby Painesville Township Park on 20 Dec (Cole DiFabio and Sarah Preston). (11 counties)

#### Pine Siskin

About 150 swarmed Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery on 14 Dec (m. obs.). The next-most were Kent Miller's 90 near Wilmot, **Stark**, on 22 Dec. (43 counties)

#### American Goldfinch

The high count of 125 was shared by Larry Richardson, who found a single flock in Mosquito WA on 24 Dec, and Cam Lee, whose three flocks were at Delaware SP on 02 Feb. Only **Putnam** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

#### Lapland Longspur

Quentin Skrabec saw the last of the season, four birds at Howard Marsh on 26 Feb, though sightings there and elsewhere continued into Mar. The Fleitz pumpkin farm in **Lucas** hosted 440 for Paul Jacyk on 14 Jan and there were several other triple-digit flocks. (39 counties)

#### Snow Bunting

About 300 were along Soltis Road, **Geauga**, on 18 Jan (Jason Larson) and up to 250 were there

on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 50 seen by Lydia Machczynski by Stollacker Road, **Ashtabula**, on 28 Feb. (27 counties)

#### Eastern Towhee

Joshua Eastlake counted 24 at Withrow NP, **Hamilton**, on 08 Dec. Next-most were Cassandre Crawford's 15 at Cincinnati NC's Rowe Woods on 21 Jan. (62 counties)

#### American Tree Sparrow

Larry Richardson found 165 at Mosquito WA on 24 Dec. (83 counties)



Shreve Lake, **Wayne**, was the perfect spot for Su Snyder to find this adorable American Tree Sparrow on 14 Dec.

#### Chipping Sparrow

Bryan Smith's **Lawrence** home hosted eight on 01 Jan. (27 counties)

#### Field Sparrow

Kyle Brooks saw 30 around Lake Snowden, **Athens**, on 11 Jan. Cassandre Crawford found 15 at Shawnee Lookout on 05 Jan. (48 counties)

#### Vesper Sparrow

Matt Bryant photographed one at Hickory Flats Cemetery, **Butler**, on 12 Jan (*vide* Brian Walker).

#### Lark Sparrow

One spent from 13 to 21 Jan at a Sugarcreek, **Holmes**, farm (m. obs.)



Adam Brandemühl photographed this wintering Lapland Longspur at Killdeer on 10 Nov.

### Savannah Sparrow

Counts of seven came from Fernald on 06 Jan (Joshua Eastlake and William Hull) and near Atwood Lake, **Tuscarawas**, on 21 Jan (Jeff Goff). (28 counties)

### LeConte's Sparrow

Lots of birders got to see this unexpected find at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 01 and 02 Jan.

### Fox Sparrow

Jim Crumpler and Joshua Eastlake each found nine at Hamilton sites, the Conrey Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary on 13 Dec and Armleder Park on 12 Jan, respectively. (48 counties)

### Song Sparrow

Newtown Bottoms, **Hamilton**, produced 85 for David Carr on 30 Dec. Wayne Wauligman saw the second-highest number, 52, in the Simmonds Dog Park vicinity, **Hamilton**, on 23 Dec. **Meigs** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

### Lincoln's Sparrow

Sightings came from **Delaware** (1), **Franklin** (3), **Lake** (2), and **Summit** (1); five of them were in Dec and one each in Jan and Feb.

### Swamp Sparrow

Josh King found 20 at the Prairie Creek wastewater treatment plant, **Mercer**, on 08 Dec. (64 counties)

### White-throated Sparrow

David Carr's Newtown Bottoms, **Hamilton**, CBC route produced 67 on 30 Dec. (82 counties)



Su Snyder captured this White-crowned Sparrow near a feeder in **Wayne** on 21 Feb.

### Harris's Sparrow

A post from **Lake** has a photo.

### White-crowned Sparrow

Lucas Weaver found 30 near Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, on 15 Jan. (63 counties)

### Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)

Nicky Rosner saw about 100 near Wooster, **Wayne**, on 14 Jan. Only **Van Wert** didn't provide a sighting.

### "Oregon" Dark-eyed Junco

One spent from 10 Jan to 20 Feb at Green Lawn

Cemetery in Columbus (m. obs.). Birds were well documented in **Darke**, **Hancock**, **Lucas**, and **Wayne**.

### Dark-eyed Junco (other)

Birds in 13 counties were identified as subspecies *cismontanus*. Vicki Derr described a possible "Gray-headed" Junco at Beechhaven, **Perry**, on 06 Jan.



Scott Zimmermann photographed this Dark-eyed Junco, a favorite winter species of the midwest, at Green Lawn Cemetery, **Franklin**, on 24 Dec.

### [Dark-eyed Junco x White-throated Sparrow]

Jason Sullivan photographed this hybrid after Chris Zacharias discovered it on 25 Jan at Germantown MP, **Montgomery**. Many other birders saw it through 31 Jan.

### Eastern Meadowlark

The Miami University Airport, **Butler**, hosted 21 for Cole DiFabio on 02 Feb. (45 counties)

### Baltimore Oriole

Ed Wransky photographed one at the Wellington Reservation, **Lorain**, on both 18 Dec and 16 Jan – were those sightings of the same bird or different ones? Janice Emrick well described one at Senecaville, **Noble**, on 22 Jan.

### Red-winged Blackbird

Three to four thousand were in the vicinity of Stange and Krause Roads near ONWR, **Ottawa**, on 06 Jan (m. obs.). Tom Kemp's CBC efforts in and near Cedar Point NWR produced 2272 on 16 Dec. (80 counties)

### Brown-headed Cowbird

Three counts exceeded 500: There were 5000 near Orrville, **Wayne**, on 16 Feb (Jon Cefus), 3500 in **Ottawa** near ONWR on 05 Jan (Tom Bartlett), and 2000 in Cedar Point NWR on 16 Dec (Tom Kemp). (68 counties)

### Rusty Blackbird

Brian Tinker found about 350 at Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 08 Jan. Jennifer Allison and Lori Brumbaugh saw only 100 there on 15 Jan. The

most elsewhere were Bill Stanley's 80 at his home in **Clermont** on 11 Dec. (43 counties)



On 4 Feb, a Rusty Blackbird posed nicely for Su Snyder at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**.

#### **Brewer's Blackbird**

Ron Sempier gave a good description of the one he saw at a feedlot north of Big Island on 25 Jan.

#### **Common Grackle**

Jennifer Allison saw about 6000 near Doylestown, **Wayne**, on 11 Jan and up to 5000 there on other days. Dennis Mersky's 2500 at Marshallville, **Wayne**, on 08 Feb were the most elsewhere. (70 counties)

#### **Ovenbird**

Wayne Kittle took a video of one at his home near Blendon Woods on 12 Jan. Lots of birders saw another at Beach City, **Tuscarawas**, between 16 and 21 Jan.

#### **Northern Waterthrush**

The one documented during the Toledo CBC was just over the state line in Michigan.

#### **Black-and-white Warbler**

The reports are:

One at Griggs Reservoir, **Franklin**, on 04 Dec (Chris Lotz)

One at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, from 12 Dec to 18 Jan (m. obs.)

One at Lake Barber, **Hamilton**, on 15 Jan (Richard Payne)

#### **Tennessee Warbler**

Chuck Slusarczyk Jr. photographed one at the Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Jan.

#### **Orange-crowned Warbler**

One spent from 23 Dec to 09 Jan visiting an Olmsted Falls, **Cuyahoga**, feeder (Michele Bobinski). Another was at a South Findlay, **Hancock**, feeder from 03 to 26 Feb (m. obs.). One-sighting-wonders were in **Delaware**, **Erie**, **Franklin**, **Hamilton**, and **Richland**.

#### **Lucy's Warbler**

The OBRC has a report from **Hamilton**; if confirmed it will be the first state record.

#### **Nashville Warbler**

Single birds were documented at five locations in Dec. The last was seen at the Castalia hatchery, **Erie**, on 02 Jan (Dan Gesualdo) and again on 04 Jan (*vide* Tom Bartlett).

#### **Common Yellowthroat**

These were present at several sites in Dec. The 2019 sightings were at McCracken Fen, **Logan**, on 05 Jan (Stefan Minnig) and Strawbridge Pond, **Hancock**, on 15 Feb (Shane Myers). (Six counties)

#### **Cape May Warbler**

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker saw a straggler at Old Reid Park, **Clark**, on 09 Dec.

#### **Yellow Warbler**

Atlee Yoder photographed one at Killbuck on 14 Dec.

#### **Blackpoll Warbler**

Jeffrey and Marian Kraus photographed one at the Akron Reclamation Facility, **Summit**, on 16 Dec.

#### **Palm Warbler**

John Pogacnik documented one at Kelleys Island on 15 Dec.

#### **Pine Warbler**

One spent from 06 Jan into Mar at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus (m. obs.). There were also scattered sightings in **Butler**, **Erie**, **Hamilton**, and **Holmes** in Dec and Jan.



Scott Zimmermann was surprised to photograph a Pine Warbler during a trip to Green Lawn Cemetery, **Franklin**, on 24 Dec.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler**

David Carr counted 22 in Newtown Bottoms, *Hamilton*, on 30 Dec. Bob and Sara Crist found 16 in Blacklick Woods, *Fairfield*, on 25 Dec. (58 counties)

**Northern Cardinal**

Newtown Bottoms, *Hamilton*, produced 149 for David Carr on 30 Dec. The next-most were 90 at Blue Rock SP, *Muskingum*, on 22 Dec (Cory and Howard Gratz). Only *Van Wert* didn't have a sighting.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak**

Lisa Wallen photographed one in *Medina* on 27 Jan.

**Indigo Bunting**

The documented reports are:  
One at Indigo Lake in CVNP on 02 Dec (Brian Tinker)  
One at the Rebert Pike Nature Park, *Clark*, on 24 Dec (Tom Farrell)  
One near Killbuck during the Millersburg CBC on 28 Dec (Nathan Mast and Leroy Yoder)

**Dickcissel**

One spent from 22 Dec to 16 Jan at a Dalton, *Wayne*, home (m. obs.).

**Addendum**

Great Gray Owl

The OBRK received a report of a 2006 sighting in *Knox*.

**Erratum**

Bernard Master was mistakenly omitted from the Contributors list in the fall 2018 issue.

# WINTER 2018–19 OCCURENCE MAPS FOR SELECTED SPECIES

*Courtesy of Craig Caldwell*

**Iceland Gull**



**Long-eared Owl**



### Short-eared Owl



### Northern Saw-Whet Owl



### Merlin



### Eastern Phoebe



### Red-breasted Nuthatch



### Snow Bunting



## CONTRIBUTORS

Here we list all the birders who sent reports directly to the *Cardinal* or the *Bobolink*, and those whose posts to eBird or the Ohio-birds listserv we specifically cited. We also list everyone who contributed photographs, even if we weren't able to publish them. We regret that the available space doesn't allow us to list everyone who contributed to one of the e-venues, though those sightings provide the bulk of the county counts. The editors thank all of you.

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## RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE, Nov 2018–April 2019

### By Jay Lehman, Secretary

Here we report the most recent decisions of the Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC). Fifteen records were decided in their first circulation and one during its first recirculation; two records will undergo a second recirculation (third circulation overall). The OBRC evaluated formal reports for seven of the first circulations and one of the recirculations; the other reports were gleaned from eBird and Facebook posts. However, we encourage birders to file OBRC reports online at the OOS website or with a Word version of the form (available from the Secretary) for those who prefer that route of reporting.

The purpose of the OBRC is to endorse documentation of sightings of birds in Ohio. The committee reviews reports of sightings of review-list species and potential first state records. (The review list can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/site/committee/review.php>.) Reports of common species seen at unusual dates, such as an Osprey in Jan, are also welcome. The Committee bases its decisions on the documentation submitted directly to it, and secondarily on photographs and descriptions posted to on-line venues. 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.

Reports of sightings of rare birds can be documented online using a handy form at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/site/committee/rarebird-submission.php>. Alternatively, information can be emailed to the secretary at [lehman.jg64@gmail.com](mailto:lehman.jg64@gmail.com) or mailed to him at 7064 Shawnee Run Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45243. While the committee endeavors to glean reports of sightings of rarities from the numerous and seemingly ever-expanding corpus of internet sources, many reports never come to the committee's attention. Direct submission of reports is the only sure way to see that a sighting becomes part of Ohio's official ornithological record.

The membership of the committee for the reports listed below is Jen Brumfield, Tom Kemp, Jay Lehman (Secretary), Ben Morrison, Dan Sanders, Steve Schafer, Su Snyder, Ben Warner, and Brian Wulker. Craig Caldwell has been appointed as an alternate, as per the By-laws, in order to complete the voting for the batch of 15 records under the first circulation. At the annual

meeting on 28 Oct 2018, Rob Harlan and Steve Landes were elected to replace Dan Sanders and Su Snyder, whose three year terms expired. Brian Wulker, whose temporary one year replacement term expired, was elected for a full three year term. New members Rob Harlan and Steve Landes will vote on the next set of records to be reviewed.

The three recirculation records addressed here had sighting dates from Oct 2013 to May 2017. The fifteen first-circulation records had sighting dates from May 2016 to Sep 2017. Acceptance of a record requires approval by at least eight of the committee members. Records receiving five to seven votes for acceptance are recirculated to the Committee for up to three rounds of voting. Records receiving fewer than five votes to accept are not accepted or recirculated.

This list of records is presented in taxonomic order and chronologically within a given species. They pertain to the sighting of a single bird unless otherwise noted. Individuals who submitted formal reports are named; those who posted to internet venues are not. The sequence and common and scientific names of species follow the *Check-List of North American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998) as updated through the 59th Supplement (2018) regardless of the date of the sighting. These documents are produced by the North American Classification Committee of the American Ornithological Society and are available at <http://www.checklist.aou.org/>. The following 15 records were accepted during their first circulation:

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) — **Holmes** and **Wayne**, 25 May 2017. Six individuals. Documented by Su Snyder.

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) — **Butler**, 28 May 2017. Six individuals. Internet sources.

**White-winged Dove** (*Zenaidura asiatica*) — **Hancock**, 11 Jul 2017. Internet sources.

**Piping Plover** (*Charadrius melodus*) — **Wayne**, 23 Apr 2017. Documented by Su Snyder.

**Black-headed Gull** (*Chroicocephalus ribibundus*) — **Lucas**, 20 Sept 2017. Documented by Rick Nirschl.

**Least Tern** (*Sternula antillarum*) — **Mercer**, 12 Jun 2017. Internet sources.

**Pacific Loon** (*Gavia pacifica*) — **Delaware**, 30 May 2017. Internet sources.

**Tricolored Heron** (*Egretta tricolor*) — **Lorain**, 30 April 2017. Internet sources.

**Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) — **Lucas** and **Ottawa**, 30 May 2016. Documented by Rick Nirschl.

**Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) — **Columbiana**, 05 May 2017. Internet sources.

**Mississippi Kite** (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) — **Ross**, 29 May 2017. Internet sources.

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** (*Tyrannus forficatus*) — **Butler**, 05 May, 2017. Internet sources.

**Harris's Sparrow** (*Zonotrichia querula*) — **Ottawa**, 29 Sep 2016. Documented by Su Snyder.

**Kirtland's Warbler** (*Setophaga kirtlandi*) — **Ashland**, 15 May 2017. Documented by Su Snyder.

**Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) — **Holmes**, 07 Dec 2016. Documented by Su Snyder.

This record was recirculated after the first round of voting and was not accepted in the second round:

**Neotropic Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) — **Lake**, 23 May 2017. The record was not accepted because the identification was based only on size without details of the lores, the plumage on the face, or of the structure of head and tail. It was not distinguished from a small race of or smaller sized Double-crested Cormorant.

These records received five to seven “accept” votes in their first circulation and also during a second round of voting. They will be recirculated again:

**Pacific Loon** (*Gavia pacifica*) — **Trumbull**, 15 Nov 2016.

**Townsend's Warbler** (*Setophaga townsendi*) — **Paulding**, 02 Oct 2013.

If readers know of reports submitted directly to previous OBRC Secretaries that are not included in reports listed above or in The Ohio Cardinal for the period 2013 through 2016, please contact OBRC Secretary Jay Lehman, lehman.jg64@gmail.com. A new Vice Secretary has not yet been appointed. We welcome old reports not addressed. The OBRC directly receives all reports submitted electronically through the OOS website.

## FIELD NOTES

### From Atlee Yoder:

[Re the Yellow Warbler at Killbuck on 14 Dec] A total shocker to see this time of year! First got my attention when I heard a strange call note, similar to a swamp sparrow that was calling nearby, but not as hard and more clear than that of a swamp sparrow. Then I find a bright yellow bird with faint streaking on flanks, wing bars were moderate contrasting of yellow and brown, otherwise the bird was bright yellow overall.

### From Cristy J. Miller:

[Regarding a Hermit Thrush on 31 Jan] At Woodbury WA [**Coshocton**] while ice fishing. It was -5° that morning but the bird seemed just fine.

[Regarding 60 House Finches in Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 25 Dec] At home, counted from one spot at one time. They sure were plentiful that day.

## THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT REPORT

By Mike Busam

Welcome to a review of Ohio's participation in the 119th National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. Ohio observers participated in 68 different counts this year. Regrettably, we lack results from the Bucyrus circle. I'll also admit here to having miscounted the number of circles reported in last year's Christmas Bird Count summary article, for which I apologize. We have historical data for a total of 74 Ohio Christmas Bird Counts. Sixty-nine counts reported results last year, and 68 in this, the 119th count.

Chances are good that if you remember the weather during any of the previous counts you participated in, it's because it was bad — either really wet or very cold. Nationally, December 2018 was warm and wet, with an average temperature of 35.6 degrees Fahrenheit (almost three degrees above the 20th century average); while mean precipitation of 3.23 inches (0.88 inches above average), made December 2018 the seventh wettest in the past 124 years (National Climate Report, December 2018). Unlike last year, there was little or no snow on any of Ohio's CBCs. There was a "snowfall deficit" of as much as two feet for the month in the "downwind" Great Lakes region due to the lack of lake-effect snowfall (NCR December 2018). Cleveland had between one and three inches of snow on the ground during their count on 22 Dec and Ashtabula had just under an inch on 29 Dec. Otherwise, there was no snow to be found in Ohio counts. The first Saturday of the count season, 15 Dec, saw heavy rain, particularly in southern Ohio. Outside of that date, most counts reported little precipitation. It seems that count days were mostly comfortable.

During the 119th CBC season, 2,220 Ohio birders collectively tallied 160 species. Relatively mild weather throughout the region possibly contributed to slightly lower-than-expected tallies. Four counts hit the 90s last year. This year, only state leader Toledo broke the 90 barrier, tallying 95 species. Caesar Creek-Spring Valley was close with 89. Other counts in the 80s include The Brown Family Environmental Center (86), Cincinnati (81), Cuyahoga Falls (82), Millersburg (82), Wilmot (83), and Wooster (82). Last year, 16 counts were in the 70s. This year, that number fell to 11. Of the counts that ended up in the 70s, Mansfield and Ragersville tied at 78 species.

Some species highlights include single reports of Ross's Goose (Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area),

Greater White-fronted Goose (Mansfield), Eurasian Collared-Dove (Gypsum), Rufous Hummingbird (Rudolph), Pacific Loon (Ashtabula), an intriguing swallow of unknown species (Firelands), House Wren (Columbus), American Pipit (Toledo), Lincoln's Sparrow (Columbus), and "Oregon" Junco (a returning bird? Grand Rapids-Waterville).

Here's another indicator of the mild December we had. Ohio birders reported nine species of warblers during the count period, including a count week Palm Warbler (Lake Erie Islands). Eight count-day delights included Northern Waterthrush (Toledo), Black-and-White Warbler (Firelands), Orange-crowned Warbler (Cuyahoga Falls), two Nashville Warblers (Gypsum and Wilmot), five Common Yellowthroats (Athens, Delaware Reservoir, Grand Rapids-Waterville, Millersburg, and Wooster), Blackpoll Warbler (Cuyahoga Falls), two Pine Warblers (Millersburg and Wooster), and 391 Yellow-rumped Warblers. An Indigo Bunting turned up in Millersburg and the Western Hamilton County count reported a Dickcissel.

We mentioned above the 2,220 participants who helped out with Ohio's counts this year. More than a few of the group participated in multiple counts. That's still a decent number of birders, but we know there are many more out there. Count participation numbers ranged from four (Goll Woods) to 139 (Cuyahoga Falls). The Brown Family Environmental Center had 90, and Wilmot 83. Five circle's participant counts were in the 70s: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Hocking Hills, and Lakewood.

The average number of participants was roughly 32 birders per count, but that obscures a number of counts that were run with at least half that number of participants. For example, 27 counts had fewer than 20 birders in the field. Of those 27, 19 had fewer than 15 birders. In an effort to make sense out of the numbers produced by the various counts, it's important to know how many parties and party hours each count contributed. A "party" is simply an independent birding "unit" wandering around in the field. It could be one person, or it could be 20. Using our high-end and low-end counts participation-wise, Cuyahoga Falls had 139 participants and a maximum of 56 parties. Goll Woods had four participants and four parties. Knowing the number of parties and party hours helps get a better picture of the amount of birding effort

contributed by each count. It helps smooth some of the disparities that will appear when looking at the numbers of birds reported by counts with higher numbers of birders and counts with lower numbers of birders. This year, Ohio counts saw an average maximum of 11 parties in the field, producing an average 67 party hours during the course of the counts.

Thanks to everyone who took part in the 119th NAS CBC. Your efforts are appreciated, and not only are every last Starling, House Sparrow, Pacific Loon, and Rufous Hummingbird you find recorded, so too are every hour and mile you walk, drive, or bike. Whoever the Ohio birders are who logged 143 bicycle miles counting birds, (and you know who are), we have your numbers, too!

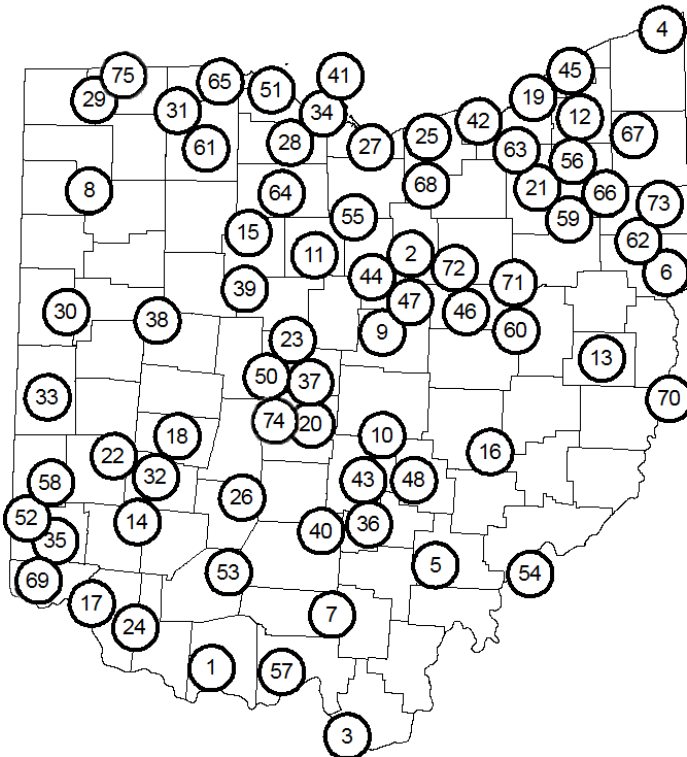
We would like to thank the National Audubon Society for making their compilation of CBC data available to us. Visit the Christmas Bird Count web site at <http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>. All the data, including historical data, are available online at <http://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/>.

We would also like to thank Craig Caldwell who is the NAS CBC editor for Ohio and who provided the CBC compilation data used in this article. Craig does an excellent job organizing the material, and without his work this simple summary would be simply impossible to organize!

Observers can sign up online to participate in most counts, which can help compilers plan their count circle coverage. If you decide to try out a new count or two in the 120th season, consider signing up online next fall. Thanks to everyone who helped with the 119th CBC season!

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	Adams County (OHAC)	Ashland (OHAD)	Astabula (OHAA)	Athens (OHAT)	Beaver Creek (OHBC)	Beaver Valley (OHBV)	Big and Little Darby Creek-Darbydale (OHDC)	Black Swamp (OHBS)	The Brown Family Environmental Centre (OHBF)	Buckeye Lake (OHBL)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	8	9	10
COUNT DATE	15-Dec	14-Dec	29-Dec	22-Dec	22-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	19-Dec	16-Dec	15-Dec
SPECIES										
Snow Goose		1							CW	1
Ross's Goose										
Greater White-fronted Goose										
Graylag Goose (Domestic type)										
Cackling Goose			1							
Canada Goose	393	432	1,528	510	245	84	1,146	136	1,699	1,077
Mute Swan		4								
Trumpeter Swan										
Tundra Swan										
Swan species										
Wood Duck	6	CW		2						
Blue-winged Teal										
Northern Shoveler										
Gadwall			24	CW	4	2	26		3	
American Wigeon									5	
Mallard	66	50	84	55	95	6	842	5	271	286
Mallard (Domestic type)							1			
American Black Duck	11	1					76		3	2
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)			1				1			
Northern Pintail							9			
Green-winged Teal							9		1	
Canvasback			1		3					
Redhead	1		1				CW			
Ring-necked Duck	86					1	CW			
Greater Scaup			3							
Lesser Scaup			15						1	
Greater/Lesser Scaup										
Surf Scoter										
White-winged Scoter										
Black Scoter			CW							
Long-tailed Duck			3							
Bufflehead	21		19		10				20	2
Common Goldeneye			21							
Hooded Merganser	12		2	CW			4		8	
Common Merganser		1	15		26				8	
Red-breasted Merganser			2,461		6					
Merganser species										
Ruddy Duck				CW					4	
Duck species										
Waterfowl species							50			
Northern Bobwhite	12									
Ring-necked Pheasant							1			
Ruffed Grouse										
Wild Turkey	90	42	135			28		3	51	1
Pied-billed Grebe				1		1	4		3	
Horned Grebe			3							
Red-necked Grebe										
Rock Pigeon	285	48	132	51	130	294	255	156	404	27
Eurasian Collared-Dove										
Mourning Dove	757	166	54	46	120	571	138	88	387	390
Rufous Hummingbird										
Virginia Rail										
American Coot			5							
Sandhill Crane										
Killdeer	5						1			
Wilson's Snipe										
Bonaparte's Gull			117							
Little Gull										
Ring-billed Gull		140	6,316		77				19	604
Herring Gull		2	1,639					CW	16	14
Iceland Gull			1							
Lesser Black-backed Gull										
Great Black-backed Gull			35							

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Burton (OHBU)	Cadiz (OHCA)	Chest. Creek-Spring Valley (OHCS)	Carey (OHCY)	Chandlersville (OHCh)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDR)	East Fork Lake S.P. (OHEF)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
5-Jan	30-Dec	14-Dec	31-Dec	22-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec	22-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	22-Dec
		121						CW				
								CW				
							3					
1,355	283	305	414	236	854	848	1,722	2,859	2,809	983	499	297
CW			1		3	1		25	2	2		
				44							2	
2	CW											
								1				
		19		1	2			6	2		5	2
					8	1		5				
					19	16		1	9			
58	49	42			2	2		162	12	20		4
		2		1				1	5	4		
247	138	191	391	67	510	723	331	724	993	653	106	703
26	8	10	21	2	2	10	7	89	44	4		2
		22			4		2					
		44			15				6			4
2	3	104		57	2	30		19	18	14	7	1
								1				
		11		2				9		7		
								2				
								5				
1		10		2	24	1	1	CW	1			4
		2			11		412		1	18		
6	20	19		19	24	23	6	105	8	46		7
CW	56	2					4		1	14		
6	CW				6		543					2
4												
											27	
												1
	CW	2									1	
25	201	CW		26	CW		27	48	11		12	7
		7			4			5	1	6		14
CW		1					1					2
281	139	167	98	64	569	549	227	1,480	421	608	183	52
486	100	505	316	332	457	85	138	782	734	55	1,007	45
		400			19				68			
2		10									CW	
	5			8	CW				9			
		181									69	275
		2										
270	983	544	17		106	218	403	108	359	225	878	2,826
11	9	355	35			12	51	10	14	2	5	6
								1				
							9					

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SPECIES										
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid)			CW							
Gull species			1							
Red-throated Loon			4							
Pacific Loon			1							
Common Loon										
Double-crested Cormorant	12	1	2							
Great Blue Heron	5	21	14	4	4		6	3	18	16
Great Egret										1
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture	103	94		57					8	CW
Turkey Vulture	7	4		188					24	1
Northern Harrier	6	1	CW			3	22	3	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	3	CW	1			1		2	1
Cooper's Hawk	1	4	7	5	1	2	6	2	5	2
Accipiter species										
Bald Eagle	14	4	22	2	6	3	1	7	26	12
Red-shouldered Hawk	6	3	1	3	5	11	CW		14	2
Red-tailed Hawk	29	9	13	21	8	23	13	6	72	21
Rough-legged Hawk		2				2			8	
Buteo species						1			1	
Hawk species	1									
Barn Owl										
Eastern Screech-Owl	2	1	1		3		CW		2	
Great Horned Owl	2							1	1	1
Snowy Owl										
Barred Owl	3				3	1			2	
Long-eared Owl							CW			
Short-eared Owl			2		1					
Northern Saw-whet Owl										
Owl species										
Belted Kingfisher	7	3	2	2	3	2	6	2	10	7
Red-headed Woodpecker	10	6						10	11	8
Red-bellied Woodpecker	86	61	39	57	41	21	51	19	103	28
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4	3		4		1	CW			
Downy Woodpecker	55	70	54	64	50	21	39	18	96	26
Hairy Woodpecker	25	18	18	14	9	12	4	1	25	6
Downy/Hairy Woodpecker										
Northern Flicker	30	19	6	26	6	24	11	8	19	12
Pileated Woodpecker	7	9	2	22	7	12	8	1	13	6
Woodpecker species										
American Kestrel	57	5	6	8	3	25	13	11	16	7
Merlin							1			
Peregrine Falcon			2							
Eastern Phoebe	1			1		2			1	
Northern Shrike										
Blue Jay	200	161	105	144	119	132	115	58	218	103
American Crow	207	244	143	64	214	217	94	7	395	74
Crow species			2							
Common Raven										
Horned Lark	4	27					1	12	4	CW
Barn Swallow										
Swallow species										
Carolina Chickadee	132	64		94	22	84	83		108	40
Black-capped Chickadee		16	104		34			8		
Chickadee species		22			28					
Tufted Titmouse	82	67	42	62	62	62	31	11	109	21
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	50	21	8	6	3	2	3	7	4
White-breasted Nuthatch	50	68	34	68	62	32	45	19	104	29
Brown Creeper	4	9	2	6	5	1	8	7	6	10
House Wren										
Winter Wren	1	2							2	
Marsh Wren							1			
Carolina Wren	73	54	7	47	32	45	22	8	65	23



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Buron (OHBU)	Cruz (OHCA)	Crest, Creek-Spring Valley (OHCS)	Carey (OHCY)	Chandlersville (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDX)	East Fork Lake S.P. (OHEF)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
5-Jan	30-Dec	14-Dec	31-Dec	22-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec	22-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	22-Dec
											51	
1		19		1	1			24			8	
1	7	16	3	8	19	7	12	48	22	13	31	11
								1				
	3	7			123	5				14		225
	2	2		3	32					1	1	61
	14	3	10	13					1	4	6	1
	CW	1	2	2	2	1		2	4			1
6	6	2	2	2	17	2	8	32	22	3	7	5
10	6	8	9	2	13	5	9	10	17	6	12	1
30	9	28		10	47	CW	3	8	35	3	4	26
53	84	21	34	41	69	7	20	62	95	12	39	16
3	2	2	1	8								
											2	
				3								
1	4	7	4		6		1		2		3	1
1		3	2		8			3	4		1	
2		4	2		7		1	3	10		4	CW
	5			5								
			1				1					
2	8	15	1	4	19	6	3	23	24	9	12	17
4	5	6			2	1	16	26			7	21
125	82	84	19	70	301	39	118	194	341	36	108	71
1	4	3		3	9			7		2	CW	
170	83	79	36	53	235	46	94	222	325	56	148	44
50	19	15		14	34	4	19	19	98	6	19	6
	1											
20	29	47	6	29	61	17	11	52	47	10	74	27
19	29	26		16	37	4	14	13	42	16	8	9
											1	
6	20	8	30	39	17	3		7	9	1	16	15
	1	2			1			2	4	2	1	
						1	1	2				
1		1			4	1	1	1		1		2
	CW											
284	153	218	188	125	471	45	371	456	1,189	37	510	45
138	186	320	23	656	272	1,918	72	213	1,790	35	142	103
	4											
	25	26	1						2		89	
	124	198		86	580	60		429		142	111	149
422	3		7				148		764			
											88	
121	85	148	14	34	364	5	93	135	373	49	112	93
23	29	1	1	26	19		40	11	67		9	
185	66	69	25	59	185	31	83	202	414	31	134	48
5	12		10	3	20	8	2	34	21	13	17	4
								1				
	4	1	2		7	2		4	3	1	2	
		3										
15	35	126	2	34	526	43	11	192	190	69	87	65

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	Adams County (OHAC)	Ashland (OHAD)	Astabula (OHAA)	Athens (OHAT)	Beaver Creek (OHBC)	Beaver Valley (OHBV)	Big and Little Darby Creek-Darbydale (OHDC)	Black Swamp (OHBS)	The Brown Family Environmental Centre (OHBF)	Buckeye Lake (OHBL)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	8	9	10
COUNT DATE	15-Dec	14-Dec	29-Dec	22-Dec	22-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	19-Dec	16-Dec	15-Dec
SPECIES										
Wren species										
Golden-crowned Kinglet	15	48	1	35	18	20	25		41	39
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										
Kinglet species										
Eastern Bluebird ( <i>Sialia sialis</i> )	139	39	51	34	31	71	2	6	78	31
Hermit Thrush	1			4	5	1	1		1	
American Robin	166	15	9	138	4	10	335	5	8	134
Gray Catbird		2							1	
Brown Thrasher	2									
Northern Mockingbird	23	1		12	7		9		26	13
European Starling	4,609	559	1,381	429	735	685	1,990	615	1,831	849
Cedar Waxwing	13	5	28	1			9	3		
American Pipit										
House Sparrow	98	264	252	12	285	18	157	129	423	79
Evening Grosbeak									1	
House Finch	50	27	64	18	31	6	87	7	70	19
Purple Finch	31				1				1	
Common Redpoll			8							
Pine Siskin		29					1		2	
American Goldfinch	119	93	86	44	39	52	71	16	80	14
Lapland Longspur										
Snow Bunting	2		8							
Eastern Towhee	13			24		13	1	2	2	6
American Tree Sparrow	13	68	31		34	38	29	12	4	73
Chipping Sparrow									2	
Field Sparrow	58	8		3		5				1
Savannah Sparrow	2	3							1	
Fox Sparrow	4			CW			1			
Song Sparrow	147	32	4	73	44	91	56	12	71	85
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow	1	9		2	3		1	3	2	7
White-throated Sparrow	102	38	24	106	5	65	68	11	17	67
White-crowned Sparrow	66	7	2			16	4	1	8	15
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	192	117	107	74	135	143	58	11	128	35
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)										
Sparrow species						46	19			
Eastern Meadowlark	75				5	30				
Red-winged Blackbird	31	2	2	30	5				3	CW
Brown-headed Cowbird		7						20	14	13
Rusty Blackbird										
Common Grackle	1,386		2			2			11	60
Blackbird species			8				CW			
Northern Waterthrush										
Black-and-white Warbler										
Orange-crowned Warbler										
Nashville Warbler										
Common Yellowthroat				1						
Blackpoll Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Pine Warbler										
Yellow-rumped Warbler	8	11		15		4		15	2	
Northern Cardinal	268	91	138	140	182	133	88	17	258	111
Indigo Bunting										
Dickcissel										
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	10,610	3,486	15,479	2,832	3,014	3,182	6,159	1,498	7,485	4,515
<b>TOTAL SPECIES COUNT DAY</b>	75	67	68	51	51	54	56	45	86	54

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Buron (OHBU)	Cruz (OHCA)	Chester Creek-Spring Valley (OHCS)	Carey (OHCY)	Chandlersville (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDR)	East Fork Lake S.P. (OHEF)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
5-Jan	30-Dec	14-Dec	31-Dec	22-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec	22-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	22-Dec
14	56	63	15	49	66	16	5	82	25	22	81	4
	1				4	4	1	3	2		1	
102	149	77	10	72	114	8	42	77	176	14	126	36
	3	20	1	2	8	3	2	1	4		2	
226	25	637	4	2	2,766	188	511	1,406	1,803	471	345	154
									1			
CW	13	23	1	11	130	5	8	22	3	1	15	8
2,833	669	1,157	1,584	486	7,049	400	651	9,335	102,821	3,118	1,895	903
103	30	3	5	6	103		69	128	197			
1,186	150	90	272	96	522	73	624	820	1,668	126	647	58
									2			
151	51	50	10	22	176	13	190	496	272	32	328	20
10	8	3			2			4	2			
2												
12		1			2		13	18		3		
173	39	11	16	36	259	84	178	313	547	35	106	2
	2	14		6	139	4		16	1	8		33
76	85	27	149	72	53	35	81	45	132	4	299	26
					4	1		3	4			
	2	4		1	48			1	6			27
CW					1				1			
		9		1	8			4		1		1
67	104		37	72	501	28	47	193	181	42	107	91
								1				
4	14		9	5	36	1	5	13	23		18	32
17	66	96	7	40	482	58	110	540	276	46	67	80
CW	25	17	1	13	47	2	2	9	9		24	19
307	206	109	146	73	177	13	349	372	392	68	206	120
	10										30	
		2		6	2						1	31
8			2	13	47	15		245	823			25
1		13		6					653		39	6
					432				105			
		110		2	1		4	1	1,842		3	150
										1		
								CW				
									1		1	
								CW				
3	5	6		1	33	3	3	18	17		2	24
270	192	309	175	253	1,261	148	129	804	716	157	457	188
10,046	5,048	7,327	4,172	3,556	20,620	5,882	8,083	23,840	124,147	7,379	9,465	7,359
64	68	89	52	67	81	59	69	77	82	57	65	69

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	Elyria-Lorain (OHEL)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Firelands (OHFF)	Fremont (OHFR)	Goli Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake-Sr. Marys (OHGL)	Grand Rapids-Warrenville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)	Elysum (OHGY)
CIRCLE NUMBER	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
COUNT DATE	15-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	19-Dec	15-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	4-Jan
SPECIES										
Snow Goose		5	1			1	12			1
Ross's Goose										
Greater White-fronted Goose										
Graylag Goose (Domestic type)										4
Cackling Goose				9			4		1	CW
Canada Goose	2,150	303	947	2,978	450	1,063	1,299	283	447	2,141
Mute Swan										4
Trumpeter Swan				25						37
Tundra Swan			91	141						576
Swan species										
Wood Duck										CW
Blue-winged Teal	4									
Northern Shoveler				3		23				46
Gadwall			7							26
American Wigeon			1							44
Mallard	354	108	1,304	301	230	368	662	69	38	1,360
Mallard (Domestic type)										11
American Black Duck	32	8	36	27	6	1	9			12
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)										
Northern Pintail	1									7
Green-winged Teal										
Canvasback			1		1					559
Redhead		1				3				35
Ring-necked Duck		1				1				
Greater Scaup	1									3
Lesser Scaup										32
Greater/Lesser Scaup										
Surf Scoter										
White-winged Scoter										
Black Scoter										
Long-tailed Duck										
Bufflehead	2	1								41
Common Goldeneye	82		181	8			1			159
Hooded Merganser		12	15	8				CW		CW
Common Merganser	1	4	45	98			CW			5,591
Red-breasted Merganser	10									2,576
Merganser species										
Ruddy Duck		38				1				36
Duck species						94		1		
Waterfowl species										
Northern Bobwhite										
Ring-necked Pheasant		2	1	1						
Ruffed Grouse										
Wild Turkey			73		14	10				CW
Pied-billed Grebe		11								
Horned Grebe	1		1							
Red-necked Grebe										
Rock Pigeon	90	21	186	303	44	82	238	4	10	73
Eurasian Collared-Dove										1
Mourning Dove	185	56	123	303	110	246	356	182	202	27
Rufous Hummingbird										
Virginia Rail										
American Coot			7			1				
Sandhill Crane					3					
Killdeer										
Wilson's Snipe										
Bonaparte's Gull	9									
Little Gull										
Ring-billed Gull	4,334	106	6,274	5,552	5	69	862	1		7,257
Herring Gull	94		266	107		14	24			1,715
Iceland Gull										1
Lesser Black-backed Gull			1							
Great Black-backed Gull	7		18							8

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Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFH)	Hocking Hills (OHFH)	Hoover Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHLI)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Kingston (OHKT)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLL)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHMI)	Mohican State Forest (OHMO)
35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
15-Dec	5-Jan	15-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec	29-Dec	29-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec
				1					1			
									1			
							CW					
807	58	531	1,809	1,976	121	535	1,306	323	2,089	718	941	795
1				1				2	1			
				27				1			6	
			8	921		3			6		CW	
				15								
							6		3			
6												
6		11				12		8	1	12	2	
		1		2								
222	22	712	1,689	205	16	180	691	75	442	174	205	64
			3									
		21	27	20		9	9		10	23	5	11
			3					1				
		1		1					CW			
			3			84			CW		1	
		4		5		1			CW		3	
			1	CW					3			
						25	4					
		2	11			320	31					CW
								1		1		
5		10				716	13		CW	1		
6		3	2			267	276		4	13		18
5		219	1			CW	CW	3	2			2
						9						1
						224	494			434		
						23						
		75	2	CW					1			
				3		50		83				
				5		3						
42	5	CW	6		2	51	2	12	71		50	166
5		1						1	1			
		1		CW		19	3		CW		1	
		2										
297	182	76	76	599	129		254	58	717	78	574	247
122	337	179	493	30	555	13	227	184	123	4	1,368	243
									1		2	
							1		CW			
CW				6							16	3
	20										6	
											2	
		53					33					
3	3	287	135	CW		93	3,599		700	2,758		149
	1	3				229	23		60	1,232		
									3			
										28		

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	Elyria-Lorain (OHEL)	Fayette County (OHC)	Fremont (OHFR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL)	Grand Rapids-Warrenville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)	Wesley (OHWS)	Wesleyville (OHVW)	Wesleywood (OHVW)
CIRCLE NUMBER	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	
COUNT DATE	15-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	19-Dec	15-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	4-Jan	
SPECIES											
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid)											
Gull species						38		3			
Red-throated Loon											
Pacific Loon											
Common Loon											
Double-crested Cormorant	1		5	23							13
Great Blue Heron	10	19	9	40	2	15	22	4	3		64
Great Egret											
Black-crowned Night-Heron											14
Black Vulture		17						44			
Turkey Vulture		1						22	1		
Northern Harrier	2	2		5	CW	4	4	1			3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	1	1	4			4	2			2
Cooper's Hawk	5	2	1	10		2	10	3			11
Accipiter species						1					
Bald Eagle	7	1	21	97	2	14	16	1	CW		89
Red-shouldered Hawk	7	1					9	10	1		
Red-tailed Hawk	24	12	30	66	16	14	56	15	18		30
Rough-legged Hawk	1										1
Buteo species											
Hawk species											
Barn Owl											
Eastern Screech-Owl			8		3		32	2	2		11
Great Horned Owl			2	4	2		3				2
Snowy Owl											
Barred Owl					CW		2	1	2		
Long-eared Owl				1							
Short-eared Owl	1										
Northern Saw-whet Owl							3				
Owl species											
Belted Kingfisher	7	2	2	10	CW	1	3	10	3		7
Red-headed Woodpecker	3		1		8	3	32		2		1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	89	5	46	82	21	23	145	94	23		39
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			3		1			1	1		
Downy Woodpecker	69	10	43	67	16	15	151	101	50		64
Hairy Woodpecker	9	3	6	13	1	3	37	9	9		4
Downy/Hairy Woodpecker											
Northern Flicker	14	4	6	31	2	5	30	33	15		17
Pileated Woodpecker	10	2	1	1	CW	1	5	6	3		
Woodpecker species						1					
American Kestrel	6	4	6	18	17	33	13	7	20		3
Merlin			1	2							CW
Peregrine Falcon				1							
Eastern Phoebe				1							
Northern Shrike			1								
Blue Jay	262	28	143	277	18	66	462	95	51		159
American Crow	18	34	42	29	21		244	278	48		12
Crow species											
Common Raven											
Horned Lark	1		CW	155	30	45	38		25		65
Barn Swallow											
Swallow species			1								
Carolina Chickadee		16				17		202	35		
Black-capped Chickadee	126		21	18	34		345				46
Chickadee species						4					
Tufted Titmouse	56	5	15	8	21	11	190	93	35		15
Red-breasted Nuthatch	19	1	8	3	3	1	19	4	8		3
White-breasted Nuthatch	74	4	38	54	29	22	281	91	47		58
Brown Creeper	8	2	1	5	2	1	49	6			11
House Wren											
Winter Wren			3			7	1	1			7
Marsh Wren											
Carolina Wren	25	8	16	22	2	14	45	93	16		22

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Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFH)	Hocking Hills (OHFH)	Knoox Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHLI)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Kingston (OHKT)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHUK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHMI)	Mohican State Forest (OHMO)	
35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	
15-Dec	5-Jan	15-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec	29-Dec	29-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec	
						46							
										1			
		2				9	1			4			
15	2	14	2	13	1	CW	4	2	9	13	18	5	
									1				
CW					8			3	52		99	3	
	103					10	1	15	39		251		
	79		4	34	10	1	1			1	3		
		1		CW		4	2	1	2		2		
4	5	7	2	8	1	8	9	2	5	4	19	8	
1	2	2	6	38	5	18	17	4	32	14	20	46	
2	24	3		1	2	CW	7	5	7	6	7	5	
3	58	9	26	50	25	16	43	18	30	9	162	64	
	1		1	2		CW	4		1	2	3	8	
			2				2						
								1					
3			1	3		13			11	1	2	13	
	3	1	1	5		8	2		2		4		
1	5	1			CW	2		4		3	1	14	6
							1						
				CW								2	
						8							
			1										
2	5	5	1		2	2	4	3	7		26	10	
			9	32	3		4	9	1	4	37	12	
7	117	69	33	47	44	68	133	65	65	22	413	104	
3	2	1	2		1	5		2	1			1	
12	117	52	31	72	43	155	138	69	90	45	482	127	
	37	8	10	8	10	2	31	10	32	10	128	52	
9	36	25	8	42	20	78	9	23	8	2	145	69	
1	31	7	2	1	5		6	17	11	9	71	30	
			3										
5	7	1	23	24	21		5	6	3	4	36	12	
		2	2				1			1			
	1						2		1				
1				1			1	1					
				CW									
13	350	153	147	195	68	86	324	163	205	139	574	318	
13	511	64	20	61	95	89	240	150	20,564	49	333	1,172	
			42	131	19					2			
											96	33	
27	352	137	32	19	41			153	86		405	98	
						392	147		3	85	5	2	
			4	20					36			63	
12	291	43	13	16	31	CW	66	108	91	56	338	190	
CW	63	4	1	2	4	30	20	17	36	5	110	117	
6	250	41	33	58	23	59	127	80	116	61	438	175	
1	9	2	5	5	8	7	5	17	5	1	51	22	
CW	1	1	31		4	2		4	3		4	7	
22	137	33	9	11	23	44	12	40	40	4	496	81	

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	Elyria-Lorain (OHLE)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Firelands (OHFF)	Fremont (OHFR)	Goli Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake-Sr. Marys (OHGL)	Grand Rapids-Warrenville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)	Wesleyan (OHWS)
CIRCLE NUMBER	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
COUNT DATE	15-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	19-Dec	15-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	4-Jan
SPECIES										
Wren species										
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4	3	7	12	7	12	87	26	1	28
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1	2	1		1	
Kinglet species						1				
Eastern Bluebird (Sialia sialis)	70	3	14	43	8	11	186	48	14	22
Hermit Thrush							5	6		3
American Robin	107	8	85	159	CW	20	289	256	17	60
Gray Catbird										1
Brown Thrasher							CW			
Northern Mockingbird	1	3		1			6	4	1	
European Starling	1,257	152	879	2,684	600	2,897	2,791	903	1,060	1,813
Cedar Waxwing	161		65				256	14	1	31
American Pipit										
House Sparrow	459	10	94	1,423	55	870	650	101	265	1,517
Evening Grosbeak								3		
House Finch	98	2	36	165	17	12	308	31	15	98
Purple Finch			CW				9		3	
Common Redpoll										
Pine Siskin	CW			1			126	7		
American Goldfinch	103	7	26	217	11	15	165	73	27	161
Lapland Longspur				55	CW					
Snow Bunting					CW					
Eastern Towhee							6	4		
American Tree Sparrow	43	2	25	188	19	41	170	50	22	96
Chipping Sparrow										
Field Sparrow							6	42		2
Savannah Sparrow										
Fox Sparrow										
Song Sparrow	14	22	11	44	11	49	70	81	20	13
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow	1		1	9		3		12		CW
White-throated Sparrow	38	2	15	87	4		44	115	33	62
White-crowned Sparrow	3	5					10	2	5	
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	131	7	102	285	76	58	783	80	118	160
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)							1			
Sparrow species		30				2				
Eastern Meadowlark								20		
Red-winged Blackbird		1	1	664		2	92			
Brown-headed Cowbird			20	545						
Rusty Blackbird				4						
Common Grackle		52	CW	213			1	20		1
Blackbird species								200		
Northern Waterthrush										
Black-and-white Warbler			1							
Orange-crowned Warbler										
Nashville Warbler										1
Common Yellowthroat							1			
Blackpoll Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Pine Warbler										
Yellow-rumped Warbler	5			9		1	2		1	9
Northern Cardinal	115	32	62	174	22	42	322	159	68	121
Indigo Bunting										
Dickcissel										
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	10,822	1,198	11,503	17,893	1,945	6,375	12,093	4,029	2,788	27,354
<b>TOTAL SPECIES COUNT DAY</b>	61	56	67	64	50	51	64	56	45	73



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Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFH)	Hocking Hills (OHHR)	Knoox Reservoir (OHKR)	Indian Lake (OHLI)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Kingston (OHKT)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHUK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHMI)	Mohican State Forest (OHMO)
35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
15-Dec	5-Jan	15-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec	29-Dec	29-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec
			1									
5	126	12	1	30	26	56	4	41	26	4	224	125
	4	1				2		1			1	3
						5						
4	208	23	19	35	48	43	16	96	83	42	320	98
	3	1			7	34			1		CW	2
465	37	182	44	221	21	331	927	54	34	87	437	47
1					1							
6	9	2	5	5	8		5	9	5		118	13
5,469	396	1,870	1,900	2,739	1,435	424	1,484	601	1,227	2,840	3,318	827
	5	30		95		191	51		3	32	76	64
											CW	
35	30	62	1,019	335	34	686	901	148	505	61	1,859	805
												CW
56	38	54	26	62	26	286	146	105	92	31	416	38
1				2		19	1	4			2	
							2			CW		
	49	38					1	3	2		27	34
57	140	75	21	63	35	41	223	86	119	90	389	131
			1	2								
3	38		2	2	5			11		1	18	3
27	43	9	42	403	17	18	39	10	40	15	595	403
		1		1							4	
3	31	2						6	14		35	4
											1	
	1							4	4		3	2
52	181	56	17	57	31	3	36	64	52	6	1,084	191
1	4	1	2	14	1		4	7	13		39	4
54	131	90	15	41	58	153	66	64	22	55	297	97
2	4		2	17	8				2		411	23
128	352	83	70	170	122	146	249	233	217	35	705	385
				1		2		41				
	2			1	4						9	
51						6	78		1		42	1
7			6	19			CW		4		32	5
											3	
406			1			3	2	4	3		4	1
				40								
											1	
							CW					
											1	
	12	7	2	3	3	38	7		4		27	8
77	329	98	69	103	104	277	129	217	219	52	1,413	317
											1	
8,600	5,400	5,577	8,013	9,176	3,336	6,804	12,722	3,547	28,529	9,386	19,890	8,184
56	60	68	63	63	51	64	72	58	78	56	82	67

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	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Otawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHXX)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Permage County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPO)	Preble County (OHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartville (OHQH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	55	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	30-Dec	31-Dec	5-Jan	15-Dec	16-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec	15-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec
SPECIES										
Snow Goose			CW	CW						
Ross's Goose										
Greater White-fronted Goose										
Graylag Goose (Domestic type)										
Cackling Goose				CW						28
Canada Goose	45	733	2,204	932	76	372	724	248	320	4,635
Mute Swan			13							1
Trumpeter Swan			279							
Tundra Swan			1,925							
Swan species			6							
Wood Duck		2		3	5			3		1
Blue-winged Teal										
Northern Shoveler					7			CW		4
Gadwall			50		30			2		59
American Wigeon		8			CW			CW		
Mallard	6	515	807	208	40		119	222	57	3,712
Mallard (Domestic type)										
American Black Duck		4	33	4	9		21	12		94
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)			1							2
Northern Pintail			2					1		3
Green-winged Teal								CW		2
Canvasback		3	185							
Redhead		54	89	5			26			
Ring-necked Duck		63	2		3	7	73	CW		
Greater Scaup				CW						
Lesser Scaup		1	20	CW	1			CW		2
Greater/Lesser Scaup										
Surf Scoter										
White-winged Scoter										
Black Scoter										
Long-tailed Duck										
Bufflehead		31	14	4	29			2		1
Common Goldeneye		71	609	10	2		2			
Hooded Merganser		56	5	39	60		25	CW		4
Common Merganser			975				275			
Red-breasted Merganser		1	40	CW			6			
Merganser species										
Ruddy Duck		18		1	250		2			7
Duck species										4
Waterfowl species										
Northern Bobwhite										
Ring-necked Pheasant										1
Ruffed Grouse										
Wild Turkey	11	1		83				15	15	17
Pied-billed Grebe					15		2	1		
Horned Grebe					16			CW		
Red-necked Grebe										
Rock Pigeon	75	248	108	89	1	315	40	530	14	328
Eurasian Collared-Dove										
Mourning Dove	313	347	259	384	256	30	152	490	4	342
Rufous Hummingbird										
Virginia Rail										
American Coot					650					
Sandhill Crane			45	202					CW	
Killdeer										
Wilson's Snipe										
Bonaparte's Gull				10	6					
Little Gull										
Ring-billed Gull	3	635	2,819	490	650	1	47		1	492
Herring Gull		9	222		3	9	13	CW		
Iceland Gull										
Lesser Black-backed Gull										CW
Great Black-backed Gull			CW							

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Ragersville (OHRA)	Rudolph (OHRU)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTI)	Toledo (OHTO)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Wilmot (OHWT)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS
60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
27-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec	29-Dec	23-Dec	21-Dec	22-Dec	15-Dec	
				22		8				1		175
												1
												1
												4
				35								81
90	1,029	936	605	3,190	706	746	375	537		2,366	960	66,613
				2				3	2			68
				43		86				8		558
	97		43	2,362		15		11		164	75	6,440
												22
												68
												9
				2						4		114
	1			1				150		68	14	901
								33				109
85	409	114	76	1,057	289	56	6	495	184	1,846	205	27,536
												15
	2	10	2	114	6	16		12	17	132	21	1,093
												5
				10	CW					6		43
				CW				3		6		23
				4,270	4							5,143
				685	59			27				1,068
				22	11	8		263		36	16	854
				5								42
				679	42			1				1,187
				13,600								13,600
												2
				2								4
												5
												3
				113	25	2		25			1	1,152
			1	107	38		1			1		2,327
				9	49	14		8	1		38	884
		1		164	63	5						7,359
				25	30		2					6,866
												23
				33	10							482
												262
												50
												13
												17
												0
98			18		3	10	6	17		139	19	1,663
				4	4			1		1		93
				7								56
												2
966	168	191	442	615	177	35	114	3,137	1,902	330	157	20,940
												1
3,196	107	120	22	688	152	34	129	271	1,465	588	148	22,924
	1											1
									3			6
				16								1,167
				14		43			2	112		458
1									24			79
2									5			9
				2	1	3						759
												2
610	214	21	4	10,086	1,268	289	18		5	20	207	64,160
6	203	1	5	2,101	19	30			1	3		8,574
												2
	1			22	CW	1						29
				10		1						134

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	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHDS)	Otawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHXX)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPO)	Preble County (OHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartville (OHQH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	55	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	30-Dec	31-Dec	5-Jan	15-Dec	16-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec	15-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec
SPECIES										
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid)										
Gull species										84
Red-throated Loon										
Pacific Loon										
Common Loon				1						
Double-crested Cormorant			23		CW					
Great Blue Heron		41	58	27	37	1	6	72	3	14
Great Egret					1			CW		
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture		3		137	206			2		
Turkey Vulture		2		1	8		1		CW	
Northern Harrier	16	4	13	1	9	CW		3	1	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	1	1	1	CW	1	2		2
Cooper's Hawk		4	9	3	1	1	2	1		6
Accipiter species										
Bald Eagle		2	78	4	5	6	12	11		9
Red-shouldered Hawk	14	7		1	2	1	7	1	1	15
Red-tailed Hawk	19	29	67	14	12	7	25	2	7	61
Rough-legged Hawk	1		1			1		CW		
Buteo species										
Hawk species										1
Barn Owl										
Eastern Screech-Owl		CW	15	1		1		1		1
Great Horned Owl			12							3
Snowy Owl			CW							
Barred Owl	1	CW		CW	2		5			3
Long-eared Owl										
Short-eared Owl	3		CW		1					
Northern Saw-whet Owl										1
Owl species										
Belted Kingfisher	2	5	5	5	10	1	10	6	1	6
Red-headed Woodpecker		3	6	1	1	1	5			1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	21	89	60	37	21	14	65	10	12	91
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2			3	2			1		
Downy Woodpecker	12	84	78	43	19	20	73	14	13	85
Hairy Woodpecker	8	13	7	9	1	8	26	1	1	37
Downy/Hairy Woodpecker										
Northern Flicker	16	46	5	5	9	8	4	4	2	31
Pileated Woodpecker	10	2		10	7		10	7	7	7
Woodpecker species										
American Kestrel	8	20	30	14	9	14		3	4	10
Merlin		1		1		CW				
Peregrine Falcon										
Eastern Phoebe					1					
Northern Shrike			1							
Blue Jay	110	369	189	57	44	58	176	19	17	379
American Crow	118	88	6	115	94	38	74	273	31	862
Crow species										
Common Raven										
Horned Lark			76	4		2	2	15		
Barn Swallow			CW							
Swallow species										
Carolina Chickadee	51	162		107	64			68	12	
Black-capped Chickadee			54			18	134			212
Chickadee species										
Tufted Titmouse	21	68	5	63	36	7	81	31	6	85
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5	5	2	6		2	10	1		16
White-breasted Nuthatch	20	79	62	47	19	19	97	32	16	102
Brown Creeper	1	10	8	5	3	3	13	1		8
House Wren										
Winter Wren			2				1			4
Marsh Wren										
Carolina Wren	23	44	5	46	37	4	21	35	13	44

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Rapersville (OHRA)	Rueohp (OHRRU)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTI)	Toledo (OHTO)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Wilmot (OHWT)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS
60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
27-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec	29-Dec	23-Dec	21-Dec	22-Dec	15-Dec	
												0
												223
												5
												1
				9								9
7	1	2	2	85	2	2	1	18	24	19	2	155
										1		4
				28								43
149								67	CW			1,532
291	1							16	1			1,066
29	8	1	2	2	3	1	3	4	7	7	2	281
8		1	1		1	1		1	2	2	1	80
34	4	6	3	10	4	3	3	6	26	14	1	416
									1		1	3
5	5	6	27	41	13	14	5	5	10	16	4	936
1		3			19	7	2	11	5	8	5	455
198	41	31	20	62	33	11	17	38	167	57	6	2,486
1						1			7	2		66
												4
												7
6									2			14
10	7		8	23				1	2	4		217
17	2			11			1	3	8	1	3	127
												0
6		CW				1	3	4	14	8	CW	131
3												5
1									4	1		26
1			1	1								17
												1
22	1	4		6	3	1	1	11	31	12	4	446
29	8	1	5		24	1		1	28	30	1	440
500	44	26	45	83	102	20	13	140	517	173	26	5,957
								13				86
491	33	43	60	155	105	16	19	90	550	236	25	6,367
196	9	8	7	13	24	2	1	13	141	46	6	1,444
												1
156	17	5	17	22	29	3	4	37	135	64	2	1,843
68		5	4		16	1		13	75	15	3	800
												5
49	29	15	25	27	2	6	19	13	41	24	1	959
4		CW		2				3		CW		34
	3			1			1	1			CW	17
				1				3	2	1	1	31
	1										1	4
652	171	127	117	251	453	133	57	265	814	332	94	14,627
557	17	1,130	98	15	167	22	42	593	290	87	5,568	41,899
												2
									CW			6
349	88	4	25	29			6		131	6	1	1,609
												0
												1
444								395	252	124		5,805
3	10	39	24	132	307	15	71		40	4	116	3,909
6		22	2						33	4		332
395	17	17	28	19	110	15	22	140	300	92	34	5,471
184	5	2	4	12	18	1	41	18	54	47	4	1,248
528	36	48	58	113	126	14	15	57	430	169	32	6,327
53	6	5	3	18	7		2	16	92	25		709
												1
				16					8	8		118
				3					2			9
376	3	7	5	33	17	5	3	185	402	126	14	4,434

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	New Lexington (OHNL)	D'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHDS)	Otawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHXX)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Perch County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPO)	Preble County (OHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartville (OHQH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	55	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	30-Dec	31-Dec	5-Jan	15-Dec	16-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec	15-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec
SPECIES										
Wren species										
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	20	21	1	14	3	25	1		21
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										1
Kinglet species										
Eastern Bluebird (Sialia sialis)	65	75	1	47	44	22	53	5	16	128
Hermit Thrush		4						1		
American Robin	8	485	76	776	3	6	42	30	57	83
Gray Catbird		1						CW		1
Brown Thrasher		1								
Northern Mockingbird	9	11	4	10	4			3	2	4
European Starling	225	6,941	1,799	15,645	603	618	302	1,856	159	5,797
Cedar Waxwing		2	40	15						25
American Pipit										
House Sparrow	67	463	1,067	172	16	53	135	386	36	810
Evening Grosbeak										
House Finch	10	260	70	82	16	14	30	32	5	89
Purple Finch				1			4	2		
Common Redpoll										
Pine Siskin		2	3				2	1		7
American Goldfinch	30	129	147	45	12	23	99	24	8	83
Lapland Longspur				CW						
Snow Bunting										
Eastern Towhee	1	4		3	1	2				3
American Tree Sparrow		27	203	34	49	5	73	4	8	66
Chipping Sparrow		3						8		
Field Sparrow			2	2	5					3
Savannah Sparrow			1					2		
Fox Sparrow		5								
Song Sparrow	25	18	40	87	26	6	23	21	11	96
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow		1	16	8	5		4		2	10
White-throated Sparrow	11	78	3	125	20	16	40	10	4	53
White-crowned Sparrow		13		1	19			8	CW	8
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	45	166	117	65	76	1	93	49	CW	178
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)										
Sparrow species										
Eastern Meadowlark				5	2					2
Red-winged Blackbird		2	810	201			1	7	CW	457
Brown-headed Cowbird		25	3,595	1		2	1			144
Rusty Blackbird			143				1	25		6
Common Grackle		2	438	7,000			6	65		166
Blackbird species										30
Northern Waterthrush										
Black-and-white Warbler										
Orange-crowned Warbler										
Nashville Warbler										
Common Yellowthroat										
Blackpoll Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Pine Warbler										
Yellow-rumped Warbler		6		1			3			8
Northern Cardinal	80	286	117	212	84	48	103	65	36	282
Indigo Bunting										
Dickcissel										
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	1,514	13,011	20,303	27,772	3,770	1,788	3,428	4,747	902	20,482
<b>TOTAL SPECIES COUNT DAY</b>	41	72	73	76	67	43	60	59	35	74

# 119<sup>TH</sup> AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

Rebersville (OHRA)	Ruoboh (OHRR)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTT)	Toledo (OHTO)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Wilmot (OHWT)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS
60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
27-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec	29-Dec	23-Dec	21-Dec	22-Dec	15-Dec	
												1
281	8	11	3	19	35	1		21	249	137	6	2,487
3									2	1	1	41
												6
482	33	33	14	30	77	24	16	52	427	119	24	4,726
3				1				4	1	1		135
196	18	12	6	276	9		104	2,340	46	63	48	17,934
1				2	CW		1					13
				1					1			5
110	3	7		9	3			38	210	23	2	984
8,404	3,220	1,847	1,677	6,525	2,260	317	1,141	11,885	6,014	3,419	525	267,329
57	5	24	40	1	14		46	1	1	51		2,100
				1								1
1,680	202	415	442	1,314	502	111	181	489	2,798	434	79	31,825
												6
569	18	87	39	185	33	4	11	69	804	92	35	6,902
5				2				3	1			121
										2		14
32	CW		7	72				2	186	3	CW	686
397	33	51	68	223	77	18	26	157	570	184	29	7,121
2												60
1				10								21
19					1			24	57			492
456	90	33	8	260	93	74	6	71	625	1,502	11	7,401
4									3			38
29	1			1				10	7	14		383
6								4	4	1		27
				1				2	1	3		55
1,375	9	53	8	75	33	5	2	425	1,268	468	15	8,339
												1
17	1	20		34	1	2		69	98	14	1	607
392	6		6	134	31	4	1	284	410	140	10	5,709
321			1	1				17	532	119		1,821
826	117	94	161	407	282	41	25	170	700	140	33	12,019
												1
												181
3				1								201
34	12	1		6,484	57			2	360	59	12	10,689
545	3	1	7	5,468	2			CW	11	1,312		12,527
19				202	24				1	15	1	981
1			2	5,817	15			1	11	16		17,825
38									15	10		341
				1								1
												1
									1			2
										1		5
												1
												0
										1		2
7	1			1	15	3		3	1	33	1	391
1,363	56	154	56	305	264	47	35	522	1,801	465	85	17,472
												1
									1			1
28,561	6,635	5,795	4,354	69,180	8,370	2,341	2,598	23,840	25,476	16,437	8,737	820,565
78	56	50	51	95	65	56	45	75	83	82	55	160

## YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

**10 years ago**, the Winter 2008–09 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 32 No. 2 (Andy Jones, Editor-in-Chief; Jim McCormac, Seasonal Editor) contained these items:

The season was “colder than average...[and] featured plenty of snow”.

Two Ospreys were reported in Dec but without supporting details.

CBC counters found 304 Bald Eagles.

Two Northern Goshawks, then not a review species, were reported.

At least one each Orange-crowned Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Pine Warbler, Palm Warbler, and Common Yellowthroat lingered well into Dec.

White-winged Crossbills staged an irruption.

**25 years ago**, the Winter 1993–94 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 17 No. 2 (Rob Harlan, Editor) contained these items:

Regarding the weather, “The term ‘brutal’ seems to apply nicely.”

The largest invasion of Red-necked Grebes to date brought at least 66 spread among 11 counties all the way to the Ohio River. Many of them were found grounded.

The annual survey of Bald Eagles by the ODNR found a record high 76.

Lakeshore Park, **Lake**, hosted 1500 Common Redpolls for several days and many sites recorded triple-digit numbers.

Evening Grosbeaks were sighted in 19 counties.

**35 years ago**, the *Ohio Cardinal* did not publish an issue.

**50 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* 65:1, Annette B. Flanigan, Editor, included these items:

“Lakefront activity during Dec and Jan was termed ‘dull’ or ‘dismal’ [by contributors]”, though (or because?) Lake Erie remained mostly ice-free until Feb.

Firestone MP, **Summit**, hosted two Virginia Rails.

Evening Grosbeaks made an incursion, with several counts of 50 to 70, and a showy 200 at a Brecksville feeder.

More than 20 Pine Grosbeaks were in Moreland Hills and four other locations also hosted them.

A Baltimore Oriole spent Dec in Chagrin Falls.

**100 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar Bulletin* No. 1 (March 1919), F.H. Herrick, editor, included these items.

It was “one of the mildest winters on record”.

Dark-eyed Juncos were “seen but occasionally”.

A “Cardinal Grosbeak” singing on 24 Feb in Cleveland Heights warranted mention



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*Sue Carpenter captured this artistic shot of a variety of blackbirds near Portage Lakes in Summit on 17 Nov. A mix of Red-winged Blackbirds, Brown-headed Cowbirds, and even some Rusty Blackbirds!*

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### **Back cover:**

*Sean Hollowell didn't have to go far on 15 Feb to find these Pileated Woodpeckers. They regularly visit his yard in Greene.*

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