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## Ohio's Winter Warblers by Robert Harlan

Warblers are not generally thought of as part of our winter avifauna, yet, over the years, a surprising number of warbler species have been encountered in Ohio from December 1 to February 29. Of course, the Yellow-rumped Warbler is by far the most prevalent, and can be found almost anywhere in the state if conditions permit. It is probably not unreasonable to estimate that during the most favorable winters (abundant berry supply, lenient weather, etc.), that a thousand or more Yellow-rumps inhabit the state. In contrast to this comparative "abundance", the other warbler species are encountered very rarely. Even so, the fact remains that at least 15 warbler species have been reliably sighted in Ohio during winter. In the following comments, the species are listed in order of abundance. The regions used are delineated in Abundance and Distribution of the Birds of Ohio, 1987, by B. Peterjohn et al.

Yellow-rumped Warbler— Widespread, see comments above.

Common Yellowthroat— At least 75 winter records for the state, involving approximately 98 birds. The N.W. counties have produced the lion's share of records (28 records, approx. 45 birds). This fact can be attributed to the wealth of marshy habitat present in Lake Erie's western basin. Yellowthroat reports definitely have increased over the years, however, given increased observer-hours, it is uncertain if winter birds are truly increasing. Prior to 1950 only 2 records existed. 6 records were generated in the 1950's, 10 in the 1960's, 29 in the 1970's, and 25 in the 1980's.

Palm Warbler— This species has produced 48 records, involving approximately 68 birds. The Central and S.W. regions have produced a combined total of 64.6% of all records (17 and 14 records, respectively). The somewhat milder climate of these areas has likely influenced this fact, since the combined northern tier of regions has generated only 22.9% of all winter records. The Palm has seemingly declined recently during winter. Until 1950, 15 records had been accumulated. 9 records were obtained in both the 1950's and 1960's, while 12 records were generated in the 1970's. For the 1980's, however, only 3 published records exist.

Pine Warbler— Observers have turned up 30 records, involving 32 birds. The N.W. region has curiously produced the most records, with 9 (30%). The S.C. region is next, with 7 records. This can be attributed in part to extremely late and/or early migrants and territorial birds, combined with the milder climate. A total of 10 records existed until 1980, but since then 19 records have been tallied.

Orange-crowned Warbler— 14 winter records exist for this late-fall migrant. One wintered in Columbus' Greenlawn Cemetery during 1926, but this species was not found again in winter until one was seen in Youngstown 12/27/53. Of the 12 remaining records, all but one (Cincinnati 1/6/80) have been located in the northern tier of regions. 8 of these 12 fall within the December 1-14 time period,

and so may actually pertain to extremely late migrants.

**Cape May Warbler**-- This species has provided a surprising 11 winter records. At least 5 birds have survived into January, and one at Cincinnati remained through the entire winter of 1979-80. Single birds in Lake Co. fed upon apples in Dec. 1961 and Jan. 1966, while a bird present 3 weeks at a Youngstown feeder subsisted on liquid honey. A bird with a more pedestrian appetite fed mostly on peanut butter during its 12/13/55 to 1/18/56 stay at a Brecksville feeder.

**Ovenbird**-- Although a fairly late fall migrant, the total of 9 winter records is still quite unexpected. Individuals have apparently wintered at Cincinnati during 1965-66, 1979-80, and 1980-81. All records have been made since 1965.

**Northern Waterthrush**-- At least 6 winter records exist, all since 1963, and all on Christmas Counts. All 6 were apparently closely observed and/or well documented. Two records each come from Dayton, Ashland, and Magee Marsh/Ottawa NWR.

**Yellow-throated Warbler**-- 3 records: birds were found at Youngstown 12/18-19/71, an adult male at Mansfield 12/6/81 to 1/10/82, and in Holmes Co. through 1/20/91.

**Yellow-breasted Chat**-- 3 records include 1 at Lakeside (Ottawa Co.) 12/1/67, another surviving until 12/22/53 at Brecksville (Cuyahoga Co.), eating various berries, suet and grit, and one on the Buckeye Lake CBC 12/30/56.

**Nashville Warbler**-- Surprisingly, only 2 records exist: 1 well-documented at Shaker Lakes (Cuyahoga Co.) 12/1/80 and an "unquestionable study" at a distance of 5 feet on the Hamilton-Fairfield CBC of 12/24/69.

**Black-and-white Warbler**-- "Excellent details" were taken regarding a female-plumaged bird at Kent (on the Cuyahoga Falls CBC) 12/16/79.

**Yellow Warbler**-- On an almost unbelievably late date for this early migrant, 12/7/83, a bird was carefully observed as it sluggishly fed during a snowstorm.

**American Redstart**-- An immature remained through 12/8/73 in Kirtland Hills (Lake Co.).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler**-- This western species was photographed at Athens during Dec. 1969.

Six other warbler species have been reported during the winter period, unfortunately lacking substantive details. Some may in fact be correct, but grave doubts exist for others. For the record, these are Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Kentucky, and Wilson's Warblers, and Louisiana Waterthrush. □

## Winter 1991-92 Overview by Robert Harlan

Much like the Summer and Autumn of 1991, the Winter of 1991-92 featured above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. This fact again dispelled the theory that heavy snows and bottomless temperatures are prerequisite to productive winter birding. On the whole, passerines seemed to be in good supply, and many "half-hardy" water birds were also able to remain with us until the January cold snap forced them to move on or perish.

The two premier rarities for the season would have to be the cooperative Western Grebe that lingered at the mouth of Rocky River 12/8-20, and an elusive Lark Bunting found in Holmes County 1/1 & 4, but not in the interim. Many birders enjoyed leisurely views of the grebe, but only a select few were treated to the bunting. Ideally, with the Ohio Rare Bird Phone Network now up and running, news of this type will be spread statewide in a day or two, providing birders across the state with the opportunity to search for rarities of this magnitude.

Other than the Western Grebe, the most noteworthy water birds were an Eared Grebe at Caesar Creek Lk. on the unusual mid-winter dates of 1/30-2/1, another inland Brant at Northfield 12/15, a female King Eider at Gordon Park 1/18, and up to 9 Virginia Rails at Spring Valley WA by 2/23.

Short-eared and Snowy Owls were more widespread than normal, but Long-eared Owls barely even bothered to show up at their traditional Killdeer Plains WA haunts. Several regular observers at Killdeer believed a rodent shortage to be the cause for this phenomenon, as well as for substandard hawk counts at this typically raptor-filled site.

Several unseasonal passerines added to the mix: a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at Perry through 12/1, an Ovenbird found dead in Lorain Co. 12/7, a Swainson's Thrush found freshly deceased in Trumbull Co. 12/11, and a window-killed Wood Thrush in Belmont Co. 1/5. The latter two specimens have now been accessioned into the Ohio University collection at Athens, Ohio, and provide very valuable evidence that these species can indeed exist at our latitude during winter.

Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins provided virtually all the winter finch excitement, as Evening Grosbeaks and crossbills essentially failed to appear. While not a "winter finch", good numbers of Northern Shrikes did move south into our area.

It is not my policy to comment in this column regarding birds still under review by the Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC). However, now that the Committee has reached a final decision on this particular record, it now becomes appropriate to report that Ohio's first "Accepted" Golden-crowned Sparrow was found and documented by several Youngstown-area observers at Headlands Beach SP 10/14/91.

In the following species accounts, an asterisk (\*) indicates that documentation(s) and/or photograph(s) were submitted by at least one observer and accepted by the OBRC. Please see the Committee Report in the inside back cover of this issue for other records, currently accepted but pending further review.

In order to conserve space, Christmas Bird Count data were not used in the following accounts. The only exception consists of acceptably described observations that I was personally able to review. The more noteworthy of these records are included in the species accounts. All submitted CBC data, reviewed or not, are published in their entirety elsewhere in this issue.

County names are often represented by using their first four letters—"Fran" representing Franklin County, for example. Other commonly used place name abbreviations are: BuCr (Buck Creek SP/C.J. Brown Res., Clark Co.); CPNWRC (Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge Count, Lucas Co., compiled by Joe Komorowski); CVNRA (Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, Cuyahoga/Summit Cos.); FRes (Findlay Reservoirs, Hancock Co.); GoPa (Gordon Park, Cuyahoga Co.); HBSP (Headlands Beach SP, Lake Co.); ONWR (Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Ottawa/Lucas Cos.); ONWRC (Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Count, Ottawa/Lucas Cos., compiled by Ed Pierce); and SVWA (Spring Valley Wildlife Area, Greene/Warren Cos.).



LeConte's Sparrow. Holmes Co., October 20, 1991  
Photo by Bruce Glick

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Red-throated Loon-- A late migrant was at Cleveland's E. 55th St. 12/7 (E. Bacik).

Common Loon-- Two large inland flocks were noted 12/3: 200 E. Fork Lk. (Cler) (GH, H. Armstrong) & 132 L. White (Pike) (DM). January records were 1 Rocky Fork Lk. (High) 1/1 (NKe, GH, F. Haas); 1 Fairport Harbor (Lake) 1/15 (JP); and 1 wintering at O'Shaughnessy Res. (Dela) (KA).

Pied-billed Grebe-- Wintering birds seemed up in the Cleveland area, with max 7 1/18 (CH), while 12 at Dayton 1/25 (SU) was the wintering peak away from L. Erie.

Eared Grebe-- Unexpected in mid-winter, one was closely observed at Caesar Creek Lk. 1/30-2/1 (JD et al.). A lakefront bird at Perry 12/15 (Lake) was more typical (JP).

Western Grebe-- The Klamm's found this extremely rare migrant at Lakewood Pk. (Cuya) 12/8. It finally settled in at the mouth of the Rocky River (Cuya) 12/10-20, and was scrutinized and photographed by many fortunate observers. (JD\*, ph. BG).

Double-crested Cormorant-- Increasing numbers are wintering, especially at lakefront hot water outlets, with maxima of 8 Lorain 1/26-7 (ETh) and 7 Ashtabula 2/15 (RHr). 2 along the Sandusky River in Tiffin 1/21 were

unexpected (TB).

Great Blue Heron-- Max 86 12/1, with 40 remaining 2/2 (ONWRC). Returned to heronries in CVNRA by 2/22 (DAC) and Wash by 2/27 (LB).

Black-crowned Night Heron-- An imm. was at Spring Grove Cem. (Hami) 1/19 (F. Renfrow).

Tundra Swan-- Uncharacteristically high numbers were noted statewide in late Jan. to early Feb., thanks to open water. High counts were: 77 2/2 (ONWRC); 35 over Madison (Lake) 2/9 (AJF); 25 + ONWR 1/25 (TB); 23 Hoover Res. (Dela/Fran) 2/3 (KA); etc. 204 birds (about 1/3 imm.) were late migrants at Metzger Marsh WA (Luca) 12/7 (JD, SU).

Greater White-fronted Goose-- An immature, apparently of the Greenland race, was examined at Pleasant Hill Res. 2/23 (JVH\*, RHr\*).

Snow Goose-- 30-35 wintered at ONWR 12/1-2/16 (m. obs.). 15 other birds were detected elsewhere during Jan. & Feb., including a blue goose that returned to Akron for its 6th consecutive winter (m. obs.).

Brant-- The Chasar's found a rare inland bird in Northfield (Summ) 12/15 (DAC\*). A late lakefront migrant was at Cleveland's E. 55th St. 12/21 (D. & J. Hoffman).

Canada Goose-- Max 3500 12/29 (ONWRC). Representatives of the smaller races (probably hutchinsii) were at Springville Marsh SNP

(Sene) 2/23 (TB); 6 at Caesar Creek 2/1 (JD) & 1 Lora 2/10 (TLP).

Wood Duck-- 21 remained at ONWR 12/1 (ONWRC).

Green-winged Teal-- 57 at ONWR 12/1 (ONWRC) was max.

Am. Black Duck-- Max 2000 12/29 (ONWRC). Inland high 300 BuCr 1/12 (DO).

Mallard-- Max 20000 12/29 (ONWRC). Inland peak 1750 L. Isaac (Cuya) 1/28 (RHr).

N. Pintail-- Max 100 12/1 (ONWRC). Migrants were on the move by 11 Feb., with 28 each at L. Rockwell (Port) 2/27 (CH) & in Hanc 2/25 (BH).

N. Shoveler-- 3 January records, totaling 4 birds, but 27 lingered at ONWR 12/29 (ONWRC).

Gadwall-- Max 450 12/1 (ONWRC).

Am. Wigeon-- Max 200 12/1 (ONWRC). 72 were at Cheshire (Gall) 12/9 (TI).

Canvasback-- 1000 in Erie Co. 1/6 (KA) was a good total away from this species' Maumee Bay stronghold.

Redhead-- Max 300 Lorain 2/24 (TLP). 60 at Rocky Fork Lk. 12/17 (A. Brewer) were fall migrants, while 100 each at Hueston Woods SP (Butl) 2/20 (SU) & BuCr 2/23 (SU) were northbound.

Ring-necked Duck-- 40 at Wilmington Res. 1/5 (LG) were

probably late migrants, but the species did winter in greater than normal numbers. Spring migrants include 150-175 Pleasant Hill Res. 2/29 (JVH, KMe); 169 Newtown (Hami) 2/27 (DB); & 52 Cheshire 2/27 (TI).

Greater Scaup-- Holt's 800 Cleveland 1/18 & 700 at Avon Lake (Lora) 2/2 were the high counts. 6 inland reports, including 15 Wellington Res. (Lora) 12/7 (ETH, NKr) & 1 Cheshire 12/9 & 2/27 (TI).

Scaup sp.-- The Cleveland area max was 1100 (m. obs.).

King Eider-- A female-plumaged bird was studied for an hour at GoPa 1/18 (CH\*).

Harlequin Duck-- Eastlake (Lake) produced the only records: a fem. 1/18 (LR), 1/24 & 26 (JP); and a male 1/21 (NB).

Oldsquaw-- 6 inland sightings, totaling 11 birds. 7 lakefront singles.

Black Scoter-- 3 December lakefront reports totaling 7 birds, plus 1 at Perry 2/1 (JP).

Surf Scoter-- Only reports were 3 Ashtabula 12/3 (JP) & 2 Cleveland 1/1 (R. Rickard).

White-winged Scoter-- 10 at Fairport Harbor 1/21 was a good mid-winter total for recent years (NB). 1 was inland at FRes 12/3 (BH).

C. Goldeneye-- Max 230 Cleveland 12/16 (WNK).



Bufflehead-- Max 167  
Cleveland 12/6 (WNK). 8 BuCr  
1/18 (DO) was an interesting  
mid-winter record.

Hooded Merganser-- 250  
remained from fall migration at  
ONWR 12/1 (ONWRC).

C. Merganser-- Max 80 12/1  
(ONWRC). About 20 at Rocky  
Fork Lk. 2/22 (DB) was the  
inland high. What has  
happened to the large flocks of  
this species?

Red-breasted Merganser-- A  
good wintering year was  
evidenced by up to 2000-3000  
in Perry (JP) and 2940 in  
Cleveland 1/19 (WNK). 858 at  
FRes 12/3 (BH) was very  
impressive, seemingly Ohio's  
largest ever inland fall total.

Black Vulture-- Expected  
numbers: max 16 Adam 1/12  
(BL); 10 High 2/22 (S.  
Wagner); 8 Hock 2/3 (KA); & 1  
nr Georgetown (Brow) 1/22  
(BW).

Turkey Vulture-- 1 at Funk  
(Wayn) 12/7 (Nkr, ETh) was  
late for the north. M. Ford  
described one from the Cadiz  
CBC 1/4. Only mid-winter bird  
was in Fair 1/26 (ES). Earliest  
arrivals were 2 n.e. Dayton  
2/18 (C. Cathers), but arrived  
statewide (10 reports) by  
2/22-24.

Osprey-- Late fall migrants  
remained in Wash 12/1 (LB)  
and at Oxford (Bull) 12/7 (DB).

Bald Eagle-- The Ohio Division  
of Wildlife's annual mid-winter  
survey turned up a record 54  
birds (39 ad., 15 imm.). Our  
contributors reported roughly

24 birds in 13 counties. New  
nest construction was  
underway at L. Rockwell (LR,  
CH) and at Medusa Marsh  
(Erie) (KMo, Nkr).

N. Harrier-- Reported from 29  
counties, max 11 12/29  
(ONWRC).

Sharp-shinned Hawk-- A pair,  
rare in n.e. Ohio, was on  
territory at Mentor Marsh SNP  
(Lake) by 2/17 (LR).

N. Goshawk-- Single adults  
were at St. Joseph Cem.  
(Hami) 2/12 (G. Davidson) &  
Hell Hollow MP (Lake) 2/29  
(JP), while a near-adult was in  
Tiffin 2/19-20 (TB et al.). An  
immature was documented  
from Huron 12/8 (JD\*).

Red-tailed Hawk-- Trumbull Co.  
harbored 25 12/22 (DJH).  
Killdeer Plains max was a  
disappointing 7 1/26 (PE).

Rough-legged Hawk-- Found in  
at least 25 counties. Highs  
were 13 2/2 (ONWRC); 6-10  
along Prairie Lane s. of  
Wooster Jan.-Feb. (BG, EM); 8  
Funk 2/27 (KA); & 6 Adam 1/1  
(BL). Good movement, even  
into the s.e. counties.

Golden Eagle-- Quite rare in  
winter (and now even more  
so), one was found  
electrocuted in Adams Co. 1/8  
(fide PW).

A. Kestrel-- Nice counts  
include 23 Hanc 12/3 (BH); 18  
Gall/Lawr 2/27 (TI); 16 Adam  
1/1 (BL); 13 Lora 12/30 (Nkr).

Merlin-- Continues to increase  
in winter, with an amazing 10  
reports, including singles at 5

Lake Co. sites (AJF, JP).  
Noted at 2 Cleveland lakefront areas: 1 Burke Airport 1/9 (JP) & 1 Edgewater Pk. 1/23 (TLP). Also seen at Oxford Airport 12/1 (S. Wagner); Gallipolis Dam (Gall) 12/9 (TI); & downtown Cincinnati 12/23 (NKe).

Peregrine Falcon-- At least 3 were regularly seen in Cleveland (m. obs.). Singles elsewhere: an imm., probably of the tundrius race at Huron 12/1 (JD, SU); imm. nr. Tiffin ea. Dec. thru Jan. (TB et al.); Toledo 1/3 (MAN); Lorain 2/1 (ES); and a banded ad. at BuCr 2/23 (SU, DO, m. obs.).

Ruffed Grouse-- Max 4 Scio 1/1 (BL) & 4 Monr 2/19 (DS).

Wild Turkey-- A flock of 41 n.w. of Shreve (Wayn) 2/28 (BG, BM, EM) was impressive, but 82 at Butler (Rich) 2/16 was exactly twice as good (JVH). Hocking SF held 28 1/22 (KA).

N. Bobwhite-- 4 reports of 10-15 birds (BL, SU, PY), but 8 Trum 1/26 (DJH) were the most northerly.

Virginia Rail-- 1 was caught in a mink trap at Parkman (Geau) 12/29 (P. & L. Kittle). 2 were located at SVWA 2/22 (C. Cathers), but 9 were there the next day. Did all of these birds winter (very unlikely), or is this species truly migrating as early as mid- to late-Feb.?

Am. Coot-- Favored by the mild winter: 80 Wellington Res. 1/11 (NKR); 20 BuCr 1/11 (DO); 35 Summit Lk. 1/12 (CH, LK).

Sandhill Crane-- As a follow-up to the impressive fall movement, s.w. Ohio produced 8 more reports totaling 357 birds 12/7-18 (m. obs.), including the max of 88 along Ohio Brush Creek (Adam) 12/18 (PW). In n.w. Ohio, approx. 150 were in Hanc 12/4 (fide BH), and the Dunakin's observed 52 in a Paul field 12/7, 14 over Paulding Res. 12/8, and 1 nr Paulding Ponds WA 1/3-4. 2 were in Wood Co. 12/7 (TC). In the n.e., an adult was at Pleasant Hill Res. 12/28 + (described for the Mohican CBC 12/28 by KMe), when it was joined by another ad. 2/16-29 (JVH, KMe, RHR). Courtship behavior was witnessed. The great size differential between these two would seem to indicate different sub-specific identities. A new early spring date for the Cleveland area was set 2/24 when a flock of 23 flew over Mayfield Hts. (Cuya) (JP).

Killdeer-- This species benefited from the mild winter, with 48 Scio 1/1 (BL), plus 4 sightings in the north 1/12-2/1. Spring migrants were widespread 2/15-22.

Pectoral Sandpiper-- Single dawdlers remained at BuCr 12/1 (DO) and Pleasant Hill Res. 12/7-8 (JVH, KMe). A record early arrival was at Killdeer Plains 2/23 (EB et al).

Purple Sandpiper-- HBSP routinely produced 1-2 birds 12/1-1/12 (m. obs.). 3 at Ashtabula 2/7 (JP, KA) were wintering.

Dunlin-- As expected: 38 12/1 (ONWRC); 1 Pleasant Hill Res.

12/7 (JVH) & 3 Mosquito Lk.  
12/8 (CH).

C. Snipe-- The mild weather allowed at least 18 birds from 9 counties to remain into the late Dec.-Jan. time period. 17 BuCr 12/1-3 (DO, DD) was a late migrant flock.

Am. Woodcock-- 1 at Perry 12/10 (JP) was late, while spring migrants returned to many areas 2/18-23.

Pomarine Jaeger-- Single immatures were scrutinized at Huron 12/6 (KA); Fairport Harbor 1/8 (JP); Cleveland 1/20 (RHn, TLP, LR); and ONWR 1/25 (TB).

Parasitic Jaeger-- Several fortunate observers found this bird at the mouth of the Rocky River 12/15 while looking for the Western Grebe.

Jaeger sp.-- A dark Imm. was at Perry 1/18 (JP).

Franklin's Gull-- A 1st-winter bird at Huron 12/1 (JD) and a bird at Perry 12/16 (JP) were within the expected time-frame, but 1 at Cleveland 1/11 (AJF) was later than normal.

Little Gull-- 5 reports of singles from Huron to Conneaut (Asht) 12/1-1/4, plus 2 ad. at Eastlake 2/1 (JP et al.).

C. Black-headed Gull-- An adult was occasionally cooperative at Cleveland's Edgewater Pk. 1/9-13 (TLP, m. obs.).

Bonaparte's Gull-- A very good inland flight, including: 300

BuCr 12/1 & 8 (DO); 300 + Mosquito Lk. 12/8 (CH); & 300 O'Shaughnessy Res. 12/17 (KA). 15 BuCr 1/12 (DO) & 2 Summit Lk. 1/26 (CH) were very unusual mid-winter inland records.

Ring-billed Gull-- Max 20000 Huron 12/8 (SU). Inland: 2000 along the Ohio River at Empire (Jeff) in early Dec. (NL); 1000 BuCr 1/12 (DO); 893 FRes 12/3 (BH).

Herring Gull-- 5000 were at Edgewater Pk. 2/1 (RHr, ECP).

Thayer's Gull-- Max 3 Ashtabula 12/10-2/7 (JP) & Cleveland 1/20 (RHn, TLP, LR). Singles at Huron, Lorain, Fairport, & Avon Lake 12/8-1/26.

Iceland Gull-- Max 4 Cleveland 1/20 (RHn, TLP, LR). 2 along the Maumee River Rapids (Luca/Wood) 1/17-23 (TK, ETr) were interesting. Seen along L. Erie from N. Perry to Huron.

Lesser Black-backed Gull-- Max 4 Cleveland 1/20 (RHn, TLP, LR). 1-2 birds were at 7 lakefront sites from Ashtabula to Huron 12/3-2/7. An ad. was along the Maumee River Rapids 1/20 (TK).

Glaucous Gull-- The Cleveland to Lorain lakefront harbored 6 1/20 (SU) for the max, while Lorain alone held 5 2/14 (TLP). At least 5 different birds were identifiable at the Maumee River Rapids 12/26-1/30 (TK).

Great Black-backed Gull-- Rosche estimated 400 at Cleveland 1/20, and Pogacnik had 450 at Perry 2/1.

Black-legged Kittiwake-- Dunn & Utterback produced an extremely rare adult (\*), plus a more expected imm. at Huron 12/7. Another imm. was at Conneaut 12/3 (JP).

C. Tern-- Single laggards remained at Lorain 12/1 (JD, SU) and Ashtabula 12/3 (JP).

Short-eared Owl-- Certainly more widespread than usual, but maxima of 2 at the traditional strongholds of Killdeer Plains and Maumee Bay SP (Luca) 1/10-2/16 were below expectations.

East-central Ohio hosted the most birds, including 5-7 along Prairie Lane s. of Wooster 1/28-9 (JES, BG); 3-6 nr Dundee (Tusc) thru 2/12 (SH); 5 Funk 1/11 (NKr); etc. Far eastern Ohio supported the following: max 6, with 3-4 wintering in Jeff (Mar, MJ); 3 n.w. E. Liverpool (Colu) 12/23 (NL); & 4 Dunganon (Colu) 2/10 (NL). Up to 5 thru Feb. in e. Paul/w. Defi were in the far n.w. corner of the state (DMD).

3 probably wintered at Cleveland Hopkins Airport (RHr). 13 were noted 2/2 (ONWRC). Smaller numbers were also reported from Clin, Geau, Haml, Warr, & Wood.

Barn Owl-- 1 wintered Cosh (JVH); another was hunting over Kirtland Hills (Lake) 2/21 (JP).

Snowy Owl-- A better than average flight, at least in the n.e., with a max of 6 Cleveland 1/9 (TLP). Other lakefront reports from Asht, Lake, Lora, & Otta/Luca. Moving south, singles were nr Paulding Res.

2/22 (DMD); caught & released Hanc 12/3 (fide BH); nr Covington (Miami) 12/5 (fide B. & C. Berry); e. Ludlow Falls (Miami) (fide B. Heidelberg); and thru It. Dec. at Newport (Wash) (LB).

Long-eared Owl-- Widely scattered. 3 nr Bryan (Will) 2/11 (DMD) were from an underbirded area. 2-3 wintered s. of Wooster (BG, EM, JES). An apparent rodent shortage kept the Killdeer Plains population down to 1-2 2/16-22 (SU, JD, TB). 5 other reports of 1-2 birds, including 1 at Slate Run MP (Pick) 2/24 (DS).

N. Saw-whet Owl-- As many as 4 may have wintered at the Cincinnati Nat. Ctr. (Cler), but some duplication is possible (m. obs.). 1-2 were at Killdeer Plains 2/16-20 (SU, JD, KA). Singles also at: Mohican SP 12/21 (JVH); Monclova (Grand Rapids-Waterville CBC) 12/28-9 (MAN); Englewood Rsv. (Mont) 2/22-31 (B. & M. Mercer, SU); Perry Twp. 12/27 (JP).

Red-headed Woodpecker-- Reported as up in many areas.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker-- 5 reports, with 1 at Bath (Summ) 1/6 (N. Ibsen) being farthest north.

E. Phoebe-- Wintered in Pike & Jackson Cos. (DM). Dec. reports from Brow 12/12 (T. Stears, fide BW); Cler 12/27 (DB); Scio 12/29 (BL). Late Feb. arrivals 2/21-6 across s. Ohio.

Horned Lark-- Max 600 Fult

1/18 (ETr). 1 found dead in a Strongsville (Cuya) driveway 1/15 (TLe), far from suitable habitat, was presumably in transit.

Am. Crow-- Max 1000 + along the Maumee River Rapids from Jan. to ea. Feb. (ETr). 400 + were in Gall/Lawr 2/27 (TI).

Black-capped Chickadee-- Only a few moved south.

Carolina Chickadee-- 2 wintered at Paulding Ponds, at the extreme n. edge of their range (DMD).

Red-breasted Nuthatch-- Certainly no invasion year, comparatively few reports.

Carolina Wren-- Still increasing.

House Wren-- 1 was described adequately from the Cincinnati CBC 12/29 (NKe).

Winter Wren-- Widely scattered, with a good max of 8 in the Clear Creek Valley (Hock) 1/22 (KA).

Golden-crowned Kinglet-- 6 reporters cited lower than normal numbers. Max 12 Hanc 12/10 (BH).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet-- Only report was 1 at Owensville (Cler) 1/18 (J. Lanham).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher-- 1 mentioned in the fall report lingered at Perry until 12/1 (JP), establishing a new late fall date for the Cleveland area.

E. Bluebird-- Max 37 Scio 1/1

(BL).

Swainson's Thrush-- A freshly-dead individual was found 12/11 in Trumbull Co. Babyak comments that the bird was "limp, eyes glossy black--little fat on body."

Hermit Thrush-- 1 at L. Isaac thru 2/6 survived longer than expected in the north (RHr).

Wood Thrush-- One killed at a Bellaire (Belm) window 1/5 (NL) didn't survive long enough to starve to death.

Gray Catbird-- 1 described from Greenlawn Cem. by P. Raver for the Columbus CBC 12/22 remained until 1/3 (KA); 1 Hanc 12/28, with 2 12/31 (fide BH); 1 Perry 1/5 (D. & J. Hoffman).

Brown Thrasher-- Singles wintered at 2 Holm sites (PY, fide BG) & 1 Hanc site (fide BH). 3 other s. Ohio reports.

Am. Pipit-- 4 were described from Sugar Creek (Tusc) 1/16-24 (RS); 2-3 Hami 1/14 (B. Stanley, DB).

Cedar Waxwing-- Highs were 200 Amherst (Lora) 2/27 (Blaser); up to 125 wintering at Sagamore Hills/Northfield (Summ) (DAC); 120 Adam 12/17 (BL).

N. Shrike-- A very impressive movement with at least 12 reports, including 2 wintering in unexpectedly close proximity at GoPa (m. obs.). 8-9 others were found in the n.e. counties of Lake, Cuya, Summ, & Trum (JP, AJF, LR, RHr, JW, DJH). Elsewhere: 1 at Sugar Creek

(Tusc) 12/24-1/18 (ES, RS)  
(described for the Ragersville  
CBC 12/27 by ES; 1 Springville  
Marsh SNP 2/15 (M. Joliat); 1  
12/1 & 29 (ONWRC).

Loggerhead Shrike-- 3  
sightings from the far south: 1  
Russellville (Brow) 12/10 (BW);  
1 Adam 12/13-15 (BL); 1  
Georgetown (Brow) 1/6 (J.  
Ruthven).

Yellow-rumped Warbler-- Max  
36 Adam 12/16 (BL). Northern  
high was 7 in the Toledo area  
1/29 (ETr).

Pine Warbler-- An imm. female  
wintered at Pogacnik's Perry  
feeder, remaining into the  
spring reporting period.

Ovenbird-- Another  
extra-seasonal fatality was a  
dead Ovenbird found in Lorain  
Co. 12/7 (NKr).

C. Yellowthroat-- 1 was at  
ONWR 12/1 (ONWRC).

Am. Tree Sparrow-- Highs  
were 320 12/1 & 170 2/2  
(ONWRC); 150  
Miami-Whitewater Pk. (Hami)  
1/12 (NKe, JS); 100 Funk 2/23  
(RHr).

Chipping Sparrow-- 1 was  
described from the Ragersville  
CBC 12/27 (ES).

Vesper Sparrow-- B. Miller  
found one in Salt Creek Twp.  
(Holm) 1/13-3/2. Hardesty had  
another in Hanc 2/11 & 25.

Lark Bunting-- A female or  
immature was located in a  
Holmes Co. pasture overgrown  
with multiflora rose 1/1 & 4  
(BM\*, PY\*, EM\*).

Savannah Sparrow-- The  
HBSP bird noted on 11/30 in  
the fall report stayed another  
day into Dec. (JD, CH, LR). 1  
was described from the  
Millersburg CBC 12/21 (LY,  
BM). It or another was in Holm  
2/9+ (BG).

Fox Sparrow-- Max 4 Cascade  
Valley MP (Summ) into Jan.  
(JW). 3+ were at Springville  
Marsh 2/23 (TB), and 2  
wintered at Mohican SP (JVH).

Lincoln's Sparrow-- W. Stover  
found 1 at the Seiberling  
Naturealm feeder (Summ)  
1/17. It was photographed  
1/18 (LR), seen briefly on 1/19  
(RHr), and then was seen off  
and on into March. This bird is  
extremely rare in winter.

White-crowned Sparrow-- Max  
65 Scio 1/1 (BL), also 34  
Miami-Whitewater Pk. 12/14 (T.  
Borgman).

"Oregon" Junco-- An adult  
male was seen near Lucas  
(Rich) 1/19-2/8 (KMe).

Lapland Longspur-- Seemed  
slightly easier to find this  
winter. High counts include 56  
fall migrants at GoPa 12/1  
(SU); 38 Madi 1/20 (KA); & 15  
BuCr 1/18 (DO). Up to 6 could  
be found at Cleveland's Burke  
Lakfront Airport 1/18-2/8 (m.  
obs.). 7 other scattered  
reports 1/14-1/26, possibly  
indicative of a movement  
during this period.

Snow Bunting-- Good,  
wide-spread numbers: up to  
250 Paul from Dec. to ea. Feb.  
(DMD); 200 Lora 1/20 (SU);  
200 Sene 1/24 (TB); 150 Madi

1/20 (KA), etc. 25 were far south at Winton Woods (Hami) 12/14 (B. Cohen et al.).

Yellow-headed Blackbird-- The Fjeldstad's were treated to an adult male near Mentor Marsh 1/16.

Brewer's Blackbird-- 1 was described from the Kingston CBC 12/28 (B. Conlon). A female was photographed at the V. Kline farm (Holm) 1/20 (BG).

N. Oriole-- An adult male survived at a Defiance feeder from mid-Oct. to 12/12 (A. Best).

Purple Finch-- Only decent count was 24 SVWA 2/2 (SU).

White-winged Crossbill-- Alexander found 2 at Heidelberg Beach (Erie) 12/6.

C. Redpoll-- Quite a few remained from the fall invasion, with highs of 60 Wyman Pk. (Lake) 1/7-8 (JP); 60 Erie 12/6 (KA); max 40 Lakewood Pk. Cemetery (Cuya) 12/4 (WNK); & 37 Hanc 2/10 (fide BH). Also found in Fran, Gree, Holm, Lora, Luca, Miami, Summ & Wood Counties.

Pine Siskin-- An impressive movement, with 160 Hock 2/3 (KA); 100+ wintering at Mohican SP (JVH); 85 Whitehouse (Luca) 12/8 and 65 there 2/23 (MAN); & 60 Greenlawn Cem. 1/19 (KA).

Am. Goldfinch-- No large flocks reported, in contrast to the influxes of the previous 2 species.

Evening Grosbeak-- 4 wintering at Mohican SP (JVH) and 3 Hock 1/22 (KA) were the only reports.

EXOTICS-- A White-cheeked Pintail was at L. Isaac 1/28-2/17 (m. obs.).

HYBRIDS-- A male N. Pintail x Mallard hybrid provided an interesting study at L. Isaac 1/13-2/17 (RHR).

#### ADDENDA

Ibis sp.-- 1 was at Ottawa NWR 10/26 (TH).

Greater White-fronted Goose-- In response to our request for any sightings of this species in 1991, T. Hochstetler reported 4 at Ottawa NWR 10/26.

C. Tern-- A colony was established at Ottawa NWR in 1990 & 1991, but nesting success was low. Out of 24 nests 6/19, 14 nests 7/2, and 23 additional nests 7/7, only 2 chicks were banded. 26 nests with 47 eggs were noted in 1990. [fide "Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) Restoration Project 1991", by the USFWS, ONWR, & ODNR].

Ring-billed Gull-- The large nesting colony at Oregon (Luca) was a complete failure in 1991 (fide M. Shieldcastle).

Short-eared Owl-- 1 was in a strip-mined area near Dundee (Tusc) 7/5/91 (SH).

White-winged Crossbill-- A male was at a Miamisburg (Mont) feeder on 2 Nov. 1991 dates (V. Gibson).

## CORRIGENDA

Lesser Golden-Plover-- An injured bird remained at Pleasant Hill Res. 11/3. This bird was incorrectly listed as a Semipalmated Plover in The Ohio Cardinal 15(1):15.

King Rail-- 2 spring reports were overlooked [OC 14(3):18] while making the yealy summary for the last issue. Thus, the Ohio total for 1991 becomes at least 309 species.

## FINAL OBRC DECISIONS, FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIODS by H. Thomas Bartlett

Broad-winged Hawk-- OBRC #343-91-01 ACCEPTED: 1 bird over eastern Toledo 11/7/91 (G. Klug).

Blue Grosbeak-- OBRC #597-91-01 NOT ACCEPTED: 1 Worthington 9/8/91. Reasons for non-acceptance: "Weak description. Does not rule our Indigo Bunting. Wet plumage can make bill appear larger. Condition of plumage makes 'positive' ID questionable. Size not discussed."

LeConte's Sparrow-- OBRC #548-91-02 ACCEPTED: 1 bird 2 miles n. of Berlin (Holmes Co.) 10/20/91 (Hershberger, BG\* ph., m. obs.). See photo elsewhere in this issue.

Golden-crowned Sparrow--  
OBRC #557-91-01  
ACCEPTED: 1 bird HBSP  
10/14/91 (DJH\*, G. Meiter\*,  
G.W. Richter\*, D. Woofter\*).  
Although the Committee felt

that a photograph would have been desirable, a majority felt that the descriptions provided were adequate to substantiate this first accepted Ohio record.

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## Northwest Region

| AREA OF COUNT          | Firelands (9)<br>12/14/91 | Fremont (8)<br>12/15/91 | Goli Woods (1)<br>12/14/91 | Grand Rapids<br>Waterville (2)<br>12/28/91 | Hancock Co (10)<br>12/28/91 | Lake Erie Is. (5)<br>12/19/91 | Mansfield (13)<br>12/14/91 | ONWR (4)<br>12/29/91 | Oxbow Lake (7)<br>12/21/91 | Plymouth (12)<br>12/29/91 | Tiffin (11)<br>12/15/91 |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chipping Sparrow       | -                         | -                       | -                          | 1  | -                           | -                             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                         | -                       |
| Field Sparrow          | 5                         | -                       | -                          | 7  | -                           | -                             | 1                          | -                    | -                          | -                         | -                       |
| Fox Sparrow            | -                         | -                       | -                          | -  | -                           | -                             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                         | -                       |
| Song Sparrow           | 29                        | 42                      | 5                          | 52   | 39                          | 2                             | 52                         | 61                   | 12                         | 20                        | 30                      |
| Swamp Sparrow          | 1                         | 48                      | -                          | -  | CW1                         | -                             | 15                         | 77                   | -                          | -                         | -                       |
| White-throated Sparrow | 11                        | 3                       | -                          | 4  | 29                          | 36                            | 7                          | -                    | 1                          | -                         | 11                      |
| White-crowned Sparrow  | 5                         | 8                       | -                          | 4  | 1                           | 1                             | 11                         | -                    | -                          | 3                         | 23                      |
| Dark-eyed Junco (S.C.) | 149                       | 107                     | 53                         | 422  | 128                         | 28                            | 317                        | 98                   | 58                         | 22                        | 80                      |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Ore.) | -                         | -                       | -                          | 2  | -                           | -                             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                         | -                       |
| Lapland Longspur       | -                         | -                       | -                          | 2  | -                           | -                             | -                          | -                    | -                          | 6                         | -                       |
| Snow Bunting           | -                         | -                       | -                          | -  | 82                          | 1                             | -                          | -                    | -                          | 18                        | -                       |
| Blackbird (sp)         | -                         | -                       | -                          | -  | -                           | -                             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                         | -                       |
| Red-winged Blackbird   | 230                       | 1615                    | -                          | CW   | -                           | -                             | 2                          | 49                   | -                          | -                         | -                       |
| Eastern Meadowlark     | -                         | 1                       | -                          | -  | -                           | -                             | -                          | 1                    | 13                         | -                         | 1                       |
| Rusty Blackbird        | 100                       | 85                      | -                          | 1  | -                           | -                             | -                          | 6                    | -                          | -                         | 4                       |
| Common Grackle         | 40                        | 29                      | 1                          | 2  | -                           | -                             | 1                          | 53                   | 1                          | -                         | 1                       |
| Brown-headed Cowbird   | 106                       | 1                       | 1                          | 37   | CW1                         | 55                            | -                          | 50                   | 25                         | -                         | 1                       |
| Purple Finch           | 1                         | -                       | 2                          | 4  | -                           | 3                             | 5                          | -                    | -                          | 2                         | -                       |
| House Finch            | 191                       | 318                     | 37                         | 474  | 184                         | 11                            | 841                        | 75                   | 70                         | 42                        | 318                     |
| White-winged Crossbill | -                         | -                       | -                          | -  | -                           | -                             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                         | -                       |
| Common Redpoll         | -                         | 76                      | -                          | 1  | -                           | -                             | -                          | 6                    | -                          | -                         | 1                       |
| Pine Siskin            | -                         | 14                      | -                          | 88   | 4                           | -                             | 17                         | 1                    | -                          | -                         | 22                      |
| American Goldfinch     | 59                        | 160                     | 10                         | 105  | 50                          | 15                            | 285                        | 85                   | 67                         | 16                        | 105                     |
| Evening Grosbeak       | -                         | -                       | -                          | -  | -                           | -                             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                         | -                       |
| House Sparrow          | 278                       | 1185                    | 820                        | 837  | 766                         | 116                           | 552                        | 757                  | 720                        | 148                       | 760                     |
| Species (without CW)   | 63                        | 66                      | 45                         | 58   | 47                          | 59                            | 74                         | 68                   | 46                         | 42                        | 57                      |
| Observers              | 32                        | 22                      | 8                          | 9  | 31                          | 5                             | 22                         | 15                   | 9                          | 4                         | 28                      |
| Party Hours            | 49.5                      | 35.5                    | 32                         | 54   | 186                         | 15.25                         | 73                         | 30                   | 34                         | 11                        | 48.5                    |

## Northeast Region

| AREA OF COUNT          | Toledo (3)<br>12/22/91 | Ashland (30)<br>12/21/91 | Ashtabula (25)<br>12/28/91 | Beaver Creek (36)<br>12/28/91 | Burton (27) | Brecksville (22)<br>Northfield<br>1/4/92 | Cleveland (23)<br>12/21/91 | Cuyahoga Falls<br>12/15/91 (29) | Elyria-Lorain<br>12/14/91 (20) | Lakewood (21)<br>12/28/91 | Mentor (24)<br>12/28/91 | Mohican SF (35)<br>12/28/91 | Trumbull Co (28)<br>12/15/91 | Wilmet (32)<br>12/14/91 | Wooster (31)<br>12/21/91 | Youngstown (34)<br>12/14/91 |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Chipping Sparrow       | -                      | -                        | -                          | -                             | -           | -  | -                          | -                               | -                              | -                         | -                       | -                           | -                            | -                       | -                        | -                           |
| Field Sparrow          | 1                      | 1                        | -                          | -                             | -           | 1  | 1                          | 27                              | 2                              | 2                         | 2                       | 13                          | -                            | 11                      | -                        | -                           |
| Fox Sparrow            | -                      | 4                        | -                          | 1                             | -           | 1  | -                          | 2                               | -                              | -                         | -                       | -                           | -                            | -                       | -                        | -                           |
| Song Sparrow           | 27                     | 79                       | 7                          | 30                            | 33          | 56                                       | 82                         | 266                             | 19                             | 43                        | 10                      | 103                         | 35                           | 321                     | 71                       | 27                          |
| Swamp Sparrow          | 10                     | -                        | -                          | -                             | 1           | 6  | -                          | 23                              | -                              | 1                         | 3                       | 3                           | -                            | 3                       | 17                       | 2                           |
| White-throated Sparrow | 5                      | 11                       | 2                          | 14                            | 5           | 4  | 87                         | 75                              | 10                             | 8                         | 38                      | 13                          | 7                            | 139                     | -                        | 2                           |
| White-crowned Sparrow  | 2                      | 8                        | -                          | 2                             | 1           | -  | -                          | 6                               | 1                              | -                         | 3                       | 11                          | -                            | 142                     | 8                        | 9                           |
| Dark-eyed Junco (S.C.) | 227                    | 204                      | 88                         | 237                           | 241         | 78                                       | 255                        | 1018                            | 235                            | 278                       | 205                     | 368                         | 289                          | 629                     | 104                      | 182                         |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Ore.) | 1                      | -                        | -                          | -                             | -           | -  | -                          | -                               | -                              | -                         | -                       | -                           | -                            | -                       | -                        | -                           |
| Lapland Longspur       | -                      | -                        | -                          | -                             | -           | -  | -                          | -                               | -                              | -                         | -                       | -                           | -                            | -                       | -                        | -                           |
| Snow Bunting           | 3                      | -                        | 1                          | -                             | -           | -  | -                          | -                               | -                              | -                         | 1                       | -                           | 20                           | -                       | -                        | -                           |
| Blackbird (sp)         | -                      | -                        | -                          | -                             | 4           | -  | -                          | -                               | -                              | -                         | -                       | -                           | -                            | -                       | -                        | -                           |
| Red-winged Blackbird   | 214                    | 1                        | -                          | -                             | -           | 78                                       | 16                         | -                               | 46                             | 728                       | -                       | 41                          | 228                          | -                       | 20                       | -                           |
| Eastern Meadowlark     | 8                      | -                        | -                          | -                             | -           | -  | -                          | -                               | 8                              | -                         | -                       | 1                           | -                            | 13                      | -                        | 3                           |
| Rusty Blackbird        | -                      | -                        | -                          | -                             | -           | 98                                       | -                          | -                               | -                              | 3                         | -                       | -                           | -                            | -                       | 1                        | -                           |
| Common Grackle         | 2                      | -                        | -                          | 1                             | 24          | -  | 97                         | 31                              | -                              | -                         | 236                     | -                           | 1                            | -                       | -                        | 7                           |
| Brown-headed Cowbird   | 105                    | -                        | -                          | -                             | -           | -  | 523                        | 13                              | 3                              | -                         | 473                     | 2                           | 4                            | 144                     | -                        | 2                           |
| Purple Finch           | -                      | -                        | -                          | 18                            | 2           | -  | -                          | 75                              | -                              | -                         | 9                       | 8                           | 5                            | 1                       | -                        | -                           |
| House Finch            | 343                    | 351                      | 374                        | 310                           | 261         | 251                                      | 264                        | 2063                            | 288                            | 149                       | 245                     | 310                         | 206                          | 1018                    | 30                       | 352                         |
| White-winged Crossbill | -                      | -                        | -                          | -                             | -           | -  | -                          | -                               | -                              | -                         | -                       | -                           | CW                           | -                       | -                        | -                           |
| Common Redpoll         | 6                      | -                        | -                          | -                             | -           | -  | 4                          | -                               | -                              | 2                         | -                       | -                           | -                            | -                       | -                        | -                           |
| Pine Siskin            | 130                    | -                        | -                          | 26                            | 15          | 63                                       | 1                          | 150                             | -                              | -                         | 27                      | 154                         | 4                            | 3                       | -                        | 1                           |
| American Goldfinch     | 96                     | 47                       | 62                         | 58                            | 193         | 205                                      | 196                        | 1029                            | 116                            | 115                       | 207                     | 210                         | 295                          | 403                     | 50                       | 125                         |
| Evening Grosbeak       | -                      | -                        | -                          | -                             | -           | -  | -                          | 2                               | -                              | -                         | 2                       | 1                           | -                            | -                       | -                        | -                           |
| House Sparrow          | 630                    | 242                      | 527                        | 252                           | 701         | 432                                      | 596                        | 2350                            | 589                            | 232                       | 530                     | 307                         | 399                          | 3166                    | 583                      | 479                         |
| Species (without CW)   | 83                     | 53                       | 57                         | 59                            | 51          | 53                                       | 78                         | 84                              | 63                             | 67                        | 82                      | 72                          | 58                           | 65                      | 52                       | 66                          |
| Observers              | 32                     | 9                        | 17                         | 29                            | 18          | 17                                       | 67                         | 75                              | 34                             | -                         | 40                      | 14                          | 11                           | 35                      | 10                       | 24                          |
| Party Hours            | 38                     | 42                       | 37                         | 76                            | -           | 55.5                                     | 121.5                      | 226.75                          | 81                             | -                         | 80.75                   | 44.25                       | 44.5                         | 203                     | 39                       | 54                          |



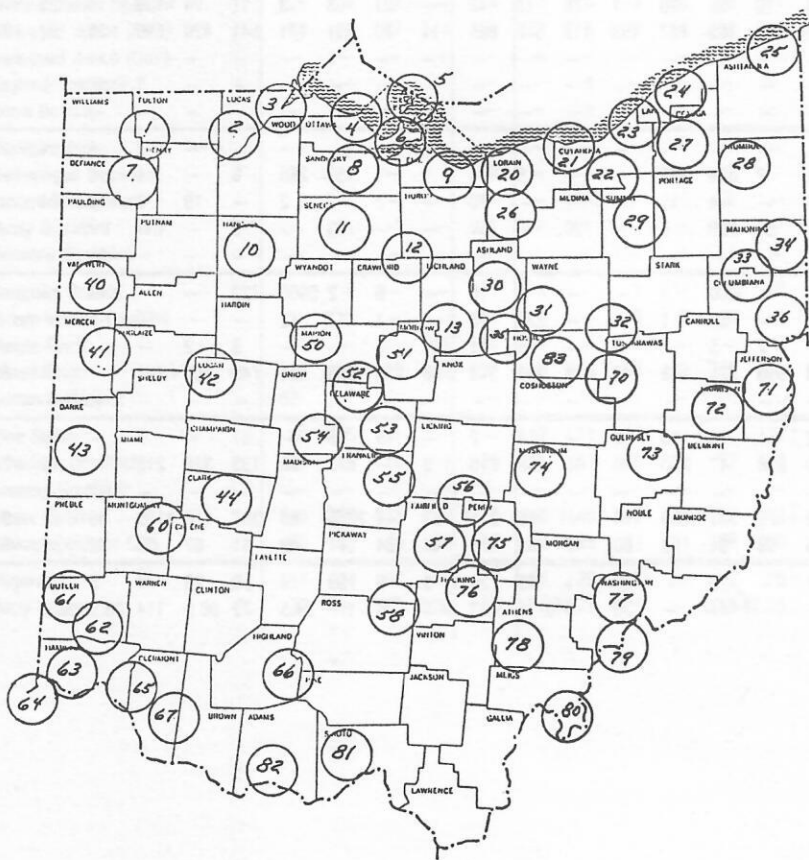




| AREA OF COUNT          | W. Central Region          |                                  |                             |                              | Central Region                |                           |                                |                              |                                  |                           |                            |                             |                                |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                        | Clark Co. (44)<br>12/14/91 | G. L.-St. Marys (41)<br>12/15/91 | Greenville (43)<br>12/29/91 | Indian Lake (42)<br>12/29/91 | Buckeye Lake (56)<br>12/21/91 | Columbus (55)<br>12/22/91 | Delaware Res. (52)<br>12/15/91 | Hoover Res. (53)<br>12/28/91 | Killdeer Plains (50)<br>12/29/91 | Kingston (58)<br>12/28/91 | Lancaster (57)<br>12/28/91 | Mt. Gilead (51)<br>12/21/91 | O'Shaug, Res. (54)<br>12/14/91 |
| White-crowned Sparrow  | 24                         | -                                | 17                          | -                            | 14                            | 5                         | 24                             | 3                            | 56                               | 66                        | 11                         | 4                           | 9                              |
| Dark-eyed Junco (S.C.) | 94                         | 53                               | 47                          | 4                            | 104                           | 321                       | 216                            | 80                           | 34                               | 112                       | 211                        | 76                          | 35                             |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Ore.) | -                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                         | -                              | -                            | -                                | -                         | -                          | -                           | -                              |
| Lapland Longspur       | -                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                         | 1                              | -                            | -                                | -                         | -                          | -                           | -                              |
| Snow Bunting           | -                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                         | 1                              | -                            | -                                | -                         | -                          | -                           | -                              |
| Blackbird (sp)         | -                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                         | -                              | -                            | -                                | -                         | -                          | -                           | -                              |
| Red-winged Blackbird   | -                          | 1                                | -                           | 1                            | 89                            | -                         | -                              | -                            | 11                               | 9                         | -                          | -                           | -                              |
| Eastern Meadowlark     | 1                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                         | -                              | -                            | 16                               | 39                        | -                          | -                           | 23                             |
| Rusty Blackbird        | -                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                         | -                              | -                            | -                                | 15                        | -                          | -                           | -                              |
| Brewer's Blackbird     | -                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                         | -                              | -                            | -                                | 1                         | -                          | -                           | -                              |
| Common Grackle         | 1                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | 71                            | 4                         | -                              | 1                            | -                                | 1                         | 17                         | -                           | -                              |
| Brown-headed Cowbird   | -                          | 13                               | -                           | -                            | 87                            | 1                         | -                              | 3                            | 2                                | 18                        | 2                          | 7                           | -                              |
| Purple Finch           | 1                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                         | -                              | -                            | -                                | -                         | 2                          | -                           | -                              |
| House Finch            | 197                        | 65                               | 299                         | 82                           | 391                           | 849                       | 513                            | 66                           | 165                              | 213                       | 240                        | 186                         | 153                            |
| Common Redpoll         | -                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                         | -                              | -                            | -                                | -                         | -                          | -                           | -                              |
| Pine Siskin            | 18                         | 25                               | -                           | -                            | -                             | 42                        | 11                             | 25                           | -                                | -                         | 75                         | -                           | 2                              |
| American Goldfinch     | 23                         | 73                               | 16                          | 1                            | 39                            | 131                       | 183                            | 79                           | 23                               | 37                        | 106                        | 84                          | 70                             |
| Evening Grosbeak       | -                          | -                                | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                         | -                              | -                            | -                                | -                         | -                          | 7                           | -                              |
| House Sparrow          | 345                        | 307                              | 625                         | 633                          | 1276                          | 1183                      | 1140                           | 118                          | 684                              | 722                       | 162                        | 405                         | 496                            |
| Species (without CW)   | 65                         | 52                               | 45                          | 29                           | 65                            | 66                        | 59                             | 61                           | 51                               | 69                        | 60                         | 43                          | 51                             |
| Observers              | 11                         | 14                               | 17                          | 5                            | 27                            | 27                        | 29                             | 9                            | -                                | 22                        | 26                         | 8                           | 10                             |
| Party Hours            | 36                         | -37.75                           | 8.25                        | -                            | 53                            | 90.5                      | 75.75                          | 28.5                         | -                                | 52.5                      | 47.25                      | 34                          | 31                             |

| AREA OF COUNT          | Southwest Region            |                         |                                  |                                     |                             |                         |                              |                                       | Unglaciaded Region         |                      |                             |                              |                                |                              |                             |                              |                               |                                 |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                        | Cincinnati (65)<br>12/29/91 | Dayton (60)<br>12/15/91 | E. Fork Lake SP (67)<br>12/21/91 | Hamilton-Fairfield (62)<br>12/21/91 | Ohio River (64)<br>12/22/91 | Oxford (61)<br>12/14/91 | Paint Creek (66)<br>12/29/91 | Western Hamilton Co. (63)<br>12/22/91 | Adams Co. (82)<br>12/14/91 | Cadiz (72)<br>1/1/92 | Great Bend (80)<br>12/14/91 | Millersburg (83)<br>12/21/91 | New Lexington (75)<br>12/29/91 | Parkersburg (79)<br>12/28/91 | Portsmouth (81)<br>12/28/91 | Ragersville (70)<br>12/27/91 | Steubenville (71)<br>12/21/91 | Washington Co. (77)<br>12/29/91 | Zanesville (74)<br>12/14/91 |
| White-crowned Sparrow  | 7                           | 1                       | 10                               | 26                                  | 20                          | 1                       | 18                           | 13                                    | 49                         | -                    | 21                          | 168                          | 3                              | 17                           | 24                          | 133                          | -                             | 21                              | -                           |
| Dark-eyed Junco (S.C.) | 733                         | 366                     | 464                              | 165                                 | 167                         | 153                     | 117                          | 542                                   | 685                        | 11                   | 70                          | 591                          | 171                            | 541                          | 429                         | 599                          | 38                            | 97                              | 73                          |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Ore.) | -                           | -                       | -                                | -                                   | -                           | -                       | -                            | -                                     | -                          | -                    | -                           | 1                            | -                              | -                            | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                               | -                           |
| Lapland Longspur       | -                           | -                       | -                                | -                                   | -                           | -                       | -                            | -                                     | -                          | -                    | -                           | -                            | -                              | -                            | -                           | -                            | 1                             | -                               | -                           |
| Snow Bunting           | -                           | -                       | -                                | -                                   | -                           | -                       | -                            | -                                     | -                          | -                    | -                           | 1                            | -                              | -                            | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                               | -                           |
| Blackbird (sp)         | -                           | -                       | -                                | -                                   | -                           | -                       | -                            | -                                     | -                          | -                    | -                           | -                            | -                              | -                            | -                           | -                            | 1                             | -                               | -                           |
| Red-winged Blackbird   | 317                         | 1                       | 2                                | 634                                 | 255                         | -                       | -                            | 5                                     | 4                          | 1                    | 1                           | 159                          | 256                            | 8                            | -                           | 1                            | -                             | -                               | -                           |
| Eastern Meadowlark     | -                           | -                       | -                                | 4                                   | 15                          | -                       | -                            | -                                     | 70                         | -                    | 2                           | 2                            | 2                              | -                            | 19                          | 6                            | 19                            | 34                              | 5                           |
| Rusty Blackbird        | 3                           | -                       | 36                               | 220                                 | 5                           | -                       | 20                           | -                                     | CW                         | -                    | -                           | 33                           | -                              | 3                            | -                           | CW                           | -                             | 3                               | 1                           |
| Brewer's Blackbird     | -                           | -                       | -                                | -                                   | -                           | -                       | -                            | -                                     | -                          | -                    | -                           | -                            | -                              | -                            | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                               | -                           |
| Common Grackle         | 11                          | -                       | -                                | 3000                                | 3                           | -                       | -                            | 2                                     | 6                          | -                    | 6                           | 2                            | 2000                           | 722                          | -                           | -                            | -                             | 1                               | -                           |
| Brown-headed Cowbird   | 60                          | 3                       | -                                | 57                                  | 1                           | -                       | -                            | 220                                   | 2                          | -                    | 1                           | 17                           | 12                             | -                            | -                           | 50                           | -                             | -                               | -                           |
| Purple Finch           | 34                          | -                       | 7                                | 5                                   | -                           | 3                       | -                            | 5                                     | 71                         | CW                   | -                           | -                            | 3                              | 2                            | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                               | -                           |
| House Finch            | 437                         | 264                     | 350                              | 325                                 | 183                         | 40                      | 8                            | 346                                   | 312                        | 53                   | 215                         | 676                          | 155                            | 745                          | 205                         | 704                          | -                             | 54                              | 88                          |
| Common Redpoll         | -                           | -                       | -                                | -                                   | -                           | -                       | -                            | -                                     | -                          | -                    | -                           | 50                           | -                              | -                            | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                               | -                           |
| Pine Siskin            | 47                          | 2                       | 51                               | 10                                  | 10                          | 6                       | -                            | 4                                     | 2                          | -                    | 19                          | 46                           | -                              | 51                           | -                           | 7                            | -                             | -                               | 2                           |
| American Goldfinch     | 697                         | 89                      | 218                              | 147                                 | 230                         | 69                      | 45                           | 543                                   | 216                        | 9                    | -                           | 373                          | 28                             | 133                          | 326                         | 215                          | -                             | 9                               | 78                          |
| Evening Grosbeak       | -                           | -                       | -                                | -                                   | -                           | -                       | -                            | -                                     | -                          | -                    | -                           | -                            | -                              | -                            | -                           | -                            | -                             | -                               | -                           |
| House Sparrow          | 443                         | 875                     | 75                               | 323                                 | 298                         | 194                     | -                            | 785                                   | 211                        | 32                   | 141                         | 2655                         | 83                             | 387                          | 176                         | 1189                         | 58                            | 82                              | 196                         |
| Species (without CW)   | 81                          | 65                      | 59                               | 64                                  | 73                          | 60                      | 47                           | 63                                    | 74                         | 42                   | 54                          | 74                           | 48                             | 61                           | 63                          | 63                           | 32                            | 46                              | 50                          |
| Observers              | 88                          | 41                      | -                                | 20                                  | -                           | 23                      | 1                            | 35                                    | 29                         | 8                    | 9                           | 59                           | 9                              | 59                           | 26                          | 38                           | 5                             | 10                              | -                           |
| Party Hours            | 225                         | -                       | -                                | 44                                  | -                           | 36                      | -                            | 9102.25                               | 83                         | 24.5                 | 36                          | 176                          | 24.5                           | 72                           | 86.5                        | 114                          | 28.5                          | 28.5                            | -                           |





Ohio Christmas Count Areas

**Ohio Bird Records Committee, Winter 1991-92 Report  
by H. Thomas Bartlett, Secretary**

The Ohio Bird Records Committee reviewed 15 records for this report, consisting of 11 records originating during the Winter 1991-92 season and 4 records originating from a prior reporting period.

Six records were accepted by at least 9 members of the 11 member Committee. These 6, along with another record which received 8 "accept" votes, are included within the Winter 1991-92 species accounts, found elsewhere in this issue.

The four records mentioned above as originating in another reporting period refer to resubmissions and recirculations from Fall 1991. These final results are appended at the conclusion of the Winter 1991-92 seasonal report.

Three other accepted records received between 6 and 8 "accept" votes and will be recirculated through the Committee in accordance with Section VI E3(a) of the Ohio Bird Records Committee Bylaws. These records are:

OBRC #58-91-02 Laughing Gull-- Delaware Res. CBC  
(Delaware Co.), December 15, 1991.

OBRC #334-92-02 Northern Goshawk-- Caesar Creek Lk.  
(Warren Co.), February 1, 1992.

OBRC #719-91-01 Bewick's Wren-- Youngstown  
(Mahoning Co.), December 29, 1991.

It should be noted that the preceding 3 records are currently accepted, pending further Committee review. The final results of these recirculation procedures will appear in the next issue.

One record was not accepted by the Committee. This record is:

OBRC #343-91-02 Broad-winged Hawk-- Trumbull Co.  
CBC, December 15, 1991. "Lacks details. Lack of  
observer confidence in sighting. Size questionable. Does  
not rule out Red-shouldered Hawk."

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