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Cover: Black-throated Gray Warbler, Baldwin Lake, April 27, 1992  
Photo by Frank Greenland

## A BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER IN THE CLEVELAND AREA

by Robert Harlan

A confession—I like warblers. Yes, I am well-aware that ducks have always been a traditional favorite, that gulls and shorebirds have become very trendy, and that hawks have attracted a single-minded, hard-core contingent unlike any other group. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy all these birds as much as the next person, but I must admit that I have always been most intrigued by the warblers.

In fact, the Golden-winged Warbler has long been my favorite bird. Its plumage is a study in subtle understatement, its quirky song always attracts attention, and it is "just rare enough" to always make for a good find. So, while doing some routine dickey-birding at the Cleveland Metroparks' Baldwin Lake (in Berea, Cuyahoga Co.) with my brother on April 26, 1992, I was understandably pleased to look up and see the distinctive white belly and black bib of the Golden-wing high above me in a tall cottonwood. I was even more pleased, however, when I noticed black streaking on the flanks and a startlingly unexpected facial pattern. This bird was not a Golden-wing, it was even better.

One look at the alternating black and white facial pattern caused me to blurt out "I think it's a Black-throated Gray Warbler!" My brother and I made some mental notes on the spot, noting the bright white underparts, except for the black flank streaking (which extended only from the outer edges of the bib); completely white undertail coverts; two white wing bars; and the striking facial pattern. After watching the bird for about 30 minutes, we decided that the bird seemed very content to stay in the cottonwoods, feeding amongst the catkins with a small troop of other warblers. After a quick trip home and a flurry of phone calls, I returned to the site with a few friends. Four hours later, however, all we had to show for our efforts was a possible brief glimpse of the bird soon after our arrival. I was not liking this turn of events.

After the first wave of disappointed birders came and went, I continued to search the area. The second wave that afternoon was much more fortunate, as the bird was refound and provided many high (but certainly conclusive) views of the adult male Black-throated Gray. Bruce Glick was able to obtain some distant photos at this time.

Another group of birders had congregated at the site by Monday evening, but without success. I feared that the bird was going to turn out to be a "one-day wonder". On a whim, Joe Emery and I drove around to the other side of the lake to check out a seldom-used trail leading along the opposite shore.

We had traversed most of the rapidly-fading trail when I noticed movement in some multiflora rose near the ground. I quickly got Joe's attention when I said "Here's a bird--Here's THE bird!" We genuinely had a hard time believing that the bird everyone was looking for on the other side of the lake was bouncing around the shrubbery inches off the ground in front of us. Every possible field mark was taken into account this time, even the miniscule yellow loreal spot. As I stayed with the bird, Joe hurried back to alert the rest of the horde. After what seemed like hours, the mob finally arrived. Frank Greenland obtained somewhat closer photos from this vantage point. This sighting would prove to be by far the best viewing opportunity, and curiously, the bird was never refound at this alternate site, despite almost nightly searches.

On Tuesday, the bird was again found back in its original treetop haunts. And also on Wednesday. And Thursday. Amazingly, the bird was present for at least 8 days, being last seen on Sunday May 3, after which interest in the search waned. I believe at least 40 observers ultimately saw the bird, which is even more surprising when one considers the fact that the bird was never heard to sing. Fortunately, the cold spring had retarded early foliage development, allowing relatively easy treetop viewing. I suspect it may have remained for an even longer period, but with the newly-developed foliage, this is difficult to say.

In my opinion, this bird represents Ohio's 5th verifiable record of Black-throated Gray Warbler. The first was collected in Columbus on November 15, 1950. The second was documented from Lower Shaker Lake on April 25-26, 1967, and was seen by at least 7 observers. Another was photographed at Athens in November-December 1969 {see the cover of Audubon Field Notes 24(1)}. The only other documented bird was seen and heard at Lorain on April 20, 1980. To the best of my knowledge, the Baldwin Lake bird is the first widely-viewed Black-throated Gray Warbler for Ohio. And it was even better than a Golden-wing.

Looking ahead--what might be the best time to look for this species again in our area? A search through American Birds and Audubon Field Notes from Jan. 1, 1970 to date reveals 61 bold-faced sightings of Black-throated Gray from the eastern United States. Fortunately, several peaks are evident. The first peak extends from April 11 to May 5, with 9 sightings during this period. The Baldwin Lake sighting and the Shaker Lake sighting also fit into this time-frame. A second peak occurs from August 26 to October 25, with 23 reported sightings, including 11 during the month of September. A winter peak also exists, with 18 reports from November 16 to January 25. Out of the 61 bold-faced reports, only 11 birds were initially found outside these peak periods. □



## THE RARE BIRDS OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO by John P. Herman

Richland County is located in northcentral Ohio, 60 miles south of Lake Erie. The northern half of the county is flat to gently sloping, with scattered woodlots. Southern Richland County is more hilly, with larger forested areas. Of Richland County's 318,000 acres, 61,900 acres are forested, while 27,500 acres are pasture. Nearly half of the county is cropland. Cattail marsh occurs at reservoir backwater areas, along the Clearfork and Black Rivers, and at some ponds. Portions of 3 reservoirs lie within Richland County. Clearfork Reservoir (977 acres) lies along the Richland Co./Morrow Co. line. Both Charles Mill Lake (1350 acres) and Pleasant Hill Lake (850 acres) straddle the Richland Co./Ashland Co. line.

Bird records have been kept in Richland County for approximately 30 years, with 246 species having been recorded to date. The following notes pertain to some of the more unusual species.

Western Grebe-- Found by K. Roger Troutman 4/8/75 at Clearfork Res. About 20 other observers also saw this bird through 4/20.

Magnificent Frigatebird-- Found by Thomas Nye 9/30/67, in the Richland Co. portion of Clearfork Res. It was collected by Dr. Milton Trautman the next day in the Morrow Co. section of the Reservoir. There are only three Ohio records of this species.

Greater White-fronted Goose-- An immature was found 3/23/92 at Pleasant Hill Lake by John Herman. It was also seen by Rob Harlan, K. Roger Troutman, and others.

White-winged Scoter-- Bruce Peterjohn and Jerry Skinner saw 8 adult males at Pleasant Hill Lake 4/12/80. Five adult male Oldsquaws were also noted there the same day.

Black Vulture-- The first Richland County record of this species occurred 10/26/91 when Kevin Metcalf saw 2 birds flying over the Pleasant Hill Lake airstrip. On 3/7/92, 15 Black Vultures were seen at Pleasant Hill Lake by Kevin Metcalf, John Herman, and several other observers. The birds were sitting along the shoreline, west of the marina, and then flew up to nearby trees. This is the largest group of Black Vultures ever seen in Ohio north of their normal range.

Purple Gallinule-- A Purple Gallinule was found by children in a residential Mansfield yard 2/21-22/83. It survived in captivity a few days.

Sandhill Crane-- The first Richland County record was a single

bird seen by Dr. Milton Trautman at Clearfork Res. 4/12/75. Another was observed at the western portion of Pleasant Hill Lake during the Mohican Christmas Bird Count 12/28/91. From 2/16 to 2/29/92, two cranes were at this site. One bird was one-fourth taller than the other.

Red-necked Phalarope-- The drought of 1991 created mudflat habitat at local reservoirs. Two birds were seen by John Herman and Steve McKee at Clearfork Res. 8/15/91.

Laughing Gull-- A juvenile-plumaged bird was observed at Clearfork Res. 9/28 to 10/12/91 by John & Vicki Herman, Jim Johnson, and Kevin Metcalf.

California Gull-- A winter-plumaged adult was found by Kevin Metcalf at the Pleasant Hill Lake swimming beach 11/3/90. It was observed and photographed by many through 11/16.

Lesser Black-backed Gull-- A breeding-plumaged adult was observed at Pleasant Hill Lake 4/12-15/91 by John & Vicki Herman and Kevin Metcalf.

Varied Thrush-- One visited a feeder near Kingwood Center 2/11 to 3/12/80, as part of the Varied Thrush "invasion" during the winter of 1979-80.

Yellow-headed Blackbird-- The first county record was an adult male seen amongst a flock of blackbirds at the old Mansfield Reformatory 3/16/71. The second record was provided by a bird 1/15-17/81, at the same feeder as the previously mentioned Varied Thrush.

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## BIG DAY FEVER--CATCH IT!

by Tom Kemp

We had no delusions about breaking the Ohio Big Day record. That's pretty much considered unreachable. Our goal (my goal, anyway) was to break 180 and raise money for the Toledo Naturalists' Association Birdathon.

I love Big Days. Don't get me wrong, they're not much fun to do--instead, they're grueling, exhausting, energy-draining marathons. But when BDA (Big Day Addiction) surfaces in late April, that's when the fun starts. The scouting is fun, the planning is fun. Each new discovery of a hawk or owl nest or a good bird on territory heightens the optimism for a really good day. Looking over the list of potential birds, I figured mid- to high-180's was a reasonable number of species to shoot for, given no big misses and a decent migration.

Our route is a simple one. We start in the Oak Openings, work the Lake Erie shoreline east to Medusa Marsh, then head south to Mohican State Forest to finish the day. Other Ohio Big Days incorporate Adams County, but we don't feel we lose much by not going that far south. We know we won't get Chuck-wills-widow or Black Vulture, but virtually all of the other "southern" birds can be found at Mohican or in the Oak Openings. This way we maximize our time along the lake.

May 16 was the chosen day and our group (Matt and Chuck Anderson, Elliot Tramer, Steve Lauer, and myself) assembled at my home south of Oak Openings Park at 2:30 AM. At 2:45, in my front yard, we got our first bird, an American Woodcock, and then headed off for our other nocturnal specialties. We spot-lighted a Barred Owl on a nest, got E. Screech Owl, then swung through the park for Whip-poor-will and Great Horned Owl. At Irwin Prairie a short time later we added two rails and Common Snipe, and then waited for the dawn chorus to begin.

It was immediately evident that we had hit a good migration day. Canada and Wilson's Warblers were singing along with a Lincoln's Sparrow. We cleaned up on the Irwin Prairie specialties and quickly checked Secor Park for Cerulean Warbler. We gradually made our way back to Oak Openings Park, picking up Alder Flycatcher on the way. This was a good sign, as this is typically a late migrant. Tennessee Warblers were singing everywhere. The list climbed rapidly in the park as we added Lark Sparrow, Yellow-throated Warbler, Solitary Vireo, and Brown Creeper. Matt heard a Purple Finch-like song out of the van window. We needed that bird so we jumped out to search. A better "listen" identified the bird as a Blue Grosbeak, and we quickly found it as it sat atop a small maple tree. A good bird and our best bird of the day. We were rolling now, and only a few more birds remained in Oak Openings.

Although staked-out Golden-crowned Kinglets and N. Mockingbirds were no shows, we finished the west side of Toledo with Red-shouldered, Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks, all on nests.

It was 10:00 AM and our list was at 130 species. We had already enjoyed a phenomenal morning, and if the birds came through along the lake, we were thinking 190+. Peregrine Falcon was next in downtown Toledo. We got it, and then headed to Maumee Bay State Park for Western Meadowlark. The park produced the meadowlark and several shorebirds including Upland Sandpiper. At the eastern end of the park, the marsh yielded Common Moorhen, American Bittern, Hooded Merganser, and more.

On to Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge and Crane Creek State Park. Our list was at 150+ at Noon but things were slowing to a crawl. We were shut out at Ottawa and although the Crane Creek causeway had Snowy Egret, N. Harrier, and Sedge Wren, there were virtually no ducks. The Magee Marsh Bird Trail was good, but since the morning had already been so productive for songbirds, we only added three species. A scan of the lake produced Caspian Tern but nothing else new. Heading east, our spirits and energy reserves were diminishing rapidly. Birds trickled in here and there, and we added Greater Yellowlegs and a late Osprey at Little Portage Wildlife Area as well as N. Pintail, Mute Swan, and Cliff Swallow at Medusa Marsh.

It would have been easy to quit now, at 4:30 PM with 173 species, and avoid the drive to Mohican. But 180 was reachable. Snickers bars and Cokes fired us up for the final leg of the trip. Three species which we now needed badly (Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Duck, & Bonaparte's Gull) were all found at Willard Reservoir a week earlier. This day, however, all we saw were waves.

A Common Loon was seen at Clearfork Reservoir. Mohican had been scouted the week before so we quickly added Kentucky Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Pileated Woodpecker, Carolina Chickadee, Hermit Thrush, and Purple Finch, but missed Wild Turkey, Worm-eating Warbler, and Winter Wren. We had our 180, but I knew where we could get Henslow's Sparrow and Barn Owl. After considerable urging ("I can get to the Henslow's in 8 minutes, guys"), off we went. The sparrow was ours and now only another 45 minutes to the Barn Owl spot. Groans all around, but we went anyway.

After arriving at the proper barn and after 10 minutes of waiting (it seemed like hours), we heard a hiss and then spot-lighted the owl as it entered and then left the nest box. We finished, finally, at 10:10 PM. Now for the long drive home.

After a night of much needed sleep and a day to gather my thoughts, it was fun to think of what was and what might have been. We had a terrific passerine day (32 species of warblers) and a great raptor day (15 species). What about the "what ifs"? What if we had come up with 5 or 6 more ducks, a couple of gulls, or a tern? What if Willard Reservoir had come through? What if the no-show stake-outs (4 or 5 birds) had shown? Now we would be flirting with the 195 mark. But since it is virtually impossible to do a Big Day with no misses (with 1 notable exception), I was pretty happy with a total of 182. Now to figure a way to change things a bit to reach the 190 level in 1993. □

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Female Scarlet Tanager. Maumee Bay SP, April 12, 1992  
Photo by Jon L. Dunn

## SPRING 1992 OVERVIEW

By Robert Harlan

Unlike any other season, one's impression of the spring migration is often based on observations made during a few critically-timed field trips. By virtue of an extended warbler migration period, observers had more opportunities to be in the field on "just the right day" this spring. Overall, most birders found the season to be very satisfactory, probably the best spring in several years.

This impression was reinforced by several strong and distinct waves. The first movement arrived around April 16-17 and lasted for several days. This wave was especially strong in southern Ohio, with only a small number of migrants trickling through to the northern counties. Birding was often quite slow for the next week or two, but definitely picked up again with a very strong push in mid-May. The Magee Marsh Bird Trail was notably productive during this period, with high individual counts and good species variety being commonplace. After this flurry of activity, migration slowed once again, only to experience a resurgence in early June. Although not technically occurring in the spring season, this influx was certainly associated with spring migration. These late migrants will be included in the summer seasonal report.

On any given outing, the sheer magnitude of the movement usually provides the most notable impression for the day. More lasting impressions, however, are based on rarities—one always remembers their first overshoot, their first record-early arrival date, or their first genuine accidental. Considering the richness of this spring's warbler migrations, it seems apropos that the season's two premier rarities were also warblers—an adult male Black-throated Gray Warbler near Cleveland April 26-May 3, and an adult male "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler in Wooster April 23-28. Fortunately, many observers were treated to views of these two birds.

Other noteworthy sightings include: a male Eurasian Wigeon near Gordon Park March 16-17; up to 16 Black Vultures, far north of their usual haunts, at Pleasant Hill Reservoir March 7-8; a Yellow Rail at Little Portage WA May 13; a Least Tern at Gordon Park May 25; a record-late Varied Thrush in Lake Co. April 21-22; 2 Clay-colored Sparrows, 1 each on May 10 & 12; and a LeConte's Sparrow at Conneaut April 16.

While on the subject of Conneaut, this out of the way corner of Ashtabula County became an instant hot spot this spring as rarity after rarity was discovered. Although limited in size, this area of mudflat, beach, and Lake Erie harbor certainly attracted more than its share of birds and birders. Eleven species of gull were noted, many remaining far later than expected. The most intriguing birds here, however, were a Piping Plover lingering from April 26 to May 15, and an extremely late Purple Sandpiper April 17. Expect more from this site in the future.

The "Reports" section is intended to be read in phylogenetic order.



County locations for most sites are included in the accounts the first time each site is mentioned. Only the most familiar sites, and those given specific identifying abbreviations (see below) are exempted from this guideline. 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 Ohio Bird Records Committee. Please see the Committee Report on the inside back cover of this issue for another record, currently accepted but pending further review.

County names are often represented by using their first four letters--"Fran" representing Franklin County, for example. Other commonly used place name abbreviations in this issue are: BuCr (Buck Creek State Park/C.J. Brown Res., Clark Co.); CCSP (Crane Creek SP, Lucas/Ottawa Cos.); CPNWR (Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge, Lucas Co.); CVNRA (Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, Cuyahoga/Summit Cos.); FRes (Findlay Reservoirs, Hancock Co.); GLSM (Grand Lake-St. Mary's, Auglaize/Mercer Cos.); GoPa (Gordon Park, Cuyahoga Co.); HBSP (Headlands Beach SP, Lake Co.); Magee (Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, Ottawa/Lucas Cos.); MBSP (Maumee Bay SP, Lucas Co.); ONWR (Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Ottawa/Lucas Cos.); ONWRC (Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Count, Ottawa/Lucas Cos., compiled by Ed Pierce); PHR (Pleasant Hill Res., Richland/Ashland Cos.); and SVWA (Spring Valley WA, Greene/Warren Cos.) □



Glaucous Gull. Conneaut Harbor, Ashtabula Co. April 27, 1992  
Photo by Bruce Glick

THE REPORTS--SPRING 1992

Common Loon-- Noticeably down from last spring, with a peak of 30 at L. Rockwell (Port) 4/6 (LR). 3 reports of concentrations in the 20's. Typically, a few laggards remained into late May, including 5 BuCr 5/31 (DO); 1 Paulding Res. (Paul) 5/31 (DMD); & 1 Mosquito Lk. (Trum) 5/27 (JP).

Pied-billed Grebe-- Slightly up, with 24 High 3/28 (S. Wagner) & 23 Magee 3/14 (ECP).

Horned Grebe-- 100+ at BuCr 3/21 (DD) was an excellent total. 20 at GoPa 3/29 (TLP) was the L. Erie high. 1 at Seneca Lk. (Guer/Nobl) 5/20 (LB) was quite late, while an injured bird remained at a Maho pond through 5/31 and into the summer (DJH).

Red-necked Grebe-- The site of last autumn's Western Grebe, the mouth of the Rocky River (Cuya), hosted a Red-necked Grebe 3/31 (WNK). It was found again nearby 4/2. Inland, 1 was at Best Lk. (Geau) 4/4 (Anders & Joyce Fjeldstad).

Eared Grebe-- 4 spring reports is very good: 1 nearly in breeding plumage at Fairport Harbor (Lake) 3/15 (JP); 1 in winter plumage at GoPa 3/29 (RHn, E. Bacik); 1 in breeding plumage at Eastwood Lk. (Mont) 3/29 (D. Knoop, CBB et al.); & another in breeding plumage at Youngstown's Mill Creek Pk. (Maho) 4/10 (NB).

Am. White Pelican-- Far above normal for spring, with a max

of 4 fly-bys at Magee 4/11 (RHr). Singles were at Rocky Fork Lk. (High) 4/17 (A. Brewer); Conneaut (Asht) 4/23 (JP); ONWR 4/27 (JP); & Mosquito Lk. 5/27-6/4 (JP, DJH, NB).

Double-crested Cormorant-- 350 birds each were estimated at Conneaut 4/19 (RHr) and Lorain (Lora) 4/27 (P. Johnson). Some inland highs included 57 over Tusc 4/18 (LS); 50 Rocky Fork Lk. 4/17 (A. Brewer); & 35 Adam 5/1 (BL).

Am. Bittern-- At least 22 birds noted, including 3-4 calling along the Magee Marsh Bird Trail 5/30 (RHr, ECP).

Least Bittern-- Far above last spring, with at least 8 birds reported. Several observers noted 1-2 along the Magee Bird Trail 5/28-30, while Babyak located 2 at the Grand River WA (Trum) 5/9. Also noted in Asht, Otta, & Port.

Great Blue Heron-- Max 135 ONWRC 4/5. Heronries were found in Asht, Cuya, Hanc, Lora, Medi, Musk, Nobl, & Port.

Great Egret-- Max 66 ONWRC 5/3.

Snowy Egret-- Many observers noted 1-2 along the Crane Creek SP causeway 5/9+. Up to 7 were at ONWR 4/29-5/3 (m. obs.). Tramer's 10 nr. Waterville (Luca/Wood) 5/5 was an excellent inland count. Singles noted at SVWA 4/1 (J. Hickman) & Springville Marsh SNP (Sene) 5/2 (TB). 2 were at Englewood Rsv. (Mont) 5/3

(M. Neal). In the far NE, 1 was at Conneaut 4/23 (JP).

Little Blue Heron-- 1 ad. Conneaut 4/19-23 (RHr, ECP, JP); 2 ad. Winton Woods (Hami) 4/25 (J. Hayes); & 2 Leroy Twp. (Lake) 5/9 (JP).

Tricolored Heron-- 2 reports: 1 Reno Beach (Luca) 5/11 (KA) & 1 at the mouth of Arcola Creek (Lake) 5/27 (JP).

Cattle Egret-- A very impressive showing compared to recent springs, with a max of up to 8 Wayn/Holm 5/1-3 (RS, LY, BG). Apart from the more expected Erie/Otta/Luca area, singles were noted at Tusc 4/21 (RS); Proctorville (Lawr) 4/22 (TI); Hanc 4/23 (fide BH); Adam 4/25 (DO); Cleveland's Burke Lakefront Airport (Cuya) 5/3 (TLP, m. obs.); nr. Fairport Harbor 5/4 (JP); & E. Fork SP (Cler) 5/9 (DD, DO et al.). An early bird was at Huron (Erie) by 4/3 (JP).

Green-backed Heron-- Anderson's bird at the Toledo Airport (Luca) 4/10 was notably early for the north. ONWRC participants logged 8 5/3.

Black-crowned Night Heron-- Max 30 Walnut Beach (Asht) 4/26 (CH).

Yellow-crowned Night Heron-- 1 was at Columbus' Greenlawn Cem. (Fran) 3/21-4/4 (BM, KA); 2 were at the Anderson's farm (Luca) 4/30 (MAN, ph.); & 3 were at Dayton View (Mont) 4/20 (S. Yentel).

Tundra Swan-- Only decent counts were 196 ONWRC 3/1

& 92 Mogadore Res. (Port) 3/21 (LR). 1-2 remained through the period to summer at Mosquito Lk. (CB, JP), another did likewise at ONWR (ECP).

Greater White-fronted Goose-- 1 adult was at SVWA 3/3 (G. Imwalle, JD, CM\*), while another was in Sene 3/5-6 (K. Williams, TB\*, J. Coffman).

Snow Goose-- Few reports, max 44 ONWRC 3/1.

Canada Goose-- ONWRC tallied the most, with 1700 3/1.

Wood Duck-- Very prevalent at CPNWR 5/30, with at least 100 present (RHr, ECP). Lund noted up to 90 Scio 3/15-21.

Green-winged Teal-- Max 320 ONWRC 4/5. Other highs were 80 Scio 3/28 (BL) & 56 L. Rockwell 4/11 (LR). A pair remained at Barberton (Summ) through late May (J. Wert).

Am. Black Duck-- Inland high 190 L. Isaac (Cuya) 3/16 (RHr); lakefront high 390 ONWRC 3/1. Birds lingered to at least 5/26 at L. Isaac, L. Rockwell, Mosquito Lk., & ONWR.

Mallard-- A similar pattern to the previous species, with inland high 825 L. Isaac 3/16 (RHr) & lakefront high 2150 ONWRC 3/1.

N. Pintail-- Max 250 ONWR 3/28 (ECP).

Blue-winged Teal-- Quite low, highs only 66 ONWRC 5/3 & 45 SVWA 4/3 (HC). Earliest were 2 birds each at SVWA 3/7 (JD, SU) and ONWR 3/9 (BG).

N. Shoveler-- Max 147 ONWRC 4/5. Inland, 30 were at SVWA 4/3 (HC). Remained at ONWR at period's end (JP).

Gadwall-- Max 91 ONWRC 5/3. Pogacnik found birds at ONWR & Mosquito Lk. through late May.

Eurasian Wigeon-- An adult male rested at the Gordon Park Yacht Basin 3/15-16 (D. & J. Hoffman, T. Kellerman, RHr\*, m. obs.).

Am. Wigeon-- The max of 110 L. Rockwell 3/29 (RHr) was very low. Also present at ONWR through period's end (JP, ECP).

Canvasback-- 400 to 500 "Cans" were in Sandusky Bay 3/21 (PY). High inland was 68 FRes 3/3 (BH).

Redhead-- Pierce noted 500 off CCSP 3/14, while Metcalf's 200 at PHR 3/14 provided the inland high. 2 were at Little Portage WA (Otta) through 5/23 (ECP).

Ring-necked Duck-- What site can compete with Mogadore Res. in attracting this species? This year, 3200 were counted there 3/21 (LR). Mogadore doesn't hold exclusive rights to high numbers, however: 1200 Walborn Res. (Port/Star) 4/12 (B. & D. Lane); 900 L. Kelso (Geau) 4/5 (fide D. Best); 600-800+ PHR 3/14-21 (KM, JH); etc.

Greater Scaup-- Several unusually large inland flocks were scrutinized, including 75-100 PHR 4/7 (BG); a total of 75 at Wingfoot Lk. (Port) &

Mogadore Res. 3/15 (LR); 37 Findley SP (Lora) 3/18 (RHr); 35 L. Buckhorn (Holm) 3/2 (BG); & 12 Paul 3/28 (DMD). The latest bird lingered until 5/15 at Ashtabula (JP).

Lesser Scaup-- Reports of 6000 at Metzger Marsh WA (Luca) 3/29 (MAN) & 5000 off CCSP 3/28 (ECP) likely pertain to the same flock. Inland highs were 1200 Walborn Res. 4/12 (B. & D. Lane) & 740 PHR 3/21 (JH).

Oldsquaw-- 7 inland reports involving 29 birds, including 18 at Portage Lakes SP (Summ) 4/10 (fide ECP). 2 lakefront reports, totaling 5 birds.

Black Scoter-- Pogacnik provided the only reports, with 2 each at Lakeshore MP (Lake) 3/22 and on Sandusky Bay 4/3.

Surf Scoter-- Singles were at Fairport Harbor 3/15-19 (JP); Ashtabula 4/2 (JP); & a male at FRes 5/10 (JBU et al.).

White-winged Scoter-- 1 CCSP 4/11 (KA).

Common Goldeneye-- Scarce again, with lakefront and inland highs being 36 ONWRC 4/5 & 12 L. Rockwell 3/14 & 20 (LR).

Bufflehead-- Inland highs were 60+ Wingfoot Lk. 4/7 (B. & D. Lane) & 45 Hueston Woods SP (Preb/Butl) 4/5 (D. & N. Hanes). 100 remained off Sims Pk. (Cuya) 4/12 (ECP).

Hooded Merganser-- Max 90 PHR 3/13-14 (KM, JH). Females with 8 young each were noted at Little Portage WA 5/4 (TLP) & CPNWR 5/30

(RHr, ECP).

Common Merganser-- Max 700 ONWRC 3/1. 16 at L. Rockwell 3/31 (LR) was the inland high. 3 birds on the MBSP pond 5/23 were certainly very late (ECP).

Red-breasted Merganser-- Last spring's inland high was 350 birds. This year, no less than 6 sites eclipsed that figure, including 1500 Bresler Res. (Alle) 4/11 (DD); 700 L. Rockwell 4/10 (LR); 697 PHR 3/28 (JH); & 659 FRes 4/7 (BH). Of the 200+ birds at Pine Lk. (Maho) 3/31, 80% were male (NB). A lone male lingered at Mogadore Res. 5/30 (R. Miller, fide PY).

Ruddy Duck-- Kopka's 100 at Springfield Lk. (Summ) was the inland high, followed by 90 at Rocky Fork Lk. 4/17 (A. Brewer). 400+ were at CCSP 4/18 (BS). An unspecified number remained in Paul through 5/31 (DMD).

Black Vulture-- A roost of up to 16 birds at PHR 3/7-8 was unprecedentedly large for so far north (KM\*, JH et al.). 1 remained 4/7 (BG). 1-2 at Caesar Creek Lk. (Warr) from early March to 3/22 (J. Hill, J. Howard) were at an unusual site.

Turkey Vulture-- The Black Vultures noted above kept separate from 230 "TV's" at PHR 3/7 (KM). 500 at E. Fork Lk. 3/31 (B. & M. McCarty) was a massive number. 204 passed Magee 4/6 (RHr).

Osprey-- Observed in at least 19 counties, with a very rough

estimate approaching 75 individuals. As part of a phenomenal hawk flight at MBSP 4/20, 19 Ospreys were noted, equalling Ohio's largest recorded flight (BG, ES, LS, RS). 7 was an excellent inland total at SVWA 4/11 (M. Mercer et al.). An extremely early bird was in Kirtland Hills (Lake) 3/7 (Anders & Joyce Fjeldstad).

Bald Eagle-- Migrants were found in at least 17 counties, including 9 transients past the Magee hawk tower 4/6 (RHr). Resided along the Ohio River nr. Marietta all period (LB). 2 young were raised at Mosquito Lk. (CB, NB), but the L. Rockwell nest failed (LR).

N. Harrier-- Best movements were 15 MBSP 4/20 (BG, ES, LS, RS) & 13 Magee 4/11 (RHr). Probable nesters were at Plymouth Marsh (Asht), GoPa, & Mosquito Lk.

Sharp-shinned Hawk-- 4 good passages were noted: 136 MBSP 4/20 (BG, ES, LS, RS); 92 Perkins Beach (Cuya) the same day (WNK); 60 Magee 4/11 (RHr); & 45 ONWRC 5/3. At least 1 active nest at Sidecut MP (Luca) in May (ET, MAn), with another probable pair in nearby Waterville (ET).

Cooper's Hawk-- The max of 45 at MBSP 4/20 (BG, ES, LS, RS) was a very high count.

N. Goshawk-- Single adults were in Madison Twp. (Lake) 3/16 (JP) & ONWR 3/29 (MAn).

Red-shouldered Hawk-- March 9 was "the day", with 60 heading west past MBSP (BG, ES, LS, RS) & 56 heading east

past Lakeshore MP (JP).

Broad-winged Hawk-- Glick and the Schlabach's witnessed an awesome 2012 pass MBSP 4/20. The Klamm's tallied 210 at Perkins Beach the same day. 50 were in Holm 4/19 (LY). 49 at Lakeshore MP 4/11 (JP) was a large early total, but the earliest bird was at Cowan Lk. (Clin) 4/3 (LG).

Red-tailed Hawk-- MBSP strikes again, with 184 birds 4/20 and 74 3/9 (BG, ES, LS, RS). 2 western dark-phase birds were noted at this site 4/20. In addition, 1 of the 61 Red-tails passing Magee 4/6 was also in this plumage (RHR, ECP).

Rough-legged Hawk-- 9 on the ONWRC 4/5, plus 8 at Funk (Wayn) 4/12 (BG) may have been wintering birds augmented by migrants. 2 remained at ONWRC 5/3, and an unspecified number lingered at Funk 5/5 (R. Troutman, fide JH).

Golden Eagle-- 2 imm. kettled over Walnut Beach (Asht) with Red-tailed Hawks 3/9 (JP\*); an adult was at ONWR 4/11 (KA\*); while another imm. soared over MBSP 4/20 (BG\* et al.).

Am. Kestrel-- 15 passed MBSP 4/20 (BG, ES, LS, RS), while 12 were noted at Perkins Beach the same day (WNK).

Merlin-- Obviously increasing, with no less than 16 individuals being noted 3/4-5/18. 6 inland sightings through 4/28.

Peregrine Falcon-- At least 8 sightings other than resident birds in Toledo, Cleveland, & Dayton.

Wild Turkey-- Max 40 PHR 3/14 (JH). Also reported from Adam, Brow, Cuya, Colu, Geau, Hock, Jeff, & Trum.

Yellow Rail-- 1 was heard & briefly seen at Little Portage WA (Otta) 5/13 (JP\*, J. Smallwood).

King Rail-- A bird at GoPa 5/23 (RHn, RHr) was the first for Cuya since 1968. Singles were at Big Island WA (Mari) 5/11 (KA), Little Portage WA 5/13 (JP), & MBSP 5/30 (RHR, ECP). 2 were seen walking along the CCSP causeway 5/28 (MAR, J. Petrella).

Virginia Rail-- Max 6-8 SVWA 3/7 (LG, J. Stenger). These were probably the same birds noted at this site in late Feb.

Sora-- Max 8 SVWA 5/2 (JD, SU).

Common Moorhen-- Max only 3 at SVWA 5/9 (P. Wharton, JBe). This species should be carefully watched.

Am. Coot-- 370 each were at BuCr 3/28 (DO) & ONWRC 4/5.

Sandhill Crane-- Potential nesters were 2 performing the courtship dance at Killbuck WA (Wayn/Holm) 3/7 (PY) and 2 calling at Funk 4/30 (BG). A total of 17 reports involving 41 birds, max 15 Hami 3/4 (P. Wharton). Also found in Cuya, Geau, Lake, Luca, Otta, Paul, Port, Sene, & SVWA.



Black-bellied Plover-- Only sizable counts were 50 each at ONWR 5/16 (ECP) & Metzger Marsh 5/23 (JD, SU).

Lesser Golden-Plover-- Carpenter found the largest flocks, both in Wood Co.: 200+ nr Custar 5/7 & 70 in Jackson Twp. 5/5. As usual, no spring eastern reports.

Semipalmated Plover-- Max 50-65 Medusa Marsh (Erie) 5/15-16 (RHr, TK, MAn). 1 was early at Newtown (Hami) 4/9 (D. Brinkman).

Piping Plover-- One was photographed at Conneaut 4/26 (LR ph., TLP) and remained until 5/15 (JP).

Greater Yellowlegs-- Max 71 ONWRC 5/3.

Lesser Yellowlegs-- 326 on the ONWRC 5/3 was by far the highest count. 4 were in Scio by 3/16 (BL).

Solitary Sandpiper-- Max 9 W. Carrollton (Mont) 5/2 (JD, SU).

Willet-- 5 were studied at Perkins Beach 4/30 (TLe, P. Lozano). 1 flew by HBSP on the late date of 5/30 (E. Bacik, RHn).

Spotted Sandpiper-- Max 18 Cowan Lk. 5/15 (LG). Early birds were at Ashtabula 4/11 (JP) and PHR 4/12 (JH).

Upland Sandpiper-- Noted in at least 7 counties, with a max of up to 5 birds in Jeff 4/19-28 (MJ, MAn).

Whimbrel-- 2 were at Metzger Marsh WA 5/23 (ECP, JD, SU).

Marbled Godwit-- Pogacnik found 1 at Conneaut 5/27.

Ruddy Turnstone-- Typical late-May peak, with highs of 125 CCSP 5/31 (KM) & 115 Metzger Marsh WA 5/23 (ECP). Inland: 6 L. Mosier (Hanc) 5/16 & 1 GLSM 5/25 (both DD).

Red Knot-- Up to 9 were at MBSP 5/24-27 (MAR). Singles were at Metzger Marsh WA 5/23 (ECP, JD, SU); Conneaut 5/27 (JP); & CCSP 5/30-31 (JBu, KM).

Sanderling-- Rare in spring, singles were at HBSP 5/23-30 (LR); Medusa Marsh 5/30 (RHr, ECP); Conneaut 5/31 (CH); & CCSP 5/31 (KM).

Semipalmated Sandpiper-- Max 150 Metzger Marsh WA 5/23 (JD, SU).

Least Sandpiper-- 40 Least's at Medusa Marsh 5/30 associated with 25 Semipalmated Sandpipers, an atypical ratio for late May (RHr, ECP). 40 also flew by HBSP 5/30 (RHn, E. Bacik).

White-rumped Sandpiper-- At least 12 were found in mid- to late-May, max 2. Inland: 2 Paul 5/7-17 (DMD); 1 GLSM 5/25 (DD); 2 Berlin Res. (Port/Maho) 5/31 (CH).

"Peep" species-- An unidentified peep was very early at ONWR 3/29 (MAn).

Pectoral Sandpiper-- Modest highs of 182 ONWRC 4/5; 180+ Funk 4/12 (BG); & 100 Tusc 4/12 (ES). 1 at Delaware WA (Dela) 3/9 (KA) was on the

early side.

Purple Sandpiper-- Several unusual spring records were provided by birds wintering at the Ashtabula power plant, where Pogacnik found 2 birds 3/9 & 1 4/2. 1 on the mud flat at Conneaut 4/17 was probably one of these birds (JP).

Dunlin-- Another low year, max 350 ONWRC 5/3. 1 at Mill Creek Pk. 4/7 was somewhat early (NB), but was preceded by 2 BuCr 3/22 (JD, SU).

Ruff-- A male was along the CCSP causeway 5/22 (B. Marsh, m. obs.).

Short-billed Dowitcher-- Max 50 Metzger Marsh WA 5/11 (BG). Dunn relates the following, concerning 3 birds at Metzger 5/23: "One full alternate plumage hendersoni with two full alternate birds showing all characters of nominate griseus; in particular they were more heavily spotted and barred on the breast, had narrower colored edges on upperparts and had very large white belly patches."

Long-billed Dowitcher-- A basic-plumaged bird was seen and fortunately heard at BuCr 3/22 (SU\*, JD, CM, DO, J. Hill).

Common Snipe-- 1 or 2 pair were on territory at Irwin Prairie SNP (Luca) (MAn, JBu). Max 25 Little Portage WA 4/16 (TLP) & 15-25 Funk 4/12 (BG). 1 was early at Toussaint WA (Otta) 3/2 (KA).

Am. Woodcock-- Max 10 BuCr 4/5 (DO).

Wilson's Phalarope-- A "drab male" was at Metzger Marsh WA 5/21-23 (JD, SU, ECP). An unspecified number was at Miami-Whitewater Pk. (Hami) 5/7 (DSt).

Red-necked Phalarope-- A female was at Medusa Marsh on the early date of 5/9 (BS).

Laughing Gull-- At least 2 adults were at Conneaut 4/11-5/2 (JP, MJ, RHr, LR). 1 was at Fairport Harbor 5/4 (JP). Single adults at Sheldon's Marsh SNP (Erie) 5/23 (RHr) and Huron 5/28 (BG ph., LS, RS) were likely the same individual.

Franklin's Gull-- Conneaut hosted an adult 4/26-5/2 (CH, RHr, ECP, JP). 1 was very early at Lorain 4/2 (JP). Another was near Reno Beach 5/11 (KA).

Little Gull-- Singles were at Conneaut 4/11-28 (JP, BG, NB) and again 5/25 (CH). Of those specified, an adult was noted 4/27 (BG) & the 5/25 bird was an immature. Nearby Ashtabula had singles 4/23 & 5/2 (JP). Lorain hosted 1 4/2 (JP).

Common Black-headed Gull-- Conneaut was the place to be for hooded gulls this spring, as in addition to the above 3 species, an adult of this species was found 4/17 (JP).

Bonaparte's Gull-- An impressive concentration of 3000-4000 rested at Conneaut 4/19-27 (m. obs.). This number dwindled to 2 5/31 (CH). Inland totals were above expected norms: 225 Bresler

Res. 4/18 (DD); 150 E. Fork Lk. 4/13 (J. Kemp); & 114 FRes 4/21 (BH).

Ring-billed Gull-- Max 955 ONWRC 3/1. 701 were at FRes 4/21 (BH), & 500 were at Bresler Res. 4/12 (RC).

Herring Gull-- Max 500 Conneaut 4/22 (RHr, ECP).

Thayer's Gull-- 1 was at Fairport Harbor 3/17 (JP).

Iceland Gull-- Individuals (reports possibly all pertaining to the same 2nd-year bird) were at Conneaut 4/23-5/2 (JP, LR, RHr, ECP, NB).

Lesser Black-backed Gull-- At least 2 were seen regularly at Conneaut 4/16-28 (JP, RHr, ECP, LR, BG, NB). Outside of this time frame, singles were there 3/9 & 5/15 (JP). 1 was at Ashtabula 5/21 (JP).

Glaucous Gull-- A minimum of 4 were encountered at (you guessed it) Conneaut 3/9-5/27 (JP, CH, LR, BG ph., RHr, ECP). This latter date is extraordinarily late, but even later sightings would follow.

Great Black-backed Gull-- After the previous string of reports, 27 at Conneaut on the late date of 5/27 (JP) doesn't seem so amazing. Totals would rise (!!) during summer.

Caspian Tern-- Max 82 Lorain 4/23 (TLP). Inland, 11 were at BuCr 4/11 (DO) & up to 11 were at PHR 4/17-24 (JH).

Common Tern-- Peak of only 19 ONWRC 5/3. Conneaut harbored 15 5/7 (TLP), and 6

5/31 (CH).

Forster's Tern-- Max 10 L. Rockwell 5/4 (LR). Earliest was an alternate plumaged adult at SVWA 4/8 (JD, SU), latest was 1 at Conneaut 5/31 (CH).

Least Tern-- 1 flew by GoPa 5/25 (RHn\*, E. Bacik), furnishing the Cleveland area's 2nd ever spring record.

Black Tern-- Max only 3 each at SVWA 5/3 (NK, J. Stenger, JBe) & ONWRC 5/3. 4 other inland sightings 5/4-27, totaling about 6 birds. This species is in serious trouble in Ohio.

Black-billed Cuckoo-- Seemed up. Max 10 Magee 5/11 (RHr).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo-- Easily outnumbered by Black-billed, max 3 Magee 5/17 (LR).

Short-eared Owl-- Max 8 Funk 3/28 (BG). Also noted in Clar, Cuya, Dela, Hanc, Jeff, Lake, & ONWR.

Barn Owl-- 1 Cosh 5/16 (MAN, TK, ET). Only report.

Snowy Owl-- Several lingered into April, including singles at Fairport Harbor 4/1 (JP) & Conneaut 4/23 (JP). In Bluffton (Alle), 1 perched atop an Arby's sign until at least 5/17 (TB).

Long-eared Owl-- 2 remained in the ONWR woodlot through 4/14 (m. obs.). 3 birds resided nr. Bryan (Will) 3/1-4/11 (DMD). A road-killed bird was found in Maho 3/11 (DJH). Also singles in Asht, Holm, & Summ.

N. Saw-whet Owl-- At least 9 birds reported, being found in Asht, Butl, Cuya, Fran, Luca, & Mont, plus 3 birds found at Lakeshore MP 3/26, 4/20 (banded) & 5/6 (JP).

Common Nighthawk-- 1 returned to Hock by 4/25 (ECP).

Chuck-wills-widow-- 3 were in Adam by 4/22 (BL). Females are seldom identifiable as such, but one was closely observed in Adam 5/24 (JD, SU).

Whip-poor-will-- Returned to Wash 4/10 (LB) & Adam 4/18 (BL). Approximately 7 were found at lakefront migrant traps 4/19-5/18. 1 Paul 4/30-5/3 (DMD) was at an unusual site, as was 1 at L. Isaac 5/4 (RHn).

Chimney Swift-- Lund had 2 in Adam as early as 4/9.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird-- 3 early arrivals: 1 Wash 4/17 (LB); 1 Adam 4/19 (BL); & 1 very early for the north at Elyria (Lora) 4/20 (Basterfield).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker-- Rosche's astonishing 48 at HBSP 4/19 topped the next highest total by 40. 1 was in suitable nesting habitat at Warner Hollow (Asht) 5/27 (JP). More problematical, however, was 1 at Munroe Falls (Summ) through the period, drumming on a power pole (W. Stover, fide LR).

N. Flicker-- Good movements included 228 Otta/Luca 4/11 (KA) & 100 GoPa 4/16 (RHr). A bird exhibiting some traits of

the Red-shafted form was seen on the ground and in flight near ONWR 5/14 (BM).

Pileated Woodpecker-- Lund located 12 Scio 5/10 & 8 Adam 4/27. The Chasar's found 4 nests in the CVNRA in May, while Pogacnik banded a rare lakefront migrant at Lakeshore MP.

Olive-sided Flycatcher-- Scarce again, 6 reports 5/11-24.

E. Wood-Pewee-- Kopka found 1 in the CVNRA on the very early date of 4/19.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher-- The max of 8 Magee 5/12 (JD, SU) came on a somewhat early date.

Acadian Flycatcher-- An early arrival was at French Pk. (Hami) 4/25 (J. Rettig, m. obs.). 1 at Lakeshore MP 5/2 (JP) was early for the north. Other lakefront migrants were detected 5/18-23. 12 were in Scio by 5/3 (BL).

Alder Flycatcher-- Max 5 Magee 5/23 (JD, SU).

Willow Flycatcher-- SVWA attracted an early Willow 5/2 (DD, SU, M. Ray).

Least Flycatcher-- An impressive concentration of 45-50 was at Magee 5/11 (MAn, RHr). 10 there 5/30 (RHr) represents a large number for the late date. 3 early birds were at Dillon SP (Musk) 4/17 (DSk), but 1 at Tinker's Creek SNP (Port) 4/13 was extremely early (E. Elder).

E. Phoebe-- 5 were noted in

the southern counties of Adam, Hami, & Scio 3/3-5 (BL, P. Wharton). 1 was "up north" in Parkman (Geau) by 3/8 (J. Augustine).

Great Crested Flycatcher-- Weitlauf found a very early bird at Georgetown (Brow) 4/10. Max 15-20 Magee 5/11 (RHR, MAN).

E. Kingbird-- 6 records were obtained before 4/20, including 1 Ross 4/11 (BM) & 3 Lakeshore MP 4/19 (JP).

Tree Swallow-- Arrived statewide 3/4-9, the earliest bird being at Shreve Lk. WA (Wayn) 3/4 (JES). Max 350 ONWRC 5/3. Fairly unusual for the south, a Brow nest held 5 young 4/25, at a site where the species nested the past 2 years (TS).

N. Rough-winged Swallow-- 170 in Scio 4/25 (BL) was a large concentration. March records are relatively few, making 1 at Sharon Woods (Hami) 3/29 noteworthy (HC).

Bank Swallow-- 12 OkOp 4/12 (MAN) & 3 ONWR the same day (JD, SU) were early for the north.

Cliff Swallow-- P. Yoder noted that the first Holm pair returned 4/15. In 1990 a Holm colony consisted of 33 pair. This rose to 48 pair in 1991 and 62 pair in 1992 (PY).

Barn Swallow-- 2 at the mouth of the Scioto River (Scio) 3/16 (BL) were exceptionally early.

Blue Jay-- Peak recorded moment entailed 2000 at

Perkins Beach 5/11 (WNK). Good flights were also recorded along L. Erie 4/29, & 5/2, 3, and 11.

Am. Crow-- Max 500 OkOp 3/7 (MAN); 375 ONWRC 3/1.

Chickadee-- An individual was heard singing the Carolina Chickadee song at Springville Marsh SNP 5/2-6/5. When finally seen 6/5, the bird appeared to more closely resemble a Black-capped Chickadee. Using tapes, this bird was induced to sing the Black-capped's song, but then reverted back to the Carolina's song (TB).

Tufted Titmouse-- 1 at Magee 5/17 (ECP) was out of place.

Red-breasted Nuthatch-- Single birds were in potential nesting habitat at OkOp 5/22-28 (TK, ET, MAN) & Hidden Valley MP (Lake) 5/26 (JP). Low numbers overall.

Brown Creeper-- Max 27 Magee 4/18 (BS). 2 pair remained at OkOp into June (TK, ET, MAN). 1 at CVNRA 5/28 (DAC) was a likely nester, as was a singing bird at Sheldon's Marsh SNP 5/16-23+ (LY, PY, RHR).

Carolina Wren-- Max 46 Hanc 5/9 (BH et al.).

House Wren-- Arrived at Burnet Woods (Hami) 4/14 (DSt, SP), elsewhere in the south 4/16. 5 were northerly in Hanc 4/21 (BH).

Winter Wren-- Max 25 Greenlawn Cem. 4/11 (BM). Singles at ONWR 5/17 (LR) &

Magee 5/28 (TB) were late migrants, but birds at Mohican SF (Ashl) 5/9 (TK) & River Rd. MP (Lake) 5/25 (JP) were in suitable nesting areas.

Sedge Wren-- Increased reports from western Ohio presaged an impressive nesting year. A favored location was Miami-Whitewater Forest, where many observers saw this elusive species 5/8-31 +.

Golden-crowned Kinglet-- Max 350 Otta/Luca 4/11 (KA). 2 singing males were at Hinckley MP (Medi) as early as 3/9. A pair was still present 5/22, while 2 singing males plus another bird were noted there 6/3. On this occasion, 1 was seen with what appeared to be a winged-insect in its bill, and then flew across a road as if to a nest. No nest was found, however (RHR). Also nested in Colu (G.W. Richter, fide DJH). More details are forthcoming.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet-- Localized highs were 60 at the Anderson farm 4/26 (MAN) & 42 Firestone MP (Summ) 4/28 (ECP). 2 early birds were in Hanc 3/31 (BH), while the last bird was at Lakeshore MP 5/29 (JP).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher-- Seemed up. 6 at Magee 4/11 (JD, SU) represent a significant early-season total. 13 at HBSP 5/4 (LR) was very good for the lakefront, while 20 were in a small area of the CVNRA 5/9 (RHR).

Veery-- Seemed up. Numerous counts in the 10-20 range, max 30 Magee 5/12

(JD, SU). 1 at Greenlawn Cem. by 4/21 (KA).

Gray-cheeked Thrush-- 1 was quite early at Greenlawn Cem. 4/23-27 (BM). Max 5 Magee 5/17 (LR).

Swainson's Thrush-- Early returnees include: an unspecified number at Burnet Woods 4/16 (DSt, SP) 2 Hanc 4/19 (BH); & 1 Magee 4/20 (ES). Up from 1991, with several counts in the 20's, max 60 Magee 5/12 (JD, SU).

Hermit Thrush-- Anderson noted 2 singing (probably on territory) at Mohican SF 5/16. Another singing male was at OkOp 5/23-28 (ET, MAN). Latest definite migrant was at HBSP 5/23 (LR).

Wood Thrush-- 8 at Greenlawn Cem. 4/20 (KA) was a good early-season total. Lund's valuable surveys of heavily-forested Scio recorded 39 birds 4/30, 36 5/9, & 46 5/10.

Varied Thrush-- A male was seen away from feeders in Concord Twp. (Lake) 4/21-22 (JP\*). This becomes Ohio's latest ever spring record.

Gray Catbird-- Arrived early overall, especially at SVWA 4/11 (M. Mercer et al.). Max 50 Magee 5/11 (MAN).

N. Mockingbird-- Usual scattered reports, max 7 Scio 4/25 (BL). 3 in Luca 5/13 (TK) were interesting.

Brown Thrasher-- 2 Paul 3/2 (DMD) likely wintered nearby. Max 36 Hanc 4/21 (BH et al.).



Am. Pipit-- This species' peculiar bimodal spring migration was in evidence. Flocks of 100 each in Miami 3/22 & Shel 3/29 (both JD, SU) were only the tip of the iceberg compared to 1000 High 3/28 (S. Wagner). The second (mid-May) peak was reached 5/12 when 220+ flew past HBSP (LR).

Cedar Waxwing-- Max 250 Cincinnati 5/15 (BS).

N. Shrike-- Pogacnik located 4 in Lake & Asht 3/13-4/11. ONWRC participants found 1 3/1-4/5. The 2 at GoPa remained at least until 3/28, when they were seen being assaulted by 3 N. Mockingbirds (RHn, P. Lozano).

Loggerhead Shrike-- At least 2 were in Adam 3/13-5/9 (BL, P. Whan). Singles elsewhere: Commerce (Wayn) 3/17 (N. Kraps); MBSP 4/11-12 (KA, JD ph., SU); Custar 4/28 (TC); & Geneva-on-the-Lake (Asht) 5/27+ (JP).

White-eyed Vireo-- Max 16 Adam 5/9 (P. Whan).

Bell's Vireo-- The traditional BuCr male returned by 5/23 (JD, SU, DO).

Solitary Vireo-- Max 4 Firestone MP 4/21 (ECP). 1 HBSP 4/12 (LR) was well north for the date.

Yellow-throated Vireo-- Max 4 at several sites, including Scio on the early date of 4/19 (fide RHr).

Philadelphia Vireo-- Max 5

Magee 5/17 (LR). An early bird was at the Anderson farm 5/2 (MAN), while late singles were found 5/29 at Mill Creek Pk. (NB) & Lakeshore MP (JP).

Red-eyed Vireo-- A good early movement began with 3 at Dillon SP 4/17 (DSk) and topped out with 10 Scio 4/19 (fide RHr). Scio held the max of 68 5/10, while adjacent Adam had 60 birds 5/1 (both BL).

Blue-winged Warbler-- Max 12 Scio 5/10 (BL).

"Brewster's Warbler"-- 1 was banded at Lakeshore MP 5/11-12 (JP). Another was at the Anderson farm 5/5 (T. Anderson).

Golden-winged Warbler-- 28 birds minimum. Plus, a territorial male was at OkOp 5/30+ (RHr, ECP). 1 at the Cincinnati Nature Center 4/22 (D. Brinkman, H. Armstrong) appears to be Ohio's earliest ever published spring record.

Tennessee Warbler-- Max 25 Magee 5/12 (JD, SU). A very early bird for the north was at Brecksville (Cuya) 4/23 (DAC). 1 Cincinnati Nat. Ctr. 4/22 (D. Brinkman, H. Armstrong).

Orange-crowned Warbler-- At least 30 birds 4/19-5/11. 1 was of note at Lake La Su An WA (Will) 4/25 (DMD).

Nashville Warbler-- Max 18 at the Anderson farm 5/2 (MAN).

N. Parula-- 8 was a high concentration for Magee 5/15 (RHr). 6 along the N. Fork of Beaver Creek (Colu) 5/10 were

likely on territory (MJ). 1 at ONWR 4/11 was quite early (KA). With the temperature at 40 degrees, one fed on the ground in the cold Holmes County rain 4/25 (LY).

Yellow Warbler-- Single site maxima of 50 Magee 5/15 & 30 (both RHr). Arrived throughout 4/17-19, but 2 beat the rush to Hanc 4/14 (R. Phillips, fide BH), a northerly site.

Chestnut-sided Warbler-- Max 25 Magee 5/15 (RHr). 1 at Greenlawn Cem. 4/24 (KA) was fairly early.

Magnolia Warbler-- Max 35 Magee 5/11 (MAn) & 5/15 (RHr).

Cape May Warbler-- 1 was at Greenlawn Cem. on the early date of 4/23 (KA). Max 15 Luca 5/16 (MAn).

Black-throated Blue Warbler-- 12 Scio 4/19 (fide RHr) was a huge total for so early in the season. Other very impressive numbers were at Magee, including 30 5/16 (mostly males) & 40 the next day (mostly females) (both JD, SU).

Yellow-rumped Warbler-- Highs: 325 Anderson farm 4/25 (MAn); 325 ONWRC 5/3; & 300 Otta/Luca 4/11 (KA). 35 were still present at Magee 5/15 (RHr).

"Audubon's Warbler"-- Extremely rare in Ohio, a "prime male" was observed at low levels, sometimes with a scope, at 40-60 feet distance in Wooster (Wayn) 4/23-28 (FD, m. obs.). This is the

western form of the Yellow-rump.

Black-throated Gray Warbler-- An adult male was found at Baldwin Lk. (Cuya) 4/26 (RHr\*). It was seen by many observers through 5/3. See article elsewhere in this issue.

Black-throated Green Warbler-- Max 19 Scio 5/10 (BL). 4 sightings 4/11, including 1 Otta (KA). A late migrant remained at Cincinnati Nat. Ctr. 5/28 (HC).

Blackburnian Warbler-- Max 14 Magee 5/15 (KM). 1 at Germantown Rsv. (Mont) 4/18 (C. Cathers) was very early.

Yellow-throated Warbler-- High 20 Scio 4/19 (fide RHr). 1 at Greenlawn Cem. 4/12 (JBu, K. Johnson) was an obvious migrant, while 3 transients were noted nr. Cleveland 5/10-18. Elsewhere from the north: 3 males at 2 CVNRA sites 4/18-5/31 + (RHr, DAC); 1 Kirtland Hills 4/21-5/8 (JP); & 2 OkOp 5/2-6/9 (MAn, TK, ET); & 3 reports from Lora 5/3-16.

Pine Warbler-- Max 8 Hock 4/11 (JD, SU). The wintering bird at Lakeshore MP was last seen 4/16 (JP). 2 at Mt. Airy (Hami) 3/4 (SP) & birds at 3 Adam sites 3/3-5 (BL) could have wintered locally or have been very early returnees.

Prairie Warbler-- 2 had returned to Adam 4/15, where 12 were noted 4/19 (BL). Among several interesting observations of transients were a male in downtown Cleveland at Lake View Cem. 5/8 (P. Yoerg) & a female at MBSP

5/11 (TC).

Palm Warbler-- Master saw 1 with traits of the "Yellow" form at ONWR 5/14.

Bay-breasted Warbler-- Seemed up. Max 35-40 Magee 5/15 (KM, RHR). A very early bird was at Greenlawn Cem. 4/21 (KA et al.).

Blackpoll Warbler-- Not common, max 6+ at Magee on the fairly early date of 5/11 (BG). 1 at Huffman Rsv. (Mont) 4/24 was notably early (CM).

Cerulean Warbler-- Max 30 Scio 5/10, but 20 in a small area of Brecksville MP (Cuya) 5/13 (RHR) was also noteworthy. Reported from 4 sites 4/19, topped by 15 Scio (fide RHR). 3 uncommon lakefront migrants were noted 5/9-12.

Black-and-white Warbler-- Max 14 Scio 5/9 (BL). Found at 3 locations 4/11, with the northernmost bird in Otta (KA).

Am. Redstart-- Max 37 Scio 5/9 (BL). An unspecified number at Burr Oak SP (Morg/Athe) 4/18 (LB) ties Ohio's earliest published record, set 1 year ago by the same observer. 6 were in Scio the next day (fide RHR). An adult male at Shaker Lakes (Cuya) 4/21 was early for the north (J. Emery).

Prothonotary Warbler-- 1 returned to Gilmore Ponds (Butl) 4/18 (J. Stenger, m. obs.). Noted at Magee 4/20 (BG).

Worm-eating Warbler-- Well represented by 15 Scio 4/19 (fide RHR). Away from nesting areas, 6 migrants were noted 4/20-5/17, only 1 of which was along L. Erie.

Ovenbird-- Scioto Co., ideal habitat for this species, held 60 on the early date of 4/19 (fide RHR) & 75 5/9 (BL).

N. Waterthrush-- SVWA attracted 2 4/19 (JD, SU), while Holm held 1 the same day (LY). 1 Magee 5/30 (RHR, ECP) was late.

Louisiana Waterthrush-- Max 10 Scio 4/19 (fide RHR). Lakefront migrants are scarce, but 1 was at Magee 4/11-12 (KA, RHR, JP).

Kentucky Warbler-- Max 19 Scio 5/9 (BL). At least 7 reports of migrants, including early singles at Greenlawn Cem. 4/20 (KA) & Paul 4/22 (DMD).

Connecticut Warbler-- At least 13 birds 5/16-31.

Mourning Warbler-- Max 12 Magee/ONWR 5/17 (LR). 18 were banded at Lakeshore MP (JP). 1 at Greenlawn Cem. 5/2 was early (KA), as was a male at Magee the same day (BM).

Common Yellowthroat-- A male at SVWA 4/4 was extremely early (BM), and conceivably could have wintered somewhere nearby.

Hooded Warbler-- The deep forest of Scio held 40 5/10 (BL), but 20 there 4/19 was a very large number for the early date (fide RHR). Several other

early reports, including 1 Dayton 4/17 (J. Hill) & up to 4 at Greenlawn 4/20-21 (JBu, KA).

Wilson's Warbler-- Max 30 Magee 5/12 (JD, SU). An early bird was at Scioto Trail SP/SF 5/1 (KA).

Canada Warbler-- Seemed up, highs 22 Magee/ONWR 5/17 (LR) & 20 Magee 5/12 (JD, SU). Singles at Burnet Woods 4/21 (DSt, SP) & Hock 4/22 (fide RHR) were notably early.

Yellow-breasted Chat-- Max 8 Taft Rsv. (Lick) 5/14 (DSk). 1 Adam 4/19 (BL) seems to be Ohio's earliest published record.

Summer Tanager-- A male at a Napoleon (Henr) feeder 5/4-6 was very unexpected (DMD). Migrants include 1 at Camp Berry (Hanc) 5/5 (K. Noblet, fide BH); 1 eating bees at Sheldon's Marsh SNP 5/8 (N. Kraps); & a singing male at Killdeer Plains WA (Wyan) 5/23 (fide RHR). An immature male was found dead in Otta 5/14 (GF). A territorial male was back at OkOp 5/25 (MAn).

Scarlet Tanager-- An exhausted female was photographed at MBSP in near freezing, windy conditions 4/12 (JD ph., SU). This seems to be Ohio's 2nd earliest record. As expected, max 44 Scio 5/9 (BL).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak-- Max 21 Scio 5/10 (BL). An adult male was at a feeder nr. McDermott (Scio) on the extraordinary date of 3/15 (F. Tiedge, fide BL). A male at

Greenlawn Cem. 4/18 (BM) was also early.

Blue Grosbeak-- Another remarkable "feeder bird" record was provided by 1 in Washington Co. 4/30 (LB). An adult male returned to OkOp 5/16+ (MAn, TK, ET).

Indigo Bunting-- Returned to 3 southern sites 4/19.

Dickcissel-- Up to 5 were seen by many nr. Kingsway (Sand) through May. Returned to nr. BuCr 5/23+ (m. obs.). Other noteworthy records include: 4-5 nr. Blachleyville (Wayn) 5/15 (R. Troutman, fide BG) & 2 Dela 5/28 (KA).

Am. Tree Sparrow-- Latest bird was at Lakeshore MP 5/2 (JP).

Clay-colored Sparrow-- 1 was closely observed at Cleveland's Donald Gray Gardens 5/10 (TLP\*, RHR, RHn). Another was seen and heard singing at Lakeshore MP 5/12 (JP\*).

Lark Sparrow-- Migrants are very rarely encountered, but 1 was noted at Killdeer Plains WA 5/23 (fide RHR). 3 males were very cooperative at OkOp 5/7+ (m. obs.).

Henslow's Sparrow-- 3 lakefront migrants: 1 Magee 5/9 (NB); 1 Donald Gray Gardens (Cuya) 5/10 (RHR, RHn); & 1 banded at Lakeshore MP 5/16 (JP).

LeConte's Sparrow-- 1 was at Conneaut 4/16 (JP\*).

Sharp-tailed Sparrow-- Only bird was at GoPa 5/19 (RHn).

Song Sparrow-- 300 + were tallied in Otta/Luca 4/11 (KA).

Lincoln's Sparrow-- Max 20 Magee 5/16 (JD, SU).

Pogacnik banded 54 at Lakeshore MP this season. Early singles were in Warr 4/19 (JBe) & Donald Gray Gardens 4/21 (TLe).

White-throated Sparrow-- Approx. 100 were at Magee 5/9-11 (JD, SU, RHr). 1 lingered at Magee 5/30+ (RHr, ECP).

White-crowned Sparrow-- Max 60 Magee 5/11 (RHr).

Dark-eyed Junco-- An estimated 400 swarmed locust-like over the grassy lawn of GoPa 4/16 (RHr). Latest migrants were a male at Magee 5/18 (JD, SU) & 1 Lakeshore MP 5/24-31 (JP).

Lapland Longspur-- 8 Otta 3/2 (KA); 3-4 Paul 3/1-22 (DMD); & 3 Lakeshore MP 4/11 (JP).

Snow Bunting-- Only noted in Hanc, with 39 FRes 3/17 (S. Ross) & 5 on the late date of 4/7 (F. Nye) (both fide BH).

Bobolink-- Back in Holm by 4/19 (PY).

E. Meadowlark-- Max 55 Adam 4/19 (BL).

W. Meadowlark-- At least 5 birds: 1 Lake FarmPark (Lake) 3/15 (JP); 1 Clar 3/19-4/4 (KA, BM) & 5/2-3 (DO) [2 birds involved?]; 1 MBSP 4/20-5/30+ (m. obs.); 1 Holm 5/2+ (LY, PY); 1 e. of Paulding 5/7 (DMD).

Yellow-headed Blackbird-- 1-3 adult males provided easy viewing at a feeder nr. Magee 5/11-15 (m. obs.). Other single males were at Mentor-on-the-Lake (Lake) 3/14 (JP) & nr. Mt. Hope (Holm) 5/5 (MW).

Brewer's Blackbird-- 3 early April reports: 8 s.e. Whitehouse (Luca) 4/1 (ET); 3 nr. Oak Harbor (Otta) 4/4 (JP); & 1 Otta 4/11 (KA).

N. Oriole-- Early: 1 Dunkinsville (Adam) 4/14 (M. Workman, fide BL). 100 + moved through Lakeshore MP 5/11 (JP).

Purple Finch-- By far the highest count was 130 Scioto Trail SF/SP 4/16 (KA). 20-42 birds were noted at 4 sites.

White-winged Crossbill-- 2 were at Lakeshore MP 4/11 (JP).

Common Redpoll-- Latest single noted at Magee 4/11 (KA).

Pine Siskin-- Max 35 OkOp 3/7 (MAn). Latest of several late migrants was 1 Magee 5/30 (RHr). Nested at Lakeshore MP (JP) & Brecksville (H. & L. Wallin).

Evening Grosbeak-- Only 2 reports, from Lakeshore MP (JP) & HBSP (LR), both in early May.

#### ADDENDA

Sandhill Crane-- In early May, 1991, Ohio Division of Wildlife personnel found 1 young in the same Wayne Co. nest used in

previous years. (Report taken from WildOhio, 1991, 2(2):17).

## CORRIGENDA

Tufted Titmouse-- 64 were tallied on the Delaware Res. CBC 12/15/91 (fide EB).

American Pipit-- The 256 pipits from the 1991 Adams Co. CBC [QC 15(2):44, 58] should be deleted (fide P. Whan).

Cedar Waxwing-- 256 waxwings should be added to the 1991 Adams Co. CBC (fide P. Whan).

## FINAL OBRC DECISIONS, FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIODS

By H. Thomas Bartlett

N. Goshawk-- OBRC  
#334-92-02 NOT ACCEPTED:  
1 Caesar Creek Lk. 2/1/92.  
Reasons for non-acceptance:  
More details needed,  
especially on pattern of  
streaking on undersides and  
undertail coverts; more precise  
size description desired.

Laughing Gull-- OBRC  
#58-91-02 NOT ACCEPTED: 1  
Delaware Res. CBC 12/15/91.  
Reasons for non-acceptance:  
Description of primaries  
suggests Franklin's Gull; bill  
description suggests  
Franklin's; description of head  
seems to rule out Laughing &  
Franklin's.

Bewick's Wren-- OBRC  
#719-91-01 NOT ACCEPTED:  
1 Mill Creek Pk., Youngstown  
12/29/91. More details  
desired, especially considering  
season and location;  
description of back color not

consistent with 2 subspecies  
previously identified in Ohio;  
brief viewing period;  
vocalizations not distinguished  
from Carolina Wren.

## OBSERVERS

Kirk Alexander (KA); Matt Anderson (MA); Michael J. Arabia (MAr); Carole L. Babyak (CB); Lynn Barnhart (LB); Tom Bartlett (TB); Joe Bens (JB); Charlie & Betty Berry (CBB); Nancy D. Brundage (NB); Jeff Buecking (JBu); Edward H. Burt, Jr. (EB); Thomas W. Carpenter (TC); Dwight & Ann Chasar (DAC); Harry Connor (HC); Robert E. Cutter (RC); David C. Dister (DD); Dr. Floyd L. Downs (FD); Doug & Micki Dunakin (DMD); Jon L. Dunn (JD); Gwendolyn S. Fick (GF); Larry Gara (LG); Bruce D. Glick (BG); Ray Hannikman (RH); Betty Hardesty (BH); Rob Harlan (RHr); John Herman (JH); David & Judy Hochadel (DJH); Craig Holt (CH); Tom Igou (TI); Mike Jefferis (MJ); Ned Keller (NK); Tom Kemp (TK); William & Nancy Kamm (WNK); Len Kopka (LK); Thomas Leiden (TL); Tom LePage (TLP); Barbara Lund (BL); Bernard F. Master (BM); Charlotte Mathena (CM); Kevin E. Metcalf (KM); Doug Overacker (DO); Steve Pelikan (SP); Ed & Cheryl Pierce (ECP); John Pogacnik (JP); Larry Rosche (LR); Ed Schlabach (ES); Leroy A. Schlabach (LS); Robert D. Schlabach (RS); John & Elaine Snively (JES); David L. Skinner (DSK); Tom Stears (TS); Bruce Stehling (BS); David Styer (DSt); Elliot Tramer (ET); Sue Utterback (SU); Melvin Weaver, Jr. (MW); Betty Weitlauf (BW); Leroy E. Yoder (LY); and Perry A. Yoder (PY). In addition, many other observers are cited for 1 to 3 records. These observers are cited within the species accounts. Larry Rosche generously allowed access to records published in The Cleveland Bird Calendar. My thanks to all.



## **The Grapevine**

### **Lark Bunting**

On January 1, 1992, Leroy E. Yoder and I found a bird in Holmes County that we eventually identified as a female-plumaged Lark Bunting.

I first noticed the bird perched atop a multiflora rose tangle. Since the bird impressed me as being something unusual, my immediate reaction was to bring it to Leroy's attention. The bill and wing patch were noted, but then it flew out of sight with some other birds in the area. We followed and found it feeding on the ground. We observed it numerous times thereafter as it moved through the area. Luckily Leroy brought along a spotting scope, which we used extensively. We tried to note as many details as possible, and wrote down some notes on the spot.

We initially considered Vesper Sparrow, but this species did not fit our impressions of the bird, due to the heavy, uniformly colored bill, the presence of wing patches, and lack of white outer tail feathers. After consulting our field guides, we suspected Lark Bunting, but having no experience with the species, we decided that more research was needed.

After arriving home we consulted Bruce Peterjohn's Birds of Ohio. Later we searched American Birds and found two photos of female-plumaged Lark Buntings. The photos strongly reinforced our opinions.

The next morning I went back to search for the bird again, as we wanted to have other birders confirm our observation. I did not find it that day or the next. On January 4, Leroy and I met Ervin Miller on location to continue the search. We finally found the bird again around Noon. Ervin, having lived in Nebraska, had previous experience with the species. He independently found and identified the bird as a Lark Bunting. Leroy R. Yoder (a different Leroy), another of our birding friends, arrived just as we had located the bird and also agreed with our identification. Then Bruce Glick arrived, hoping to take some photos. However, after waiting for Bruce to join us, we found that the bird had disappeared. We couldn't find it again that day. Quite a few birders looked for the bird the following week, but to no avail. By Ben J. Miller, 4401 T.R. 606, Fredericksburg, OH 44627.

### **The Maumee Bay Hawk Flight of April 20, 1992**

Driving from the Tuscarawas/Holmes County area to Maumee Bay State Park in Lucas County takes a good three hours. Soon after we left home on April 20, 1992, it started to rain and continued all the way up to the Magee Marsh area. This situation can make a person question his ability to pick the right day for a good hawk flight.

After a trip around the Bird Trail, the rain stopped. We noted a few Sharp-shinned Hawks overhead, and decided that it

was time to head for Maumee Bay, only to have the rain begin again. We then checked Metzger Marsh for shorebirds--nothing. But it quit raining once again, and Ed spotted a Broad-winged Hawk. Then another. Now it was really time to go. Everywhere we looked hawks were in the air. Faster, Bruce! As we approached the parking lot we saw a huge swirling mass of Broad-wings. As the Glick van ground to a halt, doors flew open and 9 hawkwatchers bailed out.

There were over 300 birds in this kettle alone, and hundreds more coming! We scampered up the sledding hill in record time and settled in for a day of outstanding hawkwatching. Broad-wing numbers added up quickly and in what seemed like no time at all we neared the 1000 mark. After a short lull, they came on strong again from late morning until mid-afternoon. There was also a good steady flow of accipiters all day. Early in the afternoon we picked up our glamor bird of the day, as Lee discovered a Golden Eagle as it came in off the water. It circled a few times, and then continued northwest toward Toledo. At this same time the Broad-wing flight was going very strong with groups of 50 or more passing overhead. By mid-afternoon we realized that there was also a good Red-tailed Hawk and Osprey flight in progress. As the Broad-wing flight tapered off, the Red-tail flight continued strong until late in the day. Gradually as afternoon turned into evening, the flight slowed to a trickle. After a few more singles, we finally decided it was time to head down the hill. We went down slower than we came up. Our totals for the day were: Turkey Vulture--159; Osprey--19; Bald Eagle--4; N. Harrier--15; Sharp-shinned Hawk--136; Cooper's Hawk--45; Red-shouldered Hawk--17; Broad-winged Hawk--2012; Red-tailed Hawk--184; Rough-legged Hawk--4; Golden Eagle--1; Am. Kestrel--15. By Robert D. Schlabach, Route 1, Box 265, Sugarcreek, OH 44681-9745.

### **Bird Banding at Lakeshore Metropark, Spring 1992**

For a total of 149 hours between April 11 and June 4, 1992, I banded birds at Lakeshore Metropark (Lake Co.). My final tally was 2527 individuals, representing 96 species. My top numbers were as follows: House Finch-- 372; Am. Goldfinch-- 290; White-throated Sparrow-- 264; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco-- 208; Blue Jay-- 148; Song Sparrow-- 136; Gray Catbird-- 131; Com. Grackle-- 65; Yellow Warbler-- 55; Lincoln's Sparrow-- 54; Am. Robin-- 50; Com. Yellowthroat-- 49; and Rufous-sided Towhee-- 48. Other interesting birds banded include 1 of each of the following: N. Saw-whet Owl (4/20), Brewster's Warbler (5/11), Henslow's Sparrow (5/16), Cooper's Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, Golden-winged Warbler, and Kentucky Warbler; as well as 2 Connecticut Warblers and 18 Mourning Warblers. By John Pogacnik, 4765 Lockwood Rd., Perry, OH 44081.

## **OHIO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE, SPRING 1992 REPORT**

**By H. Thomas Bartlett, Secretary**

The Ohio Bird Records Committee reviewed 20 records for this report, consisting of 16 records originating during the Spring 1992 season and 4 records originating from prior reporting periods.

Fourteen records were accepted by at least 9 members of the 11 member Committee. These 14, along with another record which received 7 "accept" votes, are included within the Spring 1992 seasonal report, found elsewhere in this issue.

Three of the four records mentioned above as originating in other reporting periods refer to recirculations from Winter 1991-92. The final results of these recirculations are appended at the conclusion of the Spring 1992 seasonal report.

One other accepted record 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. This record is:

OBRC #126-91-01 Brown Pelican-- Conneaut Harbor (Ashtabula Co.), July 22, 1991.

It should be noted that the preceding record is currently accepted, pending further Committee review. The final results of this recirculation will appear in the next issue.

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

OBRC #334-92-03 N. Goshawk-- Lakeshore MP (Lake Co.), May 1, 1992. Reasons for non-acceptance: "Too brief a sighting and without binoculars. Nothing to estimate size with except judgement; size of accipiters too variable."

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