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Cover: Green-tailed Towhee. Amherst Twp. January, 1993.

Photo by Gary Meszaros

Green-tailed Towhee in Lorain County by Wendy Akin

January 10, 1993 was a snowy Sunday. I had put feed out at all the feeders at our Amherst Township home and was ready for a favorite pastime of mine-- "bird watching". It hadn't been the best of winters for this activity, since nothing much had come my way-- except for this particular day. I looked out my kitchen window around 10:00 a.m. and saw a bird that was different, very different. I grabbed my binoculars from the counter, with my attention now solely on this one unusual bird. After watching it for awhile I drew a quick sketch, taking note of the identifying marks (copper cap, black & white striping by the eye, white throat patch and olive coloring on the wings). When it flew from a tree onto our open feeder I noticed it scratched like our Rufous-sided Towhee-- but then it flew away.

I was very excited. I sat down with three bird books to find out what I had seen. First, I leafed through Roger Tory Peterson's Eastern Field Guide, coming to rest at the familiar Rufous-sided Towhee. Right next to it was my bird-- it was only a head and shoulder illustration, but I knew that this was what I had seen. It was a Green-tailed Towhee, a western finch. I read what the book had to say, looked through one other book that I had by my side, and then went back to the book shelf for Peterson's Western Field Guide. This guide told me that the bird shouldn't even be in Ohio, but instead that it should winter in Arizona, New Mexico, and Mexico. Going back to the window, I found that the towhee had returned to the feeder. Still being excited, I had to tell someone, so I called my good friend Dean Thompson, a fellow member of the Black River Audubon Society. She then made a few phone calls, and as a result I soon received a phone call from Rob Harlan, who asked me a few questions about my sighting and requested permission to come over with a few others to confirm what I had seen.

The towhee came to feed all day long at 20 to 30 minute intervals. Everyone who came to the house that day got to see the Green-tailed Towhee, except one. We had people in and out of our home until it was too dark to see. My husband Howard made coffee, tea, and served pop to all our visitors, all of whom were very nice and friendly.

On Monday the neighbors must have wondered what was going on, since we had cars up and down the road, and the driveway was full. I got to meet a number of people that day, as I did throughout the next two months. I would have liked to have met more but I'm afraid my four year old son thought that "this bird" had gotten enough of mom's attention and that it was now his turn.

People have been excited, happy, and so very patient, some even waiting hours to catch a glimpse of the towhee as it lingered near our fence row under the shrubs. Several people have even come from out of state to see it. Articles have appeared in newspapers across Ohio, and I even got mentioned on Paul Harvey's "news" radio program. So, I've gotten my chance at being a "small time" celebrity at club meetings and at work.

We've had two weekends now that no one has come to visit us, one being the blizzard weekend of March 13-14 and the other being this past weekend of March 27-28. The towhee, however, was still constant. This past weekend he's been busy scratching in the leaves and I've gotten to

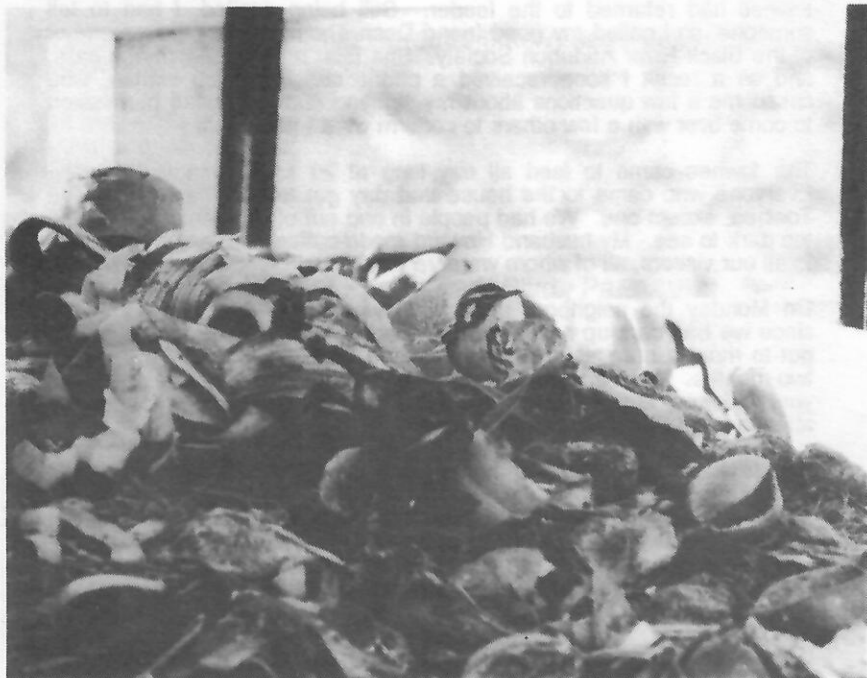
observe him for long periods of time on the other side of the house, still near our fence row, near the hedges.

It's been fun, and everyone I've met I consider a new friend. Several people have sent cards, letters, and photos, while others have left money for bird seed-- one person even donated a bag of "gourmet" seed. For a while, I thought photographer Gary Meszaros was going to set up camp at our house, as it seemed he was present every time I looked out the window. He was a very patient man and presented me with a wonderful photo of my favorite bird.

Other than my husband learning to park his car out by the road on the weekends and people calling late at night to ask "is he still there", we've had a good experience, and I'd like to thank everyone for that.

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[Editor's note: This record is currently under review by the Ohio Bird Records Committee. I would personally like to thank Wendy and Howard Akin for all their hospitality towards the hordes that descended upon their home and very special guest. Their consideration was above and beyond the call of duty!]



Yellow-throated Warbler. Holmes Co. February 2, 1993.
Photo by Bruce Glick.

Black-throated Gray Warbler in Georgetown, Ohio by David A. Brinkman

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Thanks to the keen observation of Emily Pasquale, of Georgetown (Brown County), many local birders enjoyed a rare treat for the region. Shortly following a series of midwestern tornadoes and high winds, a male Black-throated Gray Warbler wandered into Ohio and took up residence at the Pasquale's feeder on November 25, 1992 (Pasquale, personal communication). Mrs. Pasquale immediately recognized that this was an unusual bird and she contacted John Ruthven, noted wildlife artist, who later confirmed her identification.

This particular individual represents Ohio's 6th verifiable record. Incidentally, Ohio's 5th verifiable record showed up the previous spring on April 26, 1992 at Baldwin Lake, near Cleveland. This individual was seen through May 3rd (Harlan, 1992).

The significance of these findings is that Black-throated Gray Warblers normally reside in the pacific coastal region and western mountain ranges during the breeding season, and migrate to western Mexico for the winter. According to Forbush (1939), this species is entirely accidental east of the 95th meridian. Even so, Rob Harlan cites 61 other eastern records since 1970 in the Spring 1992 issue of The Ohio Cardinal.

In addition to the six verifiable Ohio records, there are several sight records that are not documented by either photographs nor viewed by other observers (Peterjohn, 1989). Harry Connor tells me of a Black-throated Gray that he saw at French Park (Hamilton County) on April 28, 1973. This individual was flitting about in the vines, and all diagnostic features, i.e., black and white head pattern, two white wing bars, gray upperparts, and white underparts with black streaking on the flanks were noted. This bird left no doubt in his mind as to what it was, but unfortunately it could not be relocated for other observers to witness (Connor, personal communication). If this is indeed a valid sighting, then it is the only other record of a Black-throated Gray Warbler, to the best of my knowledge, in the Cincinnati area. Mr. Connor received a letter from Karl Masiowski indicating that yet another one had been visiting a feeder in eastern Ohio during the winter of 1972-73.

I first saw the Georgetown bird on December 11, 1992 with Joe Bens after we had obtained permission from Mrs. Pasquale to search for the bird. She greeted us in the driveway and informed us that it hadn't shown up at the feeder all morning. But within minutes, shortly after noon, Joe spotted it foraging among the leaves with a Tufted Titmouse in the backyard. The diagnostic field marks which I described earlier were very evident in this bird. I immediately began pondering the question of how the bird ended up here in Ohio. The fact that there are so many records of this vagrant in the eastern United States suggests a possible range expansion due to population pressures. According to Webster (1983) this species is common throughout most of its range. This may account for this theory. But if it were so, I would think that Black-throated Grays would have been established in the east by now. Forbush (1939) provides a more logical explanation for the accidental occurrence of these warblers into this region. He says "...they simply go

astray and having once lost the way, keep on wandering." Perhaps it was pushed off course by the high winds.

Joe and I saw it briefly, and then we didn't see it for 3 hours, by which time we met up with Louise and Bob Halley. After a long unproductive wait indoors with the Pasquales, we proceeded to search the backyard again, but no such luck. As we were walking to our cars, somewhat disappointed, Louise decided to check the feeder one last time. "There it is!", she exclaimed. This was a very thrilling way to end the day as the bird flitted about the feeder.

On January 8, 1993, after receiving word from John Ruthven that the bird was still present, I went back to the site and immediately noted the bird flitting around at the feeder. However, he was only in view for five minutes and then disappeared for 33 minutes. He returned, actively feeding, and after having his fill of suet, peanuts, millet, and berries, he settled down in a shrub at the corner of the house. It is interesting to note here that very little is known about the diet of this species except that it is very fond of oakworms and green caterpillars (Bent, 1963, and Terres, 1980). As the temperatures dropped, this bird fluffed out his feathers to keep warm. As Bent says, "The black-throated gray warbler is not one of the most active wood warblers except when it is busy feeding; even then it goes about in a quiet, businesslike manner, without much concern over the presence of humans." (Bent, 1963). Thus the Black-throated Gray Warbler allowed me to approach within 4 meters. In my opinion, this has been the best and most exciting bird locally of 1992.

Finally, we owe a great deal of thanks to Dr. & Mrs. Pasquale who have been kind enough to let us into their home and yard to view this bird. Also thanks to John Ruthven for filling the feeders to keep this bird around while the Pasquale's were away.

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A Black-throated Gray Warbler Diary by Emily Pasquale

The Black-throated Gray Warbler that has been coming to my Georgetown, Ohio feeder (Brown County) since November 25, 1992 was last seen here on February 16, 1993. The following are notations from the diary that I kept about him.

Nov. 25, 1992-- Noted an odd bird in Japanese maple near feeder. Warbler. Not a Yellow-rumped Warbler. Found him in Peterson. A Black-throated Gray Warbler. Western bird. Called John Ruthven. He sounded very skeptical. Comes approximately every half hour. Pokes around in leaves under feeder. Goes to hawthorne tree, but doesn't seem to eat berries. Seems healthy. No one here with me to tell me I'm not seeing things.

Nov. 26- Family here. Everyone saw warbler.

Nov. 27-- Called Ruthven. Karl Maslowski called. We watched from kitchen for at least two hours. No bird. Must have gone.

Dec. 7-- Bird is back. At feeder this time. Have switched from black to striped sunflower seed. Called Karl at 11:00 a.m. He can't come right now. Wonders if it could be a cross between a yellow-crowned or -throated sparrow (can't remember which) and some other bird. I don't think so. If I still see him at 2:00 p.m. I'm to call Karl and he'll be out. No bird since 11:00 a.m. sighting. Called and left that message on his machine. 2:30 p.m. and the bird is back. Karl is on his way. Anxiety. Have I brought this nice man all the way out here from Cincinnati for nothing? Hallelujah, he didn't turn into a yellow-rump. Karl explains hot-line to me and we put the bird on it.

Dec. 12-- At least 24 people have seen bird. Has been seen at various neighbor's feeders by some. Also in backyard near apple tree. Sandy was home from work for lunch and called to tell me there were people in my back field with binoculars. Called the other neighbors. Mrs. Brown thought we were selling the property and real estate agents were measuring or something! Lots of suggestions on what to feed bird. Put suet bag near feeder. Put ground-up peanuts and both types of sunflower seeds separately in one feeder bay. Does not seem to prefer that. It appears he mostly just pokes around and picks up tiny pieces left by squirrels and other birds. Suet is a definite hit. Goes there first thing in the a.m. and often thereafter.

Dec. 17-- Jon Dunn here from Dayton. Others have told me he's an authority. Answered lots of my questions. No matter what I do bird can't survive sub-zero temperatures. He feels bird is an immature. Center crown is definitely gray even in photos. Set up zoom lens on tripod on kitchen counter and have been experimenting with the distances.

Dec. 23-- Warm and sunny. 50 degrees. Bird swooping for insects. Sat in feeder for 10 minutes and then picked up what I call chaff. I see him alone much more now. At first he was always with four or five Dark-eyed Juncos and a Golden-crowned Kinglet. Spends a lot of time in the hawthorne tree although I've never seen him take a berry. After he eats suet he appears to wipe both sides of his bill on a branch maybe four or five times.

Dec. 26-- 18 degrees on our outside thermometer. Windy. Snowing. Bird here at 7:30 a.m.

Dec. 28-- 40 degrees. Bird much in evidence. I ground up the seed concoction and put it in zip-lock bags and then in garbage can with black striped sunflower seeds and put can outside the door. John Ruthven has kindly agreed to feed for me while we're in Florida.

Feb. 7, 1993-- Arrived home Feb. 1 and saw bird Feb. 2. Read the nice article Dave Brinkman wrote in Passenger Pigeon about the bird.

Feb. 14-- Continue to see bird.

Feb. 16-- Had six inches of snow last night. Bird much in evidence today. Twice saw him pick up a large morsel of peanut.

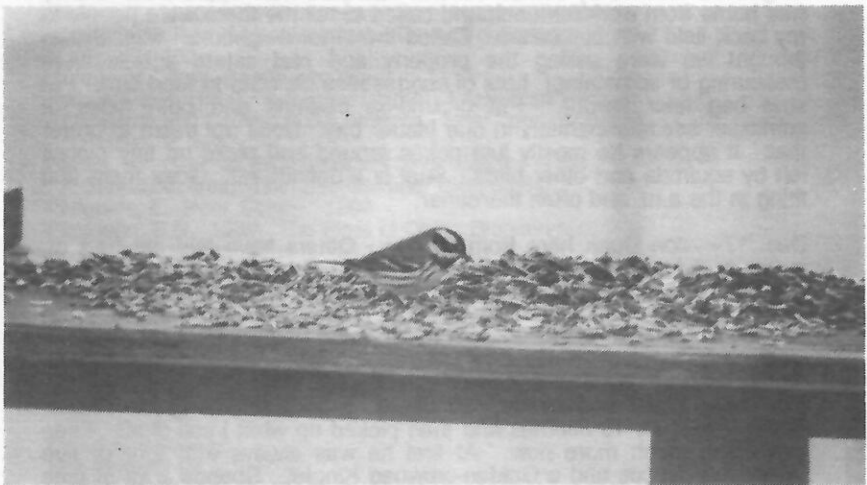
Feb. 17-- No bird today. Many others. Lots of Common Grackles. It's supposed to get down to 5 degrees tonight.

Feb. 18-- 2 degrees this a.m. 18 degrees at 5:00 p.m. No bird.

Feb. 27-- We were out of town from Feb. 19 through Feb. 26, but birders were here on the 19th and 20th and saw nothing. Nor have I since I've been back. I'll probably be doing double-takes on chickadees for a long, long time. I like to think that the little guy headed for warmer climes on the 16th, but whatever the outcome he's given me an enormous amount of pleasure.

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Black-throated Gray Warbler. Georgetown, Brown Co. Dec. 1992.
Photo by Emily Pasquale.

Winter 1992-93 Overview by Robert Harlan

It was almost as if winter didn't even start until January. A truly remarkable array of early winter stragglers were detected statewide through the beginning of January, thanks to the unseasonably mild weather. But then the season finally began to pick up a head of steam, producing locally heavy snows, and culminating with a tremendous blizzard in March. Although technically a part of the spring season, the timing of the blizzard unquestionably put an exclamation mark on the winter season.

To demonstrate just how attractive the CBC period was to the so called "half-hardy" species, I scanned the 282 CBC's reported to The Ohio Cardinal over the past five years for the following species: Turkey Vulture, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, E. Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and Rufous-sided Towhee. Over this five year period, Ohio CBC's averaged .504 TV's per count, 1.188 sapsuckers/count, .074 phoebes/count, .500 Ruby-crowns/count, and 6.738 towhees/count. This year, however, Ohio CBC's averaged 3.613 TV's, 1.742 sapsuckers, .435 phoebes, 1.081 Ruby-crowns, and 17.565 towhees per CBC. Remarkable.

Some of the more interesting records from the winter season include a Yellow-crowned Night Heron in Lake Co., a statewide invasion of Common Mergansers, a roost of Black Vultures as far north as Knox Co., a strong inland influx of Ring-billed Gulls, a White-eyed Vireo in Meigs Co., a Solitary Vireo in Lake Co., and a Yellow-throated Warbler in Holmes Co.

Following the pattern of the last issue, those rarities found during Winter 1992-93 requiring documentation and review by the Ohio Bird Records Committee will appear in a future issue. The results of the Autumn 1992 review season appear elsewhere in this issue. An asterisk (*) indicates that documentation(s) and/or photograph(s) were reviewed and accepted by the OBRC.

"The Reports" section is intended to be read in phylogenetic order. The specific county location of most sites is listed in the accounts the first time each site is mentioned. Most sites are also listed in the gazetteer included as part of Vol. 15, No. 4.

County names are often represented by using their first four letters-- "Athe" representing Athens County, for example. Other commonly used place name abbreviations in this issue are: BuCr (Buck Creek SP/C.J. Brown Res., Clark Co.); CPNWRC (Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge Count, Lucas Co., as 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.); Lksh (Lakeshore MP, Lake Co.); MBSP (Maumee Bay SP, Lucas Co.); ONWR (Ottawa NWR, Ottawa/Lucas Cos.); ONWRC (Ottawa NWR Count, Ottawa/Lucas Cos., as compiled by Ed Pierce); & SVWA (Spring Valley WA, Greene/Warren Cos.).

THE REPORTS--WINTER 1992-93

Red-throated Loon-- A very late migrant was at the Newtown Gravel Pits (Hami) 12/29 (B. Stanley).

Common Loon-- 79 birds in two flocks flew over Berlin (Holm) 12/3, a carryover from autumn (RHe). 15 were at L. Medina (Medi) 12/1 (JH). At least 39 birds lingered through the CBC period ending 1/3, including an outstanding 10 on the Clark Co. CBC. Singles remained at Rocky River Pk. (Cuya) 1/13-15 (TLP, W. & N. Kamm) and Buck Creek SP [also known as C.J. Brown Res., hereafter BuCr] (Clar) 1/30 (KA).

Pied-billed Grebe-- In the north, from 3-9 wintered at Summit Lk. (Summ) (CH, LK, BO), while up to 12 wintered at the American Aggregates Quarry (Fran) (KA).

Horned Grebe-- 6 at BuCr 1/16 (DO) was an interesting count for the date.

Double-crested Cormorant-- This species has become an expected winter sight at L. Erie hot water outlets, including up to 13 wintering at Eastlake (Lake) (peak 2/7, JB) and up to 7 at Lorain (Lora) (peak 1/31, RHR), plus smaller numbers at Avon Lake (Lora), Ashtabula (Asht), and Cleveland (Cuya). Inland, 1-2 were still at the Am. Aggregates Quarry in January (KA).

Great Blue Heron-- Wintered in large numbers, including: 58 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Count [hereafter ONWRC] (Otta/Luca) 1/3; 40 Am. Aggregates Quarry through the pd. (KA); 32 O'Shaughnessy Res. (Dela) 2/10 (KA); and 30+ standing around a hole in the ice on Sandusky Bay 1/10 (TB).

Green-backed Heron-- An adult was very well described from the Dayton CBC 12/20 by B. Taylor. This is extremely late.

Black-crowned Night Heron-- An unusually large number wintered at Lorain, including phenomenal counts of 38 1/16 (SU) and 27+ the next day (DD). Typically, counts this large have only been expected from the Bayshore (Luca) area, where 50 were counted on the Toledo CBC 12/20. 1-2 wintered at Eastlake (m. obs.), while an imm. was at Ashtabula 1/24 (CH). The Portsmouth CBC found 1 12/26.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron-- An adult was totally unexpected along the Chagrin River at Daniels Park in Willoughby (Lake) 1/11 & 21 (JP). Ohio has 6 other published winter records of this species, all but one on CBC's, but unfortunately, none of these reports specify how Black-crowned Night Heron was eliminated: 1 "carefully studied" on the Dayton CBC 12/30/56; a "crippled juvenile" on the O'Shaughnessy Res. CBC 12/31/56; a "second count record" on the Dayton CBC 12/29/57; 1 "present since Dec. 3" on the Salem CBC 1/3/60; 1 on the Great Miami River in Dayton December 26 & 29, 1966; and an imm. studied for 10 minutes perched and in flight on the Cleveland CBC 12/22/73, curiously, also on the Chagrin River. If anyone can shed further light on these sightings, please let us know.

Tundra Swan-- 3 counts taken 12/5 represented fall migrants: 50 Hinckley MP (Medi) (JH); 46 nr. Sugarcreek (Tusc) (RS); & 38 Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area [hereafter CVNRA] (Cuya/Summ) (KMo). 52 over Howland (Trum) 1/1 (CB) were likely part of a late movement, but 45 over Punderson SP (Geau) 1/18 were harder to categorize (J. Bradt-Barnhart, fide DB). Small numbers were found after the CBC period at 7 sites.

Mute Swan-- Max 7 ONWRC 2/7. 6 were found along L. Erie on Cleveland's west side 12/27, as part of the Lakewood CBC (W. &

N. Klamrn).

Snow Goose-- At least 30 wintered in the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge [hereafter ONWR] (Ott/Luca) area (m. obs.), with the peak coming on the ONWR CBC 1/3. 80 migrants passed over Berlin 12/24 (RHe). Reports of 12 birds scattered over 6 sites in mid- to late- January probably represented wintering attempts.

Brant-- 17 were described for the Elyria-Lorain CBC 12/19 by JPo et al.

Canada Goose-- Beyond the CBC period, high counts include 2500 Summit Lk. 1/20 (LK); 2330 Killdeer Plains WA (Wyan) 2/6 (RHr, EP); & 1300 Funk (Wayn) 1/31 (RT).

Wood Duck-- 5 in Holmes Co. 2/6 (PY) was a good total for the date.

Green-winged Teal-- Up to 4 wintered at the permanently open pond in Castalia (Erie) (KA, JH, JPo).

Am. Black Duck-- 1000 were tallied on the ONWRC of 12/6. Post-CBC max was 300 BuCr 1/23 (DO).

Mallard-- A whopping 3500 at Hueston Woods SP (Preb/Butl) 1/1 (NK) was easily the single-site max.

N. Pintail-- Southwest Ohio attracted excellent numbers, with BuCr alone hosting 50 1/16, 30 2/7, and 25 2/20 (DO). Wintering birds augmented by migrants reached 200 in Highland Co. 2/27 (SW). In the n.e., 45 were at Funk 1/9 (RT).

Blue-winged Teal-- 2 very early arrivals were at Paint Creek Lk. (High/Ross) 2/19 (SW).

N. Shoveler-- The 52 reported from Castalia 2/1 (KA) was a truly colossal total for winter.

Gadwall-- Post-CBC highs were 38 E. Fork Lk. (Cler) 2/19 (H. Armstrong) & 32 Newtown 1/8 (Y.

Mohlman).

Am. Wigeon-- Castalia's open water attracted the enormous total of 180 birds 2/1 (KA). 28 were at Hoover Res. (Fran/Dela) 1/16 (KA).

Canvasback-- Low numbers overall, max 50 Medusa Marsh (Erie) 2/1 (KA), but unfortunately no reports were received from the Maumee Bay (Luca) area. 1 at Caesar Creek Lk. (Warr) 1/20 was interesting (LG).

Redhead-- Lakefront post-CBC max only 15 each at Eastlake 2/2 (RHr) and Headlands Beach SP [hereafter HBSP] (Lake) 2/3 (fide LR). Returning migrants include 70 along the Paint Creek River 2/28 (SU) & 50 at Rocky Fork Lk. (High) 2/19 (SW). 6 wintering at Dublin (Fran) was unusual (KA).

Ring-necked Duck-- The Cincinnati area was host to good numbers, including 150 Camp Dennison Gravel (Hami) 12/13 (Y. Mohlman); 150 Newtown 1/8 (Y. Mohlman), plus 50 there 1/15 (HC) and 200 there 2/20 (J. Rettig).

Greater Scaup-- Post-CBC max (of specifically ID'd scaup) was 180 at Perkins Beach (Cuya) 1/13 (RHr). 3 inland migrants were at Summit Lk. 2/26 (LK).

Lesser Scaup-- 25 each were at BuCr 2/20 (DO) and in Highland Co. 2/27 (SW). 35 mid-winter birds were identified at HBSP 1/30 (JB).

Scaup species-- 3000 scaup (mostly Lesser's) congregated on Maumee Bay in late Feb. (ETr). The "scaup" max for Cleveland was 1075 (W. & N. Klamrn) on the Lakewood CBC 12/27.

Harlequin Duck-- An imm. or fem. was located at Lakeshore MP [hereafter Lksh] (Lake) 12/26 (JPo).

Oldsquaw-- From 1-2 birds were at L. Medina 12/2-22 (JH, DAC, LK). High count along L. Erie was 6 at Eastlake 1/2 (KMe). 3 more were

at Lorain 2/24 (ETH, N. Kraps). 3 other singles were found along L. Erie.

Black Scoter-- Highest counts include 8 Erie 12/8 (KA); 7 Lorain 12/11 (ETH); & 5 Sherrod Pk. (Erie) 12/12 (N. Kraps).

Surf Scoter-- Still much in evidence from the autumn invasion, 21-30 were at Rocky River Pk. 1/3 (PE, CH). Up to 6 were easily seen at Lorain during Feb. (m. obs.). Smaller numbers were scattered along the lakeshore at Avon Lake, Bay Village (Cuya), Sims Pk. (Cuya), Lksh, & Conneaut (Asht) during January-February. An imm. male was at Bresler Res. (Alle) 12/26 (DD). Two inland CBC records had very strong substantiating details: 1 fem. at Salt Fork Lk. (Guer) on the Salt Fork Lk. CBC 1/2 (JPe, W. Murphy); and 2 imm. at Hoover Dam (Fran) on the Hoover Res. CBC 1/2 (LS et al.). The Hoover birds remained until 1/17. Although at least 6 inland Surf's have previously been seen in Ohio during late December, I am aware of only 1 other inland January record, namely, 5 at Hueston Woods SP 1/3/91.

White-winged Scoter-- Groups of 1-4 were well distributed along L. Erie through the period, with sightings from at least 7 sites. Inland, 2 White-wingeds were with the 2 Surf Scoters at Hoover Dam 1/16 (C. Bombaci fide LS, KA), and 2 each were at BuCr 2/6-7 (DO) and Summit Lk. 2/23 (B. Lane).

Common Goldeneye-- Several good sized January flocks appeared inland, including: 50 Hueston Woods SP 1/1 (NK) and 1/31 (NK, J. Stenger); 50 Caesar Creek Lk. 1/23 (HC); & 40 BuCr 1/16 (DO). 280 at Sims Pk. 1/23 (RHr) was the mid-winter single-site max. On 2/27, with migrants augmenting wintering birds, 500 were at Avon Lake and 150 more were at Lorain (RHr).

Bufflehead-- Inland, 6-10 wintered at Summit Lk. (LK). Gara found 14 at Wilmington Res. (Clin) 1/16 and 6 at Cowan Lk. (Clin) 2/10. 150 were at Avon Lake 2/27, with 70 more at Lorain the same day (RHr).

Hooded Merganser-- 100 fall migrants were at L. Rockwell (Port) 12/14 (CH), and 71 migrants were at L. Medina 12/5 (JH). Phenomenal mid-winter inland totals include: 81 Hoover Res. 1/16 (KA); 7 BuCr 1/16 (DO); 7 Caesar Creek Lk. 1/23 (HC); & 20 Hueston Woods SP 1/31 (NK, J. Stenger). 35 spring migrants were in High 2/27 (SW).

Common Merganser-- Last winter, I posed the question "What has happened to the large flocks of this species?". Whatever the answer, for this winter at least, they're back. Extremely large numbers appeared throughout the state, including many small flocks at completely unexpected areas. Some of the larger inland flocks include: 45 L. Rockwell 1/8 (CH); 40 BuCr 1/1, with 20 wintering (DO); 35 Hueston Woods SP 1/31 (NK, J. Stenger); & 28 Findlay Reservoirs [hereafter FRes] (Hanc) 2/2 (K. Noblet, fide BH). Along L. Erie, very large flocks developed at Huron (Erie), Lorain, Avon Lake, Cleveland, and Eastlake, with 4000 being estimated from Huron to Eastlake 2/1 (KA). 1850-2000 were at Lorain alone 1/31 (CH, RHr), with 1550 at Cleveland (CH) and 1250 at Avon Lake the same day (RHr).

Red-breasted Merganser-- Inland remnants from the fall movement include: 56 L. Medina 12/5 (JH); 56 Hanc 12/1 (BH); & 50 BuCr 12/13 (DO). 1000 along L. Erie between Huron and Eastlake 2/1 was a good count (KA).

Ruddy Duck-- From 6-20 apparently wintered at Summit Lk. (LK). Singles at Pickerington Pond (Fran) 1/19 (KA) and Caesar Creek Lk. 2/8 (SU) were interesting. 15 were at Eastlake 2/7 (fide LR).

Black Vulture-- Unprecedented numbers wintered as far north as Jelloway (Knox), with 45-50 roosting in the area 1/2-2/28 (RT ph., JH, BG ph., et al.). Sightings from more expected locales include 25 in the Clear Creek Valley area (Hock/Fair) 1/31 (JB et al.); at least 12 in Brown Co. 1/9-2/7 (SU, CM); 22 Adams Co. CBC 12/19; 4 Washington Co. CBC 12/27; 3 Rocky Fork Lk. 2/19 (SW); & 1 Holm 1/29 (MM). The birds recorded on the Mohican & Lancaster CBC's probably involve duplication with the above reports.

Turkey Vulture-- An extraordinary number were able to remain through the winter, including 224 found during CBC's (106 Athens CBC 12/19, 43 Washington Co. CBC 12/27, 36 Lancaster CBC 12/27, etc.). Far too many wandering singles were reported (as far north as L. Erie) to delineate specifically. Some other high counts include 200 wintering at Jelloway (RT, JH, BG et al.); 50-60 wintering along the Muskingum River in Morgan Co. (LB); & 40 Brow 1/5 (KA).

Osprey-- 2 very late birds were found, 1 at Hidden Valley MP (Lake) through 12/10 (JPo), and the other in the southern portion of the CVNRA (Summ) 12/19 (HMZ).

Bald Eagle-- Contributors reported roughly 36 birds from about 21 counties, plus CBC reports (some overlap inevitably occurs). A new nest was being built along the Sandusky River in Pleasant Twp. (Sene) (TB). An eagle was found dead near Glass (Wash) in February (fide LB).

N. Harrier-- Post-CBC highs include a total of 10 wintering at 2 Jeff sites (MJ); 10 High 2/19 (SW); & 7 Killdeer Plains WA 1/23 (JES). Reported from 14 more counties, plus CBC reports.

N. Goshawk-- Single adults were as follows: 1 described for the Adams Co. CBC 12/19 (DM); 1

near FRes 1/12 (BH); 1 Maumee Bay SP [hereafter MBSP] (Luca) 1/17 (JPo); 1 at Killdeer Plains WA 2/2 (SU) and 2/17 (JB); & 1 Perry (Lake) 2/28 (JPo).

Red-shouldered Hawk-- 6 each were in Trum 2/14 (DJH) & Hock 2/28 (SU).

Red-tailed Hawk-- Max 26 High 2/27 (SW).

Rough-legged Hawk-- Troutman's 7 at Funk 1/9 was the single-site max. Reported from 21 counties, plus CBC data.

Am. Kestrel-- Max 16 Killdeer Plains WA 1/23 (JES).

Merlin-- At least 2 inhabited the Killdeer Plains WA (m. obs.), with 1 found freshly dead in January but another (an adult male) seen 2/6 (RHr, EP). Singles elsewhere: Perry 12/10 (JPo); E. 55th St., Cleveland 12/13 (CH); a fem. near Wintersville (Jeff) 12/15 (MJ); Eastlake 1/5 (JPo); Butt 1/16 (T. Uhlman); & Lost Nation Airport (Lake) 1/23 (A. & J. Fjeldstad).

Peregrine Falcon-- Aside from resident birds, the only other non-CBC report was of 1 at Fernwood SF (Jeff) 2/13 (MJ).

Virginia Rail-- A late bird was found dead at N. College Hill (Hamt) 12/15 (N. Meyer). 2 early arrivals were back at Spring Valley WA [hereafter SVWA] (Gree/Warr) by 2/27 (DD). This is reminiscent of last winter's reports from the same site.

Sora-- Although far less likely to linger than Virginia Rail, nonetheless 1 was at Walnut Beach (Asht) 12/12 (JPo).

Am. Coot-- From 30-50 apparently wintered at Summit Lk. (LK). 50 were at Newtown 2/5 (HC), but 200 had accumulated there by 2/20 (J. Rettig).

Sandhill Crane-- Except for 2

described for the Kingston CBC 12/19 (described by C. Johnston) and 65 at Deer Creek Lk. (Pick) 12/15 (B. & M. McCarty), all other reports emanated from s.w. Ohio: 95 Westwood (Hami) 12/1 (M. Kroeger); 56 Chaparral Prairie SNP (Adam) 12/1 (M. McAlliter, fide BL); 55 Mt. Airy Forest (Hami) 12/1 (T. Uhman); 38 Miamitown (Hami) 12/3 (P. Wharton); about 75 on the ice at Rocky Fork Lk. 12/7-8 (LG ph., T. Dean); 75 Eckmansville (Adam) 12/9 (Jackson, fide BL); & 37 on the W. Hamilton Co. CBC 12/20.

Lesser Golden-Plover-- Pogacnik found a very late imm. at Conneaut 12/12.

Killdeer-- Many scattered northerly reports, of which singles at Akron (Summ) 1/31 (EP) and Brecksville (Cuya) 2/3 (DAC) seem to be the best mid-winter examples. 7 at Pleasant Hill Res. (Rich/Ash) 2/13 was a good number for the date (JH).

Ruddy Turnstone-- A laggard was at Walnut Beach 12/12 (JPo).

Sanderling-- Another tardy individual remained at Fairport Beach MP (Lake) 12/2 (JPo).

Purple Sandpiper-- One was serendipitously discovered on the 1/2 mile-distant breakwall at Cleveland's E. 55th St. 1/2 (EM, LEY, PY). The HBSP breakwall held another 1/23 (A. & J. Fjeldstad).

Dunlin-- 2 Dunlins joined the Lesser Golden-Plover and Ruddy Turnstone at Walnut Beach 12/12 (JPo). An even later bird was found on the Fremont CBC 1/2.

Common Snipe-- In addition to 26 snipe found on CBC's, 1 remained at Miami-Whitewater Forest (Hami) 1/10 (C. Saunders).

Am. Woodcock-- A freshly-dead bird was found at Cincinnati's released Peregrine Falcon roosting

site (Hami) 2/4 (J. Hays).

Red Phalarope-- One flew by Eastlake 1/1 (TB).

Franklin's Gull-- 3 singles: Hueston Woods SP 12/1 (M. Callahan, M. Rowe); imm. HBSP 12/29 (A. & J. Fjeldstad); & imm. Eastlake 1/5 (JPo).

Little Gull-- 2 adults and an imm. flew into Lorain Harbor 1/10 (TB). Single adults were found at Lksh 12/6 (JPo); at Fairport Harbor (Lake) 12/24-1/1 and again 1/29 + (m. obs.); & at Conneaut 1/16 (JPo).

Bonaparte's Gull-- Bartlett witnessed 5000+ pour into Lorain Harbor 1/10. 75 flying south (10 miles inland) past Jefferson (Asht) 12/20 was interesting (CH).

Ring-billed Gull-- Something very unusual transpired this season. While lakefront totals seemed low (deemed "way down" by TLP), this species was common and widespread inland. Some examples: the 1500 on the Wooster CBC 12/19 was the highest total there in 43 years; Mathena noted the "most in many years, if not ever" in Dayton; "like never before" (PY) and "unprecedented" (BG) in Holmes Co.; 1750 at the Steubenville Marina (Jeff) along the Ohio River 2/24 (MJ); 1000 at BuCr 1/16 (DO); etc. At Apple Creek (Wayn), Ring-billed's were seen flying s.w. almost daily, ranging from a few to several hundred (LRY).

Thayer's Gull-- Around 10 singles were scattered between Conneaut and Huron 12/10-2/15 (m. obs.).

Iceland Gull-- Only singles were found (about 6 birds in all) from Lorain to Lksh 1/1-2/27 (m. obs.).

Lesser Black-backed Gull-- More evidence of a "down" gull winter, only 7+ singles could be located along the Huron to Lksh lakefront 12/6-2/21 (m. obs.).

Glaucous Gull-- Even slightly inland birds are unusual, so 1 at Oberlin Res. (Lora) 1/14 (N. Kraps) and an imm. at Mayfield Hts. (Cuya) 2/19 (KMe) were of much interest. LePage's 2 ad. & 3 imm. at Lorain 2/19 was the max.

Great Black-backed Gull-- In contrast to most other gull species, excellent numbers were tallied, including: 540 Fairport Harbor 2/1 (JPo); 500+ Lorain 1/30 (ETh); & 1200+ between Sandusky Bay and Eastlake 2/1 (KA). Metcalf's 3 inland at Mayfield Hts. 2/19 were unexpected.

Black-legged Kittiwake-- Single imm. were at Lorain 12/5 & 1/5, and at Fairport Harbor 2/15 (all JPo).

Common Tern-- The last dawdler was at Lorain 12/5 (JPo).

Barn Owl-- 1 at Gordon Park [hereafter GoPa] (Cuya) 12/16 was an outstanding find for the Cleveland CBC (LR, E. Bacik, R. Hannikman). It was apparently also seen at the same site about a week previously.

Snowy Owl-- Very few penetrated inland, but 1 was found as far south as Johnstown (Lick), remaining at that county's highest elevation during January (M. Lynd et al.). 2 more inland birds were at FRes 1/5-7 (BH). Along L. Erie, 1-2 persisted at Cleveland's Burke Lakefront Airport (Cuya) through 1/31 (m. obs.), and singles were noted as follows: Fairport Harbor 12/7-26 (JPo), Ashtabula 1/16-19 (JPo); & MBSP 1/17 (JPo, SU).

Long-eared Owl-- The Killdeer Plains WA roost held up to 8 birds from 1/6-2/12 (m. obs.). Up to 5 roosted at Caley MP (Lora) 2/11 + (T. & R. Morgan, m. obs.). A roost n.e. of Bryan (Will) held 3 birds 2/1-28 (DMD). Other singles were in Geau, Lake, & Dela.

Short-eared Owl-- Up to 18 were found in Jeff, with peak counts of

10 along County Rd. 45 and 8 at Fernwood SF 2/13 (MJ). The same observer also found 1-2 in both Harr & Belm. 9 were in Tusc 2/2 (ES). Other reports include: 5 Wadsworth (Medi) 2/5 (J. Wert); 4 n.e. Paulding (Paul) 1/1-2/28 (DMD); & singles in Lake, Otta, & High. Also see CBC data.

N. Saw-whet Owl-- 1 was easily found (and harassed) at Killdeer Plains WA at least from 1/6-2/12 (m. obs.). Pogacnik found singles at Lksh 12/21 and at River Road MP 12/4 and 1/9. Another was heard on the Mohican CBC 1/2 (JH, S. McKee), where 1 was also noted last winter and summer.

Red-headed Woodpecker-- Max 10 Killdeer Plains WA 1/6 (KA).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker-- As a testament to the mild early winter weather, 108 were tallied on CBC's this year. Apart from these records, 24 were counted during the Hamilton Co. MP census on 12/12 (m. obs.). In the north, post-CBC reports include: 1 Hell Hollow MP (Lake) 2/9 (JPo); 1-2 Camp Berry (Hanc) 12/8-2/2 (Iide BH); & 1 wintering at Seiberling Naturealm (Summ) (W. Stover).

Pileated Woodpecker-- 1 at Killdeer Plains WA 1/27 was interesting (KA).

E. Phoebe-- CBC participants discovered a whopping 27 birds through 1/3. Lund followed a wintering bird at Blue Creek (Adam) 1/15-2/27. 2 on a wire at Eastlake 12/30 were completely unexpected, especially since 1 was singing (RHR et al.).

Horned Lark-- Excellent numbers poured into Ohio in late February, including: 2000 along Kilby Rd. (Hami) 2/28 (M. Seymour); 1000+ each at Urbana (Cham) 2/24 (T. Little), in Clark Co. 2/27 (SU), and at Tiffin (Sene) 2/28 (TB); & 1000 each in Madi 2/19 (KA) and Tusc 2/27 (ES).

Barn Swallow-- A notably late bird was at Geneva SP (Asht) 12/12 (JPo).

Am. Crow-- The Mansfield (Rich) roost held 24000 wintering birds (JH).

Black-capped Chickadee-- "Only a few" reached as far south at Glick's Holmes Co. property.

Red-breasted Nuthatch-- Certainly up from Winter 1991-92, but modest numbers overall. An unusual roost of 6 was discovered on the Trumbull Co. CBC 12/20 (DJH).

Brown Creeper-- 11 creepers throughout Hancock Co. 2/23 was a good late-winter total for the north (BH et al.).

Carolina Wren-- The 51 found on the Wooster CBC 12/19 was a 43-year high for the count (fide RT, JH).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet-- A stunning 67 were recorded on Ohio CBC's, including 9 on the Hancock Co. CBC 12/19. In the north, singles lasted from 1/12-2/25 at Hidden Valley MP (JPo) and from 1/2-28 near Waterville (Luca) (ETr).

E. Bluebird-- 40 were in the Ross-Pickaway County Line Rd. area 1/6 (RHR, EP).

Hermit Thrush-- At least 9 remained through mid- to late-February across the state.

Am. Robin-- Pogacnik & Rosche both noted very large numbers in Lake Co. during late January to early February, including 6000 + arriving at a roost at Mentor Marsh SNP (Lake) 2/3 (LR). 500 were at a Columbus (Fran) roost 1/16 (KA).

Gray Catbird-- In addition to 6 CBC reports (including 3 on the Washington Co. CBC 12/27), singles were at Geneva SP 12/12 (JPo); Leroy Twp. (Lake) 1/9 (JPo); & Burr Oak SP (Morg/Athe) 1/30

(LB).

N. Mockingbird-- At least 10 were seen into December in the n.e. counties, with a few wintering.

Brown Thrasher-- The total of 4 on Ohio CBC's was surprisingly low considering the season. 4 other singles were also noted.

Am. Pipit-- 36 in Highland Co. by 2/27 were likely early migrants (SW), as were 2 Tusc 2/20 (ES) & 2 Rocky Fork Lk. 2/28 (SU). 2 at Killdeer Plains WA 1/18 (LG) were more unseasonal and could have been attempting to overwinter.

Cedar Waxwing-- Max 220 Sagamore Hills (Summ) 1/2 (DAC). 100 + were in the CVNRA 1/16 (HMZ).

N. Shrike-- 1 wintered at Sugar creek for the 4th consecutive year (ES, DMf). At least 3, probably more, were found scattered about Lorain Co. into January (m. obs.). Other singles were in Madison Twp. (Lake) 12/8-10 & 1/30, Leroy Twp. 1/7, & Asht 1/16 (all JPo).

Loggerhead Shrike-- Singles were seen at different Adams Co. sites 12/18 & 12/22 (BL). Singles in Brown Co. 12/10 (J. Ruthven, G. Laycock) and 1/9 (SU) may or may not pertain to the same individual.

White-eyed Vireo-- Barber described 1 from as close as 10 feet in Sutton Twp. (Meig) for the Great Bend CBC 12/17. "American Birds" 47(1):102 lists another documented bird from Columbus 12/15 (B. Whan). Only 2 other positive winter records exist, namely, an imm. on the Elyria-Lorain CBC 12/18/82 and an imm. on the Tiffin CBC 12/15/84. These 2 records and 6 November records indicate that this species can survive into late fall/early winter.

Solitary Vireo-- One was described for the Mentor CBC 12/27 (JPo, C.

Rieker). Ohio's only other winter records consist of 1 on the Lake Erie Islands CBC 12/19/91 and of a possible solitary heard, but not seen, on the Youngstown CBC 12/17/77.

Yellow-rumped Warbler-- Several contributors noted good numbers (AB, DAC, BH, JH, SU). Glick typically found 10-15 per day along Killbuck Creek (Wayn/Holm). CBC participants accounted for 620 Yellow-rumpeds.

Yellow-throated Warbler-- A cooperative bird arrived at the Eli & Katie Weaver place s. of Mt. Eaton (just inside Holmes Co.) about 1/10 and grew fond of peanut butter and sunflower chips (BG ph., LEY, PY). It was last seen alive 3/14, and was found dead about a week later (fide LEY). Perplexingly, close observations indicated a white supraloral area, but photos clearly showed yellow instead. This represents Ohio's 4th winter record. For an excellent discussion of these traits, stay tuned for Jon Dunn's upcoming article in the next issue.

Pine Warbler-- 3 feeder birds were discovered: Springfield (Clar) from late December to at least 2/11 (fide DO); Millersburg (Holm) 1/5 to at least 3/2 (BM, PY); and Centerville (Mont) 2/18-28 (N. England, fide CM). This species was still present in the Waterloo Wildlife Experiment Station (Athe) area into early December (AB).

Palm Warbler-- A very yellow bird was found near Fredericksburg (Holm/Wayn Co. line) 12/12 (LEY, Ben Miller) and later appeared at EM's feeder (just inside Holmes Co.) 1/18-2/20. This individual developed a taste for pie dough. Another Palm was found in e. Holmes Co. at Berlin on 2/18 only. According to RHe, it "moved its tail very stiffly. It was 0 degrees this morning."

Ovenbird-- One was viewed at length at the Seiberling Naturealm

parking lot 12/6 (W. Stover, J. Ake).

Common Yellowthroat-- 6 yellowthroats in a single winter season is remarkable. CBC records include a male at Beaver Valley CBC 1/2; an imm. male in Rice Twp. (Sand) on the Fremont CBC 1/2 (TB); & an unspecified bird on the Firelands CBC 12/19. Other singles were at Walnut Beach 12/12 (JPO); Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge Count [hereafter CPNWRC] (Luca) 12/13; & French Pk. (Hami) 12/14-15 (HC).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak-- An adult male was found at a feeder in Seaman (Adam) 12/16 and possibly through December. It was heard singing 12/20 (P. & G. Lewis, fide BL).

Rufous-sided Towhee-- The weather certainly favored this species. Barber cited good numbers at his Athens Co. feeder, while Utterback found up to 10 on most of her trips in s.w. Ohio. In Holmes Co., Glick found "very high numbers", including 22 1/18. Likewise, EM termed this "the winter of the Rufous-sided Towhee in Holmes Co."

Am. Tree Sparrow-- The Hochadel's comment that this species was "suddenly abundant" does not seem to do justice to their massive count of 650 in Trumbull Co. 2/28. The ONWRC found 245 birds 1/3.

Chipping Sparrow-- Of the 18 CBC (plus 1 count week) reports, 8 were acceptably described. No details were seen regarding any of the others, but considering the mild season, at least some are quite likely accurate. Other well-described non-CBC records include: 1 imm. Shaker Lakes (Cuya) 12/16 (RHR); 1 at ES's Sugarcreek feeder 12/24-1/2; 2 at EM's Fredericksburg feeder 1/30 through February (EM, LEY, PY); & 1 at LEY's Fredericksburg feeder 2/14-3/6.

Vesper Sparrow-- Snow cover of 7 inches forced 2 flocks of about 20 birds each along the exposed surfaces of Rittenhouse Rd. and Turkey Rd. in Highland Co. 2/19 (SW). A tally of 40 vespers at this time of year is completely unexpected, yet these birds were well-described and separated from other ID candidates. To the best of my knowledge, the only other Ohio winter report of more than 20 vespers was of 42 (undescribed) birds on the Zanesville CBC 12/27/69.

Savannah Sparrow-- CBC participants reported 16 birds. Gara's bird at Killdeer Plains WA 1/18 was the only post-CBC report.

White-throated Sparrow-- 61 throughout Hancock Co. 2/23 was a good late season total for the north (fide BH).

White-crowned Sparrow-- Delaware WA (Dela) held 36 1/6 (KA).

Dark-eyed Junco-- Few solid totals, but the reports were decidedly mixed.

Lapland Longspur-- Two flocks totaling 275 in Paulding Co. 1/1 overwhelmed other reports (DMD). Kemp found 30 in Lucas Co. 2/25. 1 at Hami 2/28 was far south (M. Seymour).

Snow Bunting-- The Paulding Co. flocks noted above also contained 175 of this species (DMD). 100+ were seen between Tiffin and Toledo 2/28 (TB), while 75 were in Cuyahoga Falls (Summ) 2/15 (BO). 1 at E. Fork Lk. 2/5-10 kept mixed company with 30 Eur. Starlings (HC, H. Armstrong).

E. Meadowlark-- 40 to 50 were found at Killdeer Plains WA 1/23 (JES). At the other side of the state, 16-24 wintered near Ragersville (Tusc) (RS).

Yellow-headed Blackbird-- An adult male was photographed s. of Jelloway on the Mohican CBC 1/2

(RT). An imm./fem. was described from Massillon (Star) 1/6 (WS). A male was in Eastlake 2/8 (JPo), while a fem. was at a Wadsworth feeder 2/13 (I. Beck). Another fem. was at the Dayton feeder of L. Davis 2/25 (fide CM).

Brewer's Blackbird-- A female was described for the Hancock Co. CBC 12/19 by BH. It was found with a flock of 59 Mourning Doves, and was still with this flock 12/22 (m. obs.).

Common Grackle-- Glick followed an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 for 5 miles as they passed over Wayne Co. 1/20. Rosche estimated 3000+ near Mentor Marsh SNP 2/12. 3000+ were on the ground at Copley (Summ) 2/12 (KMo).

Brown-headed Cowbird-- 1500 were at a Columbus roost 1/16 (KA).

Purple Finch-- An undistinguished movement, including: 12 Hanc 1/5 (fide BH); up to 12 in the Dayton area (CM, SU); & 5-6 Hinckley MP 2/14 (TLe et al.).

Common Redpoll-- Certainly no "echo flight" developed, with very few sightings mentioned. Max 3 Lksh 2/21-23 (JPo).

Pine Siskin-- The 50 wintering at Mohican SP (Ashi) was the only sizable flock (JH).

Am. Goldfinch-- A roving flock of 150 in the Cuya portion of the CVNRA (as part of the Brecksville-Northfield CBC) 1/2 was unexpectedly large (RHr).

Evening Grosbeak-- Just 4 singles: Lake FarmPark (Lake) 1/4 (JPo); Lancaster CBC 12/27; Beaver Creek CBC 1/3; & N. Kingsville (Asht) 1/19 (JPo).

Hybrids-- A male Mallard x N. Pintail was at Castalia 2/20 (JPo).

ADDENDA

Sandhill Crane-- The Spring 1993

issue [Vol. 4(2):14] of "WildOhio" quotes ODOW biologist Denis Case, concerning this species: "a few birds have nested in Ohio every year since 1988. Last year, two nests were confirmed, with the possibility of there being a third. Both of the confirmed nests were located in northeast Ohio." Case continues: "We once considered attempting a sandhill reintroduction project in Ohio...but felt that we didn't have enough adequate crane habitat. Recently, however, the birds seem to be relaxing some of their stringent habitat requirements and we might need to take another look at the situation. If things continue to go the way they have during the past few years, it may be possible that the birds will take care of replenishing themselves."

Common Tern-- 14 nests with 38 eggs were established at ONWR during Summer 1992. All failed. (fide "Common Tern Restoration Project", a project of USFWS, ONWR, & ODNR DOW).

CORRIGENDA

Raptors-- RS pointed out an oversight in Kemp and Anderson's "An Overview of the 1992 Fall Hawk Flight in Northwestern Ohio" [OC 16(1):7-8]. In this article, a total of 310,000 raptors was stated to have passed by Michigan's Erie MP during the fall of 1991, a total taken from AB 46(1):91. However, this total was amended to 60,969 raptors in AB 46(2):670.

Wood Thrush-- The correct date for the Winter 1991-92 Belmont Co. specimen [OC 15(2):40] is 1/18/92 (fide V. Fazio).

"Brewster's Warbler"-- The bird published as being seen in the Oak Openings during Summer 1992 [OC 15(4):111] should be deleted (fide TK).

FINAL OBRC DECISIONS FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIODS

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Secretary

The following records were reviewed by the Ohio Bird Records Committee. All received at least 9 "accept" votes from the 11 member Committee, and are therefore ACCEPTED.

Glossy Ibis-- OBRC 186-92-01: 5 adults were found at the Wayne Weaver farm in Ripley Twp. (n. Holmes Co.) the evening of 9/21/92, and were still present the next day. They were photographed by BG, seen by many observers, and documented by BG* and David Kline*.

Greater White-fronted Goose-- OBRC 171-92-04: 6 adults were documented by BM* from a farm pond in Salt Creek Twp. (s. Wayne Co.) on 10/27/92.

King Eider-- OBRC 162-92-02: 2 imm. or females flew past Lakeshore MP (Lake Co.) 11/16/92 (JPo*).

Golden Eagle-- OBRC 349-92-07: An imm. flew over Holland (Lucas Co.) 10/27/92 (Richard Johnson*).

Golden Eagle-- OBRC 349-92-08: Another imm. circled slowly over the Oak Openings (Lucas Co.) 11/15/92 (Matt Anderson*).

Gyr Falcon-- OBRC 354-92-01: A mud-covered, gray-phase, imm. female was found near a puddle at a Russia Twp. (Lorain Co.) recycling facility on 10/29/92 by Joe Strohsack. Strohsack took the bird to Roy Hartman, naturalist with the Lorain Co. MP, who subsequently took the bird to veterinarian Jamie Lindstrom in North Ridgeville (Lorain Co.). Lindstrom noted that the bird had a broken leg. Although an attempt was made at rehabilitation, the bird died in early November from a respiratory infection. These details taken from the "Cleveland Plain Dealer" newspaper.

Black Rail-- OBRC 216-92-01: 2

were flushed twice from a grassy dike at Big Island WA (Marion Co.) 4/26/92 (LS*, Charles Bombaci). Obviously, this is an extremely desirable bird for any Ohio list.

Purple Gallinule-- OBRC 218-92-01: An imm. with a broken leg was found in a parking lot on Cleveland's East Side (Cuyahoga Co.) 9/24/92. It was subsequently taken to the Lake Co. MP's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, where it was photographed by JPo, and later by Joyce Fjeldstad on 11/24. It was released in N. Carolina soon after Thanksgiving.

Western Kingbird-- OBRC 447-92-01: 1 was found twice on 9/15/92 at Geneva SP (Ashtabula Co.), from 9:25 to 9:35 a.m., and again at the same site from 1:50 to 1:55 p.m. (JPo*).

LeConte's Sparrow-- OBRC 548-92-04: A very cooperative juvenile was observed along a dike at Gordon Park (Cuyahoga Co.) 8/22/92 (Ray Hannikman*, Richard D.S. Rickard*, RHr*). It was found at 10:15 a.m. by Hannikman and Rickard and was still present at least until 2:30 p.m. This represents Ohio's earliest ever fall migrant.

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COMING UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

A Snowy Plover at Headlands Beach SPby Ray Hannikman

A look at Yellow-throated and Palm Warbler races....by Jon Dunn

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A study of Red-eyed Vireos in s.e. Ohio.....by Henri Siebert

The Spring 1993 Report, etc, etc, etc!

Ohio Christmas Bird Counts, 1992-1993 by Ned Keller

The results of 62 Christmas Bird Counts are reported in the following summary. This is one more count than last year. To our knowledge, all the counts which were conducted in Ohio are included in the tables which follow. Our sincere thanks to all those who helped to see that we were able to obtain these results.

Each count circle is numbered at the top of the accompanying tables. That number is keyed to the numbered circles on the map which appears at the end of the report.

The total number of species seen on the counts, 142, was the same as last year. Three additional species were seen during count weeks, but not on count days. These totals do not include the escaped Black Swan seen at Ottawa N.W.R.

In a break with tradition, the circle having the highest species total was not located on Lake Erie. Cincinnati led this year with 83 species and 99,388 individuals. Other high species totals included Cuyahoga Falls with 80 and Millersburg with 75.

Among the surprises to be gleaned from a survey of the results, one pattern which stands out was an unusually high number of reports of birds which should have migrated well before the Christmas counts. These included Broad-winged Hawk at Dayton and Zanesville; House Wren at Firelands (CW) and Hancock County; Gray Catbird at Youngstown, Buckeye Lake, Parkersburg and Washington County; White-eyed Vireo at Great Bend; Solitary Vireo at Mentor; Common Yellowthroat at Firelands, Fremont and Cadiz; and Chipping Sparrow from an unbelievable ten circles, plus one CW sighting.

Contrary to its usual policy of requiring documentation of rarities for review by the Ohio Bird Records Committee, The Ohio Cardinal prints all data from the Christmas Counts, as submitted by the compilers, regardless of documentation. The details submitted for the above and other unusual records ranged from excellent to absent. In a very few cases, compilers were contacted for correction of what seemed to be obvious errors in data entry.

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[Editor's note: All submitted details of the rarities noted above, as well as other significant sightings, were reviewed by the editor. The most noteworthy acceptably described birds are included within the seasonal account.]

Northwest Region

Northeast Region

AREA OF COUNT	Firelands 12/19/92 (9)	Fremont 01/02/93 (8)	Goll Woods 12/28/92 (1)	Grand Rapids-Waterville 01/02/93 (2)	Hancock Co. 12/19/92 (10)	Mansfield 12/19/92 (13)	Ottawa N.W.R. 01/03/93 (4)	Oxbow Lake 12/19/92 (7)	Plymouth 12/27/92 (12)	Tiffin 12/19/92 (11)	Toledo 12/20/92 (3)
Black Vulture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey Vulture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bald Eagle	4	2	-	1	-	CW	18	-	-	1	1
Northern Harrier	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	15	9	8	-
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Cooper's Hawk	3	2	1	2	1	4	4	1	-	5	4
Northern Goshawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accipiter, sp.	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Red-shouldered Hawk	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-tailed Hawk	25	18	16	14	24	42	28	17	14	39	27
Rough-legged Hawk	2	-	-	-	1	4	2	-	2	-	-
Buteo, sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Kestrel	11	25	25	11	40	15	33	26	7	46	19
Merlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ring-necked Pheasant	-	2	-	CW	4	-	-	-	-	1	5
Ruffed Grouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wild Turkey	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Bobwhite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Coot	-	-	1	-	CW	-	2	-	-	-	-
Sandhill Crane	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Killdeer	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dunlin	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Snipe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Woodcock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonaparte's Gull	1	-	-	-	2	30	125	-	-	-	101
Ring-billed Gull	5486	2399	-	33	964	131	4468	24	335	5032	5078
Herring Gull	1749	93	1	83	37	12	606	-	21	4	2164
Thayer's Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesser Black-backed Gull	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Black-backed Gull	76	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	38
Black-legged Kittiwake	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Gull, sp.	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	150
Rock Dove	179	69	378	221	211	265	90	50	8	460	1144
Mourning Dove	215	183	256	472	202	351	175	57	42	347	266
Barn Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Screech-Owl	11	4	-	15	4	42	6	1	3	12	-
Great Horned Owl	7	6	1	14	5	3	13	3	1	3	4

AREA OF COUNT	Ashland 12/27/92 (30)	Ashtabula 12/26/92 (25)	Beaver Creek 01/03/93 (36)	Brecksville-Northfield 01/02/93 (22)	Burton 01/07/93 (27)	Cleveland 12/19/92 (23)	Cuyahoga Falls 12/20/92 (29)	Elyria-Lorain 12/19/92 (20)	Lakewood 12/27/92 (21)	Mentor 12/27/92 (24)	Mohican State Forest 01/02/93 (35)	Trumbull Co. 12/20/92 (28)	Wellington 12/27/92 (26)	Wilderness Center 12/19/92 (32)	Wooster 12/19/92 (31)	Youngstown 12/19/92 (34)
Black Vulture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey Vulture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Bald Eagle	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	CW	5	-	-	-	-
Northern Harrier	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	1	-	2	1	8	11	13	8	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	4	2	2	2	3	4	3	-	8	-	-	1	11	2	-
Cooper's Hawk	5	2	3	4	8	4	23	2	2	6	6	2	2	13	4	5
Northern Goshawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accipiter, sp.	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	-	-	5	7	1	12	1	-	1	5	4	-	-	-	1
Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-tailed Hawk	31	8	69	38	17	17	84	46	19	21	53	11	43	252	54	18
Rough-legged Hawk	4	1	1	-	4	1	-	1	-	1	18	-	3	19	6	1
Buteo, sp.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
American Kestrel	9	2	14	1	7	3	18	23	5	6	9	35	37	75	29	7
Merlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ring-necked Pheasant	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	3	3
Ruffed Grouse	-	-	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
Wild Turkey	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	75	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Bobwhite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
American Coot	-	2	2	2	-	-	68	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Sandhill Crane	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Killdeer	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1
Dunlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Snipe	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
American Woodcock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CW	-	-	-	-	-
Bonaparte's Gull	-	3830	-	-	15	683	18	302	408	545	-	4	3	-	-	1
Ring-billed Gull	189	6880	14	2963	259	3626	2042	13130	3882	5109	289	1737	4831	72	1500	1609
Herring Gull	-	5320	1	429	5	1343	87	512	346	1090	3	-	10	13	-	2
Thayer's Gull	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Black-backed Gull	-	51	-	-	-	200	-	95	90	465	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-legged Kittiwake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gull, sp.	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	319	-	-	-	117	-	-
Rock Dove	537	456	121	471	225	560	1317	268	399	292	132	159	110	1162	362	367
Mourning Dove	162	290	455	139	183	125	1054	668	80	217	171	153	223	2156	508	290
Barn Owl	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Screech-Owl	3	-	16	2	3	4	12	-	1	3	9	-	-	1	4	1
Great Horned Owl	8	-	6	2	5	-	16	1	1	6	12	-	1	12	5	1

Northwest Region

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Snowy Owl	-	-	-	-	CW	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barred Owl	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	CW	-
Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Owl, sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	2	3	-	1	9	3	3	2	-	3	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	-	1	17	-	2	1	-	-	-	9	-
Red-bellied Woodpecker	15	3	16	26	11	42	2	11	5	26	9
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	6	-	3	1	CW	3	-	-	-	-	1
Downy Woodpecker	79	69	35	82	82	77	38	32	3	80	57
Hairy Woodpecker	10	4	4	18	11	11	3	7	1	10	10
Northern Flicker	18	18	7	22	20	10	6	7	5	24	3
Pileated Woodpecker	CW	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	1	4	-
Eastern Phoebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Horned Lark	27	38	9	54	25	6	12	9	7	45	1
Blue Jay	98	171	82	141	143	181	59	38	10	187	48
American Crow	32	59	60	1077	120	24000	-	42	33	180	70
Black-capped Chickadee	90	22	29	239	40	4	-	23	7	119	70
Carolina Chickadee	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Chickadee, sp.	-	-	-	-	-	163	-	-	-	-	-
Tufted Titmouse	52	22	17	99	56	157	8	34	4	82	67
Red-breasted Nuthatch	10	-	2	7	2	17	-	-	-	3	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	52	32	36	103	72	81	6	32	6	81	51
Brown Creeper	20	5	5	16	17	11	22	9	-	25	28
Carolina Wren	3	8	-	12	11	29	7	3	-	18	16
House Wren	CW	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winter Wren	-	1	-	1	3	-	4	-	-	2	6
Golden-crowned Kinglet	9	-	-	48	12	38	16	12	1	31	9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	6	-	1	9	-	-	-	-	2	-
Eastern Bluebird	39	6	1	11	3	135	-	6	6	54	-
Hermit Thrush	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Robin	47	26	7	3	22	217	2	-	-	3	3
Gray Catbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Mockingbird	-	-	-	1	1	6	-	-	-	-	-
Brown Thrasher	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Pipit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cedar Waxwing	75	27	26	79	20	20	-	10	-	39	28
Northern Shrike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
European Starling	4161	890	705	1413	695	714	1281	789	632	1986	9292

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Barred Owl	-	-	6	2	2	2	4	-	-	2	1	1	-	5	1	3
Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Short-eared Owl	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Owl, sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	4	-	16	2	2	12	20	1	8	5	4	2	-	21	5	4
Red-headed Woodpecker	33	-	-	-	-	6	-	3	4	-	-	7	4	87	6	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	-	6	35	63	15	55	68	22	15	27	46	10	13	229	60	36
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	-	CW	-	-	-	2	2	3	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Downy Woodpecker	87	22	60	144	49	116	217	79	39	61	67	38	29	289	104	49
Hairy Woodpecker	7	7	18	29	13	26	49	11	11	15	15	3	5	55	12	9
Northern Flicker	8	-	16	17	6	11	22	9	5	5	26	3	3	64	23	9
Pileated Woodpecker	3	1	12	19	6	9	3	CW	4	6	12	-	2	43	4	6
Eastern Phoebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Horned Lark	-	20	-	-	44	-	-	5	-	-	23	-	24	434	101	16
Blue Jay	122	68	178	241	108	296	517	174	53	221	177	192	71	724	204	76
American Crow	445	407	446	745	547	1017	1450	208	165	458	333	1284	186	870	474	489
Black-capped Chickadee	63	82	70	406	217	410	968	273	93	322	2	173	160	90	43	201
Carolina Chickadee	2	-	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	80	43	-
Chickadee, sp.	-	-	116	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128	-	-	300	47	-
Tufted Titmouse	71	12	96	203	85	83	342	92	71	121	146	60	64	534	141	93
Red-breasted Nuthatch	7	2	6	2	1	-	4	2	-	2	8	6	2	3	-	-
White-breasted Nuthatch	56	14	63	120	42	96	226	54	29	68	90	32	42	249	88	64
Brown Creeper	10	2	11	8	-	2	12	3	3	3	19	-	4	28	15	4
Carolina Wren	12	-	26	24	5	23	50	16	8	18	40	-	1	98	51	9
House Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winter Wren	-	1	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
Golden-crowned Kinglet	25	-	97	32	4	1	40	4	14	12	65	29	1	125	46	24
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6	-	-	-	-	CW	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	1	1
Eastern Bluebird	24	9	51	12	34	30	50	50	-	8	101	29	20	343	174	13
Hermit Thrush	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Robin	168	39	109	16	6	100	82	273	90	1311	394	23	19	533	267	86
Gray Catbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Northern Mockingbird	-	-	4	-	-	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	97	-	2
Brown Thrasher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Pipit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Cedar Waxwing	12	10	1	251	38	59	296	77	4	6	8	272	32	8	84	80
Northern Shrike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
European Starling	389	814	1454	1103	963	4517	4214	3702	315	10670	1242	2756	2187	3089	1290	1010

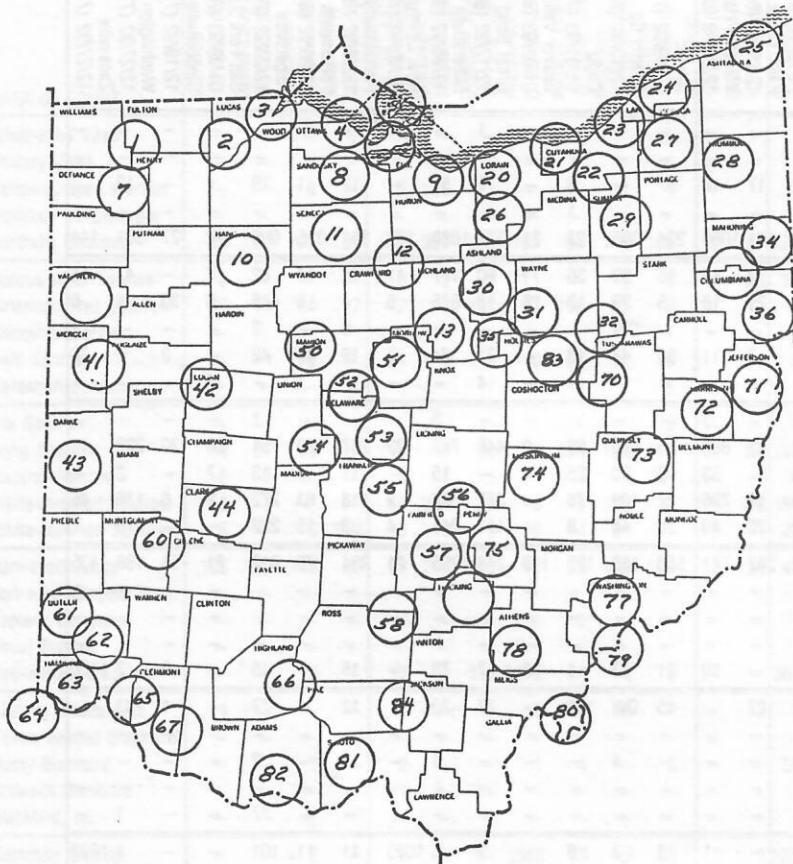
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White-eyed Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solitary Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	8	20	1	10	8	-	-	10	1	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Cardinal	75	168	35	159	113	289	86	42	19	151	128
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	-	-	-	1	8	-	-	-	4	-
American Tree Sparrow	91	387	51	166	28	127	106	27	22	190	86
Chipping Sparrow	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Field Sparrow	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Song Sparrow	23	34	8	111	23	74	40	8	16	71	35
Swamp Sparrow	1	15	-	6	CW	13	36	-	1	12	27
White-throated Sparrow	44	5	-	5	7	13	-	-	17	44	21
White-crowned Sparrow	-	-	-	-	8	6	-	-	-	2	-
Dark-eyed Junco	222	136	18	541	92	463	7	57	47	122	157
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lapland Longspur	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snow Bunting	-	103	-	-	3	-	101	-	-	CW	-
Red-winged Blackbird	62	9	-	-	CW	18	45	-	-	-	201
Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rusty Blackbird	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Brewer's Blackbird	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackbird, sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Common Grackle	1	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	1	23
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	-	-	-	12	1	4	1	2	CW	515
Purple Finch	1	2	-	1	17	3	-	-	-	-	-
House Finch	114	253	32	322	215	740	13	109	16	214	306
Common Redpoll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pine Siskin	-	-	-	4	2	2	-	-	-	4	-
American Goldfinch	89	81	13	107	81	273	38	41	2	199	197
Evening Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Sparrow	396	713	785	477	389	863	445	358	81	1220	519
total species	65	61	41	58	63	66	56	42	40	55	66
total individuals	17871	17328	3128	6944	5422	30608	16190	2276	1405	11570	31584
observers	25	13	12	7	37	15	23	12	4	30	28
party hours	57.00	25.00	33.00	42.00	179.00	64.50	34.00	28.00	12.00	39.00	47.00

	Ashland 12/27/92 (30)	Ashtabula 12/26/92 (25)	Beaver Creek 01/03/93 (36)	Brecksville-Northfield 01/02/93 (22)	Burton 01/01/93 (27)	Cleveland 12/19/92 (23)	Cuyahoga Falls 12/20/92 (29)	Elyria-Lorain 12/19/92 (20)	Lakewood 12/27/92 (21)	Mentor 12/27/92 (24)	Mohican State Forest 01/02/93 (35)	Trumbull Co. 12/20/92 (28)	Wellington 12/27/92 (26)	Wilderness Center 12/19/92 (32)	Wooster 12/19/92 (31)	Youngstown 12/19/92 (34)
White-eyed Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solitary Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	23	-	CW	-	-	16	23	1	1	-	5	5	2	3	24	12
Common Yellowthroat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Cardinal	116	44	249	210	176	204	592	121	53	223	216	56	76	880	168	108
Rufous-sided Towhee	9	-	4	-	2	4	5	5	-	3	7	-	-	109	7	4
American Tree Sparrow	44	120	79	123	90	100	434	91	31	102	120	188	21	436	231	83
Chipping Sparrow	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Field Sparrow	-	-	1	1	-	2	19	4	-	3	1	-	-	15	3	1
Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	CW	-	-	1	-	-
Song Sparrow	47	40	86	87	20	28	237	25	11	28	82	17	23	511	191	44
Swamp Sparrow	2	-	5	1	-	4	17	CW	-	1	-	-	-	7	8	-
White-throated Sparrow	7	1	10	18	15	59	123	46	6	83	48	5	5	207	43	2
White-crowned Sparrow	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	1	11	-	7	188	57	5
Dark-eyed Junco	159	213	429	104	178	385	524	334	106	243	385	115	141	691	268	211
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Lapland Longspur	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snow Bunting	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird	1	110	-	1	15	5	32	-	3	186	3	-	-	181	1	6
Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rusty Blackbird	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	2	-	-
Brewer's Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackbird, sp.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Grackle	-	2	-	-	-	317	34	-	-	95	1	1	1	369	3	2
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	1	CW	-	2	209	62	CW	-	100	510	1	1	70	-	-
Purple Finch	-	-	-	2	3	-	23	2	-	7	19	3	4	-	-	-
House Finch	293	195	394	296	136	443	1473	219	200	159	170	53	80	503	121	221
Common Redpoll	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pine Siskin	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
American Goldfinch	42	47	122	365	140	310	835	284	75	113	208	68	136	558	136	167
Evening Grosbeak	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Sparrow	368	211	403	317	218	527	2171	791	195	535	622	250	503	2697	531	266
total species	55	59	61	52	59	69	80	72	58	72	72	54	52	68	63	71
total individuals	4667	21062	6323	11456	5206	19180	24048	24040	11279	27538	6659	13808	9461	22009	10841	7915
observers	13	10	31	25	17	67	84	30	?	40	14	12	16	35	22	17
party hours	38.50	41.50	113.00	60.00	85.00	138.00	218.50	95.00	?	86.50	52.25	60.25	44.50	194.00	73.25	47.75



Ohio Christmas Count Areas

Ohio Bird Records Committee Report by H. Thomas Bartlett, Secretary

For this issue, 13 records were reviewed by the Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC). Of these 13 records, 10 received at least 9 "accept" votes by the 11 member Committee, and are therefore ACCEPTED. These 10 records are listed at the conclusion of "The Reports" section elsewhere in this issue. Three other records, however, did not receive the necessary 9 votes for acceptance. The following records are considered NOT ACCEPTED by the OBRC:

OBRC #334-92-04 N. Goshawk-- 1, Huron (Erie Co.), 11/7/92. Reasons for non-acceptance: 1) Short sighting time. 2) Lacks some details of plumage. 3) Does not eliminate immature Cooper's Hawk or Red-shouldered Hawk.

OBRC #334-92-05 N. Goshawk-- 1, Huron (Erie Co.), 11/?/92. Reasons for non-acceptance: 1) Lacks details on shape of bird. 2) Lacks details on tail banding pattern. 3) Lacks notes of undertail region patterns. 4) Lacks date of sighting.

OBRC #395-92-01 Red-cockaded Woodpecker-- 1, Mentor on the Lake (Lake Co.), 9/19/92. Reasons for non-acceptance: 1) More detail needed for such a rare species. 2) Problem with size description. 3) Observer's lack of experience with this species. 4) Does not rule out Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (imm.).

The following records are scheduled for review by the OBRC:

Rufous Hummingbird-- 1, Maumee (Lucas Co.), 10/1+/92.
LeConte's Sparrow-- 1, Gordon Park (Cuyahoga Co.), 10/22/92.
Black-throated Gray Warbler-- 1, Georgetown (Brown Co.), 11/25/92 - 2/16/93.
California Gull-- 1, Fairport Beach MP (Lake Co.), 12/7/92.
Black-legged Kittiwake-- 1, Clearfork Res. (Richland & Morrow Cos.), 12/19-20/92.
Slaty-backed Gull-- 1, Eastlake (Lake Co.), 12/29/92 and Lorain (Lorain Co.), 2/8/93.
N. Shrike-- 1, Green Twp. (Ross Co.), 1/6/93.
Green-tailed Towhee-- 1, Amherst Twp. (Lorain Co.), 1/10/93 into April 1993.
N. Goshawk-- 1, Oak Openings (Lucas Co.), 1/16/93.
Gyr Falcon-- 1, Ashtabula (Ashtabula Co.), 1/19+/93.
Ross' Goose-- 1, Ottawa NWR area (Ottawa Co.), 2/9/93 and 2/28/93.
Barrow's Goldeneye-- 1, Avon Lake (Lorain Co.), 2/28 - 3/1/93.
Greater White-fronted Goose-- 7, near Funk (Wayne Co.), 3/22/93.
N. Goshawk-- 1, Hancock Co., 3/23/93.
Eurasian Wigeon-- 1, Killbuck WA (Wayne Co.), 3/30/93.
Brambling-- 1, Cedar Point NWR (Lucas Co.), 4/10/93.
Eurasian Wigeon-- 1, Hoover Res. (Franklin/Delaware Cos.), 4/11/93 into early May 1993.
Snowy Plover-- 1, Headlands Beach SP (Lake Co.), 5/13/93.
Bewick's Wren-- 1, Headlands Beach SP (Lake Co.), 5/15/93.
LeConte's Sparrow-- 1, Magee Marsh WA (Ottawa/Lucas Cos.), 5/15/93.
Black Vulture-- 1, Springville Marsh SNP (Seneca Co.), 5/16/93.
Glossy Ibis-- 1, Ottawa NWR (Ottawa Co.), 5/17-25/93.
Swainson's Warbler-- 1, Jefferson Lk. SP (Jefferson Co.), 6/24+/93.
Arctic Tern-- 1, Conneaut (Ashtabula Co.), 7/3/93.
White Ibis-- 1, Rocky River MP (Cuyahoga Co.), 7/19/93.

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