AUTUMN 1979 Weather

The precipitation in August, September and November was far above normal. Rainfall was 4 inches above normal in August, 2.75 inches above normal in September, and 2.5 inches above normal in November. Precipitation in October was near normal.

The temperature was below normal for all four months this autumn. The temperature was 4°F. below normal in August, 3°F. below normal in September, 4°F. below normal in October, and 1°F. below normal in November.

Unusual birds that were documented are denoted with an asterisk *. 
AUTUMN SEASON - 1 August to 30 November 1979

Common Loon
8/1-9/13 Lake Rockwell (2 summered) (Rosche); 9/29 Buck Creek State Park (B.C.S.P.) (Clark Co.) (DO), 10/4 Beavercreek Reservoir (Seneca Co.) (TB), 10/17 Nimisila Reservoir (Summit Co.) (MT); Peak 350 on 11/30 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 325 on 11/11 Delaware Co. (BP), 200 on 11/11 Clearfork Reservoir (JH).

Red-throated Loon

Red-necked Grebe
10/30 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 11/19 Perkin's Beach (Cleveland) (1) (* Klamm).

Horned Grebe
Early 10/12 Wellington Reservoir (JP), 10/21 Beavercreek Reservoir (TB), 10/22 C. J. Brown Reservoir (Fry); Peak 958 on 11/18 Cleveland (Klamm), 55 on 11/12 C. J. Brown Reservoir (BP).

Pied-billed Grebe
Peak 25 on 10/25 Lake Rockwell (Portage Co.) (Rosche).

Double-crested Cormorant
Early 8/25-26 B.C.S.P. (DO), 9/5 Cleveland (Klamm), 9/14 Huron (JP), 9/15 Lake Rockwell (Rosche); Peak 72 on 11/15 East Harbor (JP), 36 on 10/26 East Harbor (JP), 24 on 10/11 Winous Point (Ottawa Co.) (JP); 10/14 Grand Lake (Auglaize Co.) (H) (Fazio), 10/20 Hoover Reservoir (1) (BP); Late 11/19 Willow Point (Ottawa Co.) (JP), 11/17 East Harbor (JP).

Great Blue Heron

Green Heron
Late 11/8 Port Clinton (JP), 11/4 Pickerington Marsh (Franklin Co.) (Fazio).

Little Blue Heron
8/17-27 West Branch Reservoir (Portage Co.) (one immature) (Rosche).

Cattle Egret
Cattle Egret
10/30 Pickerington Marsh (2) (Fido Fry).

Great Egret
Early 8/4 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 8/11-9/1 B.C.S.P. (DO), 9/7 Clearfork Reservoir (MT); Peak 75 on 8/4 Ottawa Co. (Fazio); Late 11/4 Magee Marsh (JP), 10/26 Wayne Co. (JB), 10/21 B.C.S.P. (3) (DO), 10/20 C.J. Brown Reservoir (3) (BP).

Black-crowned Night Heron
Early 8/1-4 Cleveland (3) (Klamm), 8/2 Shaker Lakes (one immature) (Fazio); 9/19 Shaker Lakes (3) (Hoffman), 9/22 Cleveland Hts. (1) (Hoffman); Late 11/28 Medusa Marsh (Erie Co.) (JP), 10/31 Cleveland (Klamm).

Yellow-crowned Night Heron
8/1-9/7 Rocky River Valley (Cuyahoga Co.) (1) (Klamm), 8/20-9/9 Shaker Lakes (one immature) (Fazio), 9/2 Rocky River Valley (2) (Klamm).

Least Bittern
8/6 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 10/25 Celotex Marsh (Gypsum) (JP).

American Bittern
2 reports: 10/3 Cleveland (RH), 9/3-10/1 Celotex Marsh (JP).

Plegadis spp.
10/9-10 Celotex Marsh (Gypsum) (1) (JP).

Sandhill Crane
10/10 Willow Point Wildlife Area (Ottawas Co.) (2) (JP), 11/4 Camp Perry (Ottawa Co.) (1) (JP).

Whistling Swan
Early 11/4 Winous Point (JP), 11/11 Alum Creek Reservoir (28) (BP), 11/11 Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (48) (DO); Peak 1,200 on 11/11 Mogadore Reservoir (Portage Co.) (Rosche), 1,100 on 11/11 Lake Rockwell (Rosche), 1,000 on 11/11 LaDue Reservoir (Geauga Co.) (Rosche), 623 on 11/11 Cleveland (Klamm), 280 on 11/11 East Harbor (JP); Late 11/27 Darby Marsh (Ottawa Co.) (60) (JP), 11/25 Seneca Lake (8) (JSw).

Canada Goose
11/18 Sandusky ("Richardson's Goose") (1) (BP).

Brant
11/1 Buckeye Lake (one bird shot by a hunter and given to Dr. M.B. Trautman) (fide Cairo), 11/10-21 Port Clinton (2) (BP, et. al.).
Snow Goose

Early 10/8 Medusa Marsh (JP), 10/14 Lake Rockwell (2 blue phase)(JP); Peak 200 on 10/29 Winous Point (JP), 140 on 11/11 Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (DO), 65 on 10/27 C.J. Brown Reservoir (BP); Late 11/11 Killdeer Plains (DO), 11/5 Hoover Reservoir (Fry).

Mallard

Peak 17,000 on 10/29 Winous Point (JP), 1,000 on 11/28-29 Wayne Co. (JB), 636 on 11/13 Pickerington Marsh (Fry), 400 on 11/25 Seneca Lake (JSW).

Black Duck

Peak 6,000 on 10/29 Winous Point (JP), 470 on 11/22 Walden Pond (Blendon Woods Metro. Park, Franklin Co.) (Fry).

Gadwall

Early 8/8 Medusa Marsh (summered ?) (JP), 10/3 Walden Pond (Fry); Peak 60 on 10/6 Magee Marsh (Fazio), 40 on 11/4 Pickerington Marsh (Fazio), 34 on 11/3 Walden Pond (Fry).

Pintail

Early 9/15 Lake Rockwell (Rosche); Peak 2,500 on 10/29 Winous Point (JP).

Green-winged Teal

Early 8/22 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 9/8 Walden Pond (Fry), 9/15 Lake Rockwell (Rosche); Peak 1,000 on 11/4 O.N.R. (BP), 260 on 11/1 Medusa Marsh (JP), 142 on 10/27 Wayne Co. (JB); Late 11/30 Pickerington Marsh (Cairo), 11/28 Wayne Co. (60)(JB), 11/28 Medusa Marsh (JP).

Blue-winged Teal


American Wigeon

Early 9/7 Walden Pond (Fry), 9/8 Huron (Hoffman), 9/8 Cleveland (Klemm); Peak 250 on 10/1 Lake Rockwell (Rosche), 86 on 10/14 Walden Pond (Fry), 70 on 11/4 Pickerington Marsh (Fazio).

European Wigeon

9/15-10/26 Lake Rockwell (Portage Co.) (one male) (* Rosche, et.al.).

Northern Shoveler

8/2 Medusa Marsh (JP), 8/21 O.N.R. (Fry); Early 9/15 Huron (Hoffman); Peak 120 on 11/6 Medusa Marsh (JP); Late 11/30 Pickerington Marsh (Cairo), 11/29 Medusa Marsh (JP).
Wood Duck

Redhead
Early 8/29 Winous Point (JP), 9/16 Medusa Marsh (JP), 9/27 Oregon (Fry), 10/25 Lake Rockwell (Rosche); Peak 280 on 11/30 Lorain (JP), 176 on 11/30 Cleveland (Klamm), 53 on 10/29 Findlay Reservoir (Fry).

Ring-necked Duck

Canvasback
Early 10/19 Medusa Marsh (JP), 10/26 Cleveland (Klamm), 10/29 Lake Rockwell (60)(Rosche), 11/3 Walden Pond (Fry); Peak 60 on 10/29 Lake Rockwell (Rosche), 10 on 11/13 Pickerington Marsh (Fry).

Greater Scaup
Early 10/10 Cleveland (Klamm), 10/13 Lorain (JP); Peak 123 on 11/30 Cleveland (Klamm); 11/3 Hoover Reservoir (2)(BP), 11/12 C.J. Brown Reservoir (1)(BP).

Lesser Scaup
Early 9/7 Pickerington Marsh (BSt), 10/7 Medusa Marsh (JP), 10/21 Cleveland (Klamm); Peak 255 on 11/30 Cleveland (Klamm), 100 on 10/29 Lake Rockwell (Rosche), 60 on 11/3 B.C.S.P. (DO).

Common Goldeneye
Early 9/18 Medusa Marsh (JP), 11/4 Pickerington Marsh (BSt), 11/10 Walden Pond (Fry); Peak 55 on 11/17 Cleveland (Klamm).

Bufflehead
Early 10/7 O.N.R. (Fazio), 10/11 Winous Point (JP), 11/3 Cleveland (Klamm), 11/5 Wayne Co. (JB); Peak 90 on 11/11 Cleveland (Klamm).

Oldsquaw

White-winged Scoter
All reports: 10/19 Lorain (3)(JP), 11/3 Cleveland (10)(RH), 11/3-11 Clearfork Reservoir (one immature or female)(MT, JH, SM), 11/8 Avon Lake (1)(JP), 11/10 Huron (BP),
White-winged Scoter

Surf Scoter

Black Scoter

Ruddy Duck
Early 3/15 Huron (1)(Rosche), 9/4 Oregon (Fry), 10/2 Lake Rockwell (12)(Rosche); Peak 446 on 10/29 Findlay Reservoir (Fry), 183 on 11/14 Cleveland (Klamm), 60 on 10/6 Crane Creek (Fazio).

Hooded Merganser
Early 8/4 O.N.R. (one female)(summered ?) (Fazio), 9/19 Clearfork Reservoir (MT), 10/15 Medusa Marsh (JP), 10/22 Cleveland (Klamm); Peak 100 on 8/28 Nimisilla Reservoir (Summit Co.)(CT), 75 on 11/17 B.C.S.P. (DO), 75 on 11/14 Lake Rockwell (Rosche).

Common Merganser
Early 10/19 Avon Lake (JP), 11/13 Pickerington Marsh (Fry), 11/14 Lake Rockwell (Rosche); Peak 3 on 11/14 Lake Rockwell (Rosche).

Red-breasted Merganser
Early 10/10 Medusa Marsh (JP), 10/25 Lake Rockwell (Rosche); Peak 75,000 on 11/21 (between Lorain and Huron) (JP), 70,000 on 10/28 O.N.R. (JP), 25,000 on 11/4 Huron (BP), 12,500 on 11/28 Cleveland (Klamm).

Turkey Vulture
Peak 90 on 9/30-10/1 Logan Co. (DO,Fazio), 40 on 11/15 Lancaster (Cairo), 21 on 10/14 Marietta (JSw); Late 11/12 Port Clinton (2)(Fry,JP), 10/27 Bryan (Williams Co.)(Rosche), 10/27 Clearfork Reservoir (MT).

Black Vulture

Broad-winged Hawk
Early 9/8 Magee Marsh (JP); Peak 25 on 9/20 Miami Co. (BP); Late 11/1 Monroe Co. (JSw), 10/13 Clark Co. (Fazio).
Rough-legged Hawk


Bald Eagle


Marsh Hawk

Early 8/4 Lorain (Fazio), 8/12 O.N.R. (JP, JH), 8/12 B.C.S.P. (DO), 9/1 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 9/1 Clinton Twp. Seneca Co. (T3).

Osprey

Early 8/5 East Branch Reservoir (Geauga Co.) (Fazio), 8/26 Hoover Reservoir (BSt), 9/8 Little Cedar Point (JP), 9/9 Clearfork Reservoir (JH); Total of 25 birds reported; Late 11/2 Marblehead (JP), 10/14 Richland Co. (2)(MT).

Peregrine Falcon


Merlin

9/6 Huron (JP).

Bobwhite

8/1 Meigs Co. (2) (Fry), 8/2 Fairfield Co. (Cairo), 9/4 Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area (Wayne Co.) (9 downy young) (Staab), 10/6 Holmes Co. (10) (Kline); also reported from Paulding Co. (BP).

Turkey


King Rail

10/7 Magee Marsh (1) (Rosche, JP).

Virginia Rail

Late 11/21 Killbuck Marsh (Staab), 10/24 East Harbor (JP), 10/14 Richland Co. (MT).

Sora

Late 10/16 Celotex Marsh (JP), 9/22 Richland Co. (MT).

Yellow Rail

8/29 Winous Point (Ottawa Co.) (1) (JP), 11/11 Lake LaDue (Geauga Co.) (1) seen at a distance of 3 feet ( * Rosche ).
Common Gallinule
9/1-10/22 Lake Rockwell (4 adults, 3 young)(Rosche), 9/2 Killbuck Marsh (6 downy young)(Staab); Peak 23 on 9/15 Wayne Co. (JB); Late 10/28 Medusa Marsh (JP).

American Coot
Peak 2,300 on 11/2 Killbuck Marsh (Staab), 2,000 on 9/25 Lake Rockwell (Rosche), 653 on 11/5 Pickerington Marsh (Fry), 350 on 11/3 B.C.S.P. (DO).

Semipalmated Plover
Early (inland)(south of Lake Erie) 8/11 B.C.S.P. (2) (DO), 8/17 West Branch Reservoir (6)(Rosche), 8/20 Licking Co.(Cairo); Peak 100 on 8/18 O.N.R. (BP); Late 11/16 East Harbor (JP).

Piping Plover
8/18-21 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (1) (Fry, et.al.), 8/30 Huron (1) (Rosche, et.al.).

Killdeer
Peak 200 on 10/29 Lake Rockwell (Rosche), 90 on 8/4 Cleveland (Fazio).

American Golden Plover
Early 8/21 Cleveland (Klamm), 8/21 O.N.R. (Fry), 9/2 B.C.S.P. (DO); Peak 10 on 9/22 Burke Airport (Cleveland) (Hoffman); Late 11/9 O.N.R. (5)(JP), 10/14 Grand Lake (Auglaize Co.) (Fazio).

Black-bellied Plover
Early (inland) 8/11 B.C.S.P. (DO); Peak 31 on 8/26 Cleveland (Klamm); Late 11/9 O.N.R. (14)(JP), 11/3 B.C.S.P. (DO); 10/14 Grand Lake (1)(Fazio).

Ruddy Turnstone
Early 8/2 Cleveland (Klamm); Peak 9 on 9/27 Oregon (Fry); Late 11/14 East Harbor (JP), 11/3 Cleveland (Klamm).

Purple Sandpiper
11/4 Mentor Headlands Beach (1) (* Corbin), 11/28 Cedar Point Parking Lot (Erie Co.) (1) (* JP).

American Woodcock
Late 11/18 Perry Co. (Cairo), 11/11 East Harbor (JP), 11/10 Aurora (Portage Co.)(Rosche).

Common Snipe
Early 8/2 Neilson's Marsh (JP), 8/11 Magee Marsh (JH), 8/20 Licking Co. (Cairo); Peak 150 on 11/5 Wayne Co. (JB), 35 on 11/22 Pickerington Marsh (BP); 10/20-11/30 Seneca Lake (JSW).
Whimbrel


Upland Sandpiper

Early 8/1 East Harbor (JP), 8/4 B.C.S.P. (DO);

Spotted Sandpiper

Late 11/26 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 10/11 Winous Point (JP).

Solitary Sandpiper

Late 10/9 Celotex Marsh (JP), 9/19 Clearfork Reservoir (MT), 9/17 Lake Lagonda (B.C.S.P.) (Fazio).

Willet


Greater Yellowlegs

Peak 26 on 3/24 Cleveland (Klamm), 20 on 8/21 0.N.R. (Fry); Late 11/18 B.C.S.P. (DO), 11/11 Wayne Co. (JB), 11/10 Clearfork Reservoir (JH).

Lesser Yellowlegs


Red Knot


Spotted Redshank

8/28 Huron pier landfill (full breeding plumage)
First Ohio Record (* Rosche, Elinor Elder).

Ruff

9/8 Sheldon's Folly (Erie Co.) (* BP), 9/16 Huron (Reeve) (* JP).
Pectoral Sandpiper
   Peak 100 on 9/15 O.N.R. (Hoffman), 15 on 8/6 Cleveland (Klamm), 15 on 9/1 B.C.S.P. (DO); Late 11/24 Medusa Marsh (JP), 11/10 Pickerington Marsh (Cairo), 10/30 C.J. Brown Reservoir (Fry).

White-rumped Sandpiper
   None reported this autumn.

Baird's Sandpiper
   Early 8/18-19 B.C.S.P. (3)(DO), 8/20 Huron (2) (Rosche), 8/25 Sheldon's Polly (6)(JP); Peak 12 on 9/11 Huron (BP); Late 10/12 Cleveland (Rosche), 10/7 O.N.R. (Fazio), 10/11 Huron (3)(JP).

Least Sandpiper
   Peak 500 on 8/25 O.N.R. (BP), 26 on 8/26 Cleveland (Klamm), 20 on 8/18-19 B.C.S.P. (DO); Late 11/14 East Harbor (JP), 10/14 Grand Lake (Fazio).

Dunlin
   Early 8/8 Neilson's Marsh (JP), 9/15 O.N.R. (Hoffman); Peak 200 on 10/6-7 O.N.R. (Fazio), 101 on 10/24 Cleveland (Klamm), 35 on 10/14 Grand Lake (Fazio); Late 11/18 Wayne Co. (JB), 11/12 O.N.R. (Fry).

Dowitcher spp.
   Peak 60 on 10/7 O.N.R. (Fazio), 4 on 8/28 Cleveland (Klamm); Late 10/28 O.N.R. (JP), 11/5 Wayne Co. (JB), 9/30 Springfield (Cairo); 9/2 B.C.S.P. (5)(DO).

Short-billed Dowitcher
   250 on 8/11 O.N.R. (BP), "many" on 8/30 Huron (Hoffman).

Long-billed Dowitcher
   100 on 10/23 O.N.R. (BP); 11/12 C.J. Brown Reservoir (1) (BP).

Stilt Sandpiper

Semipalmated Sandpiper
   Peak 1,000 on 8/11 O.N.R. (BP), 250 on 8/1 Cleveland (Klamm); Late 10/20 Bellevue (JP), 10/14 Grand Lake (Fazio), 9/30 Springfield (Cairo).

Western Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
Early 8/1 East Harbor (1)(JP), 8/30-31 Huron (JP); Total of 15 birds reported this autumn. Peak 4 on 9/17 Lake Lagonda (Clark Co.) (Fazio); Late 9/22 C.J. Brown Reservoir (1)(BP); 9/7 B.C.S.P. (2)(DO), 9/4 Oregon (1)(Fry).

Marbled Godwit  


Hudsonian Godwit  

Sanderling  
Early (inland) 8/26 B.C.S.P. (2)(DO); Peak 60 on 8/6
Sanderling
Cleveland (Klamm), 32 on 8/12 Magee Marsh (JP),
30 on 8/12 Sheldon's Folly (JH); Late 11/15 East Harbor
(JP), 10/6 Crane Creek (Fazio); 9/17 Lake Lagonda (Clark
Co.)(Fazio), 9/26 Lancaster (Cairo), 9/30 Springfield
(Cairo).

American Avocet
8/8-24 Cleveland (1)(Hoffman, Klamm), 10/21 Ottawa

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Wilson’s Phalarope
9/1-2 Winous Point (16)(JP), 9/4 Huron (1)(JP), 9/16
Huron (JP), 9/27 Oregon (1)(Fry), 9/29 Holmes Co. (1)
(fide JW); Peak 35 on 9/2 O.N.R. (BP).

Red Phalarope
11/3 East 156th Street Bluff (Cleveland) (1)( * RH),
11/5 Mentor Headlands (1) ( * Rosche), 11/5 Winous Point
(1)( * JP), 11/10 East Harbor (1)( * BP), 11/12-14 Edge-
water Park (Cleveland) (1)( * Klamm).
Northern Phalarope

Parasitic Jaeger
9/6 Huron pier (one adult) ( * JP).

Pomarine Jaeger
10/2 Lake Erie, 2 miles north of Avon Lake (one immature) ( * JP).

Jaeger spp.
9/4-7 Huron pier (one immature) ( * JP, * Fry).

Glaucous Gull

Great Black-backed Gull

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Herring Gull
Early (inland) 9/7 Hoover Reservoir (Cairo), 10/20 B.C.S.P. (DO); Peak 3,400 on 11/30 Cleveland (Klamm).

California Gull
11/24-25 Huron pier (one adult) First Ohio Record ( * BP, et.al.).

Ring-billed Gull
Early (inland) 8/4 B.C.S.P. (DO); Peak 75,000 on 11/28 Huron (JP), 15,000 on 11/30 Cleveland (Klamm).

Black-legged Kittiwake
11/30 Wildwood Park (Cleveland) (one immature) ( * Klamm).

Franklin's Gull
8/2-10/9 Medusa Marsh (summered)(JP); Early 8/15 Cleveland (1)(Klamm), 9/14 Huron (JP), 9/17 Lake Lagonda (Clark Co.) (1)(Fazio); Peak 4 on 10/23 Metzger Marsh (BP); Late 11/30 Lorain (JP), 11/26 Cleveland (Klamm); 10/14 Grand Lake (Auglaize Co.) (1)(Fazio), 10/25 Lake Rockwell (1)(Rosche).

Bonaparte's Gull
Early (inland) 8/18 B.C.S.P. (DO); Peak 40,000 on 11/28 Huron (JP), 20,000 on 11/30 Cleveland (Klamm).

Sabine's Gull
11/2 Lake Erie, 3/4 mile offshore of Cedar Point Peninsula (one immature) ( * JP).

Little Gull
Early 8/5 Wildwood Park (1)(Hoffman), 8/11-20
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (2 immatures) (BP, JP, et.al.), 9/12 Conneaut (JP), 9/23 Mentor (Hoffman);
Peak 12 on 11/25-30 Cleveland (Klamm), 3 on 11/28-30

Forster's Tern
Early (inland) 8/11-19 B.C.S.P. (1-4 birds)(DO);
Peak 200 on 9/2 C.N.R. (BP); 10 on 8/4 Huron (Fazio),
3 on 8/2 Cleveland (Klamm); Late 11/11 Metzger Marsh (JP).

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Common Tern
Early (inland) 8/19 Springfield (4)(BSt); Peak 4,000 on 9/2 O.N.R. (BP), 550 on 8/24 Cleveland (Klamm), 90 on 8/4 Huron (Fazio); Late 11/30 Huron (JP), 11/11 Cleveland (Klamm).

Caspian Tern
Peak 50 on 9/2 O.N.R. (BP), 23 on 8/2 Cleveland (Klamm); Late 11/18 farm pond along Ohio Turnpike between Exits 7 and 8 (Erie or Lorain Co.)(TB), 11/3 Lorain (JP), 10/12 Cleveland (Rosche).

Black Tern
Peak 600 on 8/17 Cleveland (Klamm), 150 on 8/5 O.N.R. (BP), 40 on 8/4 Huron (Fazio); Late 9/23 Mentor (Hoffman), 9/17 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 9/14 Huron (JP).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Late 10/24 Willow Point (JP), 10/7 Marietta (JSW), 9/29 Blendon Woods (Franklin Co.) (Fry).

Black-billed Cuckoo
Late 9/23 Richland Co. (SM), 9/22 Hocking Co. (JP).
Barn Owl

Snowy Owl
11/24 Wildwood Park (Cleveland) (one immature) (Fazio, et.al.).

Short-eared Owl
All reports: 11/26 Shaker Lakes (3)(Fazio), 11/26 Holmes Co. (1)(Kline).

Saw-whet Owl
One report: 11/4-11 Crane Creek (1)(JP, Rosche).

Whip-poor-will
Late 9/18 Port Clinton (JP).

Common Nighthawk
Peak 125 on 8/27 Cuyahoga Co. (Klamm), 250 on 9/3 Huron (JP), 85 on 8/18 Columbus (BSt), 49 on 8/22 Richland Co. (MT); Late 10/17 Belpre (Washington Co.) (fide JSW), 10/6 Port Clinton (JP), 10/1 Kent (Rosche).

Chimney Swift
Peak 1,000 on 10/9-13 Lake Rockwell (Rosche), 300 on 10/23 Cuyahoga Co. (Klamm), 250 on 10/11 Mansfield (SM); Late 11/7 Columbus (BP), 10/29 Winous Point (JP), 10/22 Clark Co. (Fazio).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Late 10/8 Tiffin (fide TB), 10/1 Magee Marsh (JP).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Early 9/19 Shaker (Hoffman), 9/22 Lancaster (Kind, Cairo), 9/23 Richland Co. (JH); Late 11/24 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 10/21 Reynoldsburg (Fry).

Eastern Kingbird
Late 10/2 Port Clinton (JP), 9/1 Holmes Co. (Kline); 27 on 8/27 Lake Rockwell (Rosche).

Western Kingbird
9/2 Holmes County (1) (Kline).

Great-crested Flycatcher
Late 9/22 Hocking Co. (JP), 9/19 Clearcreek (Cairo), 9/10 Cleveland (Klamm).

Eastern Phoebe
Late 11/20 Scioto Co. (BP), 10/26 East Harbor (JP), 10/22 Cleveland (Klamm), 10/20 Springfield (DO).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Early 8/12 Franklin Co. (BP), 8/21 Shaker Lakes (Fazio),
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
  8/25 Crane Creek (BP); Late 9/22 Hocking Co. (JP),
  9/15 Holmes Co. (Kline), 9/9 Cleveland Hts. (Hoffman).

Acadian Flycatcher
  Late 9/29 Holmes Co. (heard)(Kline), 9/16 Lake
  Katherine (Kinn).

Willow Flycatcher
  Late 9/15 Clearcreek (heard)(Cairo).

Least Flycatcher
  Late 9/22 Holmes Co. (Kline), 9/16 Sheldon's Folly
  (heard)(JP), 9/9 Clearcreek (Cairo).

Empidonax flycatcher spp.
  Late 10/13 Cleveland (Klam), 9/23 Mentor (Hoffman).

Eastern Wood Pewee
  Late 10/21 Magee Marsh (JP), 10/21 Sim's Park
  (Cleveland) (Corbin), 10/19 Holmes Co. (Kline), 10/10
  Akron (CT).

Olive-sided Flycatcher
  Early 8/14 Paulding Co. (BP), 8/20 Shaker Lakes
  (Fazio), 8/21-23 Tuscarawas Co. (JP)(BP); Late 9/24
  Port Clinton (JP), 9/23 Clearcreek (Cairo); 10 on 9/1
  Shaker Lakes (Fazio).

Horned Lark
  100 on 9/27 Pleasant Twp. Seneca Co. (TB).

Tree Swallow
  Peak 300 on 10/16-22 Seneca Co. (JK), 275 on 10/6
  O.N.R. (Fazio); Late 11/20 Clark Co. (Fazio), 11/19
  Willow Point (JP), 10/31 Lake Rockwell (Roesche).

Bank Swallow
  Late 9/17 Lake Lagonda (Clark Co.) (Fazio), 9/14
  Celotex Marsh (JP).

Rough-winged Swallow
  Late 10/14 Grand Lake (40)(Fazio), 10/13 Old Woman's
  Creek (Erie Co.)(JP).

Barn Swallow
  Peak 1,400 on 9/15 Wayne Co. (JB), 36 on 8/2 Cleveland
  (Klam); Late 10/27 C.J. Brown Reservoir (3)(BP), 10/21

Cliff Swallow

Purple Martin
  Peak 1,500 on 8/29 Columbus (BP), 920 on 8/27
  Cuyahoga Co. (Klam), 330 on 8/26 Hoover Reservoir (BSt);
Purple Martin
   Late 10/14 Grand Lake (Fazio), 9/28 Medusa Marsh (JP).

Blue Jay
   880 on 9/26 Celotex Marsh (Gypsum) (JP).

Common Crow
   280 on 10/24 Sandusky Bay (JP), 52 on 10/26 Blendon Woods (Fry).

Black-capped Chickadee

Red-breasted Nuthatch
   Early 8/25 Shaker Lakes (1)(Fazio), 8/31 Shaker Lakes (30)(Fazio), 9/7 Blendon Woods (Fry), 9/8 Magee Marsh (JP). Reported to be relatively rare this autumn.

Brown Creeper
   Early 9/9 Clearcreek (Cairo), 9/19 Cleveland Hts. (Hoffman), 9/23 Magee Marsh (JP).

House Wren
   8/21 Shaker Lakes (3 young fledged)(Fazio); Late 10/26 East Harbor (JP), 10/3 Holmes Co. (Kline), 9/29 B.C.S.P. (DO).

Winter Wren
   Early 9/19 Cleveland Hts. (Hoffman), 9/22 Holmes Co. (Kline), 9/23 Clearcreek (Cairo), 9/23 Magee Marsh (JP); 43 on 10/26 East Harbor (JP).

Bewick's Wren
   10/29 Lancaster (1) ( * Cairo).

Carolina Wren
   All reports: 8/1 Pomeroy (Meigs Co.)(2)(Fry), 9/9-19 Clearcreek (Cairo), 10/29 Marietta (2)(JSW), 3 birds reported from Holmes Co. (Kline); also reported from Gallia, Hamilton, Ross, & Tuscarawas Co.s (BP).

Long-billed Marsh Wren

Short-billed Marsh Wren
   All reports: 8/4-12 B.C.S.P. (1)(DO), 9/5 Lancaster (Cairo), 10/5 Winous Point (JP), 10/28 Munroe Falls (Summit Co.)(1) ( Tim Torson fide CT).

Mockingbird
Gray Catbird
  Late 11/3 Lorain (JP), 10/28 East Harbor (JP),
  10/27 Blendon Woods (Fry).

Brown Thrasher
  Late 11/30 Holmes Co. (Kline), 11/14 Richland Co.
  (JH), 11/12 Sim's Park (Cleveland)(Corbin), 11/10 Sheldon's
  Folly (JP,BP).

American Robin
  Peal 200 on 10/22 Wayne Co. (JB), 200 on 9/19
  Cleveland Hts. (Hoffman), 200 on 10/10 Clark Co. (DO).

Wood Thrush
  Late 10/3 Holmes Co. (Kline), 10/1 Magee Marsh (JP).

Hermit Thrush
  Early 9/4 Cleveland (Klamm), 9/18 Milan (JP),
  9/27 Richland Co. (JH), 10/2 Holmes Co. (Kline); Late
  11/7 Blendon Woods (Fry), 11/3 Cleveland (Klamm).

Swainson's Thrush
  Early 8/29 Columbus (BST), 8/31 Rocky River Valley
  (Cuyahoga Co.) (Klamm), 8/31 Akron (CT); Late 10/20
  Sim's Park (Corbin), 10/10 Willow Point (JP), 10/5
  Cleveland (Klamm).

Gray-cheeked Thrush
  Early 9/9 Cleveland (Klamm), 9/16 Akron (CT),
  9/22 Richland Co. (MT); Late 10/20 Sim's Park (Corbin),
  10/3 Resthaven Wildlife Area (JP), 9/29 Holmes Co. (Kline).

Veery
  Early 8/23 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/26 Cleveland
  (Klamm), 8/31 southwest Richland Co. (singing)(Summered ?)
  (SM); Late 9/18 Milan (JP), 9/10 Cleveland (Klamm).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
  Late 10/1 Magee Marsh (JP), 9/19 Cleercreek (Cairo).

Golden-crowned Kinglet
  Early 9/9 Wildwood Park (Corbin), 9/23 Crane Creek
  (JP,JH), 9/26 Ashland Co. (SM). 50 on 10/27 Wildwood
  Park (Corbin). Numbers of birds reported to be increased
  over those of last autumn.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
  Early 8/26 Lorain Co. (JP), 9/8 Little Cedar Point
  (JP), 9/9, arletta (JSw), 9/13 Shaker Lakes (Hoffman);
  85 on 10/12 Cleveland (RH), 64 on 10/11 Cleveland (Klamm);
  Late 10/31 Cleveland (Klamm), 10/29 Blendon Woods (BST).

Water Pipit
  Early 8/31 Huron (JP), 9/15 Huron (Hoffman), 10/8
  Burke Airport (Cleveland) (Hoffman); Peak 15 on 10/14
  Grand Lake (Fazio), 14 on 10/29 Lake Rockwell (Rosche);
Water Pipit  
Late 11/29 Holmes Co. (Kline), 11/10 East Harbor (JP).

Cedar Waxwing  
160 on 11/23 Kent (Rosche), 105 on 8/21 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 58 on 8/22 Rocky River Valley (Klamm); migration peaked in late August and early September with numbers (generally) declining in October, scarce in November with birds largely confined to areas south of Columbus (BP).

Loggerhead Shrike  

White-eyed Vireo  
Late 10/10 Holmes Co. (Kline), 10/1 Clearfork Reservoir (MT, JW), 10/1 Magee Marsh (JP).

Yellow-throated Vireo  
Late 10/1 Holmes Co. (Kline), 9/16 Alum Creek Reservoir (BST), 9/15 Clearfork Reservoir (MT).

Solitary Vireo  

Red-eyed Vireo  
Late 10/15 Cleveland (Klamm), 10/14 Sim's Park (Corbin), 10/1 Magee Marsh (JP), 10/1 Richland Co. (MT).

Philadelphia Vireo  
Early 8/14 Hoover Reservoir (BP), 8/23 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/26 Rocky River Valley (Klamm); Late 10/13 Sim's Park (Corbin), 10/10 Holmes Co. (Kline), 10/1 Magee Marsh (JP).

Warbling Vireo  
Late 10/1 Magee Marsh (JP), 9/15 Clearcreek (Cairo).

Black-and-White Warbler  
Early 8/19 Cleveland (Klamm), 8/20 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/22 Holmes Co. (Kline), 8/26 Blenden Woods (BST); Late 10/3 Resthaven Wildlife Area (JP), 9/23 Mentor (Hoffman), 9/22 Richland Co. (MT).

Prothonotary Warbler  
Late 9/1 Winous Point (JP).

Worm-eating Warbler  
9/9 Donald Gray Gardens (Cleveland) (1) First Cleveland Autumn Record (Hoffman); Late 9/22 Hocking Co. (JP).
Golden-winged Warbler
  2 reports: 8/24 Cleveland (1)(Klam), 8/26 Clear-
creek (one male)(Cairo).

Blue-winged Warbler
  Late 9/13 Pymatuning Reservoir (Ashtabula Co.) (JP),
  9/13 Lancaster (Kind).

Tennessee Warbler
  Early 8/1 Lake Rockwell (Rosche), 8/18 Crane Creek
  (BP, JP), 8/21 Shaker Lakes (Fazio); Late 10/28 Cleveland
  (RH), 10/25 Lancaster (Kind), 10/14 Grand Lake (Fazio).

Orange-crowned Warbler
  All reports: 8/21 Shaker Lakes (Fazio); 9/4 Res-
haven Wildlife Area (JP), 9/16 Donald Gray Gardens (1)
  (Hoffman), 9/19 Cleveland Hts. (1)(Hoffman), 9/23 Sim's
  Park (Corbin), 9/30 Lorain (JP); 10/20 Cleveland (1)
  (Klam), 10/21 Magee Marsh (JP), 10/24 East Harbor (JP).

Nashville Warbler
  Early 8/21 Lake Rockwell (Rosche), 8/21 Shaker
  Lakes (Fazio), 8/22 Holmes Co. (Kline); Late 11/11
  Cleveland (RH), 10/22 Wayne Co. (JB), 10/21 Magee Marsh
  (JP), 10/1 Richland Co. (MT, JW).

Northern Parula
  Early 8/20 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 9/9 Sheldon's
  Folly (JP), 9/10 Shaker Lakes (Fazio); Late 10/1 Magee
  Marsh (JP), 9/23 Aullwood Audubon Center (Dayton) (Fazio),
  9/23 Sim's Park (Corbin), 9/22 Holmes Co. (Kline).

Yellow Warbler
  Late 9/22 Lancaster (Kind), 9/8 Magee Marsh (JP),
  9/7 Cleveland (Klam).

Magnolia Warbler
  Early 8/17 Franklin Co. (BP), 8/20 Shaker Lakes
  (Fazio), 8/23 Holmes Co. (Kline); Late 11/1 Cleveland
  (RH), 10/19 Cleveland (Hoffman), 10/5 Winous Point (JP),
  10/1 Clearfork Reservoir (MT, JW).

Cape May Warbler
  Early 8/22 Rocky River Valley (Klam), 8/23 Holmes
  Co. (Kline), 8/25 Crane Creek (BP, JP); Late 10/24 East
  Harbor (JP), 10/18 Cleveland (Klam), 9/29 Holmes Co.
  (Kline).

Black-throated Blue Warbler
  Early 8/21 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/29 Cleveland
  (Klam), 8/31 Resthaven Wildlife Area (JP); Late 10/21
  Cleveland (RH), 10/7 Magee Marsh (JP), 10/3 Ashland Co.
  (SM), 10/2 Richland Co. (JH).

Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
  Early 8/31 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 9/5 Cleveland (Klam),
Yellow-rumped Warbler
9/8 Little Cedar Point (JP); 40 on 9/23 Sim's Park (Corbin).

Black-throated Green Warbler
Early 8/20 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/29 Cleveland (Klamm), 9/1 Magee Marsh (JH, JP); Late 10/24 Lancaster (Klamm), 10/22 Wayne Co. (JB), 10/14 Lake Rockwell (JP), 10/13 Clark Lake (Clark Co.) (DO).

Cerulean Warbler
Late 9/11 Clearcreek (Cairo).

Blackburnian Warbler
Early 8/18 Crane Creek (BP, JP), 8/21 Shaker Lakes (50)(Fazio), 8/22 Holmes Co. (Kline); Late 10/14 Lake Rockwell (JP), 10/4 Holmes Co. (Kline). (DO).

Yellow-throated Warbler
Late 9/22 Hocking Co. (JP).

Chestnut-sided Warbler
Early 8/20 Magee Marsh (JP), 8/21 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/24 Franklin Co. (BP); Late 10/3 Resthaven Wildlife Area (JP), 9/23 Sim's Park (Corbin), 9/22 Richland Co. (MT).

Bay-breasted Warbler
Early 8/20 Magee Marsh (JP), 8/20 Cleveland (Klamm), 8/20 Shaker Lakes (Fazio); Late 10/15 East Harbor (JP), 10/4 Holmes Co. (Kline), 9/29 B.C.S.P. (DO); 100 on 8/21 Shaker Lakes (Fazio).

Blackpoll Warbler
Early 8/21 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/27 Lorain (JP); Late 10/14 Holmes Co. (Kline), 10/1 Magee Marsh (JP), 9/30 Clearcreek (Cairo).

Pine Warbler
Early 8/20 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/24 Franklin Co. (BP), 9/4 Resthaven Wildlife Area (JP); Late 10/14 Springville Marsh (Third Seneca County Record) (TB), 9/22 Hocking Co. (JP), 9/17-21 Tiffin (Second Seneca County Record) (TB), 9/16 Lake Katherine (Kind).

Prairie Warbler
3 reports: 9/19 Clearcreek (Cairo), 8/30 Monroe Co. (BP), 8/20 Shaker Lakes (Fazio).

Palm Warbler
Early 8/26 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/31 Resthaven Wildlife Area (JP), 9/7 Blendon Woods (Cairo); Late 11/3 Lorain (JP), 10/21 Clark Co. (Fazio), 10/19 Cleveland Hts. (Hoffman).

Ovenbird
Late 10/7 Magee Marsh (JP), 9/30 Blendon Woods (Fry), 9/23 Sim's Park (Corbin), 9/22 Holmes Co. (Kline).
Northern Waterthrush
   Early 8/2 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/8 Rocky River
   Valley (Klamm), 8/11 Warren (Corbin); Late 10/8 Cleveland
   (RH), 10/6 Resthaven Wildlife Area (JP).

Louisiana Waterthrush
   Late 9/1 Shaker Lakes (Fazio).

Kentucky Warbler
   Late 10/1 Richland Co. (MT, JW), 9/11 Clearcreek
   (Cairo).

Connecticut Warbler
   3 reports: 9/3 Cleveland (RH), 9/7 Akron (Rosche),
   9/19 Clearcreek (Cairo).

Mourning Warbler
   Early 8/21 Tuscarawas Co. (BP), 8/24 Perkin’s
   Park (Warren)(Corbin), 8/31 Rocky River Valley (Klamm);
   Late 9/22 Cleveland (RH), 9/16 Donald Gray Gardens
   (Hoffman), 9/15 Lorain (JP).

Yellowthroat
   Late 11/18 Wayne Co. (JB), 11/17 Delaware Co.
   (BP), 11/17 Hoover Reservoir (Rosche).

Yellow-breasted Chat
   Late 10/3 Resthaven Wildlife Area (JP), 9/19 Clear-
   creek (Cairo).

Hooded Warbler
   9/22 Hocking Co. (JP), 9/13 Cleveland (RH), 8/21
   Shaker Lakes (Fazio).

Wilson’s Warbler
   Early 8/15 Perkin’s Park (Warren)(Corbin), 8/18
   Crane Creek (BP, JP), 8/20 Cleveland (Klamm), 8/20 Shaker
   Lakes (Fazio); Late 10/9 Celotex Marsh (JP), 10/8
   Cleveland Hts. (Hoffman), 9/23 Sim’s Park (Corbin).

Canada Warbler
   Early 8/7 Shaker Lakes (Fazio), 8/11 Blendon Woods
   (Fry), 8/16 Cleveland Hts. (Hoffman), 8/22 Holmes Co.
   (Kline); Late 9/13 Pymatuning Reservoir (JP), 9/9 Clear-
   creek (Cairo).

American Redstart
   Late 10/14 Richland Co. (MT), 10/14 Akron (CT),
   10/9 Celotex Marsh (JP), 10/4 Holmes Co. (Kline).

Bobolink
   Peak 150 on 8/29 Holmes Co. (Kline), 80 on 8/24
   Champaign Co. (BP); Late 9/15 Holmes Co. (Kline), 9/8
   Magee Marsh (JP).

Western Meadowlark
   Late 10/8 Milan (JP).
Yellow-headed Blackbird


Red-winged Blackbird
Peak 10,000 on 10/7 Ottawa Co. (Fazio), 4,000 on 10/22 Wayne Co. (JB).

Orchard Oriole
one report: 8/20 Shaker Lakes (1)(Fazio).

Northern Oriole
Late 10/22 Wayne Co. (JB), 9/29 Magee Marsh (JP).

Rusty Blackbird

Scarlet Tanager
Late 10/18 Rocky River Valley (Klamm), 10/10 Holmes Co. (Kline), 10/4 Akron (CT).

Summer Tanager
Late 9/30 Richland Co. (one male)(SM), 9/22 Hocking Co. (JP), 9/7 Blendon Woods (Cairo).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Late 10/22 Holmes Co. (Kline), 10/22 Wayne Co. (JB), 10/10 Resthaven Wildlife Area (JP), 9/29 B.C.S.P. (DO).

Indigo Bunting
Late 10/28 Wildwood Park (Corbin), 10/22 Wyandot Co. (BP), 10/14 Holmes Co. (Kline).

Evening Grosbeak

Purple Finch

House Finch
10/30 Lake Co. (1)(BP), 11/5-6 Clyde (Sandusky Co.) (one female)(TB), 11/7,16 Holmes Co. (one male at a feeder)(Kline), 11/27 Derby Marsh (1)(JP);
House Finch
8/1-11/30 Lorain (50)(JP), 8/2 Shaker Lakes (18)
(Fazio), 11/26-30 Shaker Lakes (45-70)(Fazio), "regular
at several (Akron) feeders" (CT), 8/1 Lancaster (one
pair at a feeder)(Kind), 8/22 Lancaster (female with
one young at feeder) (Kind), 11/9 Lancaster (Cairo).

Common Redpoll
None reported this autumn.

Pine Siskin
3 reports: 9/20-30 Lorain (1)(JP), 11/4 Pickerington

American Goldfinch
60 on 10/22 Wayne Co. (JB).

Red Crossbill
9/29 Franklin Co. (1)(BP), 11/18 Blendon Woods
(1)(Fry).

Savannah Sparrow
Late 11/26 Darby Marsh (JP), 10/22 Wayne Co. (JB),
10/21 Cleveland (Hoffman), 10/15 Holmes Co. (Kline),
10/13 B.C.S.P. (DO).

Grasshopper Sparrow
Late 9/30 Lorain Co. (JP).

Henslow's Sparrow
Late 9/15 Lorain Co. (JP).

Sharp-tailed Sparrow

Vesper Sparrow
Late 10/26 East Harbor (JP), 10/15 Holmes Co.
(Kline).

Dark-eyed Junco
Early 9/19 Cleveland Hts. (Hoffman), 9/27 Akron
(CT), 9/27 Magee Marsh (Fry), 10/14 Holmes Co. (Kline).

Tree Sparrow
Early 10/14 Akron (CT), 10/14 Grand Lake (Fazio),
10/20 Bellevue (JP), 10/30 Cleveland (Klamm).

Chipping Sparrow
Late 11/1 Lancaster (Kind), 10/27 Cleveland (Klamm),
Wayne Co. (JB).

Field Sparrow
Late 11/11 East Harbor (JP), 11/3 B.C.S.P. (DO),
10/31 Cleveland (Klamm).
Harris’ Sparrow

10/3 Huron (one immature) (* JP).

White-crowned Sparrow

Early 9/6 Fayette Co. (MI), 9/19 Donald Gray Gardens (Corbin), 9/21 Lorain (JP); 50 on 10/19 Cleveland Hts. (Hoffman).

White-throated Sparrow

Early 9/12 Donald Gray Gardens (Corbin), 9/19 Clearcreek (Cairo), 9/19 Cleveland Hts. (100)(Hoffman), 9/22 Holmes Co. (Kline); 140 on 10/22 Wayne Co. (JB).

Fox Sparrow

Early 9/21 Lorain (JP), 10/8 Cleveland (Klamm), 10/13 Sim’s Park (Corbin); Late 11/18 B.C.S.P. (DO), 11/10 East Harbor (JP).

Lincoln’s Sparrow

Early 9/6 Cleveland Hts. (Hoffman), 9/17 Huron (Hoffman), 9/22 Holmes Co. (Kline); Late 11/1 East Harbor (JP), 10/31 Cleveland (Klamm), 10/14 Holmes Co. (Kline).

Snow Bunting

Early 10/26 Huron (JP), 10/28 Cleveland (Klamm), 11/11 Findlay Reservoir (50)(BST); Peak 500 on 11/6 Huron (JP), 300 on 11/4 Magee Marsh (TB), 70 on 11/23 Cleveland (Fazio), 40 on 11/6 Eden Twp. Seneca Co. (TB).

Lapland Longspur

Early 9/26-27 Delaware Co. (1)(BP), 10/5 Winous Point (JP), 10/8 Cleveland (?)(Hoffman); 11/18 Cleveland (2)(Klamm).

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The First Spotted Redshank Record for Ohio

At approximately 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 August 1979, Elinor Elder and myself began our daily birding trip by heading to Huron to watch shorebirds. We arrived about 9:30 a.m. and were greeted by many Semipalmated Plovers and "peeps" on the pier as we walked out to the landfill area at Huron harbor. We 'scoped birds for sometime and listened to the different voices of each specie encountered. At approximately 10:00 a.m. I heard a "toot" call from over my right shoulder. I said "Yellowlegs coming in", then the very instant I saw the bird I said "No, the one in front is different, watch where it goes". I immediately put my scope on the bird and said "Oh my God, it's all black". I quickly stepped towards Elinor to aim her more powerful Swift Zoom scope at the bird. I knew we had a truly amazing find. "Elinor what color are the legs?" She said, "red-orange". "The bill Elinor?" She said, "Two toned, orange at the base and dark towards the tip." I said "Look at that back Elinor, look at those spots". She said "Certainly impressively spotted". Then I said "Elinor we have a Spotted Redshank in full breeding plumage."

Now came the hard part, trying to prove that it was not a Spotted Redshank. We took turns observing through her scope at 45 X. The bill was long and thin, two-toned definitely reddish-orange at the base. "Maybe it's a Ruff?" "No, there is absolutely no white underneath."
The bird was black from head to tail front and back. "If only Ray (Hannikman) could be here", I said. We saw a small amount of gray behind the bill extending towards the eye as if some molting was beginning. It was very small in comparison to the rest of the bird. Had it not been for Elinor's scope, I would not have even noticed it. Then without any provocation the bird flew off rapidly with the Yellowlegs that had accompanied it west over Lake Erie. Elinor exclaimed "No white in the wings". Thereby eliminating the possibility of a Common Redshank.

In looking back on the event both Elinor and I have no doubts as to the identification of the bird. In closing, I want to make it clear this was not the first time that Elinor or I had observed this species. We both have read much on the Spotted Redshank and have studied field guides diligently. There is no bird like the Spotted Redshank in breeding plumage.

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On November 24, 1979, I was birding the harbor at the mouth of the Huron River in Huron, Erie County, Ohio, in the company of Evelyn Gordon. At approximately 0800, I got a brief glimpse at a gull in flight that appeared to have a slightly darker mantle but had extensive black on the wing tips. At first, I thought nothing of this bird and continued to observe the large numbers of gulls feeding in the harbor. Almost as a second thought before undertaking the hike to the end of the pier, I decided to get a better look at the bird with an apparently darker mantle.

At 0815, I found this bird sitting on the boat docks several hundred feet south of the Twine House Restaurant along the west side of the river. For the next 45 minutes, I closely examined this bird with a 20X telescope at a distance of approximately 100 feet with the sun mostly at my back. The gull spent most of this time sleeping and preening on the boat docks with many herring (Larus argentatus) and ring-billed gulls (L. delawarensis) although it made several short flights around the basin. I recorded the following field notes during this observation.

In direct comparison, this bird was the same size as a female herring gull. It was noticeably larger than both sexes of ring-billed gull while it was distinctly smaller than a male herring gull. Its overall shape was similar to a female herring gull except that its legs were much shorter. The legs of this bird were nearly identical in length to those of the ring-billed gull.

The head, neck and upper chest of this bird were heavily washed with dusky gray-brown and appeared to be much dingier than the herring gulls. The remainder of the underparts and tail were pure white. The mantle was a shade darker gray than the herring gull. The difference in mantle color was quite distinctive and allowed this bird to be readily picked out of the large number of gulls sitting on the dock. In flight, this bird had a distinctive wing pattern, particularly the amount of black on the wing tips which was more extensive than that of the herring gull. The outer 3-4 primaries were black to the wing coverts which created a straight line where the black and gray meet on the wing rather than a concave arc typical of the herring gull (these different wing patterns are clearly shown in plate 32 of Godfrey, 1966). On the outermost primary, the white spot was larger, appeared to extend to the tip of the feather, and was more noticeable in flight than that of the herring gull.

This bird had a dark brown iris. Its bill was yellowish-green with red and black spots on the lower mandible and a plain upper mandible. The size and shape of the bill was similar to a female herring gull, being noticeably smaller and slimmer than that of a male herring gull. The legs were greenish-yellow.

The following combination of field marks, size of a female herring gull, short greenish-yellow legs, slightly darker mantle, distinctive wing tip pattern in flight, dark brown iris, and red and black spots on the lower mandible are all characteristic of the California gull (L. californicus) and eliminate all other similar
gull species. Both observers have had previous field experience with this species in the western United States and agreed on this identification.

Between 1030 and 1050 on the same day, I showed this bird to John PogaczniK, Erdine Thompson, Frank Klebcar, Tim Cullinan and Jan Hall. They all agreed with the identification although none had previously seen this species. The next day, this bird was observed at the same location by Ray Hannikman, Larry Rosche and Elinor Elder who also noted these field marks and concurred with this identification.

This sighting provides the first documented sight record for the California gull in Ohio. I could locate only two previous sight records of this species in western Lake Erie, these being immature birds observed at two Michigan localities, the Monroe power plant on March 24, 1978 and at Metropolitan Beach on April 10, 1978 (Eckert, 1978). I know of no specimens or photographs of the California gull from this area. Since this species breeds as far east as North Dakota and Manitoba (Godfrey, 1966), it is not inconceivable for a few individual California gulls to migrate east with the herring and ring-billed gulls that breed in the same area and winter along the Atlantic coast. Hence, this species should be looked for among the large flocks of gulls that frequent Lake Erie during late fall.

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The following article was written by the editor with the documentation form information supplied by the observer of the Bewick's Wren, Jerry Cairo.

A Bewick's Wren was seen inside a Lancaster, Ohio factory where I (Jerry Cairo) work, during my lunch time at 5:00 a.m. on October 29, 1979. The bird flew at me almost scold-like and flew into the factory and landed 4 feet from me. It stayed there for about 8 seconds or so. I noticed that the bird was close to the size of a house wren. The tail was noticeably long with definite white spots in the corners of the end of the tail. The white eye line was very noticeable as were the white underparts of the bird. The bird then flew away about 15 feet from me. I then tore off a piece of chicken that I was eating and threw it toward the wren. The Bewick's Wren flew towards the food like it wanted it but then apparently became cautious and flew out of the factory. The Bewick's Wren was seen at the Lancaster factory on October 29, 1979 for about 5 minutes. I have seen Bewick's Wrens twice before in Arizona.