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**On the Cover:** Dwight Chasar's 7 March 2004 photo documents the occurrence of this Bohemian waxwing at Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

## Spring 2004 Overview and Reports

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*It is not to be expected that the public generally will ever turn aside from their usual pursuits to make observations on matters relating to natural science. The energies of some idle gunner may, perhaps, be aroused sufficiently by the appearance of a new or rare bird to induce him to destroy its life; the carcass will be gazed upon with a momentary curiosity and then cast underfoot.*

*In every community their [sic] are, however, some individuals who have a natural taste for matters of this kind. If they would improve the opportunities as they occur for making themselves familiar with the rare birds, and would communicate the results of their observations to the public through the medium of some suitable publication, any deficiency in the history of our American birds would soon be supplied.*

—Jared P. Kirtland, 1841

Kirtland's dream—that competent observers would share bird observations in some suitable publication—has been largely realized. His hope that this would soon serve to complete our knowledge of our birds is, however, far from fulfilled. The results of our collective observations for the past season, as chronicled in the Reports that follow, are as good an example as any of these twin realities.

The season's theme was migration, of course. In spring, many of our wintering birds depart for northern climes, joined later by birds from our south, some of the latter perfectly happy to stay in Ohio to nest. We keep track of their comings and goings; we eagerly note the exceptions, but by and large it is the rules that rule. We know when, on average, various bird species arrive in Ohio. We know because observers have been keeping track of them since Kirtland's time. Why do we bother doggedly collecting data about the schedule of spring migration?

Well, for one thing just in the last couple of decades we learned more about the schedules of arrival, and indeed the nesting status, of many species in our more rural southern counties, and how different one's experience of spring migration can be near the Ohio River than along the Lake Erie shore. Another thing we may have learned—it seems too early to be sure—is that there seems to be a recent trend toward earlier arrival and nesting among many species—not just extraordinary records, but average dates. Certainly there is very little evidence that arrivals and nestings are occurring later on average. This trend looks gradual to us, but is quite rapid in terms of ecological time. It seems to be accompanied by later fall departures by some species, and more frequent over-wintering by others. It would be foolish to deny the role our species might be playing over recent decades in altering biological phenomena that have taken millenia to develop.

Some have suggested that an ongoing warming of Earth's climate may change Ohio's avifauna over the next century, reducing the number of our nesting species. This may seem paradoxical, as bird diversity in general increases with average temperatures, but that's the way it seems to work out. Finally, veteran observers often agree that while some birds are undeniably showing up earlier, far more ominously the migrations of neotropical species seem to be tailing off earlier and earlier, a phenomenon that bespeaks declines in population rather than climate change. So much for the rules, which may be changing.

As for the exceptional, there's no telling why we have few, or many, rarities in any season, but this spring it was many. We received 28 reports of no fewer than 14 review species: black-bellied whistling-duck (a potential first state record), Ross's goose, brown pelican, tricolored heron, white-faced ibis, swallow-tailed kite, Mississippi kite, prairie falcon, piping plover, black-necked stilt; ruff, loggerhead shrike, Bohemian waxwing, and Kirtland's warbler. Documentations are also in hand for two spring sightings of Baird's sandpiper, very rare occurrences in Ohio. Pelicans and purple finches were unusually numerous, and gulls and terns made news at inland spots. Thirty species of shorebirds was good in a year when only one township in NW Ohio had any to speak of. Now that we reserve our DDT for export, local eagles increase yearly, but modern rubber roofing has the opposite effect on nighthawks.

It was another warm spring, the third warmest in history for the US, with temperatures 2.9 degrees above the historical average (2000 was the second-warmest). It was also another very wet spring, with March precipitation up .38, April .71, and May 2.05 inches above average in the central part of the state. Some breeders were affected. As a game species, turkeys are carefully watched, and their reproductive success was said to be down in a wet season. A fifth state nesting record of Wilson's phalarope, and a first nesting record for black-necked stilt, may have succumbed to heavy May rains at Big Island WA. On the other hand, to use one species as a typical example, wetlands and flooded fields in 11 interior counties accommodated a reported 400+ migrant short-billed dowitchers this spring. That only 20 dowitchers were reported, and from only two counties, near Lake Erie—their customary haunt during migration—demands explanation. Most shorebird reports along the Lake this spring came from Metzger Marsh, which in March was burned over and pumped out as part of an apparent *Phragmites* control program, rather than any attempt to accommodate spring migrant shorebirds. In fact, the occasionally inspiring numbers of shorebirds there this spring, rather than justifying efforts on behalf of biodiversity, showed only that these birds asserted an ancestral claim to Metzger by taking advantage of unrelated management measures . . . a story not made any more comforting by its familiarity.

Uncharacteristically late, we offer in this issue a run-down of the winter's Christmas Bird Count results. National Audubon has strongly encouraged electronic reporting for CBCs, and this year paid a price for it when upgrades in the system resulted in prolonged delays. These delays prevented us from reporting on Ohio's CBC results in our winter issue, but we include them—at least most of them—here, courtesy of Ned Keller's perennially expert efforts in compiling them.

## Corrigenda

- The 10 Jan 2004 report of six fox sparrows came from in SW Montgomery Co.
- A sentence and a half was mistakenly omitted from the text ending on p. 82 in Vol 27 #2—in Lou Gardella's note on merlins in Cleveland—this passage should continue with . . . "him in the pre-roost tree he used last year. Then, at 6:30 pm. he dived off the pine and flew straight to the roost tree! There he was for the second year in a row!"

The Reports follow the nomenclature and taxonomic order of the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the AOU Check-list of North American Birds (1998), including the 44<sup>th</sup> Supplement (July 2003). Underlined names of species indicate those on the OBRC Review List; documentation is needed to add reports of these species to official state records, or to attributed records in the Reports. When supplied, county names appear *italicized*. Unless numbers are specified, sightings refer to single birds. Abbreviations, conventions, and symbols used in the Reports should be readily understood, with the possible exceptions of the following: ad=adult; alt=alternate (breeding) plumage; BCSP=Buck Ck SP in *Clark*; BIWA=Big Isl WA in *Marion*; BSBO=Black Swamp Bird Observatory; CCE= Crane Ck estuary in ONWR; CVNP=Cuyahoga Valley Natl Pk in *Cuyahoga* and *Summit*; Dike 14=the Gordon Park impoundment in Cleveland; EFSP=East Fork SP in *Clermont*; eop=end of the period, in this case 29 Feb 2004; EHSP=East Hbr SP in *Ottawa*; fide= "in trust of," said of data conveyed on behalf of another person; GLSM=Grand Lk St Marys in *Mercer/Auglaize*, HBSP=Headlands Beach SP in *Lake*; HBSNP=Headlands Beach SNP in *Lake*; HWSP=Hueston Wds SP (*Butler/Preble*); imm=immature; Killbuck=Killbuck Marsh WA in *Wayne/Holmes*; KPWA=Killdeer Plains WA in *Wyandot*; LSR=Lakeshore Reservation (MP) in *Lake*; Magee=Magee Marsh WA in *Ottawa/Lucas*; MBSP=Maumee Bay SP in *Lucas*; MP=Metropark; m obs=many observers; MWW=Miami-Whitewater Wetlands in *Hamilton*; NWR=National Wildlife Refuge; OBRC=Ohio Bird Records Committee; ODOV=Ohio Division of Wildlife; ONWR=Ottawa NWR in *Ottawa/Lucas*; ONWRC=monthly bird census at ONWR; PCWA=Pickerel Ck WA in *Sandusky*; ph=photograph, Res=Reservoir; Res'n=Reservation; SF=State Forest; SNP=State Nature Preserve; SP=State Park; SVWA=Spring Valley WA in *Greene/Warren*; WA=Wildlife Area.





Photo by Jason and Holly Schlotman of an apparent black-bellied whistling-duck found in Montgomery (Hamilton Co.) 30 May 2004.

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck:** A bird, apparently of this species, was well seen and photographed in a Cincinnati suburb 30 May. On lists in Ontario, Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania, this would be a first for Ohio if accepted.

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** All reports: one flew by *Lake* 7 Mar (**J. Pogacnik**), and 12 were at Deer Creek Lk 25 (**J. McMahon**) through 28 Mar (**D. Sanders**).

**Snow Goose:** **R. Counts** saw one in *Wyandot* 1 Mar, **B. Glick** one at Funk 22 Mar, **L. Rosche** three in *Portage* 24 Mar, and **E. Schlabach** another in *Tuscarawas* 27 Mar. The ONWRC found 39 locally wintering birds 7 Mar, and **B. Zwiebel** five at nearby Magee WA 28 Mar. An apparently injured bird spent 7 Apr-11 May on the Caesar Ck SP beach (**L. Gara**, m obs).

**Ross's Goose:** One was in *Mercer* 28 Mar through 1 Apr, and another reported in Dayton 6 Apr. Details are with the OBRC on this review species.

**Canada Goose:** Among *Cuyahoga* geese, **K. Metcalf** noted primary molt of non-/failed breeders 30 May; a northbound flight on 24 May may have been composed

of similarly-situated adults undertaking molt migration.

**Mute Swan:** The high count for the season was only 11, on the 2 May ONWRC.

**Tundra Swan:** ~1950 migrants continued after Feb, the last one at Killbuck 21 Apr (**S. Snyder**). High count 594 at ONWR 27 Mar (**B. Whan**), a day when **E. Tramer** reported ~500 at nearby CPWNR. Mar 27 was a good waterfowl day statewide.

**Wood Duck:** First reported 4 Mar, with five in NW *Tuscarawas* (**J. Miller**), they were soon widespread, with 60+ in *Delaware* 19 Mar (**R. Thorn**) and 104 at Magee 21 Mar (**H&S Hiris**).

**Gadwall:** Numbers grew during Mar, with 106 for the 7 Mar ONWRC, 100 at Mosquito Ck WA 14 Mar (**J. Hochadel**) to ~500 at Metzger 15 Mar (**R&S Harlan**) then 2436 at Magee the 21<sup>st</sup> (**H&S Hiris**). At ONWR the census counted 144 still around 2 May, and the **Harlans** noticed a drake at Mallard Club Marsh WA 31 May.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** Drakes were at KPWA 27-28 Mar (**D. Overacker**, **D. Sanders**), and at Mallard Club Marsh WA 11 Apr (**J. Pogacnik**).

**American Wigeon:** Peaked in mid-Mar, with 1250 at Metzger the 15<sup>th</sup> (**R&S Harlan**) and 600 there the 21<sup>st</sup> (**M. Anderson**), and a high count of 3510 at Magee 21 Mar (**H&S Hiris**). Two drakes lingered at Funk WA 29 May (**Harlans**).

**American Black Duck:** The ONWRC found 114 on 7 Mar, and only one 2 May. High count from Funk WA, with 200+ on 23 Mar (**R. Troutman**); one remained near ONWR 23 May (**Harlans**). **C. Holt** reported a "very poor showing in the NE" this season.

**Mallard:** Four-figure counts occurred 7 Mar with 2915 (ONWRC), Magee 21 Mar with 1070 (**H&S Hiris**), and 1420 at Funk WA 22 Mar (**B. Glick**).

**Blue-winged Teal:** Four drakes visited Funk WA 2 Mar (**S. Snyder**). Peaked in mid-Apr, with 200 at ONWR (**M. Packer**) the 17th. A nest was at Gilmore Ponds 15 May (**M. Busam**). Five were at KPWA 23 May (**R. Sempier**).

**Northern Shoveler:** Some big concentrations included 449 at Magee 21 Mar (**H&S Hiris**) and 300+ at Funk WA 2 Apr (**B&D Lane**). In May, lingerers included two at Gilmore Ponds (**M. Busam**) and 12 for the ONWRC on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, plus singletons at Conneaut the 10<sup>th</sup> (**C. Holt**) and Findlay the 11<sup>th</sup> (**B. Hardesty**).

**Northern Pintail:** Impressive numbers passed in a short span, with 1000+ at BIWA (**M. Packer**) and 628 at Magee (**S&H Hiris**) on 21 Mar, and 900+ at Funk WA the 23<sup>rd</sup> (**R. Troutman**). One lingered at Mallard Club Marsh WA as late as 31 May (**R&S Harlan**).

**Green-winged Teal:** The ONWRC collected the best numbers, with 245 on 7 Mar, 467 on 4 Apr, and seven on 2 May. Latest reported were two the next day at Funk (**S. Snyder**).

**Canvasback:** Virtually absent, having apparently passed through earlier. The high count reported was only 17 at Funk WA 6 Apr (**S. Snyder**). One lingered at Ottawa 2 May (ONWRC).

**Redhead:** High count 1500-2000 Deer Creek SP 1 Mar (**N. Smith**). On 21 Mar, 375 were at Metzger (**M. Anderson**) and 465 at Magee (**H&S Hiris**). The ONWRC counted 451 on 7 Mar, 93 on 4 Apr, and four on 2 May.

**Ring-necked Duck:** Sixty-plus were seen at Hoover 5 Mar (**R. Thorn**), then ~500 at both Mogadore Res (**G. Bennett**) 14 Mar and at Metzger 15 Mar (**S&R Harlan**), with ~900 at Mogadore Res 19 Mar (**L. Rosche**). High count 3035 at Magee 21 Mar (**H&S Hiris**). Twelve remained 2 May for the ONWRC.

**Greater Scaup:** Small numbers were reported from interior counties during Mar, the largest 11 at HWSP the 12<sup>th</sup> (**D. Russell**). **J. Pogacnik** had 89 passing by *Lake* on 6 Mar. In the western basin of Lake Erie, **E. Tramer** roughly estimated that 10% of 13,000+ scaups in Maumee Bay 27 Mar were greater. Latest two in *Lake* 1 Apr (**L. Rosche**).

**Lesser Scaup:** **R&S Harlan** estimated 3000 off MBSP 15 Mar, and **E. Tramer** ~90% of a mixed scaup flock of 13,000+ nearby 27 Mar. Inland, the **Harlans** found ~700 at Wellington Res in *Lorain* 14 Mar and **R. Thorn** 1000+ at Hoover Res in *Delaware* 19 Mar. Ten lingered at Ottawa 2 May (ONWRC).

**Surf Scoter:** Forty-five reported, from *Clinton*, *Columbiana*, *Huron*, *Franklin*, *Lake*, *Licking*, *Lucas*, *Medina*, *Paulding*, *Portage*, *Richland*, and *Summit*, with none from Lk Erie. High counts of seven came from Lk Nesmith in Akron 31 Mar (**K. Miller**, five alt males and two females) and Bellevue Res in *Huron* 14 Mar (**R&S Harlan**, four males, three females). Latest was one at a quarry in *Lucas* through 13 May (**M. Anderson**).

**White-winged Scoter:** Only a few. **C. Holt** had one at Springfield Lk, Akron 27 Mar, where **K. Miller** reported two 1 Apr. A drake showed up at Walborn Res, *Stark* 4 Apr (**S. Jackson**, **B. Morrison**), and two tarried at Salisbury Quarry in *Lucas* 27 Apr (**S. Stockford**) through at least 5 May (**M. Anderson**).

**Black Scoter:** Even scarcer, with a single bird off MBSP 11 Apr (**J. Pogacnik**).

**Long-tailed Duck:** All reports: one at BCSP 20 (**D. Overacker**) through 25 Mar (**B. Powell**). **A. Fondrk** witnessed a remarkable flock of 40 on LaDue Res in *Geauga* 27 Mar (where Peterjohn records 53 from 1972). **J. Pogacnik** had single birds offshore in *Lake* 28 Mar and 4 Apr. At Clear Fk Res **G. Miller** found two on 4 Apr, and **B&D Lane** three on 10 Apr. **B. Morrison** & **K. Miller** spotted one at Walborn Res 9 Apr.

**Bufflehead:** At Magee 2 Mar were 117 (**H&S Hiris**), but the high count belongs as usual to Kelleys Isl, with 330 14 Mar (*vide* **T. Bartlett**), with high inland count 57 at Perrysburg, *Lucas* 27 Mar (**B. Cullen**). Last seen 15 May in *Wyandot* (**G. Links**).

**Common Goldeneye:** Skimpy numbers, the highest 77 at Magee 21 Mar (**H&S Hiris**). **C. Holt** had single birds at Ashtabula and Conneaut 5 Apr, and **S. Snyder** a female at Clear Fk Res 10 Apr.

**Hooded Merganser:** The high count was 65 at Pickerel Ck WA 21 Mar (**T. Simmons**). Family groups were reported in *Erie*, *Hamilton*, *Holmes*, *Lorain*, *Lucas*, *Sandusky*, and *Wayne*. An adult with 10 young at MWW 29 Apr (**F. Frick**) was quite early, and nine escorted young 3 May at KPWA were not far behind (**C. Wolcott**).

**Common Merganser:** Departed quickly, with no double-figure numbers in April. The ONWRC had 1687 on 7 Mar, **R&S Harlan** 325 at Bay Shore in *Lucas* 15 Mar, **E. Schlabach** 14 flybys over *Tuscarawas* 16 Mar, and **T. Simmons** 350 at PCWA 21 Mar. A hen tarried in *Portage* 30 May (**L. Rosche**).

**Red-breasted Merganser:** Large numbers appeared inland mid-Mar, with 350 in Akron area lakes 14 Mar (**G. Bennett**), 500+ at Hoover Res 19 Mar (**R. Thorn**), and ~300 at Lk Rockwell 20 Mar (**B. Bolton**). Four-figure numbers persisted into May on Lk Erie, with 1193 off LSR the 1<sup>st</sup> (**J. Pogacnik**). Bringing up the rear were two females at Lorain 31 May (**S&R Harlan**).



**Ruddy Duck:** Large numbers first appeared 9 Apr, with 450 at Walborn (S. Jackson *vide* K. Miller) and 190+ at Mogadore Res (G. Bennett). The high count of ~3000 was attained 17 Mar off Crane Ck SP 17 Apr (B. Bowman). Has lingered widely lately: four at MWW 1 May (J. Lehman); 27 for the 2 May ONWRC; two 5-8 May in Williams (J. Yochum), then four at Metzger 16 May, 75 at Sandy Ridge in Lorain 29 May, plus four courting at Upper Sandusky Res 30 May (all R&S Harlan).

**Red-throated Loon:** J. Fry spotted the first, at Lk Logan 2 Apr, then on 9 Apr one was at Springfield Lk, Akron (K. Miller) and two at Walborn Res, Stark, with perhaps the same Akron bird staying through 12 and 17 Apr (all B. Morrison), plus one at Caesar Ck SP (L. Gara) through 14 Apr (J. Lehman). One cruised Berlin Res 10 (D. Sanders) and 11 Apr (L. Rosche). J. Pogacnik spied a flyby in Lake 25 Apr.

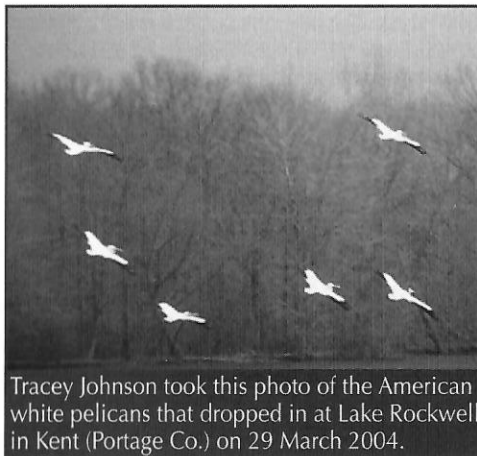
**Common Loon:** Moved early. No large numbers reported: high counts 35+ at Buckeye Lk 30 Mar (G. Buckley), 33 in Wayne 2 Apr (S. Snyder), and 35 flyovers in Holmes on 3 Apr (E. Schlabach). Four in alternate plumage 27 Mar at Oberlin Res (C. Caldwell) were unusual. Last reported 31 May at Camp Dennison in Hamilton (J. Lehman). No reports of adults staying at Alum Ck Lk in Delaware (see last year's records).

**Pied-billed Grebe:** Migrants peaked mid-Mar, with 25 at Winton Wds in Hamilton the 11<sup>th</sup> (J. Stenger) and 53 at Magee the 18<sup>th</sup> (H&S Hiris). Later, nesting was noted by M. Van Schoyck in Licking 19 May, and by S&R Harlan 29 May at Sandy Ridge in Lorain, BIWA and Upper Sandusky on 30 May, and Mallard Club Marsh 31 May; Holt reported possible nesters in Ashtabula and Trumbull.

**Horned Grebe:** A good flight, with over 650 reported statewide, nearly all in Mar at inland reservoirs, with an excellent high count of 200+ at Hoover Res 19 Mar (R. Thorn). Latest were 10 at ONWR 17 Apr (M. Packer).

**Red-necked Grebe:** Good numbers, but nothing like last spring's. All reports, all of single birds: 14 Mar Mosquito Ck Lk (J. Hochadel), 18 Mar (E. Snively) through 3 Apr (G. Miller) Springfield Lk (Summit), 21 Mar and 9 Apr LSR (J. Pogacnik), 5 Apr Caesar Ck SP (D. Kinsman), 14 Apr Kelleys Isl (*vide* T. Bartlett), and 5 May Paulding (D&M Dunakin).

**Eared Grebe:** All reports of single birds: 19 Mar Wyandot (R. Counts), Lorain 21 (J. Pogacnik)-27 Mar (D. Sanders), Lk Rockwell 28 Mar (L. Rosche), LSR 28 Mar (Pogacnik), Caesar Ck SP 29 Mar (J. Lehman)-9 Apr (L. Gara), Walborn Res 31 Mar (P. Lozano)-2 Apr (S. Brown), Eastwood Lk in Dayton 1 Apr (L. Theriault), Sandy Ridge MP 3 Apr in Lorain (T. Fairweather), alt 9 Apr Alum Ck Res (B. Whan).



Tracey Johnson took this photo of the American white pelicans that dropped in at Lake Rockwell in Kent (Portage Co.) on 29 March 2004.

**American White Pelican:** Over 30 reported, a record number for any season in Ohio. Some mass desertions were reported at western breeding sites, but most of our reports came too early to have been influenced by them. Six showed up at Lk Rockwell 28 Mar (D. Johnson), and apparently moved the same day to Walborn Res (B&D Lane), where they were joined by a seventh 4 Apr (B. Morrison) through 10 Apr (S. Jackson). Five enjoyed Pickerington Ponds near Columbus 1 Apr (M. Whiteis) through 3 Apr (D. Horn). One was at Clear Fk Res 4 Apr (J. Herman *vide* S. Snyder) through 7 Apr (Snyder). Five shared the Huron River 5 Apr (S. Young), with two remaining 11 Apr (J. Pogacnik). Seven headed west splashed down in Metzger Marsh 17 Apr (D. Friedman). Two appeared at Lk Logan in Hocking 23 Apr

(J. Fry). Four did likewise at BCSP the following day (J. Kuenzli)-27 Apr (D. Overacker), with six there 17 May (Kuenzli, B. Powell). One was near Millersburg 28 Apr (D. Smith), another at Metzger (injured bill, m obs) 15-16 May, and 25-27 May three at Deer Ck WA (R. Carter *vide* D. Daniel). A single bird in a Mahoning marsh stayed from early May through the eop (B. Jones).

**Brown Pelican:** What would be a fifth state record was first seen 2 May over western Fayette, then over Caesar Ck SP the following day, after which it settled in gravel pit ponds in Greene through 10 May, with m obs. Documentation is with the OBRC. A bird in very similar plumage was noticed in Indianapolis 16 May (L. Peavler).

**Double-crested Cormorant:** First noted at Turning Pt Isl in Sandusky, a nesting spot, on 14 Mar (S. Young). On 17 Mar, J. Pogacnik counted 1395 passing by Lake, E. Schlabach 374 in 23 flocks over Tuscarawas, and L. Yoder 180 over NW Coshocton.

**American Bittern:** Thirty-three reported across the state, with a high count of four on 9 Apr at MWW (A. Scruggs). No confirmed breeding reported.

**Least Bittern:** Surprisingly few reported. Perhaps the next season will give a better notion of its breeding status this year.

**Great Egret:** B. Hinkle found one early 11 Mar in an area—Hinckley MP—where spring migrants are more routinely found late rather than early. Nesting is usually well underway by mid-May (this spring's high count was 86 at Magee Marsh by H&S Hiris 16 May), but >15 were at BIWA 23 May (D. Overacker), five at Gilmore Ponds 25 May (C. Betrus), and two at Sandy Ridge in Lorain 29 May (D. Chasar).

**Snowy Egret:** First reported as a duo 17 Apr (M. Packer) at ONWR, the high count of 15 occurred there 2 May (ONWRC). Farther east was one at Sandy Ridge 24 Apr (T. Fairweather) and three at Medusa Marsh 7 May (S. Young).

**Little Blue Heron:** Single adults reported at Dike 14 on 21 Apr (S. Zadar), in Tuscarawas 12 May (E. Schlabach), and at Gilmore Ponds 25 (F. Frick) through 26 May (C. Betrus). J. Sedransk reported a first-year bird at ONWR 11 May, and C. Gordon a calico individual there 13 May. Numerous reports of a small flock at ONWR in mid-May were headed by a report of six (one adult) on 15 May (T. Shively).

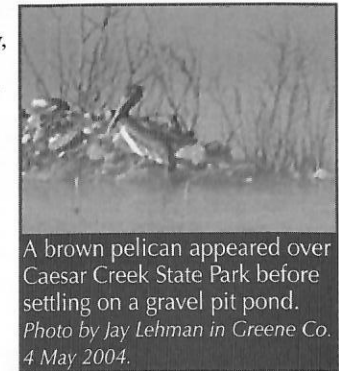
**Tricolored Heron:** One report: at Pipe Creek WA in Erie 30 May. Details with OBRC.

**Cattle Egret:** The Erie nesters peaked at 21 s. of Sandusky 21 May (B. Morrison), but half a dozen reports came from Ottawa/Lucas, where the species has been scarce lately, headed by five in Ottawa 15 May (R&S Harlan). S. Young observed one wading in water—quite a rare behavior for the species—at Medusa Marsh 7 May. May wanderings involved two at N. Chagrin Res'n 2 May (K. Metcalf), one at Gilmore Ponds 5 May (E. Baumgardner), two alt-plumaged birds in Wyandot 25 May (R. Counts), three over Tuscarawas 25 May (E. Schlabach), and two in Montgomery 27 May (S. Egleston).

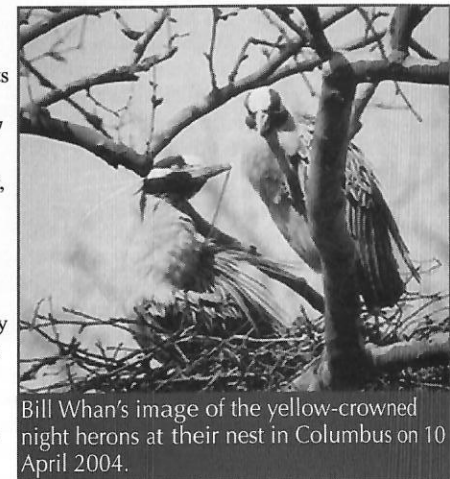
**Green Heron:** Arrived at EFSP 9 Apr (B. Stanley), with a high of seven at Magee 15 May (R&S Harlan).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** P. Lozano chronicled its fortunes in Cleveland's Flats: one 10 Mar, four 26 Mar, seven 29 Mar, 24 on 1 Apr, 30 on 2 Apr, 45 on 7 Apr, 57 on 11 Apr, 85 on 12 Apr, 98 on 13 Apr, 109 on 15 Apr, 62 on 16 Apr, 51 on 19 Apr, 64 on 20 Apr, 25 on 21 Apr, and 54 on 23 Apr. One was at Conneaut as late as 10 May (C. Holt).

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** A pair returned to Columbus 2 Apr for at least the eighth year, with four nestlings by the eop, and a third adult present on 12 May (A. Paschall). Elsewhere, apparently unattached adults appeared 1 May in Dayton (P. Lauer *vide* J. Arnold) and in Norton, Summit (R&S Harlan), and another at Shipman Pond in Lake 20 May (R. Hannikam *vide* L. Rosche, m obs).



A brown pelican appeared over Caesar Creek State Park before settling on a gravel pit pond. Photo by Jay Lehman in Greene Co. 4 May 2004.



Bill Whan's image of the yellow-crowned night herons at their nest in Columbus on 10 April 2004.



This white-faced ibis--and attendant pectoral sandpiper--were found at Big Island WA on 1 May. Photo by Paul Gardner.

for the OBRC.

**Mississippi Kite:** Several marginal reports went undocumented. Details were forthcoming for one in Lucas 16 May, and imm birds in Hamilton 17 and 31 May.

**Bald Eagle:** A record 105 nests bested last year's record 88, a remarkably encouraging percentage increase that makes one wonder if this species will long deserve endangered status in Ohio. New modern county records in Hardin, Harrison, Muskingum, Pickaway, Putnam, and Richland. The high count came on 22 Mar, with 40+ at Magee, including 19 in view at once (V. Fazio). An inexperienced pair successfully reared two chicks in a nest in a goose tub less than four ft above the water at Pond 3 at Killdeer Plains WA.

**Northern Harrier:** J. Lehman tallied 44 at The Wilds 14 Mar, and B. Glick 38 migrants over Conneaut 25 Mar. Observations of potentially nesting, summering, or at least very late migrants came from B. Roysse (one at Crown City WA 26 Apr, and pairs at Woodbury WA 17 May and Tri-Valley WA 22 May), C.

Holt (in *Ashtabula* at four locations including one pair, one in Mahoning, two in Trumbull, and one in Geauga), three at ONWR 2 May (ONWRC), on in Madison 4 May (J. Watts), two in Defiance 5 May (J. Yochum), four in Hancock 8 May (fide B. Hardesty), D. Overacker (one at Metzger Marsh 14 May), S. Zadar (one at Dike 14 on 17 May), one in Ashland 22 May (S. Snyder), and fide H. Slack 23 May (female at Crown City WA, M. Griffith & D. Patrick—latest there since 1967). The BSBO raptor watchers totaled 189 during the period.

**White-faced Ibis:** Record numbers, all adults: one at BIWA 1 May, 6-7 near Bowling Green 9 May, and one near Ottawa 11 & 13 May. Details with the OBRC.

**Black Vulture:** Reported at known areas, such as 15 over Shawnee Lookout, Hamilton 21 Mar (J. Stenger), 20 over Adams 26 Mar (D. Overacker), and seven over Holmes 16 Apr (fide B. Glick).

**Turkey Vulture:** Massive movements in late Mar included counts on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at Conneaut of 1236 (E. Schlabach) and at Magee of 234 (V. Fazio), then 1570 at Conneaut the 25<sup>th</sup> (B. Glick). On 29 Mar ~900 were over Lakewood on a SW breeze, with birds absent after a shift to westerly winds, then 465 on 16 Apr (both C. Rieker). R&S Harlan noted four apparent migrants over Crane Ck SP beach late on 31 May.

**Osprey:** The Alum Ck pair returned 21 Mar (D. Tuttle). High count 10 in Tuscarawas 17 Apr (E. Schlabach), with a Magee total for the season of 51 (V. Fazio). One was over Mallard Club Marsh WA 23 May (S. Corbo), and another over Conneaut 15 May led C. Holt to wonder, in view of last year's sightings, if ospreys are attempting nesting nearby.

**Swallow-tailed Kite:** One was reported over West Chester in Butler 22 May, and details are being sought



A nesting bald eagle feeds two eaglets a low-rise goose tub at KPWA. Photo by Jay Lehman on 16 May 2004.

**Northern Goshawk:** The ONWRC had one 7 Mar, V. Fazio one at Magee 6 Apr, and B. Glick one over Conneaut on 18 Apr. Where had they wintered?

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** The ONWRC of 7 Mar counted 146, then on 23 Mar 159 passed over Conneaut (B. Glick) and 81 over Magee (V. Fazio).

**Broad-winged Hawk:** First reported 10 Apr near Cincinnati (J. Lehman), peaked mid-month, with counts of 1305 at Conneaut (estimate of 2-4000 total, B. Glick) and at LSR 1644 (with many missed) later in the day—and hence probably different birds—both on 18 Mar (J. Pogacnik). One was in the Oak Openings 27 May (R. Nirschl).

**Red-tailed Hawk:** E. Schlabach reported 111 over Conneaut 23 Mar, and V. Fazio 139 over Magee 6 Apr.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** High count 25 (including six dark morphs) at The Wilds Mar 21 (J. Lehman). Last noted at KPWA 7 Apr (T. Shively).

**Golden Eagle:** Wintering birds at The Wilds were last reported 22 Mar, when an adult female and an immature male were seen feeding on a deer carcass (A. Parker). No hanky-panky, apparently.

**American Kestrel:** B. Glick's report of 179 at Conneaut 25 Mar (with 84 in one hour!) is an Ohio record count. Fifteen roadside nest boxes in Delaware hosted eight nests during the season (D. Sillick).

**Merlin:** Thirty-five reported statewide. Lou Gardella last reported the Cleveland wintering birds 11 Mar. Late migrant 24 May at N Chagrin Res'n (K. Metcalf)

**Peregrine Falcon:** Twenty-one reports of probable migrants. Nested at many of the human-made structures they've occupied since the widespread introductions.

**Prairie Falcon:** Persisted almost as long as the golden eagles at The Wilds, with the last sighting there on 19 Mar (B&D Lane).

**Ruffed Grouse:** All ten eggs in a nest discovered in Hocking 30 Apr had hatched successfully by 19 May (P. Knoop).

**King Rail:** Few reports. S. Landes found one at Winous Pt, Ottawa 1 May. One discovered in Wayne 8 May (J. Herman fide E. Snively) persisted through at least 12 May (B. Morrison). R. Sempier had one at KPWA 29 May.

**Virginia Rail:** Probably having over-wintered were three at SVWA 29 Mar (R. Schieltz et al.). The high inland count was four, at Delaware WA 17 Apr (B. Shively).

**Sora:** First reported 11 Apr at Mallard Club Marsh (J. Pogacnik), with ~50 at CPNWR 25 Apr (E. Tramer), an ad with four young was in Holmes 22 May (L.E. Yoder).

**Common Moorhen:** Three were at Killbuck WA as early as 30 Apr (B. Morrison). Unreported from some traditional haunts, and the ONWRC had only one during the period, on 2 May. Perhaps summer numbers will be more encouraging.

**American Coot:** Good numbers of overwintering coots were augmented by migrants in Mar to produce counts of 575 at Metzger Marsh (M. Anderson) and 1259 at Magee Marsh (S&H Hiris) by the 21<sup>st</sup>. The largest push came in Apr, with 1039 on the ONWRC of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 3375 on the Magee census of the 18<sup>th</sup> (Hiris). R&S Harlan reported five at Sandy Ridge MP in Lorain 29 May, five at BIWA 30 May, eight at Upper Sandusky Res 30 May, and one at Mallard Club Marsh 31 May.

**Sandhill Crane:** Over 150 reported, with a high count of 40+ in Paulding 12 Mar (J. Snooks fide J. Yochum). Funk/Killbuck birds reached a maximum of nine on 10 May (S. Snyder). Birds after the normal migration included four at MBSP 4 Apr (J. Sawvel), one at ONWR 5 Apr (J. Brumfield), one at Metzger 6 Apr (R. Nirschl), four in Clermont 9 Apr (D. Morse), one in Hardin 15 Apr (M. Moser), two flybys over Tuscarawas (E. Schlabach) and one in Medina (Brumfield) on 1 May, a bird at SVWA 7 May (D. Brinkman), and one at Magee 20 May (E. Tramer).

[**Whooping Crane:** Emphatically not wild birds, but of interest, were eight released yearlings returning on their own from Florida as part of a re-introduction project. D. Todt noted 6-7 overhead in Scioto 5 Apr; the group spent the next night in Clermont (fide H. Ray of Operation Migration), then were later seen by mobs in Auglaize and Mercer through 23 Apr, with five remaining in Ohio till 7 May, when they too moved



north into wetland areas of Michigan, spurning the Wisconsin marshes their keepers intended for them.]

**Black-bellied Plover:** All reports from May, with the first at Conneaut the 10<sup>th</sup> (C. Holt) and a nice high count of ~250 in a field in Lucas 15 May (G. Links).



A piping plover discovered and photographed by Troy Shively 25 April 2004 at Rocky Fork SP in Highland Co.

**American Golden-Plover:** First seen at Funk WA 9 Apr (S. Snyder), with larger numbers from Holmes 16 Apr (~100, B. Glick), Logan 19 Apr (~150, T. Shively), Portage 30 Apr (91, L. Rosche), and 130 in Lucas 15 May (M. Anderson).

**Semipalmated Plover:** First reported from BCSP, with two 9 Apr (J. Kuenzli), and a high count of 185 at Metzger Marsh 13 May (J. Sedransk). Interesting inland numbers came from Tuscarawas, with 28 on 15 May (E. Schlabach), and the Hebron fish hatchery, with 48 on 16 May and 67 on 19 May (G. Buckley).

**Piping Plover:** One was photographed at Rocky Fork SP, Highland 25 Apr (m obs); details are with the OBRC.

**Killdeer:** Eight passed over Magee 2 Mar (Z. Baker), and by 22 Mar 85 were at Funk WA (B. Glick). On 10 May 45 were at

Gilmore Ponds (S. Reeves).

**Black-necked Stilt:** Unprecedented numbers, with one reported at HWSP 8 May, two at BIWA 20 May, and another at Pipe Ck WA 22 May. Details are with the OBRC.

**American Avocet:** Twelve swam in Fairport Hbr 19 Apr (R. Hannikman fide L. Rosche). One at Metzger Marsh 8 May (J. Duerr) may have been that seen later there 15 May (M. Anderson).

**Greater Yellowlegs:** First reported 9 Mar in Wyandot (R. Counts), by 12 Apr 165 were to be seen at Funk WA (J. Brumfield). One remained at Metzger 15 May (Craig Caldwell).

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** Seemed late. On 10 Apr 16 were in Coshocton (L. Yoder). The high count was only 65, at Pickerington Ponds near Columbus 4 May (J. Watts). Wait till fall.

**Solitary Sandpiper:** Unreported until 11 Apr, with one in Fulton (J. Hildreth fide J. Yochum). The ONWRC had 13 on 2 May. Four remained at Gilmore Ponds 16 May (M. Busam) and one at ONWR the 19<sup>th</sup> (S. Snyder).

**Willet:** Four late Apr reports, with one in Findlay the 26<sup>th</sup> (fide B. Hardesty), and on the 29<sup>th</sup> one at Metzger Marsh (V. Fazio), one in Paulding (M&D Dunakin), and 11 in Hocking (J. Fry). May reports came from HWSP on the 13<sup>th</sup> (B. Jackman), Metzger the 14<sup>th</sup> (D. Overacker) through the 16<sup>th</sup> (B. Bowman), and Columbus the 20<sup>th</sup> (R. Thorn).

**Spotted Sandpiper:** First seen at Berlin Res 10 Apr (D. Sanders), their numbers peaked at ~50 at Pickerington Ponds on 6 May (J. Watts).

**Upland Sandpiper:** Time will tell if this species is under-reported or in further decline. C. Holt had two pairs in Ashtabula 20 Apr, and the Krause Rd pair in Ottawa was first reported 22 Apr (E. Snively).

**Whimbrel:** Reported twice in its narrow window: J. Szanto witnessed a flock of ~80 over Metzger Marsh 22 May, and J. Pogacnik 31 passing LSR the following day.



A black-necked stilt photographed by Troy Shively 7 June 2004 at Big Island WA in Marion Co.

**Ruddy Turnstone:** First reported 8 May at ONWR (C. Caldwell), the high count was 110 in a Lucas field 15 May (M. Anderson); several were at Metzger 29 May (C. Tucker).

**Red Knot:** First seen was an alt-plumaged bird in Wyandot 9 May (S. Landes), and ~50 braved the sands of MBSP 14 May (G. Links). A basic-plumaged bird stalked Metzger Marsh 16 May (C. Tucker).

**Sanderling:** The high count was of 20 at MBSP 14 May (G. Links), with the latest several at Metzger 29 May (C. Tucker).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** First reported 28 Apr in Wyandot (R. Counts), with an anemic high count of 23 in Williams 23 May (J. Yochum), the last reports came from Tuscarawas, with 14 individuals seen 25 May (E. Schlabach).

**Western Sandpiper:** One, at Metzger Marsh 31 May (S&R Harlan).

**Least Sandpiper:** First announced from Scioto, with two on 28 Mar (B. Royle); no appreciable high counts were recorded this season.

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** Appeared 11 May, with two at Metzger (J. Sedransk) and one at Cowan Lk SP (L. Gara). Last reported from Metzger, with another two there 25 May (C. Greenfelder).

**Baird's Sandpiper:** Extremely rare here in spring; one specimen exists. Details were furnished to the OBRC for reports from Scioto 17 Apr and from Metzger Marsh 31 May.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** Appeared in good numbers, particularly at BIWA, with ~300 there 28 Mar (C. Tucker), 1600+ on 9 Apr (B. Whan), ~400 on 13 May (P. Gardner), and ~150 there a good late number on 16 May (D. Overacker).

**Dunlin:** The first was noted at Killdeer 6 Apr (M. Misplon), then in Wyandot (R. Counts) and Williams (J. Yochum) on 9 Apr. Numbers peaked at a conservative 9000 estimated at Metzger 8 May (M. Bolton), and ended with ~25 at Metzger 31 May (R. & S. Harlan).



White-rumped sandpiper, left, with semipalmated plover at the Cowan Lake spillway. Photo by Jay Lehman on 15 May 2004.



Scarce in spring, this stilt sandpiper was photographed by David Russell at HWSP in Preble Co. on 27 April.

**Stilt Sandpiper:** Scarce in spring, one was found at HWSP 27 Apr (ph. D. Russell), and perhaps the same bird there 9 May (A. Bess). D. Sanders picked out one at BIWA 1 May. Three in alt plumage were a great find at Metzger 7 May (B. Morrison), with one of them perhaps involved in a 11 May sighting (D. Friedman).

**Ruff:** A female was reported at BIWA 16 May; details are with the OBRC.

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** Over 450 reported statewide, all but 20 of them inland; to the keepers of the Lk Erie marshes who may blame the disparity on heavy May rains, we can only respond that it rained all over Ohio. The earliest appeared in Paulding 30 Apr (M&D Dunakin), and the high count was a healthy 155 at Gilmore Ponds in Butler 16 May (M. Busam).

**Wilson's Snipe:** Snipes rank in the top three most numerous N. American shorebirds, and we had eleven reports of 50+ birds from eight counties over the period, with 115 on 3 Apr in



*Tuscarawas* (E. Schlabach) and 87 at Pickerington Ponds 5 Apr (B. Master).

**American Woodcock:** Detected in normal numbers in the state; one seen in Erie St Cemetery in downtown Cleveland 22 May (G. Leidy) may have finished breeding.

**Wilson's Phalarope:** The ONWR area hosted two or more, the first a female 27 Apr (J. Shieldcastle), with a pair seen 7 May (S. Snyder). **D. Overacker** found one at BIWA 1 May. **R. Counts** had one in *Wyandot* 9 May. The three **J. Kuenzli** found 20 May at BIWA may have represented returned breeders, but heavy rains perhaps drowned their nest, as none was subsequently reported there through the eop.

**Red-necked Phalarope:** E. Schlabach reported three in *Tuscarawas* 15 May, and **B. Morrison** one at Metzger Marsh 21 May.

**Franklin's Gull:** **D. Overacker** found three rosy-breasted adults 25 May at BCSP.

**Bonaparte's Gull:** Returned with good numbers inland 21 Mar-25 Apr, with the first large number 200+ at Hoover Res the former date (C. Bombaci).

**Thayer's Gull:** Two reports came from 13 Mar in *Lake*: a bird of unstated age off LSR (J. Pogacnik), and a second-year bird at Fairport Hbr (K. Metcalf).

**Iceland Gull:** **J. Pogacnik** reported an adult 13 Mar and a first-winter bird 4 Apr at LSR. **C. Holt** had a first-winter bird inland at LaDue Res 20 Mar for a first *Geauga* record.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** Twenty-six+ reported, including the following unusual reports from inland: one at Spencer Lk, *Medina* 14 Mar (ad, S&R Harlan, first county record?), at least two at Walborn Res 31 Mar (ad, P. Lozano) through 4 Apr (2<sup>nd</sup>, B. Morrison), one or two adult alt near Oberlin 27 Mar (C. Caldwell, B. Whan), and finally an ad alt at Clear Fk Res 6 Apr (J. Herman *vide* S. Snyder) through 8 Apr (G. Miller).

**Glaucous Gull:** All reports came from **J. Pogacnik**: first-year 6 Mar at LSR, one 13 Mar at Lorain Hbr, first-year 21 Mar at LSR, and first-winter and adult at LSR 4 April.

**Great black-backed Gull:** **J. Pogacnik** counted 32 passing LSR 13 Mar. On 22 Mar, **L. Rosche** found a rare inland bird, an adult, at LaDue Res. They are not known to nest in the Great Lakes, but two lingered as late as 31 May at Lorain (R&S Harlan).

**Caspian Tern:** Two were at GLSM by 9 Apr (T. Shively), and the high count came the 18<sup>th</sup>, with 107 at LSR (J. Pogacnik). Fifty at Conneaut 10 May and 27 on 15 May were noteworthy (C. Holt).

**Common Tern:** Two arrived at Magee 19 Apr (V. Fazio). **R&S Harlan** found 11 at BCSP on the intriguing date of 30 May.

**Forster's Tern:** First noted as a duo at Clear Fork Res 8 Apr (G. Miller), later as 24 at Indian Lk, *Logan* on 29 Apr (M. Mispion), numbers grew to an apparent state-record inland high with 75 at Mosquito Ck Lk 11 May (C. Babyak). Later were singletons at BCSP 30 May and Metzger 31 May (S&R Harlan).

**Black Tern:** Not a good showing, with only 28 reported statewide, the first one in *Paulding* 5 May (M&D Dunakin). Nesting was suspected at CPNWR, however, with the high count of nine 23 May, including two carrying small fish (E. Tramer).



These short-eared owls enhanced the prairie falcon vigil at The Wilds, 21 March 2004. Jay Lehman photo.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** Seen early at Shawnee SF 24 Apr (B. Whan), with a high count of three 12 May in *Tuscarawas* (E. Schlabach).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** First reported 19 Apr in *Portage* (D. Johnson).

**Long-eared Owl:** On the move by late Feb, nineteen were reported, from *Wayne, Lake, Cuyahoga, Ottawa, Lucas, Hamilton, and Butler* this spring, the latest from Brecksville 24 Apr (K. Metcalf).

**Short-eared Owl:** Reported from *Wayne, Muskingum, Medina, Butler, Lake, Defiance, Mahoning, and Lucas*. A few breed in Ohio, but the latest report came from LSR 1 May (J. Pogacnik).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** Only a few detected. One from winter was at Gilmore Ponds through 21 Mar (M. Busam). One-two were at ONWR the first week of Mar (R. Hinkle). Latest was one at Magee Marsh 4 Apr (R. Nirschl).

**Common Nighthawk:** First seen over Columbus 1 May (M. Skinner). The largest numbers reported came from oft-distracted counts of 25+ birds moving south over *Hocking* 9 May (B. Whan). Urban reports are declining.

**Chuck-will's-widow:** Reports came from six counties: they were numerous in *Adams* by 7 May (J. Lehman), and **T. Klak** had one calling in *Butler* 7-8 May. Also calling was one in *Vinton* 10



Andy Webb took this photo of a snoozing chuck-will's-widow at Magee Marsh, seen by many observers 14 May.

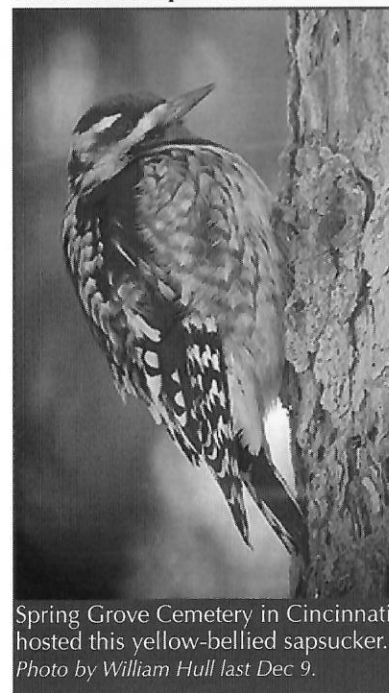
May (B. Crow), and one in *Stark* (!) 16-17 May (B. Morrison). **D. Riepenhoff** reported that the largest concentration of this species in the state may be in *Pike* at the nuclear facility, unfortunately off-limits to the public. Finally, one entertained the throngs at Magee 14 May (R. Nirschl, m obs).

**Whip-poor-will:** Extraordinary was one in *Paulding* 27 Mar, where the previous early record had been 28 Apr (D&M Dunakin). Elsewhere arrived on schedule, calling in *Hocking* 24 Apr (P. Knoop) and in Cincinnati 26 Apr (L. Brumbaugh).

**Chimney Swift:** Two early migrants appeared in *Clermont* 7 Apr (D. Morse).

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** First arrival 20 Mar, in *Hamilton* (J. Watkins).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** Several overwintered. The high count was 18, seen by **R. Thorn** at



Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati hosted this yellow-bellied sapsucker. Photo by William Hull last Dec 9.

*Greenlawn Dam* in Columbus 7 Apr, though 10 seen in half an hour at Sims Park in Euclid 17 Apr (V. Fazio) was also remarkable. Puzzling were birds seen at tiny Erie St Cemetery in downtown Cleveland 12 (T. Colborn) and 22 May (B. Finkelstein). Also of interest were one on Kelleys Island 14 May (K. Metcalf), and one carrying food in Holden Arboretum, *Lake* 29 May (L. Rosche).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** Scarce as always. First seen in the Oak Openings of Toledo 7 May (B. Morrison), eight more were reported, all within the span of 8-20 May.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** First noted at Scioto Trail SF, with two on 26 Apr (B. Royse); two nests were found at Blackhand Gorge 11 May (C. Bombaci).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** First reported from *Darke* 6 May (K. Schieltz), with a high count of six at Magee 26 May (R. Nirschl).

**Acadian Flycatcher:** Arrived 29 Apr, in *Hamilton* (J. Stenger).

**Alder Flycatcher:** First reported at Gilmore Ponds 16 May (J. Stenger); males were on territory the following day at Woodbury WA (B. Royse), as well as at Dike 14 (S. Zadar). Eight sang at Magee 22 May (R. Nirschl) and 10 near Ravenna 29 May (L. Rosche). Singles were in Norton 22 May and at Hinckley MP 29 May (S&R Harlan).

**Willow Flycatcher:** First noticed 6 May, at Gilmore Ponds



Bob Royse found this alder flycatcher at Woodbury Wildlife Area in Coshocton County on 17 May 2004.

(**B. Foppe**), 15 were at Magee by 23 May (**R&S Harlan**).

**Least Flycatcher:** The first seen was at Camp Dennison 28 Apr (**B. Foppe**), and the high count was seven at Magee 12 May (**R&S Harlan**). A lonesome male sang at Clear Ck MP in *Hocking* 15 May—eop (**J. Watts**), in several contrasting habitats.

**Eastern Phoebe:** Though we lacked confirmed wintering records, one was singing 1 Mar in Cincinnati (**D. Graham**), and another in *Athens* 14 Mar (**E. McElroy**). Three were on territory in Shawnee SF by 2 Mar (**B. Royse**).

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** First reported at Shawnee Lookout, *Hamilton* 24 Apr (**N. Keller**), BSBO banded one as early as the 30<sup>th</sup> at Navarre.

**Eastern Kingbird:** On 17 Apr seen at Huffman Prairie (**N. Smith**) and Gilmore Ponds (*vide M. Busam*). **C. Caldwell** had an oddball at ONWR 30 May, with dark head and white body.

**Loggerhead Shrike:** **R. Lakes** (*vide J. Lehman*) saw one in last year's spot in *Adams* 6 Mar; nesting there was suspected but not confirmed (m obs) through the eop.

**Northern Shrike:** The last reports came from *Wood* (**B. Cullen**) and *Lucas* (**E. Tramer**) on 27 Mar; Tramer said of the CPNWR bird that "...it repeatedly hovered over the bushes and then dropped to the ground at the edge of the dike. After doing this six times it stayed out of sight on the ground for several minutes; then it emerged carrying a meadow mouse (*Microtus*) in its feet! It flew off across the impoundment with obvious effort, barely skimming over the water surface with its dangling prey in tow."

**White-eyed Vireo:** First seen 15 Apr at Scioto Trail SF (**S. Landes**), by the 20<sup>th</sup> 14 were at Shawnee SF (**B. Royse**). Six were in the HBSP area in *Lake* 1 May (**K. Metcalf**).

**Bell's Vireo:** One appeared at MWW 1 May (**J. Lehman**) through the eop (m obs). **T. Shively** had one in *Logan* 7 May. Another was at Gilmore Ponds May (**S. Reeves**) through the eop (m obs). More expected was at least one at BCSP 22 May through the eop (**B. Sain**, m obs).



Jason Estep took this portrait of a Philadelphia vireo at the Magee Marsh bird trail 22 May.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** First reported from Scioto Trail SF 15 Apr (**S. Landes**), by 18 Apr two were at Magee (**R. Nirschl**).

**Blue-headed Vireo:** First reported from *Hocking*, on 20 Mar (**P. Knoop**). Late possible nesters included birds at Shawnee (**B. Royse**), two at Conkle's Hollow 22 May and one at Ash Cave SP in *Hocking* 23 May (**F. Renfrow**), on 29 May two at Hinckley MP in *Medina* (**R&S Harlan**) and one in *Hocking* (**J. Watts**), and a singing male in *Lucas* 31 May (**M. Anderson**).

**Warbling Vireo:** First seen at MWW, on 18 Apr (**J. Lehman**), numbers swelled to 35 at Meander Lk in *Mahoning* 11 May (**C. Babyak**).

**Philadelphia Vireo:** Appeared in *Hamilton* 8 May (**N. Keller**), with a high count of 3-4 at Magee 20 May (**R. Nirschl**).

**Red-eyed Vireo:** At Shawnee SF, 28 were present 19 Apr,

and 104 by the following day (**B. Royse**).

**Blue Jay:** On the evening of 23 Apr, **J. Pogacnik** reported ~250 at LSR, in groups of 15-40, then 686 on 1 May. **V. Fazio** counted ~3200 over Magee 29 Apr. Untold thousands passed over Magee 9 May, but apparently no one was able to concentrate solely on this phenomenon at the time.

**American Crow:** Not numerous near Lake Erie except during migration, 150 for the 4 Mar ONWRC was a noteworthy count. Magee migrants totaled 293 on 10 Mar (**Z. Baker**) and 266 on 23 Mar (**V. Fazio**). Some estimated last year's WNV mortality at 75%.

**Purple Martin:** First scouts noted 19 Mar in *Lawrence* (**H. Slack**), and in *Butler* 20 Mar (**C. Baumgartner**).

**Tree Swallow:** Early birds included one at MWW 4 Mar (**F. Frick**), 50 at SVWA 7 Mar (**J. Brown**), and 11 at KPWA 8 Mar (**B. Shively**). On 17 Apr, an astonishing ~9600 were tallied by the Magee hawk watch (**V. Fazio**), likely a state record number.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** Early 29 Mar sightings included single birds at Lk Rockwell in *Portage* (**L. Rosche**) and at HWSP (**D. Russell**).

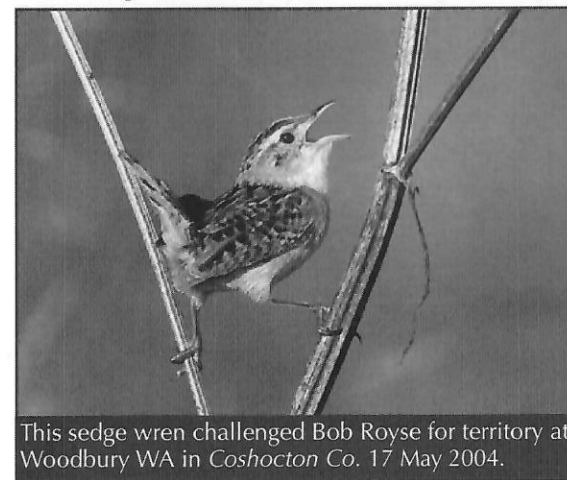
**Bank Swallow:** Earliest were two in *Brown* 11 Apr (**J. Hovekamp**).

**Cliff Swallow:** First reported from Hoover Res in *Delaware* 11 Apr (**R. Thorn**). **Mel Miller** (*vide S. Snyder*) reported several nests inside his *Holmes* barn 22 May.

**Barn Swallow:** On 28 Mar, appeared at distant areas of the state in *Adams* (**J. Lehman**) and *Lake* (**J. Pogacnik**).

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** Widely but thinly distributed early in the season. **F. Renfrow** located a probable nesting pair 22 May at Old Man's Cave SP, and **S&R Harlan** reported birds from Hinckley MP in *Medina* 27 and 29 May.

**Brown Creeper:** Four were at EFSP on 28 Mar (**J. Lehman**), with a high of 12 in Columbus 7 Apr (**R. Thorn**).



This sedge wren challenged Bob Royse for territory at Woodbury WA in Coshocton Co. 17 May 2004.

A nest was found at Hoover Res 9 Apr (**J. Kuenzli**), and at Hinckley MP a pair was spotted 27 May (**S&R Harlan**).

**Winter Wren:** Singing birds were in Cincinnati 1 Mar (**D. Graham**) and Shawnee SF 2 Mar (**B. Royse**). High count was ~25 at Magee 25 Mar (**R. Nirschl**).

**House Wren:** Arrived first EFSP in *Clermont* 10 Apr (**J. Brown**).

**Sedge Wren:** One was at Mentor Lagoons 7 May (**L. Rosche**), and three in *Wayne* the following day through the eop (**J. Herman vide E. Snively**, m obs). Other reports came from *Medina*, *Coshocton*, *Muskingum*, and *Marion*.

**Marsh Wren:** One was at MWW 20 Apr (**N. Keller**); later, eight sang in Magee 23 May (**R&S Harlan**).

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** Eighty were at Magee 27 Mar (**B. Whan**), and one or another was singing at Hinckley MP in *Medina* 27 and 29 May (**S&R Harlan**).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** **D. Barnett** saw two in Cincinnati 10 Apr. At Magee were 60 on 14 Apr (**R. Nirschl**) and 20 on 9 May (**R&S Harlan**).

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** Seen 28 Mar by **B. Royse** in Shawnee SF and **D. Dister** in *Montgomery*. **S. Zadar** saw 28 in flight over Dike 14 on 30 Apr.

**Veery:** An overflight brought one to Magee 17 Apr (**P. Sherwood vide V. Fazio**).



**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** Scarce. The BSBO netted one 30 Apr at Navarre. **R. Nirschl** had three in song at Magee as late as 26 May.

**Swainson's Thrush:** 19 Apr reports came from **E. Tramer** in *Lucas*, **R. Nirschl** at Magee, and the BSBO from Navarre. Scarce, with a high count of 15 in Parma 15 May (**G. Leidy**). **R&S Harlan** had one singing quite late at Hinckley MP on 29 May.

**Hermit Thrush:** Seen 2 Mar at Shawnee SF (**B. Royse**). Peaked mid-Apr, with ~50 at Magee (**R. Nirschl**) and 48 at Kelleys Isl (**T. Bartlett**) the 16<sup>th</sup>. **F. Renfrow** observed two at Old Man's Cave SP and six at Conkle's Hollow SNP 22 May, plus three at Ash Cave SP 23 May, all in *Hocking*. **D. Chasar** reported three in the CVNP 8 May, **R&S Harlan** three in Mohican SF 29 May, and **J. Watts** a nest in Clear Ck MP 24 May at the exact location of another nest found 23 June 2001.

**Wood Thrush:** First reported were four in *Hamilton* 20 Apr (**N. Keller, J. Stenger**).

**Gray Catbird:** Earliest was an overshooter at Magee 16 Apr (**R. Nirschl**).

**American Pipit:** Migrants continued from the previous period through 10 May at Conneaut (**C. Holt**). High count 80, in *Tuscarawas* 27 Mar (**E. Schlabach**).

**Bohemian Waxwing:** **J. Brumfield** found one in the CVNP 6 Mar. Uncharacteristically for this species in Ohio, m (but not all) obs were able to relocate it in the area through 14 Mar (**K. Metcalf**) as it foraged with cedar waxwings on fruiting trees and shrubs.

**Cedar Waxwing:** **J. Pogacnik** reported 1000+ at LSR 23 May.

**Blue-winged Warbler:** **R. Royse** found 12 at Shawnee SF 19 Apr, then 25 the following day, by which time **L.E. Yoder** already had one in *Coschocton*. High count was a healthy 118, during the CVNP census of 8 May (*vide* **D. Chasar**).

**Golden-winged Warbler:** Thirty migrants reported, from 11 counties, nearly all between 1-9 May, the latest a female at Magee 21 May (**B. Morrison**).

**Hybrids of above:** "Brewster's" reports came from 9 May at the Oak Openings (**M. Anderson**) and Parma (**G. Leidy**), who reported two birds, both adult male backcrosses singing songs of golden-winged). **E. Snively** and **B. Morrison** reported a "Lawrence's" warbler at Magee 6 May.

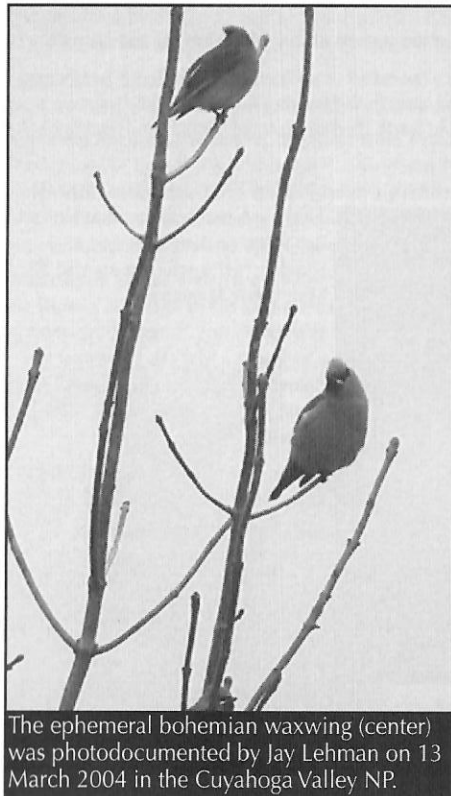
**Tennessee Warbler:** Seemed down in numbers to many. First reported 19 Apr at Magee (**R. Nirschl**), numbers peaked at 29 in *Coschocton* 10 May (**L.E. Yoder**).

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** Seen in good numbers. An overflying bird was at Magee on 19 Apr (**R. Nirschl**), and the last seen at Shaker Lks 11 May (**B. Fambrough**). The BSBO banded a record 27 during the season at Navarre. High count four at CPNWR 25 Apr (**E. Tramer**).

**Nashville Warbler:** On the early side was one at Magee 16 Apr (**R. Nirschl**), and one flew into BSBO's nets at Navarre the 27<sup>th</sup>. High count 26 on 3 May in *Mahoning* (**C. Babyak**).

**Northern Parula:** First seen was an early bird 9 Apr at Fort Hill Mem (**K. Sieg**).

**Yellow Warbler:** First reported 19 Apr at Delaware WA (**B. Shively**), by mid-May were ubiquitous, with 89 at Mosquito WA 11 May (**C. Babyak**), and ~100 at Magee the following day (**S&R Harlan**).



The ephemeral bohemian waxwing (center) was photodocumented by Jay Lehman on 13 March 2004 in the Cuyahoga Valley NP.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** An early overflight apparently resulted in one at Magee 16 Apr (**R. Nirschl**). **B. Royse** considered the species a probable breeder at Shawnee SF. High counts were of 15 at Magee 16 May (**H&S Hiris**) and 10 at HBSP 18 May (**L. Rosche**). One was singing in the Oak Openings of Toledo 27 May (**Nirschl**).

**Magnolia Warbler:** Overflights accounted for a 15 Apr bird at Hoover Res (**L. Powlick**) and one on 27 Apr in *Williams* (**J. Yochum**). Two probable nesters were at Conkle's Hollow SNP 22 May (**F. Renfrow**), and **R&S Harlan** found territorial males at Hinckley MP—one 27 May and three 29 May; ditto for one in Rhododendron Hollow in *Hocking* 29 May (**J. Watts**). High count of migrants 30 at HBSP 18 May (**L. Rosche**).

**Cape May Warbler:** First reported at Highbanks MP in *Delaware* 25 Apr (**R. Lowry**)

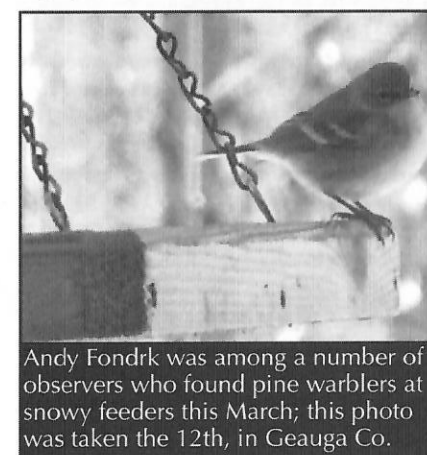
**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** First reported from *Hamilton* 29 Apr (**B. Foppe**), and last from Magee 31 May (**S&R Harlan**).

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** Banders at Navarre snagged a record 719 during the period.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** Three, probably breeders, were at Shawnee SF 8 Mar (**B. Royse**). High count in the north was 10 at the Shaker Lks 19 May (**R&S Harlan**).

**Blackburnian Warbler:** Arrived 18 Apr in *Licking* (**S. Woolard**). By 22 May at least one was on territory at Old Man's Cave SP (**F. Renfrow**), others were probably on territory at Hinckley MP 27 and 29 May as well as at Mohican on the latter date (all **R&S Harlan**); oddly, one was singing in Dublin, *Franklin* 30 May (**R. Thorn**).

**Yellow-throated Warbler:** One was in Cincinnati 26 Mar (**A. Bess**), three in Shawnee SF 28 Mar (**B. Royse**), and one fed at suet in *Hocking* by 6 Apr (**P. Knoop**). Magee hosted several birds during the



Andy Fondrk was among a number of observers who found pine warblers at snowy feeders this March; this photo was taken the 12th, in Geauga Co.

period, beginning 19 Apr (**R. Nirschl**) through mid-May (m obs). High count 37 at Shawnee on 20 Apr (**Royse**).

**Pine Warbler:** Earliest there in four years was one at **J. Fry**'s feeder in *Hocking* 1 Mar. **F. Renfrow** noted several nesting outposts in *Hamilton*, possibly related to pine beetle outbreaks further south. At Rocky River Nat Ctr 23-24 Apr, one to two dozen birds of this species fed on the ground in a very small area (**T. Martincic, S. Wright**, m obs).

**Kirtland's Warbler:** An extraordinary three reports, with singing males reported from *Knox* 8 May, *Erie* 9 May, and *Cuyahoga* 16 May. Details are with the OBRC.

**Prairie Warbler:** Showed up at Shawnee SF 17 Apr (**B. Sparks**), where ice damage has opened new habitat. BSBO recorded a record three at the Navarre

banding station.

**Palm Warbler:** Earliest was one of the yellow eastern form, seen 3 Apr at LSR by **J. Pogacnik**. The Navarre banding station had a record 252 for the period. On 25 Apr, **E. Tramer** saw 80+ at CPNWR. Last seen 16 May at Metzger Marsh (**R. Nirschl**). Three other birds of the eastern race were seen, one at HBSP 21 Apr (**L. Rosche**), one banded at Navarre (BSBO) 29 Apr, and one on the Crane Ck SP beach 6 May (**B. Shively**).

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** First spotted at SVWA 30 Apr (**D. Sanders**), and peaked with 30 seen at Magee 16 May (**S&R Harlan**).

**Blackpoll Warbler:** First seen in *Butler* 30 Apr (**M. Busam**); high count 22 at Magee 13 May (**J. Sedransk**), with one near Mallard Club Marsh 31 May (**R&S Harlan**).

**Cerulean Warbler:** Reported first from Shawnee SF 17 Apr, with 11 arrived by the 19<sup>th</sup> (**B. Royse**), by



21 Apr **L. Andrews** regarded it as the most abundant warbler in the Athens District of the Wayne NF. The CVNP census found 13 on 8 May (*vide* **D. Chasar**).

**Black-and-white Warbler:** Arrived 28 Mar in Shawnee SF, *Scioto* (**B. Royle**).

**American Redstart:** First seen at Shawnee 17 Mar (**B. Sparks**), 60 were there by 20 Apr (**B. Royle**). **L.E. Yoder** tallied 47 in NW *Coshocton* 10 May.

**Prothonotary Warbler:** Two males were quite early in *Clermont* 8 Apr (**D. Morse**). A memorable presence at Magee/Metzger began with two 30 Apr at Metzger (**R. Nirschl**). **C. Bombaci** had 17 at Hoover Res nesting spots by 4 May. Two were in song at Sandy Ridge MP in *Lorain* 29 May (**S&R Harlan**).

**Worm-eating Warbler:** An overshooting bird netted by BSBO at Navarre 17 Apr presaged an invasion in the north, with birds at Magee 19 Apr (**R. Nirschl**), 1 May (**S. Snyder**), 8 May (**C. Spagnoli**)-9 May (m obs), 12 May (**E. Tramer**) and beyond. BSBO banded another 3 May, and the **Dunakins** reported a record three in *Paulling* during May; **M. Anderson** had one in the Oak Openings 9 May, and **J. Hefflich** one at the Shaker Lks the next day. High count 17 at Shawnee SF in *Scioto* 20 Apr (**B. Royle**).

**Ovenbird:** Reported 18 Apr from *Hocking* (**P. Knoop**) and at Magee (**R. Nirschl**); 48 at Shawnee 19 Apr (**B. Royle**) suggested they'd been around for some time.

**Northern Waterthrush:** Decidedly early was one at Navarre 18 Apr (BSBO), and two at Magee the following day (**R. Nirschl**). On a more normal schedule, 10 at Gilmore Ponds 11 May was excellent for an inland count (**M. Busam**), as were four in Nile 3 May (**C. Babyak**) and 5+ in *Geauga* 6 May (**L. Rosche**). Intriguing were singing birds at Woodbury WA 17 May (**B. Royle**) and Aquilla WA in *Geauga* 31 May (**K. Metcalf**).



Elusive at HWSP have been northern waterthrushes, which often pass through silently. This one was banded there on 19 Apr, and photographed by David Russell.

later in the month statewide.

**Mourning Warbler:** Again, BSBO had the first, banded at Navarre 7 May. The high count of ~10 came from Magee 22 May (**R. Nirschl**), and the migration lasted through the period, with birds at Magee (**C. Tucker**) and *Coshocton* (**L.E. Yoder**) 31 May.

**Common Yellowthroat:** One arrived at SVWA by 18 Apr (**J. Lehman**). On 20 May an early nest with two eggs was in *Geauga* (**K. Metcalf**).

**Hooded Warbler:** At Shawnee SF **B. Royle** reported a bird on 17 Apr, then 44 by 20 Apr. The CVNP census (*vide* **D. Chasar**) reported 66 for 8 May.

**Wilson's Warbler:** **J. Stenger** had an early one in *Brown* 2 May, and **R&S Harlan** two as late as 31 May at Magee.

**Canada Warbler:** BSBO captured one at Navarre 1 May. Breeders in *Hocking* were harder to find this

spring, but **J. Watts** had one 15 May in Clear Ck MP.

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** Arrived in Shawnee SF 21 Apr (**B. Royle**). **S. Zadar** had one at Dike 14 on 17 May, and **R. Sempier** one at KPWA 22 May.

**Summer Tanager:** BSBO caught a record three at Navarre, including the earliest on 17 Apr. High count 10+ on 9 May during a Big Day event (**D. Horn** et al.). Has become reliable and rather numerous in the Oak Openings (m obs), and seems to be up in the north generally.

**Scarlet Tanager:** First seen 18 Apr at MWW (**J. Lehman**), and **B. Royle** found 32 two days later in the Shawnee SF, when **P. Knoop** had a pair in *Hocking*. At Magee by the day after (**R. Nirschl**).

**American Tree Sparrow:** **E. Tramer** rightly regarded three at CPNWR 25 Apr as late, but one was banded at Springville Marsh in *Seneca* even later on 1 May (**S. Myers**).

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** First sighted by **F. Frick** at MWW 29-30 Apr, one was banded at Navarre by the BSBO 6 May, one was at Magee 8 May (**T. Bartlett**, m obs), two were in *Lucas's* Jerusalem Twp 10 May (**T. Kemp**), and one in Bowling Green 11 May (**P. Chad**). **G. Leidy** had birds in Parma 15 and 16 May.

**Vesper Sparrow:** Two returned to *Wood* as early as 4 Apr (**B. Cullen**).

**Lark Sparrow:** The first male reclaimed territory at the Oak Openings as early as 21 Apr (**E. Tramer**). An apparent migrant was at a *Greene* quarry 5 May (**G. Miller**, **N. Keller**).

**Savannah Sparrow:** Two arrived in *Holmes* 10 Mar (**E. Schlabach**). **S. Zadar** had 38 at Dike 14 on 16 Apr.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** **B. Royle** found three at Crown City WA 26 Apr, where "hundreds" were present by 23 May (**M. Griffith**, **D. Patrick** *vide* **H. Slack**). **J. Pogacnik** had one at LSR 29 Apr. These sparrows were common at Egypt Valley WA 11 May (**D. Smith**). Ten+ were inside the Columbus city limits 14 May (**R. Thorn**). A migrant was late at Dike 14 on 17 May (**S. Zadar**).

**Henslow's Sparrow:** First reported in a rare overflight 19 Apr at Dike 14 (**S. Zadar**), then the following day in *Hocking* (**J. Fry**), and only by 26 Apr at The Wilds (**J. Larson**). **J. Pogacnik** saw one at LSR 29 Apr. Birds at the VOA in *Butler* numbered three 24 Apr (**M. Busam**) and seven 26 May (**J. Lehman**). One was at the Shaker Lks 5 May (**L. Deininger**) and another at the Toledo Airport 21 May (**J. Lesser**).

**Fox Sparrow:** Some apparently wintered, north and south. Migration peaked late Mar and early Apr, with ~20 at Magee 25 Mar (**R. Nirschl**) and 47 on the 4 Apr ONWRC. Later were single birds at HBSP 26 Apr (**L. Rosche**) and 1 May at LSR (**J. Pogacnik**).

**Song Sparrow:** A large movement involved 90-95 at Dike 14 on 11 Mar (**S. Zadar**).

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** Appeared on schedule, but one singing on Crane Ck SP beach on 16 May was anomalous (**S&R Harlan**). Seen as late as 26 May in the NW (**E. Tramer**).

**Swamp Sparrow:** Six were at SVWA by 8 Mar (**N. Smith**). BSBO netted a record 340 at Navarre during the season.

**White-throated Sparrow:** High count 150+ at Magee 17 Apr (**V. Fazio**). Two remained at a feeder in Hancock as late as 25 May (**M. Dailey** *vide* **B. Hardesty**).

**White-crowned Sparrow:** BSBO banded a Gambel's race bird 6 May. One was at KPWA as late as 23 May (**R. Sempier**).

**Dark-eyed Junco:** A migrant was at Magee 11 May (**J. Yochum**). A first for **R&S Harlan** in *Medina* was a territorial male at Hinckley MP 27 & 29 May. No reports received of breeding birds elsewhere, but presumably they persist.

**Lapland Longspur:** Well reported. **R. Counts** had birds perched along utility wires in *Wyandot* 1 Mar, with ~1500 on 2 Mar, 150 on 3 Mar, 450-500 on 5 Mar, 250 on 11 Mar, 50+ on 13 Mar, several hundred 17 Mar, 200+ 28 Apr, and 200+ 6 May; **B. Whan** saw ~80 at this spot 8 May. **B. Royle** found ~200 in *Madison* 23 Mar. Fifty were at Funk WA 27 Mar (**C. Holt**) and one at The Wilds 31 Mar (**J. Lehman**), and **J. Yochum** had flocks of perhaps ~100 in *Defiance* 4 and 16 Apr. **B. Cullen** reported 600+ in *Wood* 4 Apr, and **B. Powell** five in *Clinton* 12 Apr. **M. Anderson** followed a flock in Maumee, *Lucas*, with several hundred 7 Apr, then 2500+ (the high count) 28 Apr, and 50-60 on 3 May. **E. Tramer** saw 100+ in fields

near MBSP 25 Apr. **Anderson** reported the latest, 12 near MBSP 15 May.

**Snow Bunting:** **R. Counts** found buntings perched on utility wires in *Wyandot* 1 Mar, many in "full song" by 4 Mar. The latest reports came from 13 Mar, with six from *Wyandot* (**Counts**) and 9 from Fairport Hbr (**K. Metcalf**).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** A male at a *Geauga* feeder 19 Apr was an early record for **B. Partington**. The next day **B. Royse** found the first two at Shawnee SF. **P. Knoop** had 3 males and a female at a *Hocking* feeder 25 Apr. The high count was 77, seen during the 8 May CVNP census (*vide* **D. Chasar**).

**Blue Grosbeak:** Well reported, with an early imm male in *Noble* 17 Apr



Lapland longspurs, changing into breeding plumage, remained along TH 112 in Wyandot Co. until early May. Photo by Robert Royse.



A dickcissel sang at the Roxanna gravel pits near Spring Valley WA on 31 May 2004. Photo by Jay Lehman.

Crown City WA this spring.

**Bobolink:** The first to show up came to the VOA in *Butler* 24 Apr (**M. Busam**), where 25 were present 26 May (**J. Lehman**). By 26 Apr four were seen at The Wilds (**J. Larson**) and one in Crown City WA (**B. Royse**).

**Eastern Meadowlark:** Good numbers included 30 at Holden Arb 18 Apr (**H. Petruschke**) and 38 at the VOA in *Butler* 24 Apr (**M. Busam**).

**Western Meadowlark:** One was found in *Wood* 23 Apr (**C. Anderson**) through the eop. Another was near Toledo 9 May (**M. Anderson**).

**Yellow-headed Blackbird:** **H&S Hiris** reported two at Magee 18 Apr. Two males came to a feeder in *Ottawa* 23 Apr-7 May (**R.**

**B. Morrison**), one at Crown City WA 26 Apr with five there 7 May (**B. Royse**), a pair building a nest in *Pickaway* 29 Apr (**T. Shively**), one at MWW 7 May (**D. Brinkman**), one in *Clermont* 8 May (**S. Clingman**), two pairs in *Adams* 9 May (**L. Brumbaugh**), one in Cincinnati 9 May (**J. Stenger**), one in the Oak Openings 10 May (**N. Bixler**) with two young males there 22 May (**E. Tramer**) through the eop, and a female in *Holmes* 30 May (**G. Miller**).

**Indigo Bunting:** First seen at MWW 19 Apr (**F. Frick**), by 9 May 20 could be found at Magee (**S&R Harlan**).

**Dickcissel:** Arrived in glaciated Ohio the latter half of May, the first 6-8 birds in *Union* 18 May (**J. Watts**); later in *Wayne*, *Hardin*, *Paulding*, *Muskingum*, *Coshocton*, and *Greene*. **H. Slack** reported none detected at



On 5 May 2004, near Otsego Park in Wood County, Jay Lehman photographed this western meadowlark.

**Arnold**). One was at ONWR 8 May (m obs).

**Rusty Blackbird:** High count 56 in *Fairfield* 2 Apr (**J. Watts**), with the latest reported at Magee 12 May (**S&R Harlan**).

**Brewer's Blackbird:** Five+ were in Maumee 1 Mar (**M. Anderson**), and one male at ONWR 27 Mar (**B. Whan**). Five were near ONWR 5 Apr (**J. Brumfield**), and 17+ there 11 Apr (**J. Pogacnik**).

**Common Grackle:** **E. Snively** reported 10,000+ in *Wayne* 11 Mar.

**Orchard Oriole:** **L. Brumbaugh** had one in Spring Grove Cem in Cincinnati 21 Apr for the first. **J. A. Miller** had five 2 May in *Holmes*. Seems to be increasing in the north.

**Baltimore Oriole:** Four were found in *Clermont* 21 Apr (**C. Clingman**) for the first records. **R&S Harlan** found 20 at Magee 12 May.

**Purple Finch:** An outstanding season for this species, with hundreds reported statewide and large movements in Apr. Typical was **K. Carlsen**'s report from a *Washington* feeder: two on 20 Mar, then 20-25 on 17 & 18 Apr, with the last 22 Apr. High count 44 in *Hocking* 20 Apr (**J. Fry**). Reported from the following counties: *Adams*, *Ashland*, *Clark*, *Clermont*, *Clinton*, *Cuyahoga*, *Delaware*, *Erie*, *Franklin*, *Geauga*, *Guernsey*, *Hamilton*, *Hancock*, *Hocking*, *Holmes*, *Lake*, *Lucas*, *Mahoning*, *Montgomery*, *Scioto*, *Stark*, *Summit*, *Van Wert*, *Vinton*, and *Washington*.

**Common Redpoll:** Six dawdled at LSR 28 Mar (**J. Pogacnik**).

**Pine Siskin:** Fair numbers seen statewide. High count 44 in *Lake* (**J. Pogacnik**) 1 May. The latest was reported 17 May in *Lucas* (**M. Anderson**).

**American Goldfinch:** Morning flights at Dike 14 in Cleveland produced 311 on 30 Apr and 300+ on 31 Apr (**S. Zadar**).

**Evening Grosbeak:** A poor showing once again, with single birds overhead in *Lucas* 17 Apr (**M. Anderson**) and at a feeder in *Lake* 21 May (**J. Pogacnik**).

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## The 2003-04 Christmas Bird Counts

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This year we present the results of only 54 Christmas Count circles, down from 60 the past two years. We did have one new circle, Carey, located centered in Wyandot County. We have come to rely on getting the results from the Audubon web site ([www.audubon.org/bird/cbc](http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc)) for the most part. This year, Audubon changed to a new data entry system, which took quite a while to implement. Perhaps some compilers just gave up in frustration, and didn't report their results. At any rate, we hope to have more results next year. As always, we have reported the results as you submitted them, without verifying reports of rarities.

Although we had fewer circles this year, we found more species of birds, with this year's total of 151 species topping last year's 148, but still short of 152 from two years ago. Twenty-one of those species were found in only one count circle: a greater white-fronted goose at Carey (plus another count week at Toledo), a harlequin duck and a sanderling at Lake Erie Islands, a broad-winged hawk at Oxford, a peregrine falcon, a pomarine jaeger, a Franklin's gull and a little gull at Elyria-Lorain, four Virginia rails at Millersburg, a greater yellowlegs and a pine warbler at Adams County, four dunlins at Ashtabula, a Thayer's gull at Cleveland, a rufous hummingbird at Columbus, three house wrens at Hoover Reservoir, a yellow warbler and a palm warbler at Ragersville, a lark sparrow at Western Hamilton County, a Henslow's sparrow at Cincinnati, a Brewer's blackbird at Wilmot, and a white-winged crossbill at Mansfield. In addition to the species found on count day, two more were found during count week: Ross's goose at Cuyahoga Falls and evening grosbeak at three locations.

Cincinnati once again had the most species, 91. Toledo was close behind with 90, followed by Wilmot with 88, Cuyahoga Falls with 84, Ragersburg with 83, and Carey, Lake Erie Islands and Millersburg with 80. Preble County recruited the most observers, 102, followed by Cuyahoga Falls with 94, Wilmot with 84, and Cincinnati with 77. The data available from Audubon did not distinguish between field observers and feeder watchers.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to finding all these great birds last winter. See you again in a few months!



SPRING 2004 OVERVIEW AND REPORTS

	Adams County (62) Dec. 18, 2003	Ashland (30) Dec. 20, 2003	Ashtabula (25) Dec. 20, 2003	Beaver Valley (64) Dec. 14, 2003	Buckeye Lake (66) Jan. 3, 2004	Bucyrus (14) Jan. 10, 2004	Burton (27) Jan. 1, 2004	Cadiz (72) Jan. 1, 2004	Carey (15) Jan. 4, 2004	Cincinnati (65) Dec. 28, 2003	Clark County (44) Dec. 20, 2003	Cleveland (23) Dec. 20, 2003
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Snow Goose	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---
Ross's Goose	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Canada Goose	397	877	1598	32	554	336	4068	348	2465	959	915	1630
Mute Swan	---	2	---	---	---	2	7	3	---	1	1	---
Trumpeter Swan	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tundra Swan	---	---	10	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	6	---
Wood Duck	7	1	---	---	---	2	---	---	5	2	---	---
Gadwall	---	---	---	8	---	---	---	---	2	55	15	---
American Wigeon	---	---	---	4	---	---	---	1	89	2	---	---
American Black Duck	43	---	41	6	---	---	8	5	39	30	5	8
Mallard	168	157	298	41	334	170	552	12	718	227	634	162
Am. Black Duck x Mallard	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---
Blue-winged Teal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---
Northern Shoveler	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	1	77	20	---
Northern Pintail	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	20	---	---	---
Green-winged Teal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	3	---	---	---
I/Canvasback	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	60
Redhead	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	50
Ring-necked Duck	6	---	cw	1	---	---	---	---	504	12	---	---
Greater Scaup	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	8
Lesser Scaup	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	15	---	50
scaup sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Harlequin Duck	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Surf Scoter	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Black Scoter	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Long-tailed Duck	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bufflehead	7	1	1	---	---	---	1	---	1	75	2	12
Common Goldeneye	---	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	60
Hooded Merganser	19	1	4	---	---	---	---	6	157	3	1	---
Common Merganser	---	---	149	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	7	---
Red-breasted Merganser	---	---	472	---	---	---	---	2	4	3	4000	---
Ruddy Duck	---	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	26	---	---	---
duck sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ring-necked Pheasant	---	1	---	---	1	2	1	---	2	---	---	---
Ruffed Grouse	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	---	---	---	---
Wild Turkey	100	77	82	44	---	---	1	23	7	---	---	---
Northern Bobwhite	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15	---	---
Common Loon	---	---	cw	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pied-billed Grebe	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	1	2	98	2	---
Horned Grebe	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Double-crested Cormorant	---	---	9	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	1
Great Blue Heron	7	9	3	4	13	1	2	1	5	30	14	7
Black-crowned Night-Heron	---	---	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Black Vulture	53	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	91	---	---
Turkey Vulture	19	---	---	21	---	---	---	---	---	274	---	---
Bald Eagle	---	---	1	---	---	cw	3	---	15	---	---	1
Northern Harrier	15	1	3	21	1	---	1	5	12	---	---	---
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	5	1	1	---	1	---	---	---	6	---	1
Cooper's Hawk	5	5	3	6	2	2	7	1	6	19	2	9
Accipiter sp.	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---
Red-shouldered Hawk	4	1	1	11	---	1	30	---	---	6	---	5
Broad-winged Hawk	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Red-tailed Hawk	36	26	18	37	10	23	46	25	33	97	5	23
Rough-legged Hawk	2	---	cw	1	1	---	5	3	1	1	1	---
Buteo sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---
American Kestrel	38	5	3	29	11	13	2	5	31	7	4	1
Merlin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---
Peregrine Falcon	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
hawk sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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	Columbus (65) Dec. 14, 2003	Cuyahoga Falls (29) Dec. 14, 2003	Dayton (60) Dec. 28, 2003	Delaware Reservoir (62) Dec. 21, 2003	East Fork Lake S.P. (67) Dec. 21, 2003	Elyria-Loain (20) Dec. 20, 2003	Firelands (9) Dec. 20, 2003	Gall Woods (1) Dec. 20, 2003	Grand Lake-St. Marys (41) Dec. 20, 2003	Grand Rapids-Waterville (2) Dec. 21, 2003	Greenville (43) Dec. 21, 2003	Hamilton-Fairfield (62) Dec. 20, 2003	Hoover Reservoir (63) Dec. 20, 2003	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (50) Dec. 28, 2003	Kingston (68) Jan. 3, 2004	Lake Erie Islands (6) Dec. 14, 2004
70	---	1	---	---	---	94	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1	---
3922	2769	2321	1454	3	1798	1647	271	---	705	664	2215	2849	1949	1012	341	---
21	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	13	---	---	---
3	7	1	---	---	---	5	40	100	---	---	---	5	4	---	---	142
2	23	---	---	3	18	4	---	---	4	---	38	5	5	---	---	127
cw	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	1	---	4
316	22	1	---	2	5	14	2	---	15	2	24	59	74	---	---	199
1367	1363	941	97	305	226	678	185	---	369	241	942	1880	1168	66	---	904
2	6	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---
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cw	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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153	141	2	---	15	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	2	---	---	---
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---	29	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	---	4	7	---	---	---	13
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2	4	---	---	22	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2691
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128	84	31	---	1	8	1	---	---	---	---	---	70	---	---	---	1
---	2	---	---	---	110	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	370
---	7	7	---	---	408	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3189
---	9	---	---	9	34	9	---	---	---	---	7	---	---	---	---	1
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---	4	---	---	---	---	23	47	---	24	23	---	---	---	---	4	7
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18	23	75	12	11	1	32	2	---	22	2	49	15	7	4	---	---
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---	1	1	2	---	2	13	---	---	3	---	---	4	6	---	---	3
---	2	1	27	1	---	1	11	3	---	3	2	2	43	11	1	---
---	10	4	4	---	10	3	1	1	3	1	5	1	1	1	4	---
22	37	10	5	7	---	7	3	---	9	3	12	9	4	5	8	---
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2	9	---	---	6	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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41	81	54	39	14	29	17	17	15	35	13	58	46	51	54	14	---
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11	8	9	31	16	10	4	10	7	5	11	23	9	18	53	---	---
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	Adams County (82) Dec. 18, 2003	Ashland (30) Dec. 20, 2003	Ashtabula (25) Dec. 20, 2003	Beaver Valley (64) Dec. 14, 2003	Buckeye Lake (56) Jan. 3, 2004	Bucyrus (14) Jan. 10, 2004	Burton (27) Jan. 1, 2004	Cadiz (72) Jan. 1, 2004	Carey (15) Jan. 4, 2004	Cincinnati (65) Dec. 28, 2003	Clark County (44) Dec. 20, 2003	Cleveland (23) Dec. 20, 2003
Virginia Rail	3	---	4	---	3	---	---	---	1	526	114	---
American Coot	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	220	---
Sandhill Crane	79	1	---	70	---	---	---	---	4	23	3	---
Killdeer	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Greater Yellowlegs	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sanderling	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dunlin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Wilson's Snipe	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pomarine Jaeger	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Franklin's Gull	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Little Gull	---	---	44	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	250
Bonaparte's Gull	---	1	2850	---	46	206	---	90	95	1293	700	3127
Ring-billed Gull	---	---	568	---	---	3	29	---	97	ew	10	358
Herring Gull	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Thayer's Gull	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lesser Black-backed Gull	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Great Black-backed Gull	---	35	62	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
gull sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rock Pigeon	280	253	295	166	42	100	138	70	182	468	33	1067
Mourning Dove	866	170	164	634	540	323	160	63	730	685	130	219 v
Barn Owl	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern Screech-Owl	4	2	---	8	1	1	---	---	3	2	4	---
Great Horned Owl	3	---	---	1	---	1	1	---	2	4	---	---
Barred Owl	2	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	---	---
Long-eared Owl	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Short-eared Owl	---	---	8	4	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---
Northern Saw-whet Owl	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rufous Hummingbird	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Belted Kingfisher	5	3	---	3	1	---	3	1	1	23	6	5
Red-headed Woodpecker	4	---	---	---	---	14	---	---	3	1	---	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	61	55	11	41	7	50	57	15	32	307	19	78
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3	---	cw	---	1	---	---	---	1	14	---	---
Downy Woodpecker	50	76	17	49	12	66	71	20	57	231	31	108
Hairy Woodpecker	19	13	8	9	4	7	20	3	5	36	9	21
Northern Flicker	29	15	2	20	8	24	19	5	14	94	8	8
Pileated Woodpecker	25	5	cw	15	---	4	12	4	---	32	---	8
Eastern Phoebe	3	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
Northern Shrike	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
shrike sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Blue Jay	271	137	51	118	52	166	153	65	144	346	16	167
American Crow	560	207	253	797	112	150	238	82	265	3214	7500	104
Horned Lark	48	---	cw	39	1	214	---	14	300	2	36	3
Carolina Chickadee	76	2	---	70	19	71	---	45	8	743	76	---
Black-capped Chickadee	---	36	88	---	---	13	337	---	20	---	---	190
chickadee sp.	---	53	---	---	---	8	---	---	2	---	---	---
Tufted Titmouse	78	75	26	56	19	73	83	26	15	246	14	108
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	6	2	---	---	---	3	---	---	10	---	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	54	71	18	41	10	99	82	14	39	119	18	86
Brown Creeper	6	7	cw	3	1	25	3	---	7	31	16	---
Carolina Wren	58	16	3	56	16	7	10	---	25	251	10	21
House Wren	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Winter Wren	---	---	2	2	---	---	1	---	9	1	1	---
Marsh Wren	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
Golden-crowned Kinglet	16	15	1	28	---	5	2	2	---	46	3	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	1
Eastern Bluebird	120	34	10	51	31	11	57	45	6	122	---	28
Hermit Thrush	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	2	---
American Robin	209	2	8	13	3	4	22	12	20	5374	8	272
Gray Catbird	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---
Northern Mockingbird	31	---	---	38	3	---	---	8	4	90	9	7

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	Columbus (65) Dec. 14, 2003	Cuyahoga Falls (29) Dec. 14, 2003	Dayton (60) Dec. 28, 2003	Delaware Reservoir (92) Dec. 27, 2003	East Fork Lake S.P. (67) Dec. 27, 2003	Elyria-Loain (20) Dec. 20, 2003	Firelands (9) Dec. 20, 2003	Goll Woods (1) Dec. 20, 2003	Grand Lake-St. Marys (41) Dec. 20, 2003	Grand Rapids-Waterville (2) Dec. 21, 2003	Greenville (43) Dec. 21, 2003	Hamilton-Fairfield (62) Dec. 20, 2003	Hoover Reservoir (53) Dec. 20, 2003	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (50) Dec. 28, 2003	Kingston (96) Jan. 3, 2004	Lake Erie Islands (5) Dec. 14, 2004
1	95	18	---	---	5	104	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---
16	5	3	11	100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	---	---	---	2
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510	571	487	219	3678	46202	20372	18	27	1080	---	---	323	1337	2	---	1913
2	10	7	---	3	3153	16	---	17	92	---	---	---	---	---	---	1192
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2136	1022	115	310	49	936	287	60	26	39	91	338	190	56	225	1	---
434	848	316	492	318	390	242	191	729	432	266	400	162	98	685	106	---
---	7	1	5	---	1	14	---	---	53	---	---	4	---	9	7	5
4	5	3	1	---	2	7	---	---	1	2	6	3	---	9	1	4
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1	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	cw	---	---
13	15	15	6	4	1	---	2	---	1	---	20	5	1	4	1	---
9	---	---	2	---	---	---	2	5	---	---	5	---	5	21	5	---
97	189	110	51	46	40	37	17	12	51	17	42	59	21	37	42	---
7	2	7	1	---	---	---	1	2	1	1	3	4	---	---	---	1
170	315	88	75	33	76	60	22	26	84	24	47	69	21	64	89	---
23	67	8	10	6	11	2	2	---	17	2	7	9	---	16	1	---
49	37	48	33	38	14	25	14	7	21	12	34	24	11	27	66	---
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209	681	45	137	213	116	62	41	46	140	21	52	151	54	79	52	---
113	493	109	86	35	35	36	34	7	308	6	204	68	3	394	44	---
189	---	30	156	38	40	562	59	106	223	405	49	37	---	387	3	---
290	---	290	4	153	---	---	---	13	---	27	185	161	---	150	---	---
---	844	---	---	---	154	44	54	---	185	---	---	5	---	---	289	---
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75	263	69	26	71	36	25	17	1	73	5	45	69	6	75	---	---
3	6	4	4	---	2	5	21	---	5	1	1	1	4	3	---	---
82	237	145	54	26	40	24	16	14	85	18	32	74	11	43	26	---
40	25	35	12	7	2	---	1	2	22	5	5	4	---	5	44	---
96	64	48	18	59	20	16	2	5	28	4	48	38	---	43	46	---
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6	22	7	2	16	---	---	---	---	9	---	12	4	---	8	26	---
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16	72	60	38	10	61	46	3	---	38	5	22	53	9	29	32	---
6	2	5	---	---	---	---	2	---	1	3	6	---	---	1	93	---
3345	672	2209	60	46	76	31	1	5	3	4	1827	1136	15	34	4752	---
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37	6	12	13	13	---	---	---	---	10	4	17	16	4	24	---	---

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

	Adams County (62) Dec. 18, 2003	Ashland (30) Dec. 20, 2003	Ashtabula (25) Dec. 20, 2003	Beaver Valley (64) Dec. 14, 2003	Buckeye Lake (56) Jan. 3, 2004	Bucyrus (14) Jan. 10, 2004	Burton (27) Jan. 1, 2004	Cadiz (72) Jan. 1, 2004	Carey (15) Jan. 4, 2004	Cincinnati (65) Dec. 28, 2003	Clerk County (44) Dec. 20, 2003	Cleveland (23) Dec. 20, 2003
Brown Thrasher	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	---
European Starling	3568	269	546	2471	1576	1987	956	361	3066	18865	2500	1250
American Pipit	5	1	---	4	---	---	---	---	3	---	7	---
Cedar Waxwing	271	---	---	10	1	6	23	---	---	146	1	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yellow Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yellow-rumped Warbler	173	4	---	35	---	1	1	1	10	96	1	---
Pine Warbler	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Palm Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Yellowthroat	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern Towhee	10	---	---	8	---	---	---	12	6	96	9	---
American Tree Sparrow	36	109	68	32	87	122	262	34	327	142	54	110
Chipping Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
Lark Sparrow	30	---	---	16	---	9	---	---	---	15	---	---
Field Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Savannah Sparrow	---	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---
Henslow's Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---
Fox Sparrow	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Song Sparrow	111	41	22	247	37	49	58	57	154	770	37	24
Lincoln's Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Swamp Sparrow	5	2	---	2	---	2	1	---	18	15	4	1
White-throated Sparrow	141	8	2	61	2	2	10	2	28	534	157	41
White-crowned Sparrow	158	35	cw	65	26	3	---	---	12	104	9	1
sparrow sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dark-eyed Junco	626	171	253	356	38	143	256	65	215	443	110	296
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lapland Longspur	---	8	7	---	---	4	---	---	405	---	---	---
Snow Bunting	---	---	142	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
Northern Cardinal	249	190	138	210	63	163	253	33	155	1094	113	235
Dickcissel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Red-winged Blackbird	41	1	---	2	50	---	---	---	27	129	---	15
Eastern Meadowlark	123	---	---	79	---	1	---	---	25	1	---	---
Rusty Blackbird	---	---	---	6	15	---	1	---	---	2	---	---
Brewer's Blackbird	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
blackbird sp.	---	31	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Grackle	68	1	---	20	103	3	---	---	2	309	---	248
Brown-headed Cowbird	76	3	---	8	2	4	---	64	47	37	---	30
Purple Finch	51	7	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
House Finch	49	94	61	29	20	72	104	14	80	146	26	115
White-winged Crossbill	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Redpoll	---	---	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pine Siskin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	---	---	---
American Goldfinch	221	147	65	85	18	87	126	7	139	376	36	215
Evening Grosbeak	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
House Sparrow	269	399	254	131	220	340	284	63	997	518	161	721
<b>Total species</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Total individuals</b>	<b>10198</b>	<b>3983</b>	<b>8774</b>	<b>6492</b>	<b>4118</b>	<b>5197</b>	<b>8573</b>	<b>1738</b>	<b>11199</b>	<b>41095</b>	<b>13873</b>	<b>15649</b>
<b>Observers</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>

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	Columbus (65) Dec. 14, 2003	Cuyahoga Falls (29) Dec. 14, 2003	Dayton (60) Dec. 28, 2003	Delaware Reservoir (62) Dec. 21, 2003	East Fork Lake S.P. (67) Dec. 21, 2003	Elyria-Loain (20) Dec. 20, 2003	Fairlands (9) Dec. 20, 2003	Gall Woods (1) Dec. 20, 2003	Grand Lake-St. Marys (41) Dec. 20, 2003	Grand Rapids-Waterville (2) Dec. 21, 2003	Greenville (43) Dec. 21, 2003	Hamilton-Fairfield (62) Dec. 20, 2003	Hoover Reservoir (59) Dec. 20, 2003	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (50) Dec. 28, 2003	Kingston (56) Jan. 3, 2004	Lake Erie Islands (5) Dec. 14, 2004
27114	7732	8567	5473	1078	12507	4840	808	---	1265	1838	37307	9295	1111	6901	21841	
27	1	---	2	76	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
80	109	---	22	4	2	1	---	---	58	2	---	13	---	1	255	
1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
15	9	25	4	7	1	8	---	---	4	3	7	9	---	13	135	
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3	13	8	1	15	---	3	---	---	1	---	4	2	---	7	---	
49	546	91	340	29	137	173	7	---	107	51	110	50	186	37	138	
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1	3	---	---	1	15	1	3	---	3	2	2	1	---	7	4	
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1	1	2	3	2	---	---	---	---	---	cw	1	---	---	1	---	
174	246	53	62	61	30	54	9	---	63	76	223	35	26	64	56	
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2	27	---	---	3	2	4	2	---	4	---	24	---	9	4	22	
341	202	234	52	102	29	53	1	---	25	49	249	31	2	53	337	
37	8	---	54	6	3	3	---	---	6	---	17	13	cw	35	3	
469	799	193	395	173	242	171	99	---	640	137	144	225	61	77	296	
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909	1055	303	255	208	161	96	55	---	603	52	365	247	37	185	270	
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2	7	10	1	---	---	10	5	---	2	---	8	---	3	411	11	
7	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	34	---	6	27	---	
4	1	100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	---	---	3	13	
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2	49	85	3	---	---	2	1	---	---	---	159	11	---	112228	10	
1	21	38	2	---	---	---	---	---	160	2	28	40	3	5500	192	
1	1	8	---	3	---	---	---	---	4	---	---	6	---	---	49	
333	823	117	157	8	45	79	49	70	195	12	83	94	17	79	135	
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cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	110	---	---	---	---	---	
553	751	155	158	91	140	85	38	6	150	24	122	182	39	102	95	
1455	2049	390	918	174	275	185	375	1268	911	398	92	414	341	637	701	
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<b>76</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	
<b>45640</b>	<b>25737</b>	<b>18157</b>	<b>11526</b>	<b>7708</b>	<b>75546</b>	<b>30599</b>	<b>2736</b>	<b>2467</b>	<b>8731</b>	<b>4539</b>	<b>46266</b>	<b>19463</b>	<b>5573</b>	<b>129969</b>	<b>43766</b>	
<b>40</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	



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	Lancaster (57) Dec. 27, 2003	Mansfield (13) Dec. 14, 2003	Millersburg (83) Dec. 16, 2003	Mohican State Forest (65) Jan. 7, 2004	Mount Gilead (51) Dec. 14, 2003	New Lexington (75) Dec. 28, 2003	Ohio River IN-OH-KY (64) Dec. 14, 2003	O Shaughnessy Res. (54) Dec. 14, 2003	Ottawa N.W.F.R. (4) Jan. 4, 2004	Oxbow Lake (7) Jan. 3, 2004	Oxford (61) Dec. 20, 2003	Paint Creek Area (66) Dec. 14, 2003
Greater White-fronted Goose	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Snow Goose	---	1	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ross's Goose	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Canada Goose	790	1515	1822	1061	46	253	386	1059	5823	139	234	---
Mute Swan	3	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	1
Trumpeter Swan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	36	---	---	---
Tundra Swan	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1164	---	---	---
Wood Duck	---	---	3	---	---	---	11	---	---	---	---	---
Gadwall	---	---	3	6	---	---	99	---	24	---	34	7
American Wigeon	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	---	9	---	1	---
American Black Duck	---	5	22	6	---	---	65	4	96	1	---	8
Mallard	205	231	939	187	3	44	2400	75	6276	11	471	8
Am. Black Duck x Mallard	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Blue-winged Teal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Shoveler	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	9	---	---	---
Northern Pintail	---	3	4	---	---	---	20	---	17	---	---	---
Green-winged Teal	---	cw	---	---	---	---	55	---	---	---	---	---
ICanvasback	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	---	1386	---	---	---
Redhead	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	161	---	---	---
Ring-necked Duck	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Greater Scaup	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	---
Lesser Scaup	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	---	115	---	1	---
scaup sp.	---	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	190	---	---	---
Harlequin Duck	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Surf Scoter	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Black Scoter	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Long-tailed Duck	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---
Bufflehead	---	cw	---	2	---	---	2	---	3	---	5	3
Common Goldeneye	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	589	---	---	---
Hooded Merganser	---	2	---	5	---	---	3	3	7	---	---	---
Common Merganser	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	1526	---	---	8
Red-breasted Merganser	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	23	---	1	2
Ruddy Duck	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
duck sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8330	---	---	---
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	cw	17	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Ruffed Grouse	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wild Turkey	1	316	163	80	83	---	78	---	---	40	---	---
Northern Bobwhite	---	---	9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Loon	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Pied-billed Grebe	---	---	2	3	---	---	3	---	---	---	2	26
Horned Grebe	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Double-crested Cormorant	---	1	---	44	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Great Blue Heron	1	10	24	20	---	2	58	3	1	6	5	14
Black-crowned Night-Heron	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Black Vulture	2	---	60	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	---
Turkey Vulture	17	---	404	---	---	7	3	---	cw	---	6	1
Bald Eagle	---	---	cw	5	---	---	1	1	17	---	---	3
Northern Harrier	---	1	10	4	1	2	2	3	8	24	5	4
Sharp-shinned Hawk	---	1	7	1	2	1	---	---	1	1	7	---
Cooper's Hawk	4	15	28	2	3	2	3	6	2	---	1	1
Accipiter sp	---	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	4	14	---	4	---	3	2	---	---	---	---	---
Broad-winged Hawk	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
Red-tailed Hawk	27	52	196	110	6	13	54	22	22	23	15	13
Rough-legged Hawk	---	3	16	16	---	1	1	1	---	---	---	---
Buteo sp.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
American Kestrel	7	10	49	9	3	7	23	24	14	18	11	10
Merlin	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peregrine Falcon	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
hawk sp.	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1

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	Parkersburg WV-OH (79) Jan. 3, 2004	Plymouth (12) Jan. 3, 2004	Portsmouth (81) Dec. 27, 2003	Preble County (68) Dec. 19, 2003	Ragersville (70) Dec. 26, 2003	Salem (33) Jan. 3, 2004	Tiffin (11) Dec. 20, 2003	Toledo (8) Dec. 14, 2003	Trumbull County (28) Dec. 14, 2003	Wellington (26) Jan. 3, 2004	Western Hamilton Co. (63) Dec. 21, 2003	Wilmet (32) Dec. 20, 2003	Wooster (31) Dec. 27, 2003	Youngstown (34) Dec. 20, 2003	Total Individuals (Count Day)	Number of Counts (Count Day)	Number of Counts (Count Week)	
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1589	194	21	186	1222	1412	570	1809	2769	1653	691	1	1399	3125	1823	69690	52	52	
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5	---	13	---	---	---	---	4	1	---	17	---	---	---	---	95	18	18	
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1	---	2	---	---	---	---	1	---	4	---	1	4	20	158	17	19		
22	---	12	---	3	125	---	328	21	---	25	10	36	25	1734	40	40		
388	143	970	100	157	425	171	1672	371	150	731	492	1160	542	32527	53	53		
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3	---	15	---	---	10	---	5	---	---	---	1	1	---	115	17	17		
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1	---	---	---	---	---	---	91	---	---	---	---	---	---	289	4	4		
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11	1	---	---	---	---	---	12	6	30	cw	---	---	---	2	8	4	4	
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2	---	1	---	---	---	---	14	---	---	---	---	---	1	2149	12	14		
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56	---	18	4	5	11	3	81	1	3	15	18	9	3	740	50	50		
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9	---	---	---	51	---	---	---	---	---	10	14	---	---	1	862	20	21	
1	---	5	---	1	---	12	10	11	---	1	1	1	7	132	28	32		
cw	3	1	2	24	7	12	7	7	22	2	14	16	3	351	45	46		
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	Lancaster (57) Dec. 27, 2003	Mansfield (13) Dec. 14, 2003	Millersburg (63) Dec. 16, 2003	Mohican State Forest (35) Jan. 1, 2004	Mount Gilead (51) Dec. 14, 2003	New Lexington (75) Dec. 28, 2003	Ohio River IN-OH-KY (64) Dec. 14, 2003	O'Shaughnessy Res. (54) Dec. 14, 2003	Ottawa N.W.R. (4) Jan. 4, 2004	Oxbow Lake (7) Jan. 3, 2004	Oxford (61) Dec. 20, 2003	Paint Creek Area (66) Dec. 14, 2003
Brown Thrasher	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
European Starling	481	1314	2815	2060	32	184	1305	2418	8176	1019	1410	4742
American Pipit	---	---	46	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	3
Cedar Waxwing	6	22	1	72	---	---	4	---	---	---	7	203
Orange-crowned Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yellow Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	4	30	13	---	7	14	---	---	28	15	2
Pine Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Palm Warbler	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Yellowthroat	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern Towhee	5	6	54	6	---	2	17	---	---	---	4	2
American Tree Sparrow	52	242	1146	196	12	7	349	81	480	11	11	47
Chipping Sparrow	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Lark Sparrow	3	---	54	---	---	---	12	1	---	---	1	22
Field Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Savannah Sparrow	---	---	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Henslow's Sparrow	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fox Sparrow	---	3	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---
Song Sparrow	77	85	980	130	12	13	364	83	46	1	23	10
Lincoln's Sparrow	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Swamp Sparrow	---	4	48	4	---	---	14	---	8	---	---	3
White-throated Sparrow	6	19	223	36	---	5	77	36	---	1	101	9
White-crowned Sparrow	20	10	660	80	2	22	316	17	7	---	7	6
sparrow sp.	18	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dark-eyed Junco	130	743	1028	700	34	20	55	163	94	71	275	86
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lapland Longspur	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	---	---	---
Snow Bunting	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	42	---	---	---	---
Northern Cardinal	167	608	1623	500	26	38	202	184	140	41	148	75
Dickcissel	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Red-winged Blackbird	---	13	175	25	---	---	7	---	2414	---	---	---
Eastern Meadowlark	---	---	38	1	1	---	1	---	---	---	5	---
Rusty Blackbird	---	1	91	---	---	---	---	---	702	---	---	---
Brewer's Blackbird	---	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
blackbird sp.	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Grackle	4	1	12	203	---	---	---	1	175	---	---	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	18	1	422	10	---	---	---	---	46	---	11	---
Purple Finch	4	3	---	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	---
House Finch	32	288	236	181	34	9	95	135	11	41	39	7
White-winged Crossbill	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common Redpoll	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pine Siskin	---	127	1	69	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
American Goldfinch	22	277	505	154	19	20	148	---	183	37	77	17
Evening Grosbeak	---	---	---	cw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
House Sparrow	210	546	1670	606	32	81	205	---	1850	229	235	50
<b>Total species</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Total individuals</b>	<b>3400</b>	<b>24533</b>	<b>23543</b>	<b>9598</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>1211</b>	<b>9035</b>	<b>5362</b>	<b>82907</b>	<b>2199</b>	<b>4746</b>	<b>6639</b>
<b>Observers</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>

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	Parkersburg WV-OH (79) Jan. 3, 2004	Plymouth (12) Jan. 3, 2004	Portsmouth (61) Dec. 27, 2003	Preble County (68) Dec. 19, 2003	Ragersville (70) Dec. 26, 2003	Salem (33) Jan. 3, 2004	Tiffin (11) Dec. 20, 2003	Toledo (3) Dec. 14, 2003	Trumbull County (28) Dec. 14, 2003	Wellington (26) Jan. 3, 2004	Western Hamilton Co. (63) Dec. 21, 2003	Wilmet (32) Dec. 20, 2003	Wooster (31) Dec. 27, 2003	Youngstown (34) Dec. 20, 2003	Total Individuals (Count Day)	Number of Counts (Count Day)	Number of Counts (Count Week)
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15	3	---	---	29	5	---	285	9	---	34	27	8	---	649	35	35	
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5	---	1	---	---	---	10	1	---	---	12	---	---	---	181	19	20	
112	46	21	2	364	52	190	88	63	72	148	309	81	24	5786	54	54	
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# Further Afield

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Many readers will, perhaps, recall a previous column in which I remarked that I owned a small but serviceable time machine. Since that column, several of the grumpier among them have expressed doubts that I actually own such a conveyance, instead preferring to believe that most of the material in these columns is simply dredged up from old ornithological journals and historical web sites. Nonetheless, I assure you that I will acquire said time machine, by way of eBay, several decades from now.

For most of the year she lies out in the garage, under a variety of rusting lawn implements and spider-infested croquet sets; this year, she has also been submerged under several moldering rolls of flood-soaked carpet padding. Not to worry, though—after topping off her blinker fluid reservoir and a thorough spit shine, she'll be running as good as new.

For most tenured *Ohio Cardinal* readers, the existence of my time machine will come as old news and established fact. But for all our new readers and Founding Members of the Ohio Ornithological Society, I should probably explain that she is programmed exclusively to revisit the historical Ohio birding scene at precise 10-year intervals. I can think of no better use.

But back to the matter at hand. Elsewhere in this issue, Bill Whan admirably and thoughtfully treats the Spring 2004 birding season. In a similar fashion, may I suggest that we begin our journey through time, beginning with the March through May period known as:

### Spring 1854

*On March 28, Britain, France and the Ottoman Empire join forces against Russia in the Crimean War. The Territories of Kansas and Nebraska are established on May 30, the same day that Elisha Otis demonstrates his invention, the safety elevator, in New York City.*

Please wait until the time machine has made a complete stop before disembarking. Thank you...it is now permissible to remove your safety belts. After a quick look about, we quickly see that passenger pigeons are "extremely abundant in Central Ohio," especially in the vicinity of the nesting and roosting site at Bloody Run Swamp, east of Kirkersville in Licking County. Our reporter J.M. Wheaton states that even as far away as Columbus their flocks are "never out of sight" and that although the flocks shouldn't be considered especially large, they do contain "from five hundred to fifty thousand birds" each. For those of us famished after our long journey back to 1854, Wheaton assures us that the markets in Columbus offer live passenger pigeons for our dining pleasure at "five or six cents a dozen." Now, where's my bib?...

### Spring 1864

*President Lincoln nominates Ulysses S. Grant for the rank of lieutenant*

*general on March 9, a rank previously held only by George Washington and Winfield Scott. Grant faces off against Confederate General Robert E. Lee at the Battle of the Wilderness on May 5-7.*

We will pause only briefly here in 1864. With so few young men remaining in Ohio, birding is more often left to those too old to soldier. Our correspondent Jared Potter Kirtland, now in his early 70s, does confirm for us that a few wild turkeys remain around Cleveland, and that although the common raven is now "becoming very rare," the American crow is "rapidly increasing." He also adds that brown-headed cowbirds are "abundant, formerly rare." This sounds like our cue to skip ahead to:

### Spring 1874

*On March 8, we lose our 13<sup>th</sup> President, Millard Fillmore. On March 24, we gain Ehrich Weiss, who magically transforms himself into Harry Houdini. As part of the festivities on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, outlaw Wes Hardin kills Deputy Sheriff and former Texas Ranger Charles Webb in Comanche, Texas on May 26.*

Back in Columbus, J.M. Wheaton is kind enough to point out flocks of red-breasted nuthatches where he usually sees only single birds. He also leads us toward a territorial "Traill's flycatcher" he had found in Thomas's swamp on the west side of the Olentangy River. As you will recall, until 1973 the willow and alder flycatchers were lumped together as "Traill's flycatcher". Our attempts come up empty though, and we'll have to make do with Wheaton's description of its song as "a characteristic *whit-te-ar*." Not until after we leave will he find Ohio's first "Traill's" nest on June 5. Too bad we couldn't find it ourselves, as his description of the song seems a better fit with the modern interpretation of the alder flycatcher's "*fee-bee-o*" song, as opposed to the "*fitz-bew*" song of the much more likely willow flycatcher. Hmmm, I say....

### Spring 1884

*On March 6, Susan B. Anthony implores President Arthur to support female suffrage. He feels otherwise. The first long distance telephone call is made on March 27, stretching from Boston to New York City. A patent for "flaked cereal" is granted to John Harvey Kellogg on May 31.*

By spring 1884, we begin to see birders logging regular migrational data. A very early green heron arrives at College Hill in Cincinnati on March 15. The same observer, W. Parson, also finds an early eastern wood-pewee on April 25. Six short-eared owl eggs from a Morrow County nest, plus one of the adults, find their way into the Oliver Davie collection, as does Ohio's first specimen of the "little brown crane," taken from a small flock near Springfield. Today, we would refer to this form as the small, northerly nesting race, the "lesser" sandhill crane, as opposed to our nesting "greater" race. Both still occur in Ohio, but subspecific differences are rarely considered here nowadays.

### Spring 1894

*Bottles of Coca-Cola are sold for the first time on March 12. Jacob*

Coxey's "Army" of 100 leaves Massillon, Ohio on foot March 25, beginning the long walk to Washington, D.C. to rally for government job creation. Hoping to assemble as many as 100,000 on the way, they gather 5000 instead. When they arrive on May 1, Coxey is quickly arrested for trespassing on the White House lawn.

Scanning the collection of Frank H. Welder of Marietta, we find a prize: a scissor-tailed flycatcher, Ohio's first, taken May 20. We don't have the heart to tell him that the whereabouts of the specimen is unknown in our day. Henslow's sparrows are also in the news. W.F. Henninger spots a bird he suspects to be a Henslow's near Tiffin May 28. Although he cannot get a conclusive view of the bird fleeing, he finds a nest with eggs in the same swampy field June 3, and identifies it as Ohio's first Henslow's nest. He also informs us "I heard the note 'tse seep' several times." Just the next day, storyteller William Leon Dawson and scientist Lynds Jones make a discovery of their own. Here is Dawson's version; we quote his report to us at length:

*On the evening of June 4th...near Oberlin, while returning in a buggy with my friend, Lynds Jones, from a collecting trip along the Lake Erie shore, we heard a strange bird-note in a neighboring wheat-field...Mr. Jones, who was familiar with this species in Iowa, had previously described the note to me so perfectly that we both exclaimed "Henslow's!" and sprang from the buggy. The ventriloquial voice with its lisping notes, 'itse-tse-tsip' led us on a merry chase in the gathering dusk, and our devious wanderings through the growing grain brought out a vigorous protest from the owner of the field. But we muttered something about "state record" just as Jones pressed the trigger, and the farmer nobly forgave us in the name of Science. Fumbling in the dark for the little body which, unfortunately, meant more to us dead than alive—Science is so skeptical—we hurried home with the treasure.*

Now here is Jones's version, told to us after the fact: "During the entire summer of 1894, this species was found in considerable numbers about Oberlin, and several specimens were taken." I see. In all likelihood, neither Dawson nor Jones was aware that Henninger had just claimed the nest record from the day before, but their story is certainly more entertaining. At least Dawson's version. Also, as a conundrum for your consideration: why does Henninger describe the vocalization of the Henslow's as "tse seep," and Dawson as a lisping "itse-tse-tsip"? To me, both these descriptions are certainly more reminiscent of the song of the savannah sparrow, which Roger Tory Peterson describes as "a dreamy lisping *tsit-tsit-tsit-tseeee-tsaay*", rather than the hiccuppy, insect-like "*tsi-lick*" of the Henslow's. Have interpretations of Henslow's sparrow's song changed between 1894 and today? Hmmm, I say again. I'd like to ask Dawson myself, but he and Jones seem to have buggied off again somewhere....

#### Spring 1904

*The St. Louis World's Fair, celebrating the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase, but one year late, opens on April 30. The Fair helps to popularize and Americanize ice cream cones, hamburgers, iced tea, hot dogs, peanut*

*butter, and "fairy floss" (cotton candy). The 1904 Olympic Games also open at the Fair on May 14. Fred Lorz wins the marathon, but is soon disqualified when it is learned that he rode 11 of the 26 miles in a car. Lorz does go on, however, to win the 1905 Boston Marathon. It could happen.*

Male Eurasian wigeons are shot at West Huron Marsh and on Sandusky Bay, both on April 18, by Hinde and Hartung, respectively. Old friend Lynds Jones spies a male Kirtland's warbler, as close as eight feet, and for at least 10 minutes, at Oak Point along the Lorain County shoreline May 9. Robert Sim, meanwhile, has a good day at Geneva in Ashtabula County May 7. He tallies 72 sharp-shinned hawks, five ospreys, 200 American pipits, and 120 blue jays. Hats off to Mr. Sim for providing a solid migrational snapshot for us 100 years ago.

#### Spring 1914

*Throughout the spring, political unrest plagues a European continent destined for a Great War. Babe Ruth debuts April 22 for the minor league Baltimore Orioles in his first professional game. The 19-year old Ruth is the winning pitcher. On May 9, President Wilson proclaims the first Mother's Day.*

A Carolina chickadee makes "its first appearance in Oberlin and for the general region," and remains in the village until April 22, according to old chum Lynds Jones. Bewick's wrens are noteworthy in Chardon April 18 and in Oberlin April 20. A cranky W.F. Henninger disputes the inclusion of Ohio-nesting chuck-will's-widows in the most recent *A.O.U. Check-list*. According to a note from Henninger, who has spent much time birding southern Ohio, the chuck "does not occur in Ohio at all. The writer would like to see the Biological Survey furnish the proof (printed or otherwise) that the Chuck-will's-widow breeds in Ohio." They could not. As we all know today, this species was not officially added to the list of Ohio birds until 1932.

#### Spring 1924

*In March, Egyptologists continue to ponder the splendors of King Tut's sarcophagus, which had just been opened February 12. On March 4, "Happy Birthday to You" is first published. It would prove quite popular. Agitator Adolf Hitler is sentenced to a five-year prison term on April 1.*

Lynds Jones just won't give up. On May 18, his crew accumulates an impressive 148 species at Bay Point, the now grievously under-birded peninsula that tongues into the mouth of Sandusky Bay from the north, opposite Cedar Point. S. Charles Kendeigh relates to us that "perhaps the most interesting record... was that of the Nelson Sparrow. One was first noted singing on the [May] 10<sup>th</sup> within the [Oberlin] village limits. Later it could be found regularly in a shrubby corner in the southwestern part of town." Has anyone reading this column *ever* heard a Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrow *sing* in Ohio? Well, I haven't.

#### Spring 1934

*Adolf Hitler announces on March 21 his plans for an elaborate new*

highway system to further strengthen the infrastructure of the Reich. The Dust Bowl worsens throughout the season; for many areas, it's the hottest and driest year in recorded history. Barrow and Parker, murderers and bank robbers better known by their first names, are killed in a hail of bullets May 23.

We receive a "very full and complete report" from Youngstown; some of what are called the "most important records" include Canada goose March 23 through April 8 and 3000 northern pintails March 24. The spring also finds seasonal editor Robert L. Baird in a quandary: "We can only comment on two of the records that seem almost impossible. They were Barn Swallow on March 24 and Nighthawk on March 31. Both were made by Howard Braun, a licensed bird-bander." Seventy years later, we would consider a March 24 barn swallow as early, but not terribly so; a March 31 common nighthawk, on the other hand, would still be considered terribly so.

### Spring 1944

March 4—U.S. planes bomb Berlin, Germany for the first time. March 17—Danny DeVito is born. March 18—Nazi Germany occupies Hungary. April 3—Tony Orlando is born. April 4—British troops capture Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. May 14—George Lucas is born. May 17—Gen. Eisenhower sets D-Day for June 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be delayed one day.

We find many happy birders in March. The first modern golden eagle for the Toledo area is discovered on March 11, and a Eurasian wigeon appears at Cleveland's Shaker Lakes March 22. Members of the Kirtland Bird Club find two great black-backed gulls in Cleveland and two glaucous gulls on Sandusky Bay on March 19. Even so, according to seasonal editor Harold Mayfield, "Probably the most remarkable occurrence of the entire period was that of a male Surf Scoter at Dayton" April 12. He continues: "This bird has been seen a very few times on Lake Erie but was completely unexpected in southern Ohio."

### Spring 1954

The U.S. tests a hydrogen bomb on March 1; it is thought to be 600 times as powerful as the atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima, Japan in WWII. Bill Haley and the Comets record "(We're Gonna) Rock Around the Clock" April 12. On May 6, Roger Bannister breaks the four-minute mile by .6 seconds.

A flock of 100 Smith's longspurs is seen at the Oxford airport March 27. Three pairs of yellow-crowned night-herons establish nests near Columbus "for the first known time" this season. Milton Trautman is a busy man on South Bass Island May 1, and overwhelmed by the passage of 1000 warblers and 2000 American goldfinches in three hours' time. But May 24 is even more interesting. About 9 p.m., a squall arises, and Trautman counts about 100 birds a minute passing through the shining lights of the 352-foot tall Perry's Monument. Before he can have the lights doused, nearly 100 birds hit the tower, mostly warblers. One falling bird strikes Trautman about the head and shoulders as it plummets to earth—a female Kirtland's warbler, of course.

### Spring 1964

The Beatles string together three consecutive #1 hits to start the season. The streak is broken by Louis Armstrong's blockbuster "Hello, Dolly!" The 1964/1965 New York World's Fair opens on April 22. Displays include Michelangelo's "Pieta," the debut of the Ford Mustang, and a "fully functioning" robotic Abraham Lincoln. Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring*, dies on April 14, aged 56 years. On April 30, Fidel Castro warns that he will fire on U.S. reconnaissance planes over Cuba.

What a season for rarities. A boreal chickadee is present at a Lorain County feeder March 7 through April 2. Three days later, a black-backed woodpecker is discovered in neighboring Cuyahoga County. Lorain strikes back one week later with a fulvous whistling-duck April 13. On a somber note, a black-crowned night-heron colony, once numbering some 200 nests, is absent this season near Winton Woods in Cincinnati. Nearby, 100 eastern screech-owl nest boxes attract only three nesting pairs of owls, but 35 pairs of American kestrels take up residence. These lay 60 eggs, but fledge no young. According to our contact Ron Austing, "The state of Ohio has been spraying this area for several years to control Japanese beetles." Silent spring visits Winton Woods.

### Spring 1974

President Nixon is named as a co-conspirator in the Watergate break-ins on March 15. The Viet Cong propose another truce with the U.S. and South Vietnam on March 22. On April 8, Henry Aaron connects with his 715<sup>th</sup> home run, topping the career mark of George Herman Ruth, Jr.

Murray Peters and David Osborne find no fewer than four fulvous whistling-ducks in Butler County April 11. Sandusky Bay attracts 42 American avocets April 28. On May 5, Ray Hannikman gets credit for a double-crested cormorant in Cleveland; it reportedly represents the "only Ohio encounter" of the spring. For those keeping score, that makes four fulvous ducks, 42 avocets, and one cormorant, just 30 years ago.

### Spring 1984

As of April 23, more than 4000 AIDS cases have been diagnosed in the U.S. In quasi-birding news, the rock band Wings, held responsible for recording several of Rob Harlan's all-time least favorite songs, mercifully disbands on April 25. The Soviet Olympic Committee announces on May 8 that it will boycott the upcoming Los Angeles games due to "anti-Soviet hysteria."

Shorebirds go primetime. Sightings include 24 American avocets at Huron April 27, Ohio's first curlew sandpiper, plus a ruff, in Seneca County May 16, 47 red knots there on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and not less than 101 whimbrels in Wayne County May 26. A Smith's longspur, noted as "An exquisite male in summer plumage," is seen at Gordon Park impoundment (a.k.a. Dike 14) in Cleveland on May 5-6. Others will be seen there April 6, 1986, and April 6, 1991.



**Spring 1994**

On March 4, four men are convicted of bombing the World Trade Center in New York City, killing six. Figure skater Tonya Harding pleads guilty to conspiracy March 16 in the Nancy Kerrigan knee-whacking incident. Jacqueline Lee Bouvier Kennedy Onassis dies on May 19. On the same day, the FDA approves the first genetically engineered tomato.

Grebes go primetime. An amazing 80 or so red-necked grebes are discovered in about 19 counties from March 19 through May 9. Seven or eight eared grebes tag along for good measure. The first-known Toledo area nest of yellow-crowned night-heron is discovered in someone's back yard April 28. A Magee Marsh black vulture is also a Toledo area first on April 29. Lake County hoards a hoary redpoll March 16-17, a Kirtland's warbler May 15, and a Bewick's wren on May 21.

**Spring 2004**

For information regarding this period, please consult Bill Whan's seasonal report elsewhere in this issue. He will presumably present full details on a Bohemian waxwing, a brown pelican, and some other birds.

**Spring 2014**

As always, our time machine lurches briefly into the future before returning us to the present day. Even our quick visit discloses an increased number of migrant summer tanagers and blue grosbeaks strengthening their position in the north. On May 23, a singing male painted bunting is found in Adams County. Another—a female?—is reported nearby but goes unconfirmed. The Ohio Ornithological Society celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and welcomes its 2000<sup>th</sup> member. On International Migratory Bird Day, newly appointed President-for-life Jim McCormac and 100 OOS members begin the long walk to Washington, D.C., to rally for increased federal funding for bird preservation. McCormac is quickly arrested for trespassing on the White House lawn. ✨

**Birds of Ohio: A Review****David Styer**

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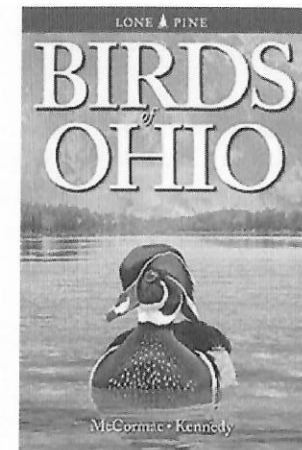
**McCormac, J., and G. Kennedy. 2004.*****Birds of Ohio.*** Lone Pine Publishing, Edmonton, AB. 360 pp. Soft cover, \$19.95.

Lone Pine's *Birds of Ohio*, by Jim McCormac and Gregory Kennedy, is very up to date. The color-coded key in the front and on the back cover make for an almost instant access to any bird group. Even a color-blind person would find this useful! The birds are presented in the current American Ornithologists' Union Check-list order: the ducks, geese, and swans are first; gallinaceous birds next. After that, the new Check-List follows the old order.

This is an honest book. I have a book titled *Birds of State X: Field Guide*. It covers the 130 most common birds of that state. Unfortunately, if you happen to be looking at one of the 130 other species that are reasonably often seen, you may discover that the book fails as a field guide, at least in part, because it is only about the most common birds of state X. *Birds of Ohio* has full-page coverage of every species you might normally expect. For example, the gulls include full treatments of laughing, Franklin's, little, Bonaparte's, ring-billed, herring, Thayer's, Iceland, lesser black-backed, glaucous, great black-backed, and Sabine's gulls as well as black-legged kittiwake! Although *Birds of Ohio* would often work as a field guide, it is not one and does not claim to be one. I appreciate that.

The introduction provides information on birding; it lists some bird-oriented organizations around Ohio, and includes paragraphs on bird conservation, bird feeding, and nest boxes. Nearly half the introduction is devoted to the top birding sites in Ohio. These have been chosen to include all sections of the state.

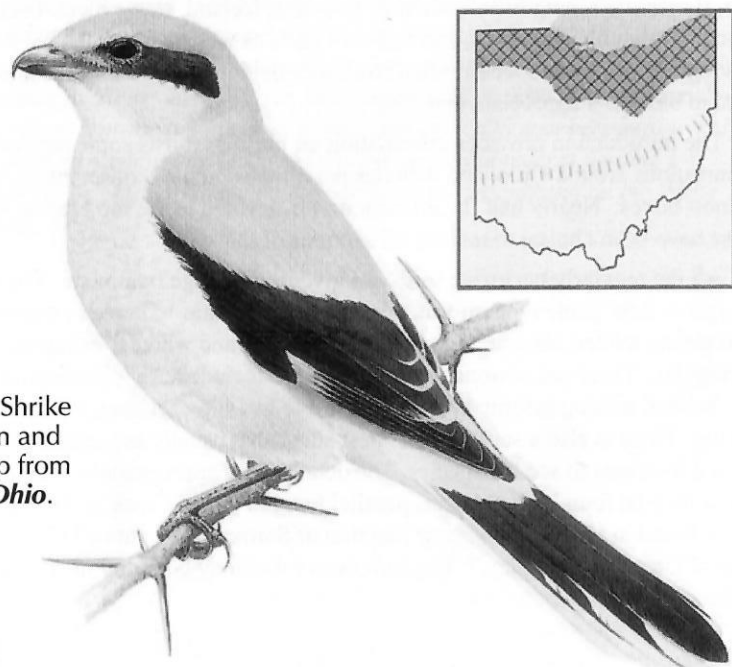
All the regularly occurring birds are given a full-page treatment. The bottom of the page gives field guide type information centered on Ohio. There are excellent maps of Ohio giving winter, summer, and migratory ranges, and whether occurrences are normal or irregular. There are seasonal bar charts. Also included are identification features, size, habitat, nesting information (if applicable to Ohio), feeding, voice, and similar species. There is also a sentence on "best sites" that usually suggests two or three optimal locations to see the species. The detail varies appropriately. The chuck-will's-widow may be found "along roads parallel to Ohio Brush Creek in Adams Co.; a few can be found in Hocking Co., near junction of Starner and Cantwell Cliffs roads, just south of Clear Creek Valley." The American robin may be found in "urban lawns and gardens."



The middle of each page is devoted to a painting of the bird. The paintings are large and attractive, and are the first thing you notice when you open a page. A few, such as the yellow-rumped warbler, appear pale, but most of the paintings are bright. The book is not intended to be a field guide, so don't expect all plumages to be illustrated.

The top portion of each species page is devoted to interesting topics about the species. For me, this section is the life of the book. Here you may find something about the usefulness of knowing the bird's song. Perhaps there will be something about the breeding biology of the bird, or some unusual migratory occurrence. For example, when did Milton Trautman see around 50,000 golden-crowned kinglets on Lake Erie's South Bass Island? Have you always wanted a comparison between a chimney swift and a Boeing 727? You'll find it here. Is it true that valiant frogs eat hooded warblers? No, that's 7-inch-long Vaillant's frogs in Central America that have "been recorded snapping up and swallowing Hooded Warblers." Or, how about a little conservation? "Tufted Titmice nest in tree cavities, either natural ones or those created by woodpeckers. Twenty-three other native bird species use cavities and need dead or dying trees in which to excavate them; people who practice woodland management need to recognize the value of standing dead timber and allow some of these trees to remain."

For the vast majority of Ohioans *Birds of Ohio* is well designed. With this book they could gain an interest in, and an appreciation of Ohio's birds. It is good to see a book designed to help the broader public understand more about natural history. One could hardly do better than start with Peterson's *A Field Guide to the Birds of Eastern and Central North America* and McCormac and Kennedy's *Birds of Ohio*. ♣



Northern Shrike illustration and range map from *Birds of Ohio*.

## A Parting Shot . . .



This eared grebe hung around Caesar Creek SP in Warren Co. in the company of a flotilla of American coots. Robert Royse shot this handsome portrait there on a gray day 2 April 2004.

## Wanted!



**Have you seen this bird?** Once regular by the hundreds in spring in Ohio, the Smith's longspur has been recorded only once in the past dozen years. This male is standing next to seed-heads of foxtail (*Aristida* sp.) in a corn-stubble field--prime habitat for migrant Smith's. Photo by Peter Weber, 17 April 2004, in Illinois.