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*A trek to Gahanna Woods SNP, **Franklin**, on 22 Jan gave Scott Zimmerman great photos of this Eastern Bluebird.*

***On the cover:***

*This stunning Prairie Falcon was captured in flight by Mandy Roberts on 17 Dec at a farm field in **Wood**. A western bird, it was enjoyed by many over the course of several weeks.*



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## COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Craig Caldwell

As this issue was in preparation, the COVID-19 pandemic was wreaking havoc with people's lives and livelihoods. Of lesser direct importance but still troubling, many prime birding locations are closed, chief among them Magee, and major events like the Biggest Week and OOS's (until-now) annual Shawnee get-together were cancelled. The closures will probably continue well into May if not beyond; especially at Magee it's impossible to maintain the social distancing which has slowed the spread of the disease. We hope you have remained healthy and are enjoying your yard birds.

With this issue we announce that Christopher Collins is relinquishing his post as our Photo Editor. Christopher has served admirably since his first issue, that of winter 2015-16, and we're sorry he's moving on. But we are happy to introduce Jamie Cunningham as his successor. Jamie has had a life-long interest in all nature and wildlife, but especially birds. A visit to Magee during the Biggest Week festival turned her interest into a passion. That was in 2012, and now she is a field trip leader for the festival. Since then Jamie has dived head first into birding and especially bird photography, and is now a photography guide for Sabrewing Nature Tours. Jamie was instrumental in forming a Nature Photography club in her hometown, where she shares her wealth of knowledge with members. She also serves on the board of directors of Tri-Moraine Audubon Society. Jamie is most proud of her involvement as an advisor for the Ohio Young Birder's Club. Christopher and Jamie are sharing the Photo Editor duties for this issue and the next to allow a smooth transition.

And now, the weather report. Precipitation and temperatures were above average in all three months, sometimes dramatically so. Given the warmth, not surprisingly the precipitation was mostly rain instead of snow.

In Dec, the Ohio River valley received up to triple its usual precipitation, and though much of the northwest got less than 90% of its long-term average, the rest of the state got up to double its norm. Overall, the precipitation amount ranked at number 96, with number 125 being the wettest December. The month's overall average temperature came in at number 111 of the 125; both the average maximum and minimum had similar ranks.

In Jan no area received less than its long-term average precipitation. The *Putnam/Van Wert*

area was the wettest, with double to triple its norm. The south-central part of the state got "only" 125% of its usual amount while the rest of the state received between 125 and 200% of the norm. This Jan was the seventh hottest on record; most states in the northeast quadrant of the country had similar rankings. Cleveland set a record high of 70° on 11 Jan, though ironically the next day's high was 37°.

Feb was a little drier, coming in at number 89 of the 126 years with data for that month. The northwest had as little as 50% of its norm (along the Michigan border), though most of that quadrant had between 75 and 110% of its usual amount. The *Delaware* area's rainfall was about average, the southeast's was up to double its usual amount, and the rest of the state received between 110 and 125% of normal. The average temperature ranked at number 97, putting it among the warmest quarter of the 126 years with data.

Weather data are from the National Weather Service (<http://water.weather.gov/precip/>), the NOAA (<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/temp-and-precip/maps.php>), and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

The 120th Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was held from 14 Dec to 04 Jan. Mike Busam has again provided us with an overview and highlights to accompany the table of data. In the species accounts which follow this "Comments" section I note the highest number of a species found. Most of these values are those of single birders or parties, usually birding in a relatively small area, and often are the counts from a single route within a CBC. However, I seldom include counts from an entire CBC, each of which is the result of many parties' efforts in scattered locales within a 15-mile diameter circle; those data are in the table.

This issue of the *Cardinal* contains reports of 186 species; of the previous nine years only 2010 (178) and 2012 (184) had lower counts. Ten hybrids were reported, and not surprisingly six were ducks and five were gulls. Both families are famous for interbreeding (within, not between, them!). Five entries below the species level and two color morphs are also included. Only Red-tailed Hawks were reported in all 88 counties, though 11 species were seen in 87. Seventeen more were seen in at least 80 counties.

Eight Red-necked and four Eared grebes handily exceeded last winter's respective counts of six and one. Virginia Rails stood out with sites in nine counties hosting them compared to last year's four. Last year a Pectoral Sandpiper was



the only unexpected member of its family; this year a Dunlin, a Long-billed Dowitcher, a Least Sandpiper, and six Purple sandpipers joined the usual American Woodcocks and Wilson's Snipes. Three American Bitterns and a Green Heron were also surprise finds.

We've come to expect overwintering by Eastern Phoebe, our hardest flycatcher, and they were recorded in 42 counties and throughout the season. (Last winter's reports came from 36 counties.) As the planet warms, we also should expect individuals of even less-hardy species to linger longer. This winter observers found one Warbling and five White-eyed vireos; six Tree and two unidentified swallows; five House Wrens; a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; one each Vesper and Lincoln's sparrows; a Baltimore Oriole; an Ovenbird; nine Common Yellowthroats; one Yellow Warbler and multiple Orange-crowned, Palm, and Pine warblers to go with the usual Yellow-rumped; one each Summer and Scarlet tanagers; a Rose-breasted Grosbeak; and at least two Indigo Buntings.

Winter finches, on the other hand, were mostly absent. Seven Common Redpolls and one Evening Grosbeak were seen, but no cross-bills. Though Pine Siskins were reported from 19 counties, that's a significant decline from last winter's 43.

Ten review species were reported during this season; their names are underlined. Of them, only a hold-over Limpkin and a Whooping Crane sighting were formally reported to the OBRC, and the Limpkin report was filed in Nov. The other eight species were only posted to eBird or other on-line venues, but with photos or descriptions which will allow review. (These numbers don't include Trumpeter Swans, whose establishment or not is under study.)

We are pleased to include a report of the latest round of voting by the OBRC. Another round is scheduled for early May. The OBRC and this editor continue to urge birders to formally report all sightings of Review List species, of Core List species found at unusual times, of nesting by birds previously not known to nest in the state, and of course sightings of birds never before found in Ohio. An easy-to-use on-line form is available at <http://ohiobirds.org/rare-birds/report-a-rare-bird-sighting/>.

Data for the following Species Accounts come from reports submitted directly to *The Cardinal* and *The Bobolink* (the latter courtesy of its publisher, Robert Hershberger), eBird (<http://ebird.org/content/ebird>), and the Ohio-birds listserv (<http://birding.aba.org/maillist/OH>). In the species accounts, "normal" departure and arrival dates are from Harlan *et al.*, *Ohio Bird Records Committee Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ohio*, 2008.

Taxonomic order and nomenclature follow the *Check-List of North American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998) as updated through the 60th Supplement (2019). These documents are produced by the North American Classification Committee of the American Ornithological Society and are available at <http://www.checklist.aou.org/>.

County names are in bold italics. Locations whose counties are of the same name, for example Ashtabula (city) and Delaware Wildlife Area, usually do not have the counties repeated. County names for sites described in Cincinnati (*Hamilton*), Cleveland (*Cuyahoga*), Columbus (*Franklin*), Dayton (*Montgomery*), and Toledo (*Lucas*) are also omitted. Shortened names and a few sets of initials are used for locations and organizations which occur repeatedly; these abbreviations are listed here. The term "fide" is used in some citations; it means "in trust of" and is used where the reporter was not the observer.

### Abbreviations:

Alum Creek = Alum Creek Reservoir, *Delaware*, unless otherwise noted  
 Armleder Park = a Cincinnati city park on the Little Miami River, *Hamilton*  
 Audubon = the National Audubon Society (<http://www.audubon.org>)  
 Aullwood = Aullwood Audubon Farm and Sanctuary, *Montgomery*  
 Bayshore = a fishing access site near a power plant a bit east of Toledo  
 BBS = the North American Breeding Bird Survey, a joint project of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Canadian Wildlife Service  
 Berlin Lake = Berlin Lake (or Reservoir), *Ma-honing* and *Portage*  
 Big Island = Big Island Wildlife Area, *Marion*  
 Blendon Woods = Blendon Woods Metro Park, *Franklin*  
 The Bowl = a limited-access area near the *Harrison* airport  
 BRAS = Black River Audubon Society  
 BSBO = Black Swamp Bird Observatory, *Ottawa* (<http://www.bsbo.org>)  
 Buck Creek = Buck Creek State Park, *Clark*  
 Burke Airport = Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport, *Cuyahoga*  
 Caesar Creek = Caesar Creek State Park, *Warren*, unless the lake itself is specified; a bit of the lake is also in *Clinton*  
 CBC = Audubon's Christmas Bird Count  
 CCE = Crane Creek Estuary, *Lucas* and *Ottawa*, viewable from both ONWR and the CCE Trail which originates at Magee

Clear Creek = Clear Creek Metro Park; the eastern 2/3 is in **Hocking**, the rest in **Fairfield**  
Clear Fork = Clear Fork Reservoir (or Lake), partly in **Morrow** but most of the birding is done in the larger **Richland** section  
CLNP = Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (the former Dike 14), **Cuyahoga**  
CNC = Cincinnati Nature Center, a non-governmental entity whose Long Branch Farm and Rowe Woods units are in **Clermont**  
Conneaut = the mudflats to the west of Conneaut Harbor, **Ashtabula**  
CP = County Park  
CPNWR = Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge, **Lucas**  
CVNP = Cuyahoga Valley National Park, **Cuyahoga** and (mostly) **Summit**  
Darby Creek = Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park, almost entirely in **Franklin** but with bits in other counties as well. The Wet Prairie, Teal, and Harrier trails are the most often cited.  
Deer Creek = the State Park is in **Pickaway**, the Wildlife Area is in **Fayette**, and Deer Creek Lake is in both but mostly **Pickaway**  
East Fork = East Fork State Park, **Clermont**  
East Harbor = East Harbor State Park, **Ottawa**  
Edge Preserve = The Nature Conservancy's Edge of Appalachia Preserve, multiple parcels mostly in **Adams** and extending a bit into **Scioto**.  
Edgewater = the Edgewater unit of Cleveland Lakefront Metroparks, **Cuyahoga**  
Englewood = Englewood MetroPark, **Montgomery**  
Fernald = Fernald Preserve, **Butler** and **Hamilton**  
Findlay Reservoirs = several contiguous water bodies east of town in **Hancock**  
Funk = Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area, **Ashland** and (mostly) **Wayne**  
Gilmore = Gilmore MP, **Butler**  
Grand Lake = Grand Lake St. Marys. The State Park, the state fish hatchery, and the eastern 20% of the lake itself are in **Auglaize**. The rest of the lake is in **Mercer**.  
Great Miami WMB = Great Miami Wetlands Mitigation Bank, **Montgomery**  
Headlands = Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve, Headlands Beach State Park, and adjoining waters, **Lake**  
Holden = Holden Arboretum, **Lake**, except for its Stebbins Gulch unit in **Geauga**  
Hoover NP = Hoover Nature Preserve, **Delaware**  
Hoover Reservoir = the northern 80% is in **Delaware**, the rest and the dam in **Franklin**  
Howard Marsh = Howard Marsh Metropark, a recently opened bird magnet in **Lucas**

Hueston Woods = Hueston Woods State Park, which contains Acton Lake, about half in each of **Butler** and **Preble**.  
Huron = the harbor, breakwalls, and old dredge spoil impoundment in that **Erie** city, unless noted otherwise  
Indian Lake = Indian Lake State Park, **Logan**  
Jones Preserve = Jones Preserve at Long Point, on Kelleys Island, **Erie**  
Kelleys Island = the island and adjoining waters, **Erie**  
Killbuck = Killbuck State Wildlife Area, **Holmes** and **Wayne**  
Killdeer = Killdeer Plains State Wildlife Area; a bit is in **Marion** but it's mostly in **Wyandot**  
Kiwanis Park = Kiwanis Riverly Park, on the Scioto River in Dublin, **Franklin**  
LaDue = LaDue Reservoir, **Geauga**  
Lake Erie Bluffs = a **Lake** Metroparks parcel overlooking the eponymous water body  
Lake Hope/Zaleski = Lake Hope State Park and surrounding Zaleski State Forest, **Vinton**  
Lake Loramie = Lake Loramie State Park, **Shelby**  
Loran = the dredge spoil impoundment east of downtown in the city and county of the same name, unless otherwise noted  
Lost Bridge = a Great Miami River crossing on Lawrenceburg Road near Elizabethtown, **Hamilton**, where a covered bridge was lost to fire in 1903  
m. obs. = multiple observers  
Magee = the boardwalk and immediate vicinity in Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, **Lucas**, unless otherwise noted. The northern third of the causeway is also in **Lucas**, the rest in **Ottawa**.  
Mallard Club = Mallard Club Marsh Wildlife Area, **Lucas**  
Marblehead Light = Marblehead Lighthouse State Park, **Ottawa**  
Maumee Bay = Maumee Bay State Park, **Lucas**, unless otherwise noted  
Medusa = Medusa Marsh, **Erie**, an informally named and privately owned area between Sandusky and Bay View  
Mentor Lagoons = Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve, **Lake**  
Mentor Marsh = Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Lake**  
Metzger = Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area, **Lucas**, not to be confused with Metzger Reservoir, **Allen**  
Mill Creek = Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, a limited-access area in **Mahoning**  
Mohican = Mohican State Forest and State Park. Many trails cross the boundaries so some reports include sightings from both without distinction.

- Mohican SF = Mohican State Forest, **Ashland**  
 Mohican SP = Mohican State Park, (mostly)  
**Ashland** and (slightly) **Richland**
- Mosquito Lake = Mosquito Lake State Park, formerly Mosquito Creek SP, and also called Mosquito Creek Reservoir, **Trumbull**. Mosquito (Creek) Wildlife Area adjoins it.
- Motus = a wildlife tracking system managed by Bird Studies Canada
- Nimisila = Nimisila Reservoir, **Summit**
- MP = Metro Park, MetroPark, or Metropark depending on the system
- NC = Nature Center
- NF = National Forest
- NP = Nature Preserve, except as part of CVNP
- OBBA II = the second Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas
- OBRC = Ohio Bird Records Committee
- Old Highland Stone = that company's water-filled gravel pits, **Highland**
- Old Woman Creek = Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, **Erie**
- OOPMP = Oak Openings Preserve MetroPark, **Lucas**
- ONWR = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, **Lucas** and **Ottawa**
- ONWR Blausey, Boss, Koontz, and Navarre = units of ONWR separate from the main area, all in **Ottawa**; of them Boss and Koontz are open to the public
- ONWR WD = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Drive, the monthly opening of areas otherwise closed to vehicles, **Lucas** and **Ottawa**
- OSU = The Ohio State University, of course; sites are in **Franklin** unless noted otherwise
- Painesville TP = Painesville Township Park, overlooking Lake Erie in **Lake**
- Pearson MP = Pearson Metro Park, **Lucas**
- Pickereel Creek = Pickereel Creek Wildlife Area, **Sandusky**
- Pickerington Ponds = Pickerington Ponds Metro Park, **Fairfield** and **Franklin**
- Pipe Creek = Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, in the city of Sandusky, **Erie**
- Pleasant Hill Lake = an impoundment straddling the **Ashland/Richland** line
- Quail Hollow = Quail Hollow State Park, **Stark**
- Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, **Highland**
- Salt Fork = Salt Fork State Park, **Guernsey**
- Sandy Ridge = Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**
- Seneca Lake = most of the lake and the (non-state) Park are in **Noble**, while the dam is in **Guernsey**
- SF = State Forest
- Shawnee = Shawnee State Forest, **Scioto**, unless otherwise noted
- Shawnee Lookout = Shawnee Lookout County Park, **Hamilton**
- Sheldon Marsh = Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Erie**
- Sherod Park = a city park overlooking Lake Erie in Vermilion, **Erie**
- SNP = State Nature Preserve
- SP = State Park
- Springfield Lake = in Greater Akron, **Summit**
- Springville Marsh = Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Seneca**
- Spring Valley = Spring Valley Wildlife Area, almost entirely in **Greene** but extending into **Warren**
- Stillfork = The Nature Conservancy's Stillfork Swamp Preserve, **Carroll**
- Sunset Park = a city park overlooking Lake Erie in Willoughby, **Lake**
- SWA = State Wildlife Area
- TNC = The Nature Conservancy (<http://www.nature.org>)
- TP = Township Park
- Vinton Furnace = Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest, **Vinton**
- Villa Angela = the Villa Angela unit of Cleveland's Lakefront Reservation
- WA = Wildlife Area
- Wake Robin = a trail and boardwalk in Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Lake**
- Wendy Park = a lakeshore Cleveland park, **Cuyahoga**
- Wilderness Road = a road which traverses Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area, **Wayne**, and adjoining farmland
- The Wilds = a limited-access big-mammal breeding and research facility in **Muskingum**, also used generically to include the surrounding reclaimed strip mines
- Willow Point = Willow Point Wildlife Area, **Erie**
- Winous Horseshoe = a limited-access part of Winous Point Shooting Club, **Ottawa**
- Winous Point = Winous Point Shooting Club, **Ottawa**
- Wintergarden Woods = Wintergarden Woods and Saint Johns Nature Preserve, **Wood**
- Woodman Fen = a natural area, part of Dayton's Five Rivers MetroParks system, **Montgomery**
- WRGBT = Western Reserve Greenway Bike Trail, **Trumbull**
- Wright Marsh = a hotspot in Killbuck WA north of Shreve, **Wayne**
- WWTP = Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Zaleski = Zaleski State Forest, **Vinton**



## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Craig Caldwell

### Snow Goose

Jon Benedetti found the most, a flock of 42 at the mouth of Newell Run, **Washington**, on 19 Jan. Kurt Emmert's 14 at Killdeer on 22 Feb were the second most. (36 counties)



These four Snow Geese were a great find by Keri McDonald in Mahoning on 25 Feb.

### Ross's Goose

Several birders saw two at the Osborn Road gravel pits, **Clark**, on 22 Dec. The rest of the sightings, from 17 counties in all, were of single birds.

### [Snow x Ross's Goose]

Five that were probably this hybrid were distributed among **Athens** (2), **Butler** (2), and **Logan** (1).

### Brant

The sightings are:

One at Friendship Park, **Jefferson**, from 17 Nov to 02 Feb (m. obs.)

One that flew past Perry Township Park, **Lake**, on 15 Dec (Tom Frankel)

Two off Edgewater on 20 Dec (Bill Ohlsen)



Leslie Sours wonderfully captured the Brant at Friendship Park, **Jefferson**, on 09 Jan.

### Greater White-fronted Goose

Donna Kuhn and Lisa Phelps found about 300 at Killdeer on 29 Feb. Jack Stenger saw the next

largest flock, 66 at Lost Bridge on 23 Feb. (33 counties)

### Cackling Goose

Barbara James photographed the 22 that she found along the Berlin Lake Bike Trail on 08 Feb. Kent Miller's 12 at Congress Lake, **Stark**, on 23 Dec were the next most. (36 counties)

### Canada Goose

Kent Miller saw about 4000 at Congress Lake, **Stark**, on 23 Dec, and up to 3500 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 3000 that Cam Lee found at Killdeer on 22 Feb. Only **Putnam** didn't have a sighting.

### [Snow x Canada Goose]

One spent from 01 Dec to 09 Feb at the New Congress Village Reservoir, **Muskingum**, for m. obs. to enjoy. George Novosel saw another off Sandusky, **Erie**, on 04 Jan.

### Mute Swan

Pickerington Ponds hosted 12 on 23 Feb for Robert Thorn. (42 counties)

### Trumpeter Swan

Paul Sherwood counted 617 at Killdeer on 20 Jan. Kathleen Clink found about 150 along the ONWR WD on 05 Jan. (36 counties)



Sue Snyder found this cooperative pair of Trumpeter Swans near Wooster, **Wayne**, on 24 Feb.

### Tundra Swan

Paul Sherwood saw "3 large fields completely covered with swans" along Billings Road, **Erie**, on 02 Dec and estimated that they totaled 6000 birds. He saw about 1500 still there on 12 Dec. The most elsewhere were almost 1700 at ONWR during both the 01 Dec and 05 Jan censuses (Douglas Vogus *et al.*) and also at Killdeer on 03 Feb (Cam Lee). (44 counties)

### Wood Duck

Brian Wulker counted 33 near Lost Bridge on 17 Feb. Several birders saw 12 at Lake Logan SP, **Hocking**, on 04 Dec. (48 counties)

**Blue-winged Teal**

Sightings were scattered throughout the season and the state. Duos were at four of the seven locations, of which three were in *Franklin* and one in each of *Clinton*, *Montgomery*, *Ottawa*, and *Wyandot*.

**Northern Shoveler**

Brian McClain found 75 at Castalia Pond, *Erie*, on 01 Jan, and up to 60 were seen there on other dates. Medusa hosted 60 for m. obs. on 06 Dec. (48 counties)

**Gadwall**

About 500 were at Castalia Pond, *Erie*, on 15 Feb for Jeff Sailer, and up to 450 were there on other dates. Brian Wulker saw the most elsewhere, 250 at Shawnee Bottoms, *Hamilton*, on 17 Feb.

**American Wigeon**

Gina Swindell counted 268 at Castalia Pond, *Erie*, on 15 Feb. (56 counties)

**[Eurasian x American Wigeon]**

One was at Wilderness Road from 22 to 26 Feb; it was first thought to be a pure Eurasian (m. obs.).

**Mallard**

Kent Miller found about 1800 at Congress Lake, *Stark*, on 23 Dec. Only *Putnam* didn't have a sighting.



On 20 Dec Janice Farral took advantage of the soft morning light to capture this Mallard drake swimming in Lorain harbor.

**American Black Duck**

About 100 were at Pickerington Ponds on 09 Jan (Tyler Ficker and Kandace Glanville) and also at Killbuck on 27 Feb (m. obs.).



While visiting Sandy Ridge on 17 Feb, Debbie Parker got great looks at a feeding pair of American Black Ducks.

**[Mallard x American Black Duck]**

George Novosel counted 26 at Medusa on 04 Jan. (26 counties)

**Northern Pintail**

Philip A. Hershberger and Anthony R. Troyer saw about 2200 on 23 Feb, half at Wilderness Road and half at Funk. Up to 1000 were reported at Wilderness Road on other dates (m. obs.). Members of a BSBO field trip to Killdeer on 22 Feb saw 500, the most away from the Wilderness Road/Funk area. (59 counties)



Wilderness Road was the place to photograph courting Northern Pintails, and Su Snyder captured a "kiss" between a cute couple on 24 Feb.

**Green-winged Teal**

John Petruzzi found about 100 at Mill Creek on 06 Dec. Observers saw up to 85 at Pickerington Ponds on various dates. (44 counties)

**[Gadwall x Green-winged Teal]**

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker saw this hybrid at Old Reid Park, *Clark*, on 05 Feb.

**Canvasback**

About 500 were off East Harbor on 15 Feb for Gregory Bennett. Susan Carpenter saw the largest number away from Lake Erie, 50 at Nimisila on 23 Feb. (37 counties)

**Redhead**

Paul Jacyk estimated that 670 were at Metzger on 28 Feb. The next most were his 540 at Bay View Park, *Lucas*, on 28 Jan. Ned Keller's 500 at Old Highland Stone on 12 Jan were the most away from Lake Erie. (59 counties)



Debbie Parker braved the cold to capture this stunning Redhead at Lorain harbor on 20 Jan.

### Ring-necked Duck

Wright Marsh held 375 on 22 Feb for m. obs. (65 counties)

### Greater Scaup

Mike Mencotti and Jeff Stacey found 600 at Metzger on 22 Feb. Maumee Bay held 300 on three dates. The most away from **Lucas** were 21 at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 01 Dec (Dave Chase), and the most inland were 20 at Caesar Creek on 29 Feb (Lee Funderburg). (34 counties)

### Lesser Scaup

Geoff Malosh noted 4500 at Maumee Bay on 04 Jan and wrote, “Gigantic flocks of scaup offshore. Many were flying close to shore; small numbers of Greater distinguished by obviously bolder white wing stripe, others counted as Lessers”. Paul Jacyk provided the second highest number, 2000, from South Shore Veterans Park, **Lucas**, on 01 Jan. Chris Pierce found 170 at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, for the highest count away from Lucas. (54 counties)

### Scaup sp.

Paul Jacyk estimated that a mixed flock of 16,000 was off Maumee Bay on 01 Jan and wrote that there were, “rafts spanning the entire horizon”. (35 counties)

### Harlequin Duck

The reports are:

One along the western **Cuyahoga** shore between Rocky River Park and Bradstreet’s Landing from 12 Dec well into Mar (m. obs.)

Three at Cleveland’s East 55th Street Marina on 19 Dec (m. obs.)

Three at CLNP between 19 and 22 Jan (m. obs.)

Four at Lakeside, **Ottawa**, on 23 Feb (Cheryl Harner)

### Surf Scoter

The last of the season were three off Columbia Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Feb (Lori Brumbaugh, Debra Sweeney), though there were Mar sightings elsewhere as well. Chris Pierce found six at Bradstreet’s Landing, **Cuyahoga**, on 03 Dec, and four were off Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, two days later (m. obs.). The most inland were Christina Stump’s three at the Findlay Reservoirs on 05 Dec. (9 counties)

### White-winged Scoter

The high count was eight; Gautam Apte saw them from CLNP on 18 Dec. Christina Stump saw two at the Findlay Reservoirs on 01 Dec for the inland high count. (9 counties)

### Black Scoter

Up to three at various locations on 22 Feb were the last of the season. (There were also Mar

sightings). Gustino Lanese counted nine from Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 05 Dec, and up to seven were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were four at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 01 Dec (Dave Chase), and the most inland were two at Alum Creek from 12 to 16 Dec (m. obs.). **Erie** and **Hancock** also produced reports.

### Scoter sp.

**Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, and **Lorain** all hosted birds that couldn’t be identified to species.

### Long-tailed Duck

The last of the season was at Bradstreet’s Landing, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Feb (Lori Brumbaugh), but there were many Mar sightings as well. A count of three came from a trio of anglers off Vermilion, **Erie**, on 07 Dec. The rest of the sightings, from 14 counties in all, were of single birds.



An enchanting Long-tailed Duck drake graced Oberlin Arboretum, **Lorain**, on 14 Jan and was beautifully captured by Debbie Parke.

### Bufflehead

Paul Jacyk counted 114 from Maumee Bay on 29 Dec. George Novosel almost tied him with 112 at Turkeyfoot Lake, **Summit**, on 28 Jan. (60 counties)

### Common Goldeneye

About 1500 were off Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 09 Jan for Lori Brumbaugh. The next most were 500 at three **Cuyahoga** sites, each on a different date, and the most inland were Larry Richardson’s 90 at Mosquito Lake on 07 Dec. (59 counties)

### Hooded Merganser

Carl Winstead made a “[c]onservative count by fives in one pan of scope” which yielded 365 at Hoover Reservoir on 02 Jan. (69 counties)

### [Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser]

Eric Elvert photographed this bird at the Osborn Road gravel pits, **Clark**, on 26 Jan and wrote, “I believe this is the same individual that I’ve seen at Eastwood [MP, **Montgomery**] the past couple of years.”

### Common Merganser

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 1695 during the 01



Dec ONWR census and 1242 there on 05 Jan. The most away from **Lucas** and **Ottawa** were the 450 that Marc Hanneman found along Whitman's Creek, **Ashtabula**, on 28 Dec. The most away from the north shore counties were 200 at each of Lake Milton, **Mahoning**, on 02 Jan (Patrick Lewis) and Berlin Lake on 25 Jan (Ken Lebo). (60 counties)

### Red-breasted Merganser

Erin Allen saw about 5000 off Painesville TP on 16 Dec as did Bruce Stevenson from CLNP on 15 Feb. The most away from Lake Erie were 120 at Alum Creek on 05 Dec (Susan Brauning and Carl Winstead). (51 counties)

### Ruddy Duck

Craig Caldwell found 500 at the Wellington Underground Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 03 Dec, and 350 were still there on 11 Dec for Chris Pierce. The next most were Dale Bailey's 343 at Rocky Fork on 06 Jan. (53 counties)

### Northern Bobwhite

The reports are:

Four near Thurman, **Jackson**, on 26 Dec (Tania Perry)

Seven in Pierce Township, **Clermont**, on 29 Dec (*fide* Jay Stenger)

Four at Wayne Lakes Village, **Darke**, on 08 Jan (*fide* Cindy Ploch)

Four at Fernald, also on 08 Jan (Jason Cade)

Four at Fairborn Community Park, **Greene**, on 21 Jan (Pat Nowak)

### Ring-necked Pheasant

Steve Borgwald saw two cocks and 12 hens along River Drive, **Pickaway**, on 19 Feb, and up to 11 were seen in that area on other dates. The most elsewhere were trios at three locations. (26 counties)

### Ruffed Grouse

The reports are:

One along the Buckeye Trail at Clendening Lake, **Harrison**, on 13 Dec (Scott Pendleton)

One in **Fairfield** during the Lancaster CBC on 28 Dec (*fide* David Goslin)

One at Vinton Furnace on 16 Feb (Tyler Ficker)

### Wild Turkey

Nicky Rosner counted by 10s to reach 170 near Meister, **Columbiana**, on 01 Jan, and Chris Lamb found about 150 still there on 04 Jan. Scott Pendleton's trek along the Buckeye Trail at Clendening Lake, **Harrison**, on 13 Dec yielded 110. (64 counties)

### Pied-billed Grebe

A trio of birders counted 52 at East Fork on 04 Jan, and up to 47 were seen there on other dates.

The most elsewhere were 25 at Rocky Fork on 15 Feb (m. obs.). (53 counties)

### Horned Grebe

Reanna Thomas saw 25 at East Fork on 05 Dec. (37 counties)

### Red-necked Grebe

One was seen from several vantage points around Rocky Fork Lake between 29 Dec and 19 Feb. Another spent at least from 19 Jan to 23 Feb in Cleveland Harbor, with most sightings being from Wendy Park. Singles were also in **Delaware**, **Greene**, **Medina**, **Muskingum**, **Trumbull**, and **Warren**.

### Eared Grebe

The reports, all by multiple observers, are:

At Chippewa Lake, **Medina**, from 01 to 04 Dec  
At Clear Fork from 03 to 07 Dec

At Congress Lake, **Stark**, on 04 and 05 Dec

At Rocky Fork from 28 Dec to 18 Feb

### Rock Pigeon

Shane Myers estimated 475 were clogging the feeders at Oakwoods NP, **Hancock**, on 14 Jan, and up to 400 were seen there on other dates. Cherie Dutton's 355 were the most elsewhere; they were on wires along U.S. 50 in **Athens** on 22 Jan. No sightings came from **Henry**, **Mercer**, **Morgan**, or **Van Wert**.

### Eurasian Collared-Dove

Daniel Hodges counted 26 around grain elevators in Beaverdam, **Allen**, on 30 Jan. (12 counties)



*Kidron, Wayne, hosts a flock of Eurasian Collared-Doves, and Su Snyder was happy to capture this one on the brisk morning of 10 Feb.*

### Mourning Dove

George Novosel counted 186 at the Akron Skate Park, **Summit**, on 28 Jan. Only **Van Wert** didn't produce a report.

### Rufous Hummingbird

The adult male first noted at a Millersburg, **Holmes**, home on 23 Oct was last seen on 18 Dec. Allen Chartier had banded it on 30 Oct.

### Virginia Rail

The high count was four; David Bailey found them at their annual over-winter spot of Spring Valley WA, **Greene**, on 01 Jan. Susan Evanoff and Jason Larson found two along the Holmes County Trail that same day. Other sightings were scattered throughout the season in **Lucas**, **Marion**, **Richland**, **Seneca**, **Stark**, **Wayne**, and **Wyandot**.

### American Coot

Ned Keller saw about 2000 at Old Highland Stone on 12 Jan and up to 800 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 680 that Susan Carpenter found at Turkey-foot Lake, **Summit**, on 30 Jan. (32 counties)

### Limpkin

The bird first seen at ONWR in Nov remained until 12 Dec but still produced only one report to the OBRC.

### Sandhill Crane

Steve Bodart saw three flocks totaling about 325 birds fly over him in **Wood** on 15 Dec, and there were many other triple digit reports. (45 counties)

### Whooping Crane

The OBRC has a report of a flyover in **Portage**.

### American Avocet

A group of nine birders found a lingerer at Pickerington Ponds on 07 Dec.

### Killdeer

The high count was 52; several birders saw them at Lake Logan SP, **Hocking**, on 05 Dec. Scott Pendleton made an exact count of 35 at Clendening Lake, **Harrison**, on 13 Dec. (72 counties)

### Dunlin

Scattered singles were seen until 06 Jan and then from 02 Feb into Mar. (9 counties)



Dunlins are a hardy shorebird and Leslie Sours was able to snap a quick pic when this bird took a break from feeding at Alum Creek on 08 Feb.

### Purple Sandpiper

The reports are:  
One at Cleveland's East 9<sup>th</sup> Street Pier on 07 Dec (Dave Smith)

One at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River on 14 Dec (BSBO cruise participants)

One in Cleveland Harbor on 01 Jan (BSBO cruise participants)

One at Headlands on 20 Jan (m. obs.) and two seen there that day by Tom Frankel

One at Wendy Park from 15 to 22 Feb (m. obs.)

One at Fairport Harbor on 29 Feb (m. obs.)

### Least Sandpiper

Lee Funderburg found a straggler at the Osborn Road gravel pits, **Clark**, on 01 Dec.

### Long-billed Dowitcher

Cam Lee saw five along the Marion Tallgrass Trail on 11 Dec.

### American Woodcock

The first sighting since 13 Nov was in **Clermont** on 29 Dec during the Cincinnati CBC (*fide* Jay Stenger). Tom Bartlett found the next at East Harbor during the Gypsum CBC on 04 Jan. After that came four in the **Hocking** section of Wayne NF on 10 Feb (m. obs.), and sightings were frequent from then into spring. Randy Morgan counted nine in Governor Bebb Park, **Butler**, at dusk on 20 Feb. (22 counties)

### Wilson's Snipe

Sightings were scattered throughout the season. The high count was an exact 10 by Scott Pendleton at Clendening Lake, **Harrison**, on 13 Dec. (19 counties)

### Pomarine Jaeger

Eric Hope and Monica Robinson saw one from Wendy Park on 01 Dec.

### Bonaparte's Gull

John Landon saw about 600 at East Fork on 05 Dec. The next most were Carl Winstead's 350 at Hoover Reservoir on 04 Dec. (41 counties)

### Ring-billed Gull

About 20,000 were off Wendy Park on 01 Jan (Nicky Rosner) and also at Lorain (city) Harbor on 27 Jan (Joshua Vardous). Up to 15,000 were reported at Wendy Park and other Cleveland locations. The most away from Lake Erie were 3000 at the Lake County landfill on several dates (m. obs.) and 2500 at the Oberlin Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 26 Jan (Chris Pierce). The most at a far inland site were 2000 at East Fork on 02 Feb (Reanna Thomas). (77 counties)

### California Gull

A post from **Lucas** had a description. Multiple posts from **Cuyahoga** had photos and descriptions. The OBRC didn't get any reports.

### Herring Gull

Tim Jasinski and Andy Jones saw about 15,000 from Wendy Park on both 16 and 19 Feb, and

up to 10,000 were at other Lake Erie sites on various dates. The most away from the lake were 2000 seen at the Republic landfill outside Bolivar, **Stark**, on several early Dec dates (m. obs.). (62 counties)

### **Iceland Gull**

Jen Brumfield counted seven from Cleveland's 9<sup>th</sup> Street Pier on 22 Jan and also from Wendy Park on 20 Feb. The most away from Lake Erie were trios at the Republic landfill, **Stark**, on 06 Dec (Jon Cefus) and again on 21 Jan (Lucas Weaver and Atlee Yoder). One was unusually far south at the Rumke landfill, **Hamilton**, on 22 Dec (Jack Stenger). (10 counties; see the map)

### **Lesser Black-backed Gull**

Shane Myers provided the two highest counts, 55 and 31, from the Findlay Reservoirs on 06 Dec and 13 Jan respectively. Edward Ingold saw the most elsewhere, 25 at the **Hancock** landfill wetlands on 04 Dec. (23 counties)



*Debbie Parker spent a chilly morning with a Lesser-Black Backed Gull at Lorain harbor while it surveyed a frigid Lake Erie on 29 Jan.*

### **[Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull]**

Kent Miller identified this hybrid at the Republic landfill, **Stark**, on 16 Jan.

### **Slaty-backed Gull**

Multiple photos and descriptions, but no OBRC report, came from **Cuyahoga**.

### **Glaucous Gull**

The Oberlin Reservoir, **Lorain**, hosted five for Chris Pierce on 26 Jan. (14 counties as far south as **Hamilton**)

### **[Herring x Glaucous (“Nelson’s”) Gull]**

Dennis Mersky saw one at Springfield Lake on 05 Feb and with Brian Tinker saw it again the next day.

### **Great Black-backed Gull**

Tim Jasinski and Andy Jones noted 75 at Wendy Park on 19 Feb and up to 65 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were

Jen Brumfield's 54 at the nearby Edgewater marina. James Hatcher saw the most away from **Cuyahoga**, 40 along the Cedar Point Causee, **Erie**, on 17 Feb. The Oberlin Reservoir; **Lorain**, held 26 for Debbie and Mark Raven on 18 Feb for the most away from Lake Erie. The high count from a site not in a Lake Erie-side county was the eight that Brian Tinker found at Springfield Lake on 28 Jan. Sightings also came from **Ashtabula**, **Geauga**, **Lake**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, and **Stark**.

### **[Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]**

Kent Miller found one at the Republic landfill, **Stark**, on 31 Jan, and Jen Brumfield another at Wendy Park on 19 Feb.

### **Red-throated Loon**

Sightings were fairly steady from Nov to 28 Dec. The only reports after that were of a single bird at Caesar Creek on both 19 Feb (Larry Early) and 22 Feb (Jonathan Goolsby). The high count of three was shared by Dave Chase at Perry Township Park, **Lake**, on 01 Dec and Carl Winstead at Alum Creek on 03 Dec. (16 counties)

### **Pacific Loon**

Posts from **Clermont**, **Cuyahoga**, and **Erie** have photos and descriptions.

### **Common Loon**

Adriana Losey counted 31 at Alum Creek on 01 Dec; Jason Estep and Suzie Snyder found 24 there on 06 Dec. The next most were Larry Richardson's 14 at Mosquito Lake on 02 Dec. (34 counties)

### **Great Cormorant**

Posts from **Cuyahoga** had photos and descriptions.

### **Double-crested Cormorant**

Wendy Park twice provided counts of 500, for Tim Jasinski and James Smallwood on 19 Feb and for Ron Baker on 23 Feb. Up to 450 were reported there and at other Cleveland sites on other dates. The most not in **Cuyahoga** were two flocks of 75, at the Shelly gravel pit, Washington, on 19 Dec (Jason White) and the Bay View WWTP, **Erie**, on 20 Feb (Mark and Sherry Plessner). (39 counties)

### **American White Pelican**

Jon Jenkins saw eight at Mercer WA on 23 Feb; six were still in the area for him on 29 Feb.

### **American Bittern**

One spent from 01 to 06 Jan at Rocky Fork (m. obs.). Another was seen along Township Road 351, **Coshocton**, on 03 Jan (Carice Jameson) and again on 12 Jan (Kurt Garver).



### Great Blue Heron

Melanie Shuter counted 68 at Deer Creek SP on 07 Jan and wrote, “counted individually since it was an amazing event to see so many - in the shallow water at the upper reached [sic] of the drawdown”. The next most were Irina Shulgina’s 45 at McKinley Quarry, **Franklin**, on 25 Feb. Only **Monroe**, **Morgan**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** didn’t have sightings.



A Great Blue Heron took flight while Debbie Parker strolled through Killbuck on 22 Feb.

### Great Egret

Sightings were few and scattered throughout the season. Cruiser Park, **Franklin**, held two on 06 Feb (Jeffrey Roth) and 13 Feb (Brian O’Connor), and one was seen there on other dates. (9 counties)

### Green Heron

Douglas Vogus *et al.* found one at ONWR on 01 Dec; it was the first of the species in the history of the Dec census.

### Black-crowned Night-Heron

Mandy Roberts found 23 near the Bay Shore, **Lucas**, power plant on 07 Jan and 27 there on 20 Jan. (10 counties)

### Black Vulture

Ed and Sheila Bremer found about 75 at the Paint Creek SP dam, **Highland**, on 01 Jan. The Hueston Woods SP lodge hosted 160 for Cole DiFabio on 11 Dec. (See Field Notes for another major sighting.) (55 counties as far north as **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, and **Lorain**)



While driving in **Franklin** on 03 Feb, Leslie Sours spotted a first-year Black Vulture begging for food from its parent.

### Turkey Vulture

Jacob Raber saw about 175 at The Ridges, **Athens**, on 07 Jan. The next highest number of 150

was shared by Phil Cantino along the Ora Anderson Trail, **Athens**, on 08 Dec and William Kerrigan at the New Concord Village Reservoir, **Muskingum**, on 10 Dec. (74 counties)

### Golden Eagle

The reports are:

One at The Wilds on 21 Dec during the Chancellersville CBC (m. obs.)

One passing OOPMP on 04 Jan (m. obs.)

One at Killdeer on 19 Feb (Dan Kramer) and 20 Feb (Dave Smith)

One at Ales Run WA, **Noble**, on 23 Feb (m. obs.)

### Northern Harrier

Jennifer Bierlair and Mitch Johnson found 30 working the fields around River Drive, **Pickaway**, on 18 Jan. Scott Pendleton saw 19 near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 03 Jan, and Paul Jacyk tied him at the Oak Harbor Conservation Club, **Ottawa**, on 25 Jan. (74 counties)

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

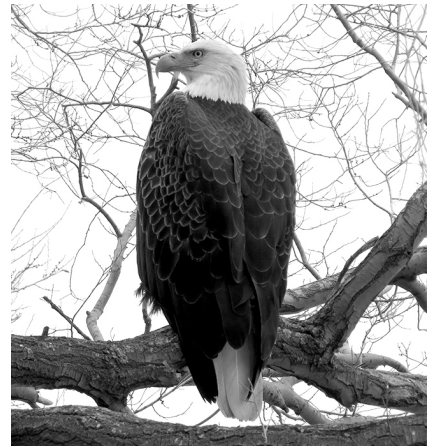
Duos were at three locations. (69 counties)

### Cooper’s Hawk

Four were at Darby Creek on 02 Jan for William Taynor, and seven locations each hosted three. (82 counties)

### Bald Eagle

Paul Jacyk counted 28 at ONWR on 05 Jan. Debbie Hurlbert found 22 at Mohican River WA, **Knox**, on 08 Jan. Only **Darke** didn’t have a sighting.



This regal Bald Eagle was elegantly captured on 30 Jan by Janice Farral during a quick trip to Lorain.

### Red-shouldered Hawk

The high count of four was shared by at least seven locations. (75 counties)

### Red-tailed Hawk

Big Island hosted 32 for Ron Sempier on 17 Feb. The next most were the 13 that Randy Morgan

found at the Miami University Ecological Research Center, **Butler**, during the 14 Dec Oxford CBC. A very pale individual was seen in Huber Heights, **Montgomery**, on 27 and 28 Jan (James Miller, Dylan Smith). It could have been leucistic or possibly a “Kridler’s” morph. (all 88 counties)

### Rough-legged Hawk

Two counts of eight came from the same site near Cadiz, **Harrison**; they differed in the mix of male light and dark morphs so more than eight were in the vicinity. Kent Miller and Jon Cefus saw theirs on 01 Feb; Janice Emrick and Mary Grey’s were on 09 Feb. (40 counties)



*A hunting Rough-legged Hawk gave a glance to Debbie Parker during her visit to Killbuck on 21 Feb.*

### Barn Owl

Shari Jackson saw two near Kidron, **Wayne**, on 06 Jan. Irina Shulgina also found two, at a private property in **Franklin** on 25 Jan. One spent 05 to 18 Dec at CLNP (m. obs.). (9 counties)



*A beautiful foggy morning shot of a Barn Owl was the best present for Ronnie Clark on a Christmas Day trip to Darby Creek.*

### Snowy Owl

The first of the season spent from 04 Dec into Feb near Weston, **Wood**; it was sometimes joined by a second bird (m. obs.). The last spent from 22 Feb into Mar at Burke Airport (m. obs.). In addition to the **Wood** birds, duos were also at Cleveland Hopkins Airport between 25 and 31 Jan (m. obs.), and near North Baltimore, **Hancock**, on 03 Feb (Jane Riker). (See Field Notes for news about tagged birds.) (10 counties)



*Jeff Loughman was thrilled to spot a Snowy Owl that was well hidden on 02 Jan along Thrush Road, **Wood**.*

### Barred Owl

There were two counts of four. Ned DeLamatre’s were “heard in four different locations between 4:30-5:00 PM” along the CVNP Wetmore Trails on 26 Dec. Gary Cowell and Julie Witmer found theirs near Bucyrus, **Crawford**, on 05 Jan. (56 counties)



*A wonderful find tucked against a pine tree, Janice Farral watched a sleepy Barred Owl try to stay warm on a chilly winter morning at Findley SP, **Lorain**, on 22 Feb.*

### Eastern Screech-Owl

The high count of five was shared by Michael Hensley at Osborn MP, **Erie**, on 14 Dec and Josh King and Ethan Rising at Grand Lake SP on 14 Feb. Five trios were reported. (48 counties)

### Great Horned Owl

Counts of three came from Green Creek Hunt

Club, **Sandusky**, on 05 Jan (Mark Shieldcastle), Indian Rocks Beach, **Erie**, on 12 Jan (Brennan White), and Titus Road NP, **Erie**, on 13 Jan (Tom Bartlett). (56 counties)

### Long-eared Owl

The first, and most, were three that Bennie Saylor and Atlee Yoder found at the Norma Johnson Center, **Tuscarawas**, on 27 Dec, and those owls were occasionally seen by others there until 26 Jan. The remaining sightings, from seven counties in all, were of single birds. See the map for more.



Michael Lamont was thrilled to find a Long-eared Owl tucked in a pine grove on 28 Jan in **Wayne**.

### Short-eared Owl

Burke Airport hosted the season's first, two on 04 Dec (Lenore Charnigo). Counts of six came from River Drive, **Pickaway**, on 22 Dec (Raymond Rosselot); from Espyville Road, **Marion**, on 29 Dec (Jim McCormac); and again from River Drive on 01 Jan (Tom Bain). (36 counties; see the map)

### Northern Saw-whet Owl

The first of the season spent from 05 Dec to 13 Jan at CLNP and was joined by a second one for one day, 13 Dec (all m. obs.). **Athens, Erie, Hamilton, Lucas, Wayne**, and **Wyandot** also contributed sightings.

### Belted Kingfisher

Justin Griggs found seven at Fernald on 22 Feb and there were three counts of five elsewhere on other dates. (80 counties)

### Red-headed Woodpecker

Bryan Smith tallied 14 in 90 minutes in the Five

Forks region of Wayne NF, **Lawrence**, on 15 Jan. (60 counties)

### Red-bellied Woodpecker

Deb Oexmann counted 33 throughout the Brukner NC, **Miami**, on 11 Dec. David Helm found 23 around West Union, **Adams**, on 14 Dec. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

The high count of five was shared by Dave Wilson at the Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park, **Butler**, on 21 Dec and Jordan West at Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 20 Feb. (57 counties)

### Downy Woodpecker

Douglas Vogus' census crews counted 44 in ONWR on 05 Jan and 19 in CVNP on 01 Feb. **Van Wert** alone didn't have a sighting.

### Hairy Woodpecker

Diana Steele and Eric Watts tallied 11 in Bradley Woods Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, during the 28 Dec Lakewood CBC. Counts of eight came from three sites. Every county except **Meigs, Monroe, Pike, Putnam**, and **Van Wert** had sightings.

### Northern Flicker

A trio of birders spent all day at Killdeer on 29 Dec and found 29 flickers. A quartet of birders found 16 around Pleasant Hill Lake, **Richland**, on 01 Jan. Only **Putnam** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.



A quick trip to the OSU Drake Center on 30 Jan netted Leslie Sours some close views of a Northern Flicker.

### Pileated Woodpecker

Dan Kramer needed only a half mile of travel around Tappan Lake, **Harrison**, to find 11 on 05 Jan. (77 counties)

### American Kestrel

Chad Pumpelly wandered **Hardin** on 15 Jan and found 15. The next most were the 11 that Christopher Collins and Jeff Peters saw while searching for the Prairie Falcon in **Wood** on 17 Dec. Only **Monroe** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

### Merlin

Greenlawn Memorial Park, **Summit**, hosted



seven on 03 Feb for a group of birders. (48 counties; see the map)



A visit to Greenlawn Memorial Park, **Summit**, on 18 Feb enabled Kathy Mock to grab a shot of this fierce Merlin scouting for his next meal.

### **Peregrine Falcon**

Hope Orr found three north of the CVNP Boston trailhead on 16 Jan and another three south of there on 23 Jan. Tom Bartlett tied her at Cleveland's Rivergate Park on 26 Jan. (42 counties)

### **Prairie Falcon**

This bird spent much of Dec into Jan in **Wood**; its identity isn't in doubt though no one filed a report with the OBRC.

### **Northern Shrike**

John Games and Ron Sempier found two at Killdeer on 28 Dec; the rest of the sightings were of solo birds. (19 counties)



Sandy Ridge hosted a Northern Shrike on 15 Jan and afforded Debbie Parker excellent views.

### **White-eyed Vireo**

Serious stragglers were found at Blendon Woods on 08 Dec (Robert Dudley); Clinton-Como Park,

**Franklin**, on 08 Dec (Jen Moore and Jason Parrish); Mohler WA, **Holmes**, on 20 Dec (Elias Raber); Mentor Lagoons SNP, **Lake**, on 20 and 28 Dec and 06 Jan (m. obs.); and the Norma Johnson Center, **Tuscarawas**, on 27 Dec (Brian Schlabach).

### **Warbling Vireo**

Kari Warner Matsko photographed a late bird at Lake Erie Bluffs on 01 Dec.

### **Eastern Phoebe**

Sightings were scattered throughout the season. All were solo birds except for the two that Patrick Oakes saw at Armleder Park on 05 Jan. (42 counties; see the map)

### **Blue Jay**

Ethan Kistler counted 29 in 2.5 miles at Mosquito WA on 02 Jan. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

### **American Crow**

Ned DeLamatre saw about 3000 heading to an evening roost in Mount Peace Cemetery, **Summit**, on 23 Jan. Brian Tinker saw 2500 at Greenlawn Cemetery, **Summit**, at 5 pm on 07 Jan. **Henry**, **Mercer**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

### **Fish Crow**

Posts from several locations in both **Cuyahoga** and **Summit** had photos and descriptions. No reports went directly to the OBRC.

### **Common Raven**

Jon Cefus saw 12 on reclaimed lands in **Harrison** on 26 Jan; see Field Notes for more. The next most were Josh Yoder's six near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 22 Feb. Trios were seen at two **Lake** sites on two dates each. (13 counties)

### **Horned Lark**

Cam Lee found 840 at Killdeer on 13 Feb. Jenny Bowman and Cynthia Norris came in second with about 500 near Weston, **Wood**, on 18 Dec. (73 counties)



Kathy Mock was able to capture this handsome Horned Lark in the snow at Akron Skate Park, **Summit**, on 08 Feb.

### Tree Swallow

These are somewhat hardy, but five sightings in Dec are unusual:

Two at ONWR on 13 Dec (Aden M. Yoder)

One at the Jackson Pike WWTP, **Franklin**, on 15 Dec (John Finn)

One near Fremont, **Sandusky**, on 18 Dec (Kenn Kaufman)

One at Wright Marsh on 22 Dec (Josh Yoder)

One at Rocky Fork on 28 Dec (Bill Stanley)

### Swallow sp.

Single birds that couldn't be named to species were at the Republic landfill, **Stark**, on 05 Dec (Kent Miller and Ben Morrison) and at Alum Creek on 07 Dec (Adriana Losey).

### Carolina Chickadee

Deb Oexmann counted 48 at Brukner NC, **Miami**, on 11 Dec. (63 counties)

### Black-capped Chickadee

A trio of birders found 47 in 35 miles of travel in and around OOPMP on 04 Jan. George Billman fully described a wanderer that he saw and heard at Kivanis Park on 17 Jan. (38 counties)

### Chickadee sp.

Cautious observers noted indeterminate birds in 23 counties.

### Tufted Titmouse

Brian Tinker counted 33 at Portage Lake SP, **Summit**, on 15 Feb. Only **Putnam** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.



Debbie Parker's feeders hosted many visitors like this gorgeous Tufted Titmouse in the falling snow in **Medina** on 07 Feb.

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

Four sites each hosted three. (32 counties)

### White-breasted Nuthatch

Brukner NC, **Miami**, hosted 35 for Deb Oexmann on 11 Dec. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

### Brown Creeper

Ryan Lesniewicz saw 10 at Magee on 03 Feb. Four locations each held six. (77 counties)

### Winter Wren

Reuben S. Erb counted eight along his Wilmot CBC route, **Holmes**, on 29 Dec. Two counts of four were the next highest. Kent Miller found that many along Howell's Egypt Road, **Columbiana**, on both 02 and 07 Dec. Jason Bojczyk saw them at Maumee Bay on 14 Jan. (47 counties)



Winter Wrens can be a tough subject to photograph but Sean Hollowell made the most of his opportunity at Glen Helen NP, **Greene**, on 07 Jan.



Scott Zimmerman loves photographing visitors to his feeders at his Grandview, **Franklin**, home, and on 19 Feb he was able to take a close-up of a visiting White-breasted Nuthatch.

### House Wren

These are supposed to leave by mid-Nov, but five stayed on:

At Caesar Creek on 19 Dec (Rick Asamoto and Chris Zacharias)

In Addyston, **Hamilton**, on 24 Dec (Wayne Wauligman)  
 At Clending Lake, **Harrison**, on 01 Jan (m. obs.)  
 At Sagamore Hills Park, **Summit**, on 12 Jan (Brian Tinker)  
 Seen and heard near New Bedford, **Coshocton**, on 02 Feb (Vernon E. Yoder)

#### Marsh Wren

Duos were seen at Killbuck on 14 Dec (Atlee Yoder) and at Old Woman Creek, **Erie**, on 22 Jan (Debbie Vargo). Reports also came from two **Holmes** locations and one in each of **Franklin**, **Lake**, and **Summit**.

#### Carolina Wren

David Carr *et al.* counted 32 along their Newtown Bottoms CBC route, **Hamilton**, on 29 Dec. Only **Fulton**, **Van Wert**, and **Williams** didn't have sightings.

#### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Dave Sherman photographed a straggler at Duracoen Park, **Franklin**, on 08 Dec.

#### Golden-crowned Kinglet

The high count of 15 was shared by Deb Oexmann at Brukner NC, **Miami**, on 11 Dec and Gabriel Amrhein at John Bryan SP, **Greene**, on 21 Dec. (77 counties)



Debbie Parker scored great close-ups of this Golden-crowned Kinglet on 09 Jan at Chippewa Lake, **Medina**.

#### Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Lee Funderburg found three at Caesar Creek WA on 05 Feb, and there were many counts of two elsewhere. (41 counties)

#### Eastern Bluebird

Randy Morgan saw about 50 at the Ross-Millville Road Conservation Area, **Butler**, on 11 Dec. The next most were Chris Tonra's 37 at Alum Creek on 14 Dec. (83 counties)

#### Hermit Thrush

The high count of six was shared by Brian Wulk-

er at Fernald on 22 Dec and Rick Luehrs at John Bryan SP, **Greene**, on 08 Jan. (47 counties)



On 28 Feb, Leslie Sours braved the cold at Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin**, to find an early Hermit Thrush foraging in the brush.

#### American Robin

David A. Brinkman estimated that 6000 were "filling the skies throughout the area" at Glenway Crossing, **Hamilton**, on 30 Dec. Three sites each hosted about 1000 robins. Only **Morgan**, **Putnam**, **Van Wert**, and **Williams** didn't have sightings.

#### Varied Thrush

Posts from **Cuyahoga** had photos and descriptions.

#### Gray Catbird

Single birds were seen on at least 30 occasions and in 21 counties.

#### Brown Thrasher

Jordan West found two at separate locations in Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 24 Feb. (14 counties)

#### Northern Mockingbird

Ruby Gross counted 11 at the Sweet Arrow Reserve, **Greene**, on 05 Jan. (73 counties)

#### Cedar Waxwing

David Helm saw about 200 at Kroger Hills State Reserve, **Hamilton**, on 29 Dec. (67 counties)



Avon Lake Veterans Park, **Lovain**, has numerous berry trees which hosted Cedar Waxwings eating their fill, a scene captured by Janice Farral on 20 Jan.

### European Starling

David A. Brinkman saw a “swarm of birds, 300-500 on wires, long stream of birds, about .25-.5 mi long and about 30-50 yards deep...about 100,000” in Sharonville, **Hamilton**, on 13 Dec. Winfield Henderson estimated 30,000 were flying past the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, **Summit**, on 29 Dec. Only **Van Wert** didn’t have a sighting.

### House Sparrow

Lori Brumbaugh and Lou Gardella’s **Cuyahoga** yard was invaded by 400 on 18 Jan. Chad Wilson got off a little lighter, with only 250 at his **Lorain** home on 01 Feb. Only **Monroe** and **Van Wert** didn’t have sightings.

### American Pipit

Dan Kramer saw about 60 near Sycamore, **Crawford**, that “circled a tilled ag field and flew within 70 yards giving characteristic flight calls” before landing on 07 Jan. Several observers found 30 at Wilderness Road on 19 Jan. (17 counties)

### Evening Grosbeak

George Coleman saw the only one of the season, in Fairview Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 26 Dec.

### House Finch

Jack Stenger and Reanna Thomas found about 200 at Shawnee Lookout on 14 Dec. The next most were the 120 that Kevin Coffman saw in his Olentangy Meadows neighborhood, **Delaware**, on 05 Jan. Only **Meigs** and **Van Wert** didn’t have sightings.

### Purple Finch

Sue Demay had eight visit her feeder in **Portage** on 15 Feb. (32 counties)

### Common Redpoll

The reports are:

- One at CLNP on 11 Dec (*vide* Laura Gooch)
- One along County Road 200, **Holmes**, on both 14 and 20 Dec (Atlee Yoder)
- One at the Basic Stone quarry, **Seneca**, on 22 Dec (Dave Smith)
- Two at Edgewater on 08 Jan (George Novosel)
- One in Munson Township, **Geauga**, on 18 Jan (Patrick Bilter)
- One at a home near Saltillo, **Holmes**, on 27 Feb (*vide* Elias Raber)

### Pine Siskin

Mark Kershner contributed the high count, six at Wingfoot Lake SP, **Portage**, on 06 Jan. Three sites each tallied four birds. (19 counties; see the map)

### American Goldfinch

Four locations each produced reports of about 100 birds. Only **Mercer**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** didn’t report any.

### Lapland Longspur

Birders found about 200 near Weston, **Wood**, on both 17 and 18 Dec, and up to 150 there on other dates. (They were chasing the Prairie Falcon.) Shane Myers saw the most elsewhere, 150 near Arcadia, **Hancock**, on 07 Dec. (40 counties; see the map)

### Snow Bunting

Josh Hargrave found 120 by Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 22 Jan, and up to 90 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 50 at the Akron Skate Park, **Summit**, on both 21 and 22 Jan (m. obs.). (28 counties; see the map)

### Chipping Sparrow

Bryan Smith counted 16 at his feeders in **Lawrence** on 12 Jan. Robert Thorn found 12 in Sycamore Creek Park, **Fairfield**, on 29 Feb. (23 counties)

### Field Sparrow

Counts of 20 came from Fernald on 24 Dec (Matt Stenger) and Indian Creek WA, **Brown**, on 09 Feb (Reanna Thomas). (54 counties)

### Fox Sparrow

Jack Stenger and Reanna Thomas counted seven along their CBC route in Shawnee Lookout on 14 Dec. (38 counties)

### American Tree Sparrow

Cam Lee found about 300 at Killdeer on 29 Feb. Paul Jacyk came in second with 170 at ONWR on 08 Feb. (79 counties)

### Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)

About 100 were at Toledo’s Woodlawn Cemetery on 15 Dec (Tim Haney) and also along six miles of roads near OOPMP on 04 Jan (Todd Haggard). Only **Meigs** and **Van Wert** didn’t have sightings.



*This adorable Dark-eyed Junco was suited perfectly for cold winter days at Debbie Parker’s Medina home on 07 Feb.*

### “Oregon” Dark-eyed Junco

Individuals were photographed in **Franklin**, **Hardin**, **Mahoning**, and **Montgomery**, and reported in **Lucas** without details.



**Dark-eyed Junco (other)**

Individuals of subspecies *cismontanus* were reported in **Franklin**, **Hamilton**, **Hancock**, **Hardin**, **Ottawa**, and **Summit**; some were photographed.

**White-crowned Sparrow**

Jack Stenger and Reanna Thomas' CBC route in Shawnee Lookout produced 65 on 14 Dec. Fernald on 22 Dec (Matt Stenger) and Newtown Bottoms, **Hamilton**, on 29 Dec (David Carr *et al.*) each hosted 50. (58 counties)



*Sean Hollowell was delighted to photograph this elegant White-crowned Sparrow that teed up for him at Spring Valley on 01 Dec.*

**Harris's Sparrow**

One was photographed and described during a long stay in Millersburg, **Holmes**; I have no doubt the OBRC will accept the record despite not having received a formal report. (See Field Notes for more.)

**White-throated Sparrow**

Hueston Woods hosted 80 for Heather Angst and Cole DiFabio on 14 Dec, while Matt Stenger found 60 at Fernald on 24 Dec. (78 counties)



*A perfectly posed White-throated Sparrow made a great photo subject for Sean Hollowell at Spring Lakes Park, **Greene**, on 01 Jan.*

**[Dark-eyed Junco x White-throated Sparrow]**

Jason Sullivan photographed this hybrid at Germantown MP, **Montgomery**, on 27 Feb.

**Vesper Sparrow**

Stefan Minnig photographed a straggler along County Road 13, **Logan**, on 19 Dec.

**Savannah Sparrow**

Jon Cefus counted 11 near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 26 Jan. (28 counties)

**Song Sparrow**

Shawnee Lookout hosted about 430 for Jack Stenger and Reanna Thomas on 14 Dec. David Carr *et al.* counted 132 along their CBC route in Newtown Bottoms, **Hamilton**, on 29 Dec. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

**Lincoln's Sparrow**

One spent from 16 Dec to 17 Feb at CLNP (m. obs.)

**Swamp Sparrow**

About 250 were at Shawnee Lookout for Jack Stenger and Reanna Thomas on 14 Dec. Andy Troyer counted 46 on his Wilmot CBC route, **Holmes**, on 20 Dec. (75 counties)

**Eastern Towhee**

Dale Bailey counted 40 along 10 miles of roads in Shawnee SF on 17 Feb; he had found 26 in eight miles there on 31 Dec. Lindsey Walters' 24 at Withrow NP, **Hamilton**, on 15 Feb were the most elsewhere. (66 counties)

**Yellow-headed Blackbird**

The reports are:

One along East Enon Road, **Greene**, on 26 Jan (m. obs.)

One at Lorain on 03 Feb (Chad Wilson) and again there from 21 to 23 Feb (m. obs.)

One on 23 Feb and two on 24 Feb at the Barber-ton salt ponds, **Summit** (Brian Tinker)

**Eastern Meadowlark**

Sean Hollowell counted 19 at Twin Towers Park, **Greene**, on 15 Jan. (46 counties)

**Baltimore Oriole**

One spent from late Nov to early Jan coming to several feeders near Baltic, **Holmes** (David Yoder *et al.*).

**Red-winged Blackbird**

Mike Edgington and Kathy Mock photographed a huge mixed flock near Orrville, **Wayne**, on 29 Feb, and estimated it included 12,000 Red-wings. Jeff Goff found about 4000 near Brewster, **Stark**, on 29 Feb. (80 counties)

**Brown-headed Cowbird**

Birders found between 3500 and 4000 along East Enon Road, **Greene**, on 26 Jan. Jesse Alan Troyer saw about 1500 near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 22 Feb. (65 counties)

### Rusty Blackbird

Lorain hosted about 500 for Chad Wilson on 03 Feb. Brian Tinker saw about 300 at Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 14 Jan. (46 counties)



Debbie Parker was able to capture two sparring Rusty Blackbirds while watching the feeders at her **Medina** home on 18 Jan.

### Brewer's Blackbird

Henry Yoder accurately described one he saw while hunting in **Wayne** on 03 Jan (*fide* David Weaver).

### Common Grackle

Mike Edgington and Kathy Mock estimated that 50,000 were passing overhead in **Summit** on 15 Jan; see Field Notes for the details. Gabriel Amrhein's 11,000 at John Bryan SP, **Greene**, on 25 Dec were the second most. (64 counties)

### Ovenbird

One popped up for Judith Ellyson at Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin**, on 13 Dec.

### Orange-crowned Warbler

These sightings, all of single birds, were documented with photos or detailed descriptions:

In Lagrange, **Lorain**, on both 16 Dec and 10 Jan (Debby and Mark Raven)

At East Fork on 17 Dec (Bill Stanley)

Near Proctorville, **Lawrence**, on 04 Jan (Josh Holland and Bryan Smith)

In Lancaster, **Fairfield**, from 12 Jan well into Mar (James Amos Gore and Stacy Gore)

Near Blendon Woods from 10 Jan to 29 Feb (Gregory Allen)

### Common Yellowthroat

Brandon Brywczyński and Greg Links found two at Maumee Bay on 15 Dec. Sightings of single birds came from other locations in eight counties; at some sites the bird was seen on multiple dates.

### Yellow Warbler

A CBC team of three documented one at Killbuck on 14 Dec.

### Pine Warbler

The reports are:

One near Fremont, **Sandusky**, on 18 Dec (Mark Shieldcastle)

One at CLNP on 25 Dec (Nancy Howell)

One at Mill Stream Run Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 28 Dec (Fred Losi)

One at Green Lawn Cemetery, **Columbus**, from 04 Jan into Mar (m. obs.)

One at the Canalway Center, **Cuyahoga**, on 21 Jan (Lori Brumbaugh)

One at their **Paulding** home from 24 Jan to 01 Mar (Doug and Micki Dunakin)

One in Marietta, **Washington**, on 09 Feb (Bruce Wunderlich)

Two at Spring Grove Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 27 Feb (Jordan West)



At Green Lawn Cemetery, **Franklin**, Scott Zimmerman perfectly captured this Pine Warbler that was busy visiting the feeders on 06 Dec.

### Yellow-rumped Warbler

Tom Bain found 91 at Alum Creek on 06 Jan; about half of them were in one large flock. David Carr *et al.* counted 35 in Newtown Bottoms, **Hamilton**, on 29 Dec. (72 counties)



Found at Chippewa Lake, **Medina**, by Debbie Parker, this Yellow-rumped Warbler was gorging on berries to keep warm on 09 Jan.

**Palm Warbler**

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At Lake Snowden, **Athens**, on 15 Dec (Phil Cantino and Melissa Wales), on 06 Jan (Karen Mammon), and on 15 Feb (m. obs.)

At Navarre, **Stark**, on 04 Jan (Eli A. Troyer)

At Fernald on 26 Jan (Joseph Keating)

Near the **Clermont** airport on 29 Dec (Mike Busam and Jack Stenger)

Intermittently between 08 and 16 Feb in Orrville, **Wayne** (Leroy D. Miller)

At Killbuck on 16 Feb (Josh Yoder) and on 28 Feb (m. obs.)

**Warbler sp.**

Warblers that couldn't be identified to species were reported from seven counties.

**Summer Tanager**

David Russell and Cole DiFabio photographed a hatch year bird coming to a suet feeder in **Butler** on 14 Dec.

**Scarlet Tanager**

Joe Faulkner photographed one at his feeder in **Perry**; it was seen there from 07 to 12 Dec.

**Northern Cardinal**

Elias Raber found about 75 along five miles of roads near Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 14 Dec.

Jane Gear photographed one with half male and half female plumage, called a bilateral gynandromorph, at her **Franklin** yard in early Feb. Raven



Jane Gear took this photo of the gynandromorph Northern Cardinal in **Franklin** on 09 Feb.

Stokes documented what had to have been the same bird at her feeders in **Franklin** for most of Mar to mid-Apr. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak**

Terri Pouliot photographed one in Talmadge, **Summit**, on 10 Jan.

**Indigo Bunting**

Terri Spiegel described a male at her Cincinnati home on 08 Dec. One came to Raymond Troyer's feeders, **Wayne**, on and off from mid-Dec through Feb; see Field Notes for more (*vide* Andy

Troyer). Kisa Weeman photographed what could be the same bird at her **Wayne** feeders between 15 and 18 Dec.

**Addendum****Painted Bunting**

Andy Jones of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History passed on a Facebook post from May 2019 with a photo of an adult male in **Lucas**. On the same day an injured adult male was rescued in **Lake** but died during treatment; the Museum has the specimen. The OBRC has details of both.

# WINTER 2019–20 OCCURENCE MAPS FOR SELECTED SPECIES

*Courtesy of Craig Caldwell*

**Eastern Phoebe**



**Lapland Longspur**



**Iceland Gull**



**Long-eared Owl**





**Merlin**



**Short-eared Owl**



**Pine Siskin**



**Snow Bunting**



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Here we list all the birders who sent reports directly to the *Cardinal* or the *Bobolink*, and those whose posts to eBird or the Ohio-birds listserv we specifically cited. We also list everyone who contributed photographs, even if we weren't able to publish them. We regret that the available space doesn't allow us to list everyone who contributed to one of the e-venues, though those sightings provide the bulk of the county counts. The editors thank all of you.

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## RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE, Jun 2019–July 2019

By Jay Lehman, Secretary

Here we report the most recent decisions of the Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC). Twenty records were accepted and two records were not accepted in their first circulation and seven more first circulation records require recirculation. Neither of the two records in their first recirculation were decided. Consequently, seven of 29 first circulation records will require a first recirculation, and two records will undergo a third recirculation (fourth circulation overall). The OBRC evaluated formal reports for five of the 29 first circulations but had no formal reports for the two recirculations; the other reports were gleaned from eBird and Facebook posts. However, we encourage birders to file OBRC reports online at the OOS website or with a Word version of the form (available from the Secretary) for those who prefer that route of reporting.

The purpose of the OBRC is to endorse documentation of sightings of birds in Ohio. The committee reviews reports of sightings of review-list species and potential first state records. (The review list can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/site/committee/review.php>.) Reports of common species seen at unusual dates, such as an Osprey in Jan, are also welcome. The Committee bases its decisions on the documentation submitted directly to it, and secondarily on photographs and descriptions posted to on-line venues. By applying peer review to observational records, these sightings become valuable scientific data and part of Ohio's ornithological record. We also maintain the official Ohio State Bird List and publish all committee decisions.

Reports of sightings of rare birds can be documented online using a handy form at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/site/committee/rarebird-submission.php>. Alternatively, information can be emailed to the secretary at [lehman.jg64@gmail.com](mailto:lehman.jg64@gmail.com) or mailed to him at 7064 Shawnee Run Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45243. While the committee endeavors to glean reports of sightings of rarities from the numerous and seemingly ever-expanding corpus of internet sources, many reports never come to the committee's attention. Direct submission of reports is the only sure way to see that a sighting becomes part of Ohio's official ornithological record.

The membership of the committee for the reports listed below was Jay Lehman (Secretary), Jen Brumfield, Craig Caldwell, Rob Harlan,

Tom Kemp, Steve Landes, Ben Morrison, Steve Schafer, and Brian Wulker. Dan Sanders was appointed as an alternate for Rob Harlan, who was hospitalized due to serious injuries, for the Jun-Jul 2019 voting, as per the By-laws, in order to complete the voting for the first circulation and the recirculation voting. Rob Harlan will vote on the next set of records to be reviewed.

The two recirculation records addressed here had sighting dates of Oct 2013 and Nov 2016. The 29 first-circulation records had sighting dates from May 2017 to Nov 2017. Acceptance of a record requires approval by at least eight of the committee members, and may be recirculated for up to three rounds of voting if a decision isn't reached. Records receiving fewer than five votes to accept are neither accepted or recirculated.

This list of records is presented in taxonomic sequence and chronologically within a given species. They pertain to the sighting of a single bird unless otherwise noted. Individuals who submitted formal reports are named; those who posted to internet venues are not. The sequence and common and scientific names of species follow the *Check-List of North American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998) as updated through the 60th Supplement (2019) regardless of the date of the sighting. These documents are produced by the North American Classification Committee of the American Ornithological Society and are available at <http://www.checklist.aou.org/>. The following 20 records were accepted during their first circulation:

**White-winged Dove** (*Zenaidura asiatica*) — **Lake**, 13 to 21 Oct 2017. Internet sources.

**Piping Plover** (*Charadrius melodus*) — **Erie**, 29 Jul 2017. Documented by Craig Caldwell.

**Piping Plover** (*Charadrius melodus*) — **Lucas**, 30 Jul 2017. Internet sources.

**Ruff** (*Calidris pugnax*) — **Hancock**, 07 Aug 2017. Internet sources.

**Long-tailed Jaeger** (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) — **Huron**, 31 Aug 2017. Internet sources.

**Long-tailed Jaeger** (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) — **Hancock**, 01 to 05 Sep 2017. Documented by Ron Sempier.

**Sooty Tern** (*Onychoprion fuscatus*) — **Tuscarawas**, 16 to 24 Sep 2017. Documented by Kent Miller and Ron Sempier.

**Neotropic Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) — **Cuyahoga**, 29 Aug to 04 Sep 2017. Internet sources.

**White Ibis** (*Endocimus albus*), immature — **Pickaway**, 03 to 04 Aug 2017. Internet sources.

**Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) — **Fairfield**, 27 Aug 2017. Documented by Robert Riggs.

**Plegadis Ibis** (*Plegadis species*) — **Stark**, 28 Aug 2017. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — Variable numbers (3, 5, 6, 25, and 50), **Cuyahoga** (Hub Parkway, Valley View), 19 to 28 Oct 2017. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — **Cuyahoga**, (Alexander Road, Valley View), 25 Oct 2017. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — Variable numbers (1, 2, and 5), **Summit** (Chapel Hill Plaza), 14 to 21 Nov 2017, first observer. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — At least 4, **Summit**, (Chapel Hill Home Depot), 19 Nov 2017, 12:40 pm, second observer. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — **Summit**, (Chapel Hill Home Depot), 19 Nov 2017, 2:30 pm, third observer. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — 2, **Summit**, (Home Avenue, Akron), 21 Nov 2017. Internet sources.

**Harris's Sparrow** (*Zonotrichia querula*) — **Wayne**, 09 to 12 May 2017. Documented by Arlene and Dale Nussbaum.

**Harris's Sparrow** (*Zonotrichia querula*) — **Holmes**, 12 to 13 May 2017. Internet sources.

**Harris's Sparrow** (*Zonotrichia querula*) — **Clark**, 20 to 21 Oct 2017. Internet sources.

These records received five to seven “accept” votes in their first circulation and will be recirculated:

**Parasitic Jaeger** (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) — **Erie**, 31 Aug 2017. Internet sources.

**Anhinga** (*Anhinga anhinga*) — **Coshocton**, 09 Oct 2017. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — **Summit**, (Tallmadge Circle), 06 Aug 2017. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — **Cuyahoga** (Garfield Heights), 28 Aug to 01 Sep 2017. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — **Summit** (Akron, The Plaza), 22 Nov 2017, fourth observer. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — **Summit** (The Plaza, Chapel Hill), 22 Nov 2017, fifth observer. Internet sources.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — **Summit** (Plaza at Chapel Hill), 25 Nov 2017, sixth observer. Internet sources.

**These records were not accepted in the first round of voting because they did not receive at least five “accept” votes:**

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — **Cuyahoga** (Garfield Heights), 27 July 2017. Internet sources. No descriptive details of size and voice to rule out American Crow.

**Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) — **Cuyahoga** (Schreiber Road), 21 Oct 2017. Internet sources. No descriptive details of size and voice to rule out American Crow.

These records received five to seven “accept” votes in the third round/second recirculation of voting and will be recirculated once more:

**Pacific Loon** (*Gavia pacifica*) — **Trumbull**, 15 Nov 2016.

**Townsend's Warbler** (*Setophaga townsendi*) — **Paulding**, 02 Oct 2013.

If readers know of reports submitted directly to previous OBRC Secretaries that are not included in reports listed above or in The Ohio Cardinal for the period Jan through Nov 2017, please contact OBRC Secretary Jay Lehman, [lehman.jg64@gmail.com](mailto:lehman.jg64@gmail.com). A new Vice Secretary has not yet been appointed. We welcome old reports not addressed. The OBRC directly receives all reports submitted electronically through the OOS website.

## A LEUCISTIC CARDINAL VISITS MY FEEDERS



By **Laura Dornan**

A leucistic female cardinal has been coming to our feeders in Louisville, *Stark*, since Dec 2013. The first few times we saw her she was extremely cautious, never staying longer than a few seconds and only making one or two appearances a day, with several days passing between each sighting. She had no interactions with any of the other birds. She was a mostly brown bird with a white collar, white around her eye, a few white feathers on her back, and the wings were more pink than brown. She was so flighty that at the slightest movement from inside the house, e.g. carefully and slowly raising the camera, she was gone. Nevertheless, I was able to get one quick photo on 12 Dec 2013 before she disappeared in the middle of Feb 2014, we thought for good.

We saw her again on 08 May, 2014, and then on 21 Jun of that year. On Christmas day, 2014 she returned and hung around, making an appearance six different days that winter. I was able to get a few more pictures. She had gone through a molt in the fall of 2014: The white collar was wider, turning into more of a shawl; there was more white on the rest of her body; and more wing feathers were pink. She was not quite so quick to fly off when other birds approached and stayed a little longer at the feeders. The last we saw of her that winter was on 14 Mar 2015.

The next time we saw her was on 24 May, 2015, and again on 06 Jun. She was absent through the rest of June and until 27 Oct. She had gone through another molt and she once

again showed more white. Her head had only a small amount of color and there was much more white on the rump and undersides. Dec 2015 began our third year of observing her. Since that time, she has been a regular at the feeders most days. We have named her Luci. The longest span of time since 2015 in which we did not see her was 25 days, 08 Jun to 02 Jul, 2016.

During this time, we suspected she might be nesting. In Apr 2016 it often appeared that she was in the company of a male cardinal and in about mid-Apr it once looked like a male passed a seed to her. When she returned in Jul, after her possible nesting period, her head was completely bare of any feathers. Could a nesting attempt, either successful or unsuccessful, been too much stress for her? Birds, cardinals especially, sometimes become bald during periods of stress. Breeding can be such a time. We did not observe any immature cardinals coming to the feeders. In





early winter 2016 we had one brief observation of a male cardinal with one white primary feather on the right wing. We never saw it again and I did not record the date. We have also seen a male cardinal with a white rump and many gray feathers on its back and wings on two occasions. I was able to get a picture of this bird which shows the gray back and wings but not the white rump. These birds have not been seen since.

After the third molt, in Oct 2016 her head feathers had regrown, and she seemed to be almost completely white. She was now coming to the feeders nearly every day. She was totally at ease with other birds being close by. She approached and left the feeders in the same direction and manner that she did when we first saw her. I took many more pictures that fall and winter.

During our fourth year of observing her, in Aug 2017 we finally had proof of successful

fly away unless she is really through feeding. She often spends time just perched in the woods. When she flies away, it is always to the north. And she is commonly in the company of a male. Though of course we cannot tell if it is the same or a different "Ricky" each year, the prevalent literature seems to indicate that cardinals mate for life. Winter observations do support this idea, as there is almost always a male close to her while she is at the feeders.

There is a retention pond next to our house and in May 2019 we observed her flying into and out of the fire bushes along the west side of the pond quite often. Suspecting she had a nest in there, I tried searching for it once, after she had flown out, but the bushes are so tightly packed with very thick branching that I could see nothing. Maybe I would have more success after the leaves dropped but I really wanted to try to get a picture.



breeding. I was able to get pictures of her feeding three immature cardinals. Her mate (who we have of course named Ricky) was also feeding them. By a surprise twist, he was now the one sporting a completely bald head. The next molt (her fourth) showed no real significant change in appearance, though the tail and crest might now have more pink than brown.

In the sixth year of observations (2018), I had long since stopped keeping track of sightings, as she was coming every day, at least twice a day for quite a while. She no longer is the least dominant bird at the feeders, regularly feeding alongside other birds of all species and occasionally chasing others off. When she does fly off, she doesn't

We never saw Luci feeding any juvenile cardinals during that summer, but we did see a male feeding some. In fact, we really did not see Luci at all in Jun or Jul and we began to become concerned that something had happened to her. Then in mid-Aug she reappeared and before long we saw her feeding a juvenile. We speculate that she had a successful nesting in the fire bushes and the male fed the fledglings (at least two) while she nested again in a different location (we did not see her around the bushes during the summer months) and then she participated in feeding the second brood. An alternate possibility is that her first brood failed and the male we saw feeding young was the mate of a different female. Luci

continued to come to the feeders daily, usually alone but sometimes in the company of a male. We saw several (three?) immature cardinals (with black beaks) for a few weeks feeding themselves. None of these cardinals have white feathers.

Due to increasing mobility difficulties, I have become less diligent about keeping the feeders fully stocked with Luci's favorite foods (safflower and white millet seeds in a hopper and ground tray, respectively). Therefore, we don't see her quite as often on the patio, but I do continue to spot her in the woods. And when the feeders are full, she is Johnny-on-the-spot.

Now in the sixth molt and seventh year of observations, she continues to thrive, even dominate. She comes to the feeders several times a day and lets no other bird or animal intimidate her, chasing off Mourning Doves if they hog the hopper for too long and even occasionally taking on squirrels at the ground tray. As I write this in Mar 2020 she has already been observed receiving a seed from Ricky.

### Notes and conclusions:

Regarding the molt count as I have listed them: This is the number of molts we have observed her go through. She was an adult (red bill, not black) when we first observed her, so she obviously had already gone through at least one molt.

It is generally believed that leucistic and albino birds do not survive for long in the wild. They are easy prey; they are ostracized by the other birds, especially a problem for "flock" birds; leucism is often accompanied by other fitness problems that make survival difficult. Luci has certainly proved that these assumptions are not absolutes, as she has already outlived the average lifespan of Northern Cardinals by about four years.

I have done an extensive search for accounts of continued sightings of a single leucistic bird and have found next to nothing. Most sightings occurred over the space of a few days or weeks. I could not find any observations that have spanned from one season to the next, much less several years. I also looked for information regarding successive molts producing an increasing amount of white each year and could find nothing about this.

There has been some suggestion that this is not the same bird every year. But by looking closely at the progression of the white feathers, it is very clear to me that it is the same one. Add to that the unchanging behavior and habits and I am certain beyond doubt it is the same one.

Is leucism an inherited condition? At least in

this instance, I believe not. We have seen no evidence of it in any of her offspring. The progressiveness of the leucistic characteristics over the first four years is what I find the most interesting and the least described. If anyone has any experience or knowledge of this occurring in other birds, I would love to hear from you.

I no longer document the times we see Luci. A list of the times we do not see her would be much shorter. But we continue to delight in each and every appearance and seldom fail to announce her appearance to each other. I do begin to worry when nesting season arrives and I don't see her for a while. She is beautiful and has brought joy to our backyard birding that I would not have thought possible a few years ago. I have read that some cardinals have lived to be 13 or 15 years old. How I hope Luci will be so long-lived. I think her odds are good.

### Complete list of 'Luci' sightings

#### 2013

— Early Dec; 31 Dec

#### 2014

— 30 Jan, 02 Feb, 14-17 Feb (Great Backyard Bird Count weekend)  
— 08 May; 21 Jun  
— 25 Dec

#### 2015

— 07, 11, and 18 Jan; 25 Feb; 14 Mar  
— 24 May; 06 Jun  
— 27 and 31 Oct; 07, 10-12, 16-18, 21-23, 26, and 27 Nov; 06, 11, 12, 14-16, 20, 22, 24, and 27-31 Dec

#### 2016

— 02-22, 24-25, and 27-31 Jan; 01-07, 09-25, and 27 Feb; 01-03, 05, 07-29 Mar; 01-16 Apr; 01-06, 12-14, and 16-31 May; 01-02 and 07 Jun; 03-17, 25, and 27 Jul; 07 and 28 Aug (some during middle of month, did not document); 02 and 30 Sep (I was not putting out food much); 01, 02, 04, 11-14, and 16-30 Oct; 01, 02, 04-14, and 20-30 Nov; 01-23 and 26-31 Dec

#### 2017

— 02-05, 07-22, and 27-31 Jan; 01-07 and 11-27 Feb  
— Mar: We have stopped taking notes of her visits as she pretty much comes at least a couple times every day, in the morning and

in the late afternoon. Sometimes we see her other times during the day also. The only exceptions to her visits are when I become less diligent about putting food out.

**2018**

- Dec: Still being seen daily. Now in her fifth molt, meaning she is at least six years old. No discernible difference in her appearance or behavior.

**2019 – 2020**

- I have been filling feeders less often this year, so we often go for spells with not seeing her. But when there is food out, we do see her on a regular basis, especially in late afternoon.

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## THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT REPORT

By Mike Busam

Welcome to a review of Ohio's participation in the 120th National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count (CBC). We have historical data for a total of 74 Ohio Christmas Bird Counts. During the 119th NAS CBC season (2018–19), 68 counts reported. In this 2019–20 count period, Ohio observers participated in 69 CBCs.

We all know someone with whom we don't raise this issue, but our winter seasons are trending to the warmer, milder side. In Cincinnati, we had almost no snow to trouble us this winter; though it seems like it's been an extraordinarily long winter, that is due to the shutdown of most normal life routines beginning in early March. But let's look back to December for a moment, when we weren't afraid to shake hands with new birders joining our counts for the first time or old friends we might not see enough of outside of CBC season...

December 2019 was largely warm and wet in Ohio. We had a cold snap early in the month, but the second half of December, at the start of CBC season, turned warmer than normal. There were more than "950 record high maximum and minimum daily readings across the Midwest" during December (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). With higher-than-normal precipitation in most of the Midwest, and plenty of rain on Ohio counts, if you took part in an Ohio CBC this season you probably got a little wet, feeder watchers excepted.

Now for some numbers. During the 120th CBC season, 2,072 Ohio birders collectively tallied 164 species, four more species than in the 119th count. Two counts reached the 90s: state leader Toledo at 91 followed by Western Hamilton County at 90. Four counts reached the 80s: Wilmot (85), Millersburg (84), Cincinnati (82), and Mansfield (80). Cleveland (79), Cadiz (78), and Ragersville (78) were among the 15 counts reaching the 70s. Twenty-four counts finished in the 60s, and the average number of full species reported per count is 63.

There is a tale of a long-ago count whose scheduled date came a few days after a heavy snow fall, in which a section leader went rogue and tried to unilaterally cancel the event. It didn't work, but the section leader instantly entered the unwritten list of Ohio CBC's most annoying birders. We can't go there, but let's consider some of this year's most annoying CBC birds:

outstanding birds that eluded birders on count day and weren't recorded anywhere else in the state, and the hard-luck CBCs forced to list them as Count Week (CW) species. To review, a species is considered CW if it was not seen on the count day but was seen during any of the three days before or after the count day. We present the "ouch list": Pacific Loon (Lake Erie Islands circle), Whooping Crane (Oxford), Herring x Great-blacked Gull (Lake Erie Islands. Not a full species, but if a count has the gull to report that hybrid, and then misses it on count day, we'll lovingly single them out!), Snowy Owl (Goll Woods and Lakewood), and Indigo Bunting (Wooster). The "schadenfreude list" is another fun one. These are birds that were recorded on count day in one circle but that were CW birds for other counts. Harlequin Duck (hooray, Lakewood. Sorry Cleveland). Iceland Gull (Western Hamilton County's "The Miracle at Rumpke." You can't get them all, Toledo. Lakewood, Harlequin Duck is a decent consolation prize, right?), Caesar Creek-Spring Valley recorded House Wren on count day (Western Hamilton County, oops, and Cadiz, drats), and Lincoln's Sparrow (Cadiz nailed it, Cleveland missed).

The annoyance of the CW species, particularly when the CW is a really cool rarity, is a feeling that every experienced CBC participant and compiler can say they have shared at one time or another.

Birds that make one kinda' sad have to start with Bobwhite. Seven quail were reported for the entire state, all of them on the Cincinnati count. Ruffed Grouse is even sadder, perhaps. Of the 69 Ohio CBCs, only Lancaster had Ruffed Grouse. They had one bird. Let's not end on a sad note, though. Isn't it fun to catch sight of a Prairie Falcon (Rudolph) or Summer Tanager (Oxford) on a winter day in Ohio? There were some other fun highlights for the 120th season, which you'll see on the chart accompanying this review.

[Editor's note: The Pacific Loon, Whooping Crane, and Prairie Falcon reports are all subject to review by the OBRC.]

Ohio's 2,072 participants for the 120th CBC are down from last year's 2,220. Participant numbers ranged from four (Bucyrus) to 120 (Cuyahoga Falls). Lakewood had 98 participants. Cleveland (83) and Wilmot (85) reached the 80s. Counts in the 70s were Cincinnati, Columbus, O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, and Ragersville. Hocking Hills had 68 counters. Ohio CBCs av-

eraged about 30 birders per count, but 32 counts had fewer than 20 participants. Weather, and the way that CBC weekends fall in relation to the holidays, are probably the most influential factors in the number of CBC participants. It's also important to recruit experienced and new counters, and that's where section leaders can be really helpful. If you're in charge of an area within your circle or are a designated section leader, consider trying to bring in some more help for your next CBC. There are still plenty of birds and locations out there for willing birders.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 120th National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. The CBC season is important to the birding community and is arguably our longest-running community tradition. Good health and good birds to all of you in 2020-21!

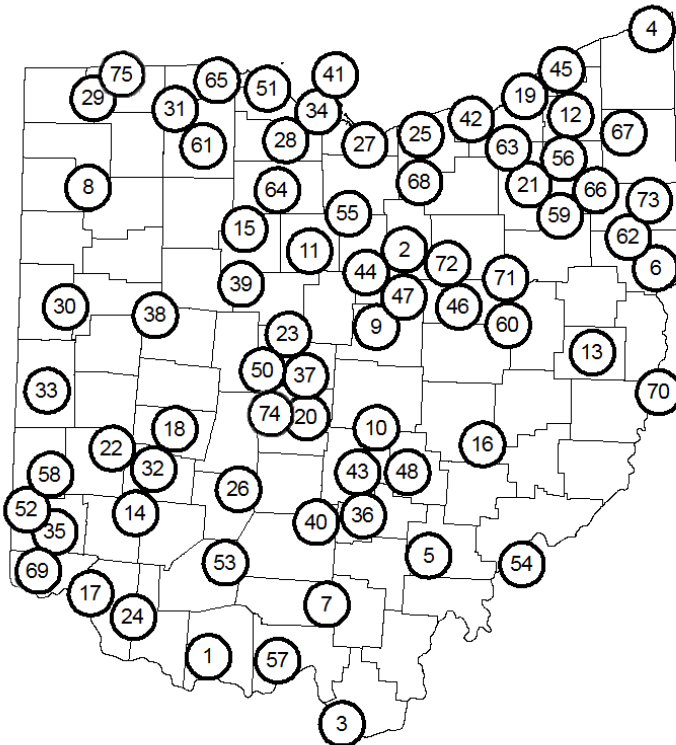
We would like to thank the National Audubon Society for making their compilation of CBC data available to us. Visit the Christmas Bird Count web site at <http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>. All the data, including historical data, are available online at <http://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/>.

We would also like to thank Craig Caldwell who is the NAS CBC editor for Ohio and who provided the Ohio CBC compilation data used in this article. The annual CBC recap would take ages to write without Craig's work and assistance.

Observers can sign up online to participate in most counts, which can help compilers plan their count circle coverage. If you decide to try out a new count or two in the 121st season, consider signing up online next fall. Thanks to everyone who helped with the 120th CBC season!

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	Adams County (OHAC)	Ashland (OHAD)	Ashtabula (OHAA)	Athens (OHAT)	Beaver Creek (OHBC)	Beaver Valley (OHBV)	Big and Little Darby Creek-Darbydale (OHDC)	Black Swamp (OHBS)	The Brown Family Environmental Centre (OHBF)	Buckeye Lake (OHL)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	8	9	10
COUNT DATE	14-Dec	20-Dec	28-Dec	28-Dec	21-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	14-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Greater White-fronted Goose										
Graylag Goose (Domestic type)										
Snow Goose									cw	
Ross's Goose										
Snow/Ross's Goose										
Cackling Goose										
Canada Goose	382	265	1,097	429	620	66	511	97	1,769	962
Mute Swan		2							2	
Trumpeter Swan										
Tundra Swan										
swan sp.										
Egyptian Goose				1						
Wood Duck	7									
Gadwall			cw		2				2	
American Wigeon							1		4	
American Black Duck	6	4	4		6	16	cw		8	1
Mallard	104	85	136	95	206	12	362		865	325
Mallard (Domestic type)										
American Black Duck x Mallard			1							
Northern Shoveler	1					1				
Northern Pintail			1				1			
Green-winged Teal				1					2	
Canvasback										
Redhead							cw			8
Ring-necked Duck	42		6							
Greater Scaup			1							
Lesser Scaup										
Greater/Lesser Scaup										
Harlequin Duck										
White-winged Scoter										
Black Scoter										
Long-tailed Duck										
Bufflehead	11		6		3					4
Common Goldeneye			24						2	
Hooded Merganser	15		6	2	2		2		28	4
Common Merganser	1		453		34					
Red-breasted Merganser			324							11
merganser sp.										
Ruddy Duck									4	51
duck sp.										
waterfowl sp.										
Northern Bobwhite										
Ring-necked Pheasant										
Ruffed Grouse										
Wild Turkey	7	26	41	2	152	42	1	5	6	

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Bucyrus (OHBY)	Burton (OHBU)	Garitz (OHGA)	Clear Creek-Spring Valley (OHES)	Carey (OHCY)	Chandler'sville (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDR)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
5-Jan	4-Jan	3-Jan	19-Dec	3-Jan	21-Dec	29-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	15-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	15-Dec
115	2,176	572	769	709	679	1,217	2,100	783	1,484	3,801	1,029	511
	4						2		20			
					22				2			cw
										53		65
						cw		1	13	1	4	
		2			8	15	41	2	223	7	32	
	2				4		1		2			
	cw	4	26		27		14	1	58	24	10	36
13	357	53	124	27	189	295	626	228	820	990	1,047	365
					1	12	1			3		
								1				
										4		
								cw				
			12			15	33	1		1		
			175		195	32	80	1	14	65	39	1
			14				2	8				
			14			7		10				
									cw			
			1					2				
								1				
			33		5	39	2	14	cw	9	7	
		1					20	346			4	1
		32	12		33	62	55	13	188	17	86	
	21	19	2	1				26			4	
							2	499	cw			
		4	18			13	19	4	2	35		
												15
							7					
												2
5	cw	279	11	23	30	43		15	29	56		cw

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	Adams County (OHAC)	Ashland (OHAD)	Ashabula (OHAA)	Athens (OHAT)	Beaver Creek (OHBC)	Beaver Valley (OHBV)	Big and Little Darby Creek-Barrydale (OHDC)	Black Swamp (OHBS)	The Brown Family Environmental Centre (OHBF)	Buckeye Lake (OHBL)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	8	9	10
COUNT DATE	14-Dec	20-Dec	28-Dec	28-Dec	21-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	14-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Red-throated Loon			1							
Pacific Loon										
Common Loon										
Pied-billed Grebe	1		1	4		1			1	
Horned Grebe			2							
Red-necked Grebe										
Double-crested Cormorant										
Great Blue Heron	8	10	17	5	4		11	2	11	15
Great Egret							1			
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture	248	125		32		20			90	
Turkey Vulture	15	2		120		21			4	
Golden Eagle										
Northern Harrier	2	1	cw	1		3	10		2	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	1	1	1				cw	3	
Cooper's Hawk	6	3	3	3	6	1	2	4	10	3
Accipiter sp.					1					
Bald Eagle	4	4	3		4	3	1	11	40	9
Red-shouldered Hawk	14	5	3	6	6	16	4		6	
Red-tailed Hawk	48	21	20	14	42	33	20	18	58	12
Rough-legged Hawk		1							3	
Buteo sp.					1				2	
hawk sp.										
Virginia Rail										
American Coot			cw							
Sandhill Crane							1	19		
Whooping Crane										
Killdeer		1		1					1	1
Dunlin		1								
Wilson's Snipe		1								
American Woodcock										
Bonaparte's Gull										1
Ring-billed Gull		1	2,528		106		1,501		33	767
Herring Gull			482							
Iceland Gull										
Lesser Black-backed Gull										
Glaucous Gull										
Great Black-backed Gull			2							
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull										
gull sp.			4							
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	205	116	137	123	432	119	55	35	296	9
Eurasian Collared-Dove										
Mourning Dove	854	184	72	161	105	585	332	44	279	273
Barn Owl	1						1			
Eastern Screech-Owl					5		cw		2	

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Bucyrus (OHBY)	Burton (OHBU)	Galitz (OHGA)	Clear Creek-Spring Valley (OHES)	Greay (OHGY)	Chandlersville (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDR)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
5-Jan	4-Jan	3-Jan	19-Dec	3-Jan	21-Dec	29-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	15-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	15-Dec
			1									
			11					1				
			3			5	6	1	5	3	3	
							1	6				
		1				1		1	43			
2	2	17	7	2	7	22	15	14	32	14	23	28
		14	5		3	13	15				1	
		2			1	3						
					1							
	cw	17	3	9	11	cw	1	1	1	2	1	6
3	1		5		2	5		1	4		2	2
3	6	8	7	2	4	16	3	6	17	19	6	8
												1
6	14	4	14	13	12	16	3	4	16	20		25
	15	2	10	1	25	26	3	11	5	20	1	2
12	33	98	24	24	63	33	4	26	53	86	25	49
	3	3	3		11							
												2
				1								
			3			200	1		26	88		
			483				cw					
		17				1	14			2		
		1										
		8						1			cw	
						1						
			3					7				175
247	111	706	131	1	170	9	200	448	1,254	1,126	372	150
174	10	2	4				7	398	2	15	3	
5								1				
								15				
												7
20	226	24	84	59	37	371	20	255	1,395	803	387	290
17	280	697	245	513	313	629	67	143	505	602	97	604
								cw				
3		1	3	6	2	2	1			1		2

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	Adams County (OHAC)	Ashland (OHAD)	Ashtabula (OHAA)	Athens (OHAT)	Beaver Creek (OHBC)	Beaver Valley (OHBV)	Big and Little Darby Creek-Darbydale (OHDC)	Black Swamp (OHBS)	The Brown Family Environmental Centre (OHBF)	Buckeye Lake (OHL)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	8	9	10
COUNT DATE	14-Dec	20-Dec	28-Dec	28-Dec	21-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	14-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Great Horned Owl	1			1	1		cw		2	
Snowy Owl										
Barred Owl	3				2		1		1	2
Long-eared Owl										
Short-eared Owl					1		1			
Northern Saw-whet Owl										
owl sp.										
Rufous Hummingbird										
Belted Kingfisher	6	2	1	7	4	2	10		20	3
Red-headed Woodpecker	7	7		2				1	17	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	68	47	44	47	66	28	47	23	78	19
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3	4		1		1			2	
Downy Woodpecker	58	43	40	59	51	28	53	18	82	20
Hairy Woodpecker	14	17	7	17	11	6	10	2	20	1
Northern Flicker	37	7	10	17	9	15	25	6	23	18
Pileated Woodpecker	9	4	7	16	18	11	11	cw	15	5
American Kestrel	60	6	3	2	9	30	4	9	29	7
Merlin				1					1	
Peregrine Falcon			1							
Prairie Falcon										
Eastern Phoebe		cw		1		1				
Northern Shrike			1							
White-eyed Vireo										
Blue Jay	319	118	149	145	155	102	101	45	167	146
American Crow	195	264	164	117	253	146	46	3	472	45
Common Raven										
Horned Lark	56				15		29	62	48	
Tree Swallow										
Carolina Chickadee	141	20		196	18	51	130		121	35
Black-capped Chickadee		18	101		70			24		
chickadee sp.		19			47					
Tufted Titmouse	148	72	45	83	95	22	34	10	110	27
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1		1	2		1	
White-breasted Nuthatch	53	47	47	50	69	26	46	28	87	15
Brown Creeper	5	4	2	1	4		3	4	2	
House Wren										
Winter Wren		2	1	4	2	1	3		4	
Marsh Wren										
Carolina Wren	69	25	12	101	64	36	40	9	40	15
Golden-crowned Kinglet	15	11		9	16	36	16	2	25	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							1			
kinglet sp.										
Eastern Bluebird	135	79	40	32	67	54	20	11	109	46
Hermit Thrush	2			3		4	1			
American Robin	886	10	2	108	22	35	722	1	8	213



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Bicycuis (OHR)	Burton (OHRU)	Gatz (OHCA)	Cedar Creek-Spring Valley (OHES)	Carey (OHCV)	Chandlersville (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHR)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
5-Jan	4-Jan	3-Jan	19-Dec	3-Jan	21-Dec	29-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	15-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	15-Dec
1	1		1	1	1	2			2	2	1	2
6	1	2	3		4	4		4	3	2		1
	3	2			2						cw	2
								1				
	5	16	3	1	11	19	10	6	13	20	14	10
20	5	3	4	3	4	3		19	7			9
24	106	143	58	30	67	197	66	115	164	334		111
1		10			4	9	3		3			1
26	162	138	41	52	71	174	42	99	157	325	83	105
10	40	38	10	9	13	35	6	21	24	75	11	20
24	21	77	17	46	47	57	8	5	47	46	28	48
4	19	28	25		11	22	8	12	17	38	21	12
6	5	14	8	33	26	14	2	2	5	3		19
			1			1	cw	5	10	4		
							1	1	1			
1						3				2	1	
	1											
46	389	273	89	196	219	366	32	391	355	838	45	282
84	142	264	72	32	369	454	20,000	68	264	1,538	112	147
		1										
132		8	104	45		cw	13	1		12	10	40
									1			
29		235	84		106	491	82		349		169	98
10	487	4		13				153		537		
		1										79
20	122	142	49	10	69	240	16	100	113	301	74	88
	2		2			2		2		3		
24	146	98	45	33	50	79	58	85	145	321	79	125
	5	8	2	5	7	11	4	1	14	7	11	14
		cw	1									
		4		1		1	2	2	1	3	3	
									1			
14	26	103	41	21		269	56	22	137	128	75	40
	38	48	10	1	30	32	8	7	18	24	18	20
			cw			7	3		2	2	1	
14	106	155	122	21	128	86	5	67	108	140	102	127
		3	2		4	8	7		1	1		
48	252	548	1,915	138	30	7,980	1,479	304	5,930	999	5,061	947

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	Adams County (OHAC)	Ashland (OHAD)	Asthabula (OHAA)	Athens (OHAT)	Beaver Creek (OHBC)	Beaver Valley (OHBV)	Big and Little Darby Creek-Darbydale (OHDC)	Black Swamp (OHBS)	The Brown Family Environmental Centre (OHBF)	Buckeye Lake (OHL)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	8	9	10
COUNT DATE	14-Dec	20-Dec	28-Dec	28-Dec	21-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	14-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Gray Catbird		2	1							
Brown Thrasher	2									
Northern Mockingbird	22	1		23	15	18	1		13	22
European Starling	1,645	222	1,179	386	256	477	8,728	645	1,455	708
American Pipit									21	
Cedar Waxwing	117	99	13		17	13	12	4	277	
Lapland Longspur								150		
Snow Bunting			1					102		
Common Yellowthroat										
Yellow Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Pine Warbler										
Yellow-rumped Warbler	51	21	1		1	16		6	10	2
American Tree Sparrow	12	52	71	3	21	7	42	41	34	1
Chipping Sparrow				17		2			2	
Field Sparrow	60	7		7	11	13	7	1		
Fox Sparrow	1	1								
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	184	99	91	68	98	103	39	42	198	72
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)										
White-crowned Sparrow	65	6		1	2	20	13	1	5	12
White-throated Sparrow	145	39	13	69	6	32	102	3	45	5
Savannah Sparrow										
Song Sparrow	178	27	15	107	76	108	78	6	72	39
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow	19	10		2	2	5	4	2	4	
Eastern Towhee	17			26	1	16	6		4	2
sparrow sp.									10	
Summer Tanager										
Northern Cardinal	401	135	74	222	177	116	118	53	248	95
Indigo Bunting										
Red-winged Blackbird	52					9	1		8	1
Eastern Meadowlark	8					3	1			
Rusty Blackbird						2				60
Common Grackle	1,750			1			6			
Brown-headed Cowbird		58			7			7		10
Baltimore Oriole										
blackbird sp.						30				
House Finch	21	38	66	60	23	11	23	29	85	38
Purple Finch										
Common Redpoll										
Pine Siskin									1	
American Goldfinch	134	62	30	87	69	45	96	20	145	25
House Sparrow	77	340	283	23	553	56	137	210	403	318
passerine sp.										
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>9,238</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>7,891</b>	<b>3,124</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>2,677</b>	<b>13,587</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>8,057</b>	<b>4,483</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>49</b>

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Bicynus (OHBF)	Burton (OHBU)	Gatz (OHCA)	Cedar-Creek-Spring Valley (OHES)	Carey (OHCY)	Chandlersville (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDR)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
5-Jan	4-Jan	3-Jan	19-Dec	3-Jan	21-Dec	29-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	15-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	15-Dec
		1			1		cw		1			
						1						
		21	9	5	20	95	6	11	14		2	6
579	1,056	2,135	3,746	744	454	4,642	1,926	494	22,583	8,654	3,198	1,828
			1									
253	349	32	181		15	631	2	20	320	528	46	161
				18								cw
									1	1		
						1						
	11	4	12	2		58	10	2	23	15	63	3
26	66	162	16	182	11	65	12	78	16	137	23	171
			1	1					cw	2	1	1
		11	cw		1	52	3	2		4	10	12
		1				9				1	cw	
57	226	299	76	109	141	171	38	225	222	494	70	324
		46		5	27	84			24	9	1	28
10	31	203	60	16	29	392	125	82	415	115	109	70
		1				5						
32	59	229	48	63	130	594	127	69	157	130		123
		1						cw				
3	4	23	1	10	6	55	5	cw	6	12	2	1
	1	24	4		14	88	8	4	26	6	8	
												15
48	307	425	153	127	264	855	154	141	599	716	148	310
		410	cw	1	6	2	22	1	10	139	26	2
		1	13		3	4	8					1
		50	cw			1				40		
	1	332	2						1	8	251	
25	cw	150	66		5	88				10		
32	243	19	32	113	31	212	13	105	530	296	297	182
2						7			2	2		
								1	1			
28	245	108	44	36	79	319	39	155	232	654	75	209
257	707	180	35	441	350	245	47	370	788	1,379	78	649
<b>2,521</b>	<b>8,651</b>	<b>9,822</b>	<b>9,468</b>	<b>3,956</b>	<b>4,715</b>	<b>22,354</b>	<b>27,813</b>	<b>6,549</b>	<b>40,076</b>	<b>26,924</b>	<b>13,510</b>	<b>8,790</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>

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	Barb Fork Lake S.P. (OHET)	Byra-Lorain (OHLE)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Friedands (OHFF)	Fremont (OHR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake St. Marys (OHLS)	Grand Rapids-Waterloo (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)
CIRCLE NUMBER	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
COUNT DATE	4-Jan	14-Dec	17-Dec	14-Dec	18-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	15-Dec	15-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Greater White-fronted Goose							20			
Graylag Goose (Domestic type)										
Snow Goose			567	4						
Ross's Goose						2				
Snow/Ross's Goose										
Cackling Goose				3						
Canada Goose	242	1,821		2,346	2,278	600	2,573	1,568	428	160
Mute Swan				2						
Trumpeter Swan				7	31					
Tundra Swan				487	555			46		
swan sp.										4
Egyptian Goose										
Wood Duck				1						
Gadwall				133	1				8	
American Wigeon				6				1		
American Black Duck	10	10	10	31	11	4	1	22		
Mallard	11	392	61	1,326	553	45	251	803	84	75
Mallard (Domestic type)										
American Black Duck x Mallard										
Northern Shoveler		1	7	3			2			
Northern Pintail	1									
Green-winged Teal									1	
Canvasback										
Redhead				2			1	12		
Ring-necked Duck				37				1		
Greater Scaup										
Lesser Scaup		6		5						
Greater/Lesser Scaup										
Harlequin Duck										
White-winged Scoter										
Black Scoter										
Long-tailed Duck										
Bufflehead	1	3		5		2	7			
Common Goldeneye		9		6				cw		
Hooded Merganser	5			91	13					cw
Common Merganser				5	161			cw		
Red-breasted Merganser		2		121	5					
merganser sp.										
Ruddy Duck		162		16		4				
duck sp.							5			
waterfowl sp.										
Northern Bobwhite										
Ring-necked Pheasant						cw				
Ruffed Grouse										
Wild Turkey	111	20			9	cw		23		

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Gypsum (OHGT)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF)	Hocking Hills (OHFH)	Moses Reservoir (OHMR)	Indian Lake (OHIL)	Killdeer Plains Middle Area (OHKP)	Kingston (OHKT)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHML)
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
4-Jan	14-Dec	4-Jan	14-Dec	14-Dec	29-Dec	1-Jan	15-Dec	28-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec
					1					cw		
1					8							
											1	
2,357	253	91	254	461	1,168	214	653	937	295	1,270	729	1,099
1	3						2		2	1		
223					96							20
1,579				27	1,578		21			21		17
cw				1			1	4		1		4
169			2		cw		2	12	11	8	4	2
40			1					1				
9	2		10	4	4	3	10	3	4	15	19	12
1,561	82	22	424	779	342	269	325	792	210	583	280	213
17							1					
35			22	13								1
4					cw					1		
			1		cw							
49			1				1	1				
164			10	15			2	5		6		
4										79		3
							12	5				
353			1	1			228	2		4		
							3,100	4				
								1				
								1				
								1				
12			16	11			796	45		21		
52	3			3			426	1,227		8	5	
10	5	cw	540	8			1	1		25		
2,907			9				1	12		4	3	
988			9	1			3,002	73		5	1,177	
							326					
213		cw	41	3						16	3	1
					12		348		10			
8,546												
1							6			1		1
									1			
3	21	42	54	12			127	6		9	19	149



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	Bar Fork Lake S.P. (OHET)	Byra-Lorain (OHLE)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Friedlands (OHFF)	Fremont (OHR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake St. Marys (OHLS)	Grand Rapids-Waterville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)
CIRCLE NUMBER	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
COUNT DATE	4-Jan	14-Dec	17-Dec	14-Dec	18-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	15-Dec	15-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Red-throated Loon										
Pacific Loon										
Common Loon	2	2								
Pied-billed Grebe	52			4						
Horned Grebe		1								
Red-necked Grebe										
Double-crested Cormorant		5		2	16					
Great Blue Heron	22	8	8	39	39	2	11	8	4	
Great Egret										
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture	101		5						54	
Turkey Vulture	100							cw	4	
Golden Eagle								1		
Northern Harrier			4	cw	3	2	2	6		2
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1		1	2			2	2	
Cooper's Hawk	1	5	2	2	15	3	3	12	3	3
Accipiter sp.										
Bald Eagle	5	5	2	53	81	1	11	16	3	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	14	16		1				8	7	1
Red-tailed Hawk	17	21	6	22	52	9	10	54	9	9
Rough-legged Hawk										
Buteo sp.										
hawk sp.										
Virginia Rail										
American Coot		2		93						
Sandhill Crane		2			12	150	231	1	29	33
Whooping Crane										
Killdeer	1			cw						
Dunlin										
Wilson's Snipe										
American Woodcock										
Bonaparte's Gull	60									
Ring-billed Gull	130	6,039	285	3,208	2,955	5	129	291		
Herring Gull	1	419	4	57	66		15	27		
Iceland Gull										
Lesser Black-backed Gull		1		2	2					
Glaucous Gull										
Great Black-backed Gull		6		8						
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull										
gull sp.							424			
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	19	75	31	268	452	100	53	199	113	4
Eurasian Collared-Dove										
Mourning Dove	200	153	81	28	595	51	53	404	45	354
Barn Owl										
Eastern Screech-Owl				7	cw	4		28	2	4

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Gypsum (OHGT)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF)	Hocking Hills (OHHS)	Hoover Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHIL)	Killdeer Plains Middle Area (OHKP)	Kingston (OHKT)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLL)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHMI)
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
4-Jan	14-Dec	4-Jan	14-Dec	14-Dec	29-Dec	1-Jan	15-Dec	28-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec
			1									
			9				2	3		1		
	1	1	1	2				1				
			1				22	28				
2								24			2	
44	24	4	10	5	6	2	2	21	3	3	29	23
												1
3	1											
	12	75				3			1	74		69
		63				2	6	1				33
1				5	22				1	1		1
4	1		1		1	1	2	2			2	4
7	6	5	5	7	3	1	10	11	4	10	3	14
					1				1			
105	1	5	9	10	51		15	2	5	10	5	14
1	3	21	2	1	1	8		3	8	5	9	2
31	12	35	14	17	28	47	12	32	18	38	32	102
		1			1				1	1		8
							1		1			
				60						2		1
				33	5		12					20
		22	3							14		1
												2
2												
			68	166			3	1		60		
2,568	86		1,257	107			60	3,672		250	726	
1,252	1		5	8			435	193		42	40	
								1				
1								1		1		
								1				
9							4	16			11	
							1					
301							128					
91	316	260	25	193	124	213		207	173	121	41	589
8												
174	328	220	112	250	246	420	38	190	704	158	37	829
												2
16		1			4		9	1		7		1

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	Bar Fork Lake S.P. (OHET)	Elvira-Lorain (OHLE)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Friedands (OHFF)	Fremont (OHR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake St. Marys (OHLS)	Grand Rapids-Waterville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)
CIRCLE NUMBER	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
COUNT DATE	4-Jan	14-Dec	17-Dec	14-Dec	18-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	15-Dec	15-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Great Horned Owl	1	cw		2	2	2		4		
Snowy Owl						cw				
Barred Owl	1	5				cw		2		2
Long-eared Owl								cw		
Short-eared Owl		1			4					
Northern Saw-whet Owl								1		
owl sp.										
Rufous Hummingbird										
Belted Kingfisher	4	1	2	5	2	cw	3	2	10	cw
Red-headed Woodpecker	9	5		7		cw	4	3		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	40	44	6	34	80	22	15	158	75	28
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker								1	2	
Downy Woodpecker	14	63	5	32	79	21	28	159	59	39
Hairy Woodpecker	4	5	1	3	9	2	4	48	23	3
Northern Flicker	25	9	2	17	26	3	7	46	34	11
Pileated Woodpecker	6	5	1	cw	3	3	2	8	6	
American Kestrel	7	6	2	9	23	13	16	11	4	10
Merlin				1	1			1		
Peregrine Falcon								1		
Prairie Falcon										
Eastern Phoebe	1						1			
Northern Shrike										
White-eyed Vireo										
Blue Jay	248	255	10	87	184	31	65	414	32	24
American Crow	113	26	36	69	46	19		312	372	48
Common Raven										
Horned Lark			242	1	1,363	9	32	16	44	19
Tree Swallow					1					
Carolina Chickadee	50		7				20		129	36
Black-capped Chickadee		126		27	15	22		282		
chickadee sp.							1			
Tufted Titmouse	53	75	3	31	10	19	10	164	80	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch								1		
White-breasted Nuthatch	15	54	2	21	42	25	10	214	82	29
Brown Creeper	1	1	7	3	8	6	5	53	2	3
House Wren										
Winter Wren		1		1			1	4	6	
Marsh Wren										
Carolina Wren	59	10	3	11	18	2	13	50	90	10
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	4	1		19	cw	5	40	17	3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								2		
kinglet sp.										
Eastern Bluebird	46	26			21	cw	9	141	68	19
Hermit Thrush				1	1			4	7	
American Robin	850	54	218	72	99		1	211	1,262	7

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Gypsum (OHGT)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF)	Hocking Hills (OHFH)	Moses Reservoir (OHMR)	Indian Lake (OHIL)	Killdeer Plains Middle Area (OHKP)	Kingston (OHKT)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLD)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHMT)
4-Jan	14-Dec	4-Jan	14-Dec	14-Dec	29-Dec	1-Jan	15-Dec	28-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec
8	3	1	1			1	14	2		cw		3
								cw				
		3	2		1	2		3	1	2	1	4
				3	6	cw						cw
				1								
												1
4	8	10	10	1	2	7	2	4	5	8	1	30
				1	7	1		9	9	3	3	27
48	25	110	75	22	50	54	28	154	65	85	60	358
	3	1	1			1	3		1			2
67	26	120	92	29	68	13	82	142	77	121	67	365
	3	41	25	4	3	4		37	30	33	15	87
30	17	35	40	10	51	29	51	12	38	27	1	132
	3	23	2	4	1	9		7	9	16	12	38
3	12	6	2	25	29	31	1	4	9	5	1	21
cw			2	1	1			1		1	1	
2						1		3		1	1	
cw		1					1		1			
					cw						1	
189	21	189	230	69	214	127	32	266	204	333	141	547
15	31	703	205	18	12	197	79	42	180	23,566	106	152
											2	
11	10			24	33	139	10			4		76
	58	347	181	14		61			155	99		424
37							336	193		15	100	
				4	14					66		
9	30	301	108	22	22	39	cw	118	92	199	53	334
							3	1	1	1		2
30	25	189	65	24	40	30	51	135	79	140	64	320
9	1	11	2	5	4	4	6	2	3	3	1	21
4		2	2	1			2	1	1		2	4
												1
10	36	151	51	14	5	60	31	27	54	47	16	316
10	6	89	16		7	15	16	5	12	14	3	114
1	1	2	3		1	1	1					
1							5					
9	9	63	62	5	12	78	16	12	79	203	57	403
2	1	4	4			6	30		1	2		2
695	2,270	81	519	26	186	1,049	981	540	453	7	131	42

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	Bar Fork Lake S.P. (OHER)	Byra-Lorain (OHEL)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Friedands (OHFF)	Fremont (OHR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake St. Marys (OHEL)	Grand Rapids- Waterville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)
CIRCLE NUMBER	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
COUNT DATE	4-Jan	14-Dec	17-Dec	14-Dec	18-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	15-Dec	15-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Gray Catbird										
Brown Thrasher										
Northern Mockingbird	13	2					1	10	2	1
European Starling	1,229	511	1,157	1,576	1,220	555	719	1,169	2,182	4,892
American Pipit										
Cedar Waxwing	111	4	2	202	40			354	69	18
Lapland Longspur					18	cw				3
Snow Bunting					13	cw				
Common Yellowthroat						1				
Yellow Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Pine Warbler					1					
Yellow-rumped Warbler	12			2	11	4		30		
American Tree Sparrow	3	152	11	22	254	20	58	191	8	6
Chipping Sparrow					5			1		2
Field Sparrow	6	1	1					28	3	
Fox Sparrow	2							1		1
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	76	142	33	142	606	28	86	804	49	56
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)								1		
White-crowned Sparrow	2	1			1	cw		6		
White-throated Sparrow	56	21	23	23	43	cw		42	67	2
Savannah Sparrow										
Song Sparrow	125	44	91	17	53	11	63	127	63	11
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow	2		3	1	5	1		12	7	
Eastern Towhee	10		2	2					6	
sparrow sp.							3			
Summer Tanager										
Northern Cardinal	267	121	17	67	294	13	68	418	124	49
Indigo Bunting										
Red-winged Blackbird	2			247	3				1	2
Eastern Meadowlark										
Rusty Blackbird									2	
Common Grackle				3				cw	25	
Brown-headed Cowbird	122		55	230	9	1		9	15	1
Baltimore Oriole										
blackbird sp.										
House Finch	9	67	3	43	224	23	23	366	26	9
Purple Finch										
Common Redpoll										
Pine Siskin				4					1	
American Goldfinch	48	78	5	14	215	9	5	282	146	24
House Sparrow	155	436	122	104	2,031	255	594	743	73	307
passerine sp.							2			
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>4,904</b>	<b>11,543</b>	<b>3,146</b>	<b>11,565</b>	<b>15,009</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>5,674</b>	<b>10,480</b>	<b>6,069</b>	<b>6,326</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>45</b>



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Gypsum (OHGT)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF)	Hocking Hills (OHFH)	Hooper Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHIL)	Killdeer Plains Middle Area (OHKP)	Kingston (OHKT)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLU)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHMT)
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
4-Jan	14-Dec	4-Jan	14-Dec	14-Dec	29-Dec	1-Jan	15-Dec	28-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec
	1									1		1
	1											
	10	15	7	1	6	35		1	8	4	3	63
2,702	7,556	860	2,325	1,234	1,067	8,132	707	826	1,732	432	471	2,123
							5					9
31	43	3	207	12	98	42	292		53	47	55	326
					24							
											1	
												1
								1				
3	9	5	49	1	3		19	1	24	6	1	54
173	15	19	8	16	339	28	23	36	18	37	61	440
			1			1						
	1	30			1		2		8	5	1	47
					3		1		19			3
101	28	681	200	44	92	147	135	172	179	456	61	600
	2	1	2	3	10	41	1		3	6		237
60	173	55	97	1	7	98	103	8	29	17	47	235
					3							2
40	37	276	92	80		80	21	38	132	105	24	1,130
8	3	3	5	1		2		2	6	11	2	71
	4	29	1			2		1	9	1	3	60
				1	5		2		39			
129	76	419	263	45	178	138	327	145	313	308	77	1,082
104	43	3	1		226		2	15	5	1	1	169
		1			3	62						18
	12				cw	1						16
	46				3	1	cw		4	2	3	7
27	50	30			600		15		4	cw		466
									73			5
169	56	75	82	13	20	50	379	89	85	169	92	266
		2			cw		7		5			
		1	2									2
116	54	137	122	14	79	68	109	315	70	204	64	678
856	27	46	216	707	211	150	754	770	185	430	172	1,676
<b>29,631</b>	<b>12,007</b>	<b>6,042</b>	<b>8,297</b>	<b>4,704</b>	<b>7,447</b>	<b>12,219</b>	<b>14,837</b>	<b>11,679</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>30,118</b>	<b>5,156</b>	<b>16,850</b>
<b>75</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>84</b>

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	Mohican State Forest (OHNF)	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOX)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Putnam County (OHPR)	Preble County (OHPR)
CIRCLE NUMBER	47	48	50	51	52	53	55	56	57	58
COUNT DATE	1-Jan	1-Jan	31-Dec	5-Jan	14-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	4-Jan	20-Dec	16-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Greater White-fronted Goose										
Graylag Goose (Domestic type)										
Snow Goose										
Ross's Goose										
Snow/Ross's Goose										
Cackling Goose										
Canada Goose	250	23	765	2,014	97	8	225	2,393	263	54
Mute Swan			2	1						
Trumpeter Swan				456						
Tundra Swan				2,403						
swan sp.										
Egyptian Goose										
Wood Duck			1			4		2	2	
Gadwall			8	10		100			12	
American Wigeon			2		1					
American Black Duck			27	16	2	14		22	69	
Mallard	4	14	711	266	113	107	11	113	161	17
Mallard (Domestic type)										
American Black Duck x Mallard										
Northern Shoveler						6			53	
Northern Pintail									12	
Green-winged Teal									11	
Canvasback									26	
Redhead			28	7					32	
Ring-necked Duck			31		4			10		
Greater Scaup										
Lesser Scaup				4			4		2	
Greater/Lesser Scaup				34						
Harlequin Duck										
White-winged Scoter				2						
Black Scoter										
Long-tailed Duck								1		
Bufflehead			119	1	7	14			6	2
Common Goldeneye	2		76	584	2					
Hooded Merganser			182	2	56	240		15	9	
Common Merganser	3		30	1,896		3		226	6	
Red-breasted Merganser				18					6	
merganser sp.										
Ruddy Duck	4		56	6	29	277				
duck sp.										
waterfowl sp.										
Northern Bobwhite										
Ring-necked Pheasant			1							
Ruffed Grouse										
Wild Turkey	32		2		67	cw	cw	68		

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Quail Hollow- Harville (OHQH)	Ragersville (OHRA)	Ruddigh (OHRI)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTI)	Toledo (OHTD)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Winnet (OHWI)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	TOTALS
59	60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
14-Dec	27-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	1-Jan	15-Dec	28-Dec	22-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	14-Dec	
					2				8				31
													1
													579
													2
					1								1
					1	6							11
5,641	182	692	1,032	835	4,531	1,327	1,314	569	1,135	1,100	1,267	504	70,161
1					4				4	4			57
					46		16						919
				4	1,416		668		8	5	46		8,999
													4
													1
		5			5				2				59
31			11		4	3			231		25		1,121
6					cw				28				100
26			3		152	15	12		11		63		871
2,205	28	492	120	88	1,360	355	220	29	923	35	934	79	25,192
													17
1									1				4
24					17				12				215
7					1				cw		4		33
1					3				5				29
1					1			2	1				83
4			1		11			4	22				396
29					13			32	17			3	913
					18,010				cw				18,052
					4,476	4			2				5,123
					521								3,659
													1
													6
													1
													2
					182	28	64	4	17				1,496
					79	38	86		12				3,016
58		2	2		21	28		7	19	4		36	1,937
			1		569	43	3		1			229	6,673
			1		173				1				6,418
													326
7					81		1	15	9				1,094
21													411
													8,546
													7
			1	1				4					18
													1
26	119		7	113	9	45	9		14	24	17	cw	1,930

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	Michigan State Forest (OHNF)	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOX)	Point Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Putnam (OHPR)	Preble County (OHPR)
CIRCLE NUMBER	47	48	50	51	52	53	55	56	57	58
COUNT DATE	1-Jan	1-Jan	31-Dec	5-Jan	14-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	4-Jan	20-Dec	16-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Red-throated Loon										
Pacific Loon										
Common Loon						4				
Pied-billed Grebe			7		5	10			5	
Horned Grebe						11				
Red-necked Grebe										
Double-crested Cormorant			3							
Great Blue Heron	10	cw	94	78	22	24	2	5	11	1
Great Egret									1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture	2		10		106	425				
Turkey Vulture		cw	3		2	cw				
Golden Eagle										
Northern Harrier		10	5	18	3	11	1	1	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2		2		2	1	1	2	1	1
Cooper's Hawk	6	4	6	8	5		1	4	1	1
Accipiter sp.	1									
Bald Eagle	50	2	10	107	6	13	6	14	6	
Red-shouldered Hawk	11	15	6		5	8	2	6	9	
Red-tailed Hawk	91	17	38	46	27	14	10	16	15	4
Rough-legged Hawk	6									
Buteo sp.										
hawk sp.										
Virginia Rail										
American Coot						750				
Sandhill Crane	3			22	39	cw				69
Whooping Crane					cw					
Killdeer	26				1	cw				1
Dunlin	1									
Wilson's Snipe										
American Woodcock										
Bonaparte's Gull			3	85	5	150				
Ring-billed Gull	81		191	2,003	65	251	5	8	54	1
Herring Gull			1	309	1	7	5			
Iceland Gull										
Lesser Black-backed Gull										
Glaucous Gull										
Great Black-backed Gull				3						
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull										
gull sp.										
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	481	31	97	72	33	56	60	123	439	
Eurasian Collared-Dove										
Mourning Dove	220	119	95	412	630	195	61	103	240	412
Barn Owl	1									
Eastern Screech-Owl	3			8			2			

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Quail Hollow- Harville (OHQH)	Ragersville (OHRA)	Ruddipah (OHRU)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTI)	Toledo (OHTD)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Winnot (OHWT)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	TOTALS
59	60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
14-Dec	27-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	1-Jan	15-Dec	28-Dec	22-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	14-Dec	
													3
													0
						1							36
3					4								130
									1				73
							1						1
					11								111
14	9	6		5	66	4	2		15	24	60		1,037
				1									4
	1				20								25
	28								108	cw			1,639
	509			cw		1			44	10			945
													2
	20	9	1	4	7	1	5		5	9	6	1	246
1	5			1	1	1			2	6	1		90
6	36	7	2	7	7	8	2	1	5	44	9	2	453
													5
6	6	6	5	14	35	14	10	1	6	4	13	4	974
7	5		11			24	2	10	16	24	3	1	457
34	244	41	29	21	53	36	13	26	35	289	65	5	2,612
	6									12	7		66
										3			8
3						1							6
					1								5
26					30		62	14	5				1,360
		cw			261		19		cw	11	500		1,955
													0
cw	9				1				4	16	3		140
													3
	2									28			42
													3
					12	6							805
74		55	29		16,468	893	646		1,284	22	6	71	53,836
57		1			2,121	13	9		3	4		2	6,195
					cw				1				1
					104	cw							116
					1				1				2
					9								83
													0
						2							866
562	1,284	116	158	134	194	71	33	138	965	2,932	293	82	17,519
		cw								1			9
495	1,842	288	381	198	446	117	128	126	224	2,456	175	90	22,724
	9									2			16
1	7	5		5	13			1		6	1		163

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	Mohican State Forest (OHNF)	New Lexington (OHLN)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOX)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPR)	Preble County (OHPR)
CIRCLE NUMBER	47	48	50	51	52	53	55	56	57	58
COUNT DATE	1-Jan	1-Jan	31-Dec	5-Jan	14-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	4-Jan	20-Dec	16-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Great Horned Owl	1		2	3	1		2	2		
Snowy Owl										
Barred Owl	2	2	1		3		1	2	1	
Long-eared Owl										
Short-eared Owl						2				
Northern Saw-whet Owl										
owl sp.										
Rufous Hummingbird										
Belted Kingfisher	10	1	1	4	8	5	1	9	5	
Red-headed Woodpecker	7	2	5	8	7	3	5	3		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	92	27	73	20	96	44	16	91	23	11
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3		1		6				4	
Downy Woodpecker	102	15	60	77	63	24	15	91	31	5
Hairy Woodpecker	29	6	13	3	12	2	5	31	4	
Northern Flicker	33	11	45	2	36	16	9	14	7	2
Pileated Woodpecker	27	4	4		29	11	3	13	12	1
American Kestrel	18	12	5	35	22	6	5		1	6
Merlin			2		1	4				
Peregrine Falcon							1			
Prairie Falcon										
Eastern Phoebe			2						1	
Northern Shrike				1			cw			
White-eyed Vireo										
Blue Jay	194	107	170	146	153	36	40	174	57	1
American Crow	1,031	173	228		159	204	13	121	252	22
Common Raven										
Horned Lark	6		55	98	2		201	50	20	354
Tree Swallow										
Carolina Chickadee	102	20	163		173	49			137	18
Black-capped Chickadee	3			43			32	230		
chickadee sp.	35									
Tufted Titmouse	131	17	64	1	133	36	11	86	30	7
Red-breasted Nuthatch										
White-breasted Nuthatch	120	14	66	43	77	10	18	102	47	9
Brown Creeper	5	1	7	9	3	cw		8	1	6
House Wren										
Winter Wren	2		1	2		1				
Marsh Wren										
Carolina Wren	43	12	46	3	90	42	6	27	58	4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	55	7	3	1	22	5	3	24	7	4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1			1	1	
kinglet sp.										
Eastern Bluebird	170	37	116	5	167	100	8	44	27	12
Hermit Thrush	1			1	5				1	1
American Robin	35	9	2,155	13	4,939	492	3	46	78	277



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Quail Hollow- Harville (OHQH)	Rogersville (OHR)	Ruddipf (OHRU)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTT)	Toledo (OHTD)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWI)	Winnot (OHWT)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	TOTALS
59	60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
14-Dec	27-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	1-Jan	15-Dec	28-Dec	22-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	14-Dec	
					6				cw	8	1	cw	105
													0
5	7					1		2	2	18	5	1	121
	3												3
	5	cw								2			34
													2
													1
													1
7	29	3	5		4	5	1		11	31	8	2	454
5	59	2	5	5		10	1		2	123	42		493
70	635	60	54	33	50	91	23	19	119	635	120	14	5,934
	3				3	1			10	1			89
75	527	43	47	49	94	86	18	27	88	567	85	16	5,900
17	178	8	9	5	8	10	2		15	163	17	2	1,340
30	190	18	9	33	22	20	5	8	43	216	29	3	2,092
3	114	3	7	5		10	5	3	17	74	14	cw	830
9	71	30	13	35	24	4	6	14	15	81	18	3	979
	1				2				2				45
	2	2			1				1	1			21
		1											1
	3								1	1			22
	1							1			1		7
	1												1
317	793	185	184	120	112	332	155	146	290	1,344	355	34	14,325
159	1,571	104	263	54	8	1,225	29	55	523	610	153	5,590	64,145
													3
	241	82	17	56	8	5		10	3	333	96		4,245
													2
	649								330	309	48		5,934
225	9	17	46	31	113	238	34	102		37	9	47	3,786
				5						51	33		355
65	443	33	34	23	16	96	9	14	183	433	77	23	5,728
3	2	cw								2			32
72	596	66	71	31	59	101	15	30	96	586	103	14	5,788
2	28		1	8	7	2	1	1	7	50	11	cw	433
									cw				1
3	3				8					11			97
					1								3
14	533	17	32	21	9	34	4	8	179	519	98	7	4,233
21	134	6	9	14	23	22	6		23	113	31	2	1,316
	2					2			1	4	2		42
													6
77	632	10	39	47	24	82	14	27	122	627	123	8	5,630
	2				3				11	6		1	133
35	827	7	10	17	228	34	5	6	4,228	282	33	16	51,167

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	Michigan State Forest (OHIO)	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOX)	Reint. Creek Area (OHFC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Putnam (OHPR)	Preble County (OHPR)
CIRCLE NUMBER	47	48	50	51	52	53	55	56	57	58
COUNT DATE	1-Jan	1-Jan	31-Dec	5-Jan	14-Dec	15-Dec	4-Jan	4-Jan	20-Dec	16-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Gray Catbird								1	4	
Brown Thrasher				1						
Northern Mockingbird	11	5	6	1	9	9			11	1
European Starling	1,365	332	3,720	698	13,388	369	845	365	961	155
American Pipit							2			
Cedar Waxwing	98		285		348	32	16	71	5	
Lapland Longspur				4			21			8
Snow Bunting				3						
Common Yellowthroat										
Yellow Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Pine Warbler										
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6	2	8	10	11	9	1	6		
American Tree Sparrow	121		25	363	33	15	28	87		10
Chipping Sparrow										
Field Sparrow	2		5		25			3	19	1
Fox Sparrow	3									
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	526	62	310	129	166	67	39	108	88	61
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)										
White-crowned Sparrow	16	5		3		28	2	43		
White-throated Sparrow	81	7	82	7	225	12	cw		17	13
Savannah Sparrow						2			2	
Song Sparrow	209	8	41	67	150	45	24	60	80	22
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow	9	2		9	39	1		6		
Eastern Towhee	13	5			9	2	cw		6	1
sparrow sp.										
Summer Tanager					1					
Northern Cardinal	268	90	302	150	210	94	44	156	121	20
Indigo Bunting										
Red-winged Blackbird			14	16		4		4		
Eastern Meadowlark	13		1		3	4				
Rusty Blackbird							1			
Common Grackle		2						1	1	65
Brown-headed Cowbird	4			10						
Baltimore Oriole										
blackbird sp.										
House Finch	213	26	170	124	159	8	57	40	11	10
Purple Finch	1		10					1		
Common Redpoll										
Pine Siskin								2		
American Goldfinch	184	11	139	255	80	61	24	116	28	6
House Sparrow	339	19	685	1,068	314	44	118	43	126	7
passerine sp.										
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>7,036</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>11,703</b>	<b>14,327</b>	<b>22,713</b>	<b>4,601</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>5,414</b>	<b>3,738</b>	<b>1,683</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>42</b>

# 120<sup>TH</sup> AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

Quail Hollow- Harville (OHQH)	Rogersville (OHR)	Ruddipf (OHRU)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTT)	Toledo (OHTD)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWI)	Winnot (OHWT)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	TOTALS
59	60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
14-Dec	27-Dec	14-Dec	28-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	1-Jan	15-Dec	28-Dec	22-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	14-Dec	
		1			1				1	2			19
										1			6
6	105	7	10	1	8	2			56	232	22	1	989
3,062	6,523	2,696	985	1,343	2,069	2,089	600	2,041	13,079	3,731	2,419	301	176,253
									2	3	6		49
125	48	1	2	104	18	22			56	148	102		6,580
		51								1	3		301
		cw			1						1		122
	1				2								6
													1
													1
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18	17			8	16	38	2	2	29	48	12		788
40	358	82	13	71	92	93	8	26	36	805	239	9	5,741
						1		4		2			44
1	58	7			2	1			29	68			556
	4								3	4			57
204	776	189	74	156	342	287	71	51	189	1,018	94	21	13,392
													1
11	511	3	3		3			5	21	944	19		2,282
36	346	4	13	8	103	30	7		232	579	37	2	5,164
	34									12	1		62
100	1,825	81	108	34	71	58	9	17	322	2,332	170	6	10,966
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13	34	2			20	4	2		48	155	37		702
	25		1			6		1	36	78	2		570
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353	1,569	120	134	110	227	282	39	51	432	1,935	186	65	17,782
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1,236	41				25	1	2		628	3,139	83		6,708
	11								1	5	1		165
7	5								116	30	2		345
1,004	8			1				1	32	36,628	17		40,206
364	136	4				3			17	528	65		3,191
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	3,274									1,192			4,574
162	665	96	33	23	240	47	2	3	133	647	99	50	7,855
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121	554	230	37	39	432	77	49	14	238	758	95	10	9,350
576	1,695	343	512	507	723	1,017	17	257	329	2,420	1,004	50	31,159
<b>18,032</b>	<b>31,280</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>4,428</b>	<b>56,782</b>	<b>9,554</b>	<b>4,466</b>	<b>3,929</b>	<b>27,594</b>	<b>71,760</b>	<b>9,726</b>	<b>7,410</b>	<b>815,287</b>
<b>70</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>205</b>

## FIELD NOTES

(Lightly edited to correct obvious misspellings and to conform to the Cardinal's style sheet.)

### From Jon Cefus:

[Regarding 12 Common Ravens in *Hancock* on 26 Jan] Two seen and photographed entering area. Found a big group (10) harassing eagles, then flying together towards the north. Photos. They called almost continuously while interacting, mostly with the “pop” type calls. The first interaction I saw seemed like a pair perhaps in courtship, as nesting will certainly begin soon. The other interactions seemed more like play, as the birds wheeled and chased each other, sometimes flipping upside down while pursuing each other. After the group finished harassing the eagles, they worked as a group towards the north and slowly went different directions, sometimes in pairs, and a couple of larger groups. I think that there were more than 12 there, but I went with the number I was certain of seeing. Several birds were heard more distantly, but not seen. In one photo, I was able to get four birds in the frame, but otherwise documenting the number was difficult as they were on the move the whole time.

### From Patrick Coy, of Peninsula, *Summit*:

A cold front moved in today [10 Dec] around noon. Whenever this happens, activity at our feeder picks up considerably. As the cold front moved in and it started hailing, a large flock of House Finches went to the asphalt-shingled roof of the first floor of our home (and which we can view from a window in a second story dormer). They arrayed themselves low on the roof line like a group of linebackers and chased after and gobbled up the hail balls as they were rolling down the roof.

Both four-footed and two-footed species have plenty of water at our place, including a pond, a stream, and a heated bird bath. So it is not like these House Finches were desperate for water. Were they just attracted to the movement of the tiny white hail pellets as they rolled down the dark brown roof, triggering a feeding frenzy of some sort?

### From Bob Evans, of Hopewell Township, *Muskingum*:

On Christmas Day, 2019, morning, a Merlin was perched for at least two hours in upper branches of the black locust trees behind the house, at the top of the slope above the spring. Wonderful, sunlit views with binoculars. Taiga race, faint “moustache/sideburns” pattern visible, light supercilium, and breast patch also exhibited well. I watched it preen, poop, stretch, hop to a different perch, etc.

On 10 Jan, 1:15, a Merlin (very similar to or probably the same bird as Christmas) perched in the big poplar tree in the front yard. Again, good looks with binoculars for 10 minutes as it stretched and preened. I was distracted by another matter, and ten minutes later the bird was no longer there.

When I spotted the bird on Christmas morning I at first assumed it was a kestrel, not uncommon here. I like watching kestrels, but it's not something that I spend over an hour on. This bird afforded me by far the best view of the species I have ever experienced, and I watched (mostly its undersides) until I had warbler neck.

### From Michael Hershberger:

[Regarding the Harris's Sparrow at his *Holmes* home] [It] stayed through end of Winter period. Most of the time it was with a flock of White-crowned Sparrows that came to our feeders and roosted in blue spruce trees in our backyard.

### From Kim Kaufman:

[BSBO] tagged our SECOND Snowy Owl this season in cooperation with Project SNOWstorm. The first owl we tagged back in 2015 [“Buckeye”] was recaptured recently at the Detroit/Wayne airport. Her transmitter was no longer working so we were able to replace it with a new transmitter. “Buckeye” is now the oldest owl in the project, and we're eager to begin tracking her again.

### From Bernie Master:

Overall there was an extreme paucity of White-throated Sparrows in my patch in Worthington [*Franklin*] this Fall/Winter, only three recorded, singles on three separate days. There were no siskins this year. Red-shouldered Hawk building a nest in an oak tree in my patch, 22 Feb was interesting. My first Turkey Vulture of the year, my patch, 22 Feb.

The highlight of the year and the Columbus CBC was a Marsh Wren, heard and seen by me, Jim McCormac, and Karen Thompson on 15 Dec in the Phragmites wetlands, just north of the City of Columbus impound lot. Jim photographed it. Peterjohn notes that this species is accidental outside of the western Lake Erie marshes in winter. Another first ever for the Columbus CBC.

Two unbanded Trumpeter Swans were seen and photographed by me, and also seen by Jim and Karen at American Aggregates on the same CBC, 15 Dec. This was a first ever sighting for the Columbus CBC.

**From Robert McNulty:**

Eastern Bluebirds have become regulars at our feeders [in Gahanna, *Franklin*]. They partake of sunflower chips, mixed no mess seed (peanuts, millet, sunflower chips), suet and peanut butter. The heated water bath is also an attraction.

Bluebirds have dominance over downy woodpeckers at the peanut butter log. Generally, by not always, the bluebirds will chase goldfinches from the sunflower chips.

Hairy Woodpeckers and Red-bellied Woodpeckers rank over bluebirds. Red-winged Blackbirds and starlings also get first dibs on feeders over bluebirds. The peanut butter log is close to the dining room window and the starlings are easy to chase from the feeder...the bluebirds have flown in seconds after the starlings depart. I have even been able to chase a starling from the peanut butter while a bluebird was sharing the log, and the bluebird stays.

We also have an American Robin that seems to have learned from the bluebirds: We first had a robin under our feeders during the winter months last year, when the bluebirds were becoming regulars. This year, the robin showed interest in the peanut butter log after the bluebirds were extremely regular on the log.

A Brown Creeper has also been into our feeder area, and for the first time, I have observed this Brown Creeper on the ground. This has been repeated five or six times over the last two months. He is not a daily visitor.

**From Don Martin:**

In the last month or so [previous to 15 Dec] I have seen huge numbers of Black Vultures at various times with dead deer in in south central *Ross* about 10 miles south of Chillicothe off Blain Highway. I count over 70 in [one] picture...about 85 in [another] picture. That is not all of them flying around because I disturbed them.

**From Kathy Mock:**

[Regarding the seven Greenlawn Memorial Park Merlins, *Summit*] I live about a mile from there "as the Merlin flies". One even perches now at times during the day on a vent-like structure atop a six-floor apartment building on the next block from my house, where I can see it from my window.

[Regarding 50,000 Common Grackles in *Summit*] I can't formulate a number in my head for this flock, and this may very well be a low guess; in fact I want to use a six-figure number. I heard the noise from inside my house, stepped out the front door and there were thousands in the trees across the street. I turned and looked back over my house and there were more in the trees behind. This location is not really that far from the Barberton Water Treat-

ment Plant along the Tuscarawas River, which has been an area that blackbird flocks tend to frequent.

**From Jay Stenger:**

[Regarding the Cincinnati CBC] The [seven] Northern Bobwhite were found on private property in a large abandoned pasture/grassland with brushy edges and a nearby power line cut along Locust Corner Road about halfway between 9-Mile Road and Wagner Road. The area is known as Locust Grove and is located in Pierce Township, *Clermont*. This area is at the southeast edge of our count circle. We have had them in this area before.

As you well know Craig, bobwhite are declining pretty much everywhere, but southwestern Ohio has always been a stronghold in Ohio and scattered populations still exist, sometimes in decent numbers, especially in *Brown, Highland*, and some bordering counties. Bobwhite used to be very common in the Cincinnati CBC area. Beginning in 1947, Northern Bobwhites were found 50 times out of 51 years on this count. Our record high count is 550 and our second high count is 420. We led the nation three times! Now we have only had them seven times and missed them 15 times over the past 22 years. Our overall Cincinnati Count record is 57 out of 73 years (missed them 16 times).

**From Andy Troyer:**

[Regarding the *Wayne* Indigo Bunting] Raymond Troyer had an Indigo Bunting at his feeder from mid-Dec through Feb. It was very unreliable, sometimes seen only once or twice a week; sometimes they didn't see it for over a week. My guess is it was at another feeder or food source. He described it very well, also noted that it had little spots of blue.

**From Douglas Vogus:**

[During the 01 Jan CVNP census] American Robin - 18 (one had a deformed beak - longer than normal and very sharp on top and blunt and about half the normal length on the bottom)

[During the 01 Feb CVNP census] Chipping Sparrow - 2 (chasing each other behind the Akron Compost Facility - Second February Record on Census)

## YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

**10 years ago**, the Winter 2009–10 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 33 No. 2 (Andy Jones, Editor-in-Chief; Jim McCormac, Seasonal Editor) contained these items:

The number was published as a double issue with that of Fall 2009.

Only 65 CBCs were run due to weather cancellations of several.

The state's first Allen's Hummingbird was the lead article's subject; it spent from mid-Oct to late Dec in *Holmes*.

A Spotted Towhee was also seen in *Holmes*, and a Varied Thrush in *Wyandot*.

Bernie Master was able to confirm from photographs that 13 different Fox Sparrows visited his feeders in Dec.

**25 years ago**, the Winter 1994–95 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 18 No. 2 (Rob Harlan, Editor) contained these items: *Allen* provided Ohio's fourth inland sighting of Purple Sandpiper.

A Northern Lapwing spent two late-Dec days in *Adams*, providing the furthest inland North American record of this Eurasian species.

Individuals of three of our usual migrant shorebirds lingered into early Jan.

*Lucas* hosted a Mew Gull.

*Lucas* also hosted a very late (or early?) Barn Swallow on 16 Jan.

**35 years ago**, the Winter 1984–85 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 7 No. 4 (Ed Pierce, Editor), contained these items:

This was the first issue published since that of summer 1982; thanks went to Greater Akron Audubon Society for financial support. Larry Rosche wrote the species accounts.

The state's first Mississippi Kite was documented; it had been reported in *Lucas* in 1982.

*Lorain* and *Lucas* each hosted a King Eider.

Two Northern Goshawks were reported, though only one was documented.

A 16 Dec Barn Swallow in *Lucas* eerily presaged another sighting there exactly 10 years later.

**50 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* for Winter 1969–70, Vol. 66 No. 1 (Annette B. Flanigan, Editor) included these items. (A reminder—the Calendar area is a circle of radius 30 miles centered at Cleveland's Public Square)

During Jan, Lake Erie was almost ice-covered and snow was on the ground in the Calendar area every day but one.

The Cleveland CBC (whose circle straddles the *Cuyahoga/Lake* line) tallied 100,000 gulls of which about two-thirds were Ring-billed.

A covey of 18 Northern Bobwhites was seen in Cleveland's West Park Cemetery.

Two Ruffed Grouse wintered in Kirtland Hills, *Lake*, and three at what is now Seiberling Nature Realm, *Summit*.

A finch invasion resulted in many sightings of Evening Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, and Pine Siskin with smaller numbers of the two crossbills.

**100 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* Bulletin No. 1 dated March 1920 (Francis H. Herrick, Editor), included these items:

Snow covered the Calendar area for most of Jan and Feb.

“Cardinal Grosbeak—Reported occasionally during the winter...”

And American Crow, Blue Jay, Downy and Hairy woodpeckers, White-breasted Nuthatches, and Black-capped Chickadees were seldom seen.



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*This beautiful Varied Thrush, a rare Ohio visitor, was magnificently captured by Leslie Sours on 17 Jan at Shaker Lakes-Horseshoe Lake, Cuyahoga.*

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### **Back cover:**

*Michael Lamont spied this adorable Eastern Screech-Owl peeking out of its nest box at ONWR on 15 Jan.*



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