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Summary: A total of 128 species were reported for the winter season, by 23 observers.

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A group of 40 black vultures was observed at Hocking County in mid December. Marsh hawks were reported to be less common this winter than their normal winter abundance. Eight species of shorebirds were reported this winter. Migrant killdeers were observed in late February. Eleven species of gulls were observed this winter. Iceland gulls were relatively common at Lorain in early January and all of February. One or two snowy owls wintered at Burke Lakefront Airport (Cleveland). Common flickers were reported to be more common this winter than normal. Due in part to an excellent wild fruit crop, robins, bluebirds, and cedar waxwings were very common this winter. Both kinglets remain very uncommon in Ohio in winter. Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) warblers were more common this winter than normal.

Meadowlarks were very uncommon this winter. Migrant black-birds were reported in late February. A minor influx of evening grosbeaks into Ohio in mid January was reported. Lapland longspurs and snow buntings were very common in northern Ohio this winter.

Among the more unusual species seen this winter were red-throated loon, American bittern, harlequin duck, common eider, oldsquaw ( at an inland location), goshawk, purple sandpiper, red phalarope, pomarine jaeger, lesser black-backed gull, Thayer's gull, black-headed gull, Forster's tern, yellow-headed blackbird, red crossbill, white-winged crossbill, and harris' sparrow.

Unusual species that were documented are denoted with an asterisk \* .

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Common Loon

Late 12/31 Cleveland (Klamm), 12/11 Lorain (JP), 12/11 Beaver Creek Reservoir (Seneca Co.) (TB); Peak 11 on 12/5 Clearfork Reservoir (Richland Co.) (JH), 8 on 12/2 Cleveland (Klamm).

Red-throated Loon

12/2 Wildwood Park (Cleveland) (1) ( \* CT, LR).

Red-necked Grebe

2/19-20 Avon Lake (Lorain Co.) (1) ( \*JP), 2/25-28 Cuyahoga River (Akron) (1) ( \* CT, LR).

Horned Grebe

Late 12/29 Cleveland (Klamm), 12/27 Lorain (JP), 12/5 Clearfork Reservoir (JH); Peak 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  on 12/1 Cleveland (Klamm); 1/18 Oregon (2) (JP), 2/11 Summit Lake (EE), 2/20 Avon Lake (JP, Fry).

Pied-billed Grebe

Late 1/2 Cleveland (Klamm), 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (Franklin Co.) (JC), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (Highland Co.) (JSk); 1/1 Valleyview (Cuyahoga Co.) (LR), 1/14 Akron (6) (CT), 1/18 Oregon (JP), 1/29-30 Lorain (2) (JP), 2/18 Akron (6) (CT), 2/24 Summit Lake (4) (LR).

Great Blue Heron

1/6 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (O.N.R.) (2) (LV), 1/13 Belpre (Washington Co.) (4) (JSw), 1/18 Oregon (JP), 1/21 Richland Co. (JH), 2/3 Sandusky Bay (2) (LR), 2/3 Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area (JH), 2/26 Cuyahoga Falls (LR). Wintered in Holmes and Wayne counties (DVK1).

Black-crowned Night Heron

1/16-24 Lorain ( 1-3 birds) (JP).

American Bittern

12/3 Magee Marsh (LR, LV).

Whistling Swan

12/3 Huron (1) (JSk), 12/4 Holmes Co. (18) (DVK1), 12/22 Delaware Co. (1) (JSk), 2/24-28 Cuyahoga River (Peninsula) (Summit Co.) (LR).

Canada Goose

12/17 "Richardson's Race" (1) Paint Creek Lake ( \* JSk), 12/23 "Richardson's Race" (2) O.N.R. (JP); 1/7 Walnut Creek (Holmes Co.) (JSh), 1/10 Walden Waterfowl Refuge (W.W.R.) (Franklin Co.) (83) (Fry), 1/14 Akron (26) (CT), 1/22 Killbuck Marsh (JSt), 1/26 Lorain ( 120 flying north),

2/19-28 Lorain (14) (JP), 2/18 Akron (43) (CT).

**Snow Goose**

12/3 O.N.R. ( 1 blue phase) (JSk), 12/19 Pickaway Co. (1) (JP), 2/11 Magee Marsh ( 5 blue phase, 6 snow phase birds); wintered at Mentor (Lake Co.) ( 1 snow phase) (VF).

**Mallard**

2/3 Killbuck Marsh (20) (DVK1), 2/25 Athens Co. (KJ); 2,100 on 2/19 Castalia pond (VF), 1,130 on 1/13 W.W.R. (Fry), 764 on 1/3 Cleveland (Klamm).

**Black Duck**

2/3 Killbuck Marsh (40) (DVK1), 2/19 Athens Co. (KJ); 1,200 on 2/19 Castalia (VF), 829 on 1/13 W.W.R. (Fry), 303 on 1/5 Cleveland (Klamm).

**Gadwall**

Late (inland) 1/1 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 12/27 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC); 44 on 12/5 W.W.R. (Fry), 28 on 12/31 Castalia (VF); 1/29 Cleveland (12) (Klamm), 2/3 Sandusky River (Tiffin) (TB), 2/19 Castalia (3) (VF), 2/27 Lorain (JP).

**Pintail**

Late (inland) 12/23 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/20 Pickaway Co. (KJ); 54 on 12/3 O.N.R. (LV), 10 on 12/16 Wayne Co. (DVK1); 1/31 Cleveland (Klamm), 12/1-2/10 Lorain ( 1-3 birds ) (JP), 1/21 Castalia (3) (TB), 2/4 Castalia (TB), 2/24-28 Lorain (2) (JP).

**Green-winged Teal**

12/3 O.N.R. (38) (LV), 12/15 Killbuck Marsh (JSt), 12/18 Hoover Reservoir (3) (JP), 1/21 Castalia (TB).

**Blue-winged Teal**

12/9-25 Shaker Lakes (Cuyahoga Co.) (1) (VF).

**American Wigeon**

Late (inland) 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/16 Killbuck Marsh (DVK1); 350 on 12/31 Castalia (VF), 83 on 12/2 W.W.R. (Fry).

**Northern Shoveler**

2/4 Cleveland (Klamm), 1/21 and 2/4 Castalia (TB), 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/23 Medusa Marsh (Erie Co. ) (JP).

**Wood Duck**

Late 12/31 Castalia (VF), 12/10 Shaker Lakes (VF), 12/6 Killbuck Marsh (JSt); 12/1-2/28 Ridgehill Cemetery (Lorain) (1) (JP), 12/1-2/28 Tiffin (1) (TB), 1/5 W.W.R. (Fry).

**Redhead**

Late (inland) 12/26 Pickerington Marsh (JC),

Redhead (con't.)

12/23 Clearfork Reservoir (JH); 267 on 12/10 Cleveland (Klamm), 75 on 1/22 Lorain (JP); 2/11 Summit Lake (EE), 12/26 W.W.R. (12) (Fry).

Ring-necked Duck

Late (inland) 12/25 W.W.R. (Fry), 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC); 12/1-2/28 Castalia (3-18 birds) (JP, VF), 2/18 Akron (1) (CT), 2/25-28 Lorain (1) (JP).

Canvasback

Late (inland) 12/30 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 12/17 Stewart Lake (Portage Co.) (LR); 4,000 on 1/26 Cleveland (VF), 1,500 on 1/17 Lorain (JP), 1,000 on 1/18 Oregon (JP); 1/1-2/28 W.W.R. (1) (Fry).

Greater Scaup

1,000 on 1/22 Lorain (JP), 932 on 12/30 Cleveland (Klamm).

Lesser Scaup

Late (inland) 12/30 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/17 Stewart Lake (LR); 622 on 12/30 Cleveland (Klamm), 300 on 1/17 Lorain (JP).

Common Goldeneye

600 on 2/4 Lorain (JP), 404 on 2/22 Cleveland (Klamm), 70 on 2/9-18 Summit Lake (EE, CT); 10 wintered on Muskingum River (Washington Co.) (Jsw), 2/25 Athens Co. (KJ), 2/25 W.W.R. (17) (Fry), 2/19 Castalia (20) (VF), 1/21 Black Fork River (Ashland Co.) (JH).

Bufflehead

Late (inland) 12/24 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/23 Clearfork Reservoir (JH); 101 on 1/14 Cleveland (Klamm), 93 on 1/24 Lorain (JP); 2/18 Akron (2) (CT), 2/19 Castalia (15) (VF), 2/27 Valleyview (Cuyahoga Co.) (LR).

Harlequin Duck

12/2 Rocky River Metro. Park (Cuyahoga Co.) (1 adult male) (\*JP), 12/24-1/1 Lorain (1 immature male, 1 female) (\*JP).

Common Eider

12/4 Lorain (1 brown plumage bird) (\*JP).

Oldsquaw

12/12 Edgewater Park (Cleveland) (1) (JP), 12/15-16 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 2/19-20 Sandusky River (Tiffin) (1 female) (\*James Coffman, \*TB), 2/27 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 2/28 Cleveland (2) (Klamm, EE).

White-winged Scoter

12/2-7 Cleveland (1) (JP, Klamm), 12/8 Oberlin Reservoir



White-winged Scoter (con't.)

(Lorain Co.) (JP), 12/12 Lorain (1) (JP), 12/16 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 12/29 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 1/8-17 Lorain (1) (JP), 2/19-28 Avon Lake and Lorain (2)(JP), 2/24-28 Valleyview (Cuyahoga Co.) (2) (LR).

Surf Scoter

12/4 Lorain (1) (JP), 2/24 Lorain (1) (JP).

Black Scoter

12/1-1/13 Lorain (1) (JP), 12/2-3 Cleveland (Klamm), 12/23 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 1/4 Lorain (2) (JP).

Ruddy Duck

Late (inland) 12/11 Beaver Creek Reservoir (Seneca Co.) (TB), 12/4 Shreve Lake (Wayne Co.) (JSt); 147 on 12/1 Cleveland (Klamm); 12/1-2/17 Lorain (2) (JP), 1/26 Cleveland (1) (VF), 2/18 Akron (1) (CT), 2/19 Castalia (4) (VF), 2/22 Summit Lake (5) (EE), 2/27-28 Lorain (JP).

Hooded Merganser

12/1-2/28 Sandusky River (Tiffin) (TB), 12/1-2/10 Lorain (JP); 94 on 12/3 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 50 on 12/5 Lake Rockwell (Portage Co.) (EE); 2/19 Scenic Park (1) (VF), 2/19 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 2/24 Summit Lake (6) (LR), 2/27-28 Lorain (1) (JP).

Common Merganser

Late (inland) 12/30 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (Highland Co.) (JSk); 2,000 on 2/19 Lorain and Avon Lake (JP), 266 on 2/22 Cleveland (Klamm), 60 on 12/17 Toledo (TK), 45 on 2/18 Akron (CT); 2/19 Sandusky River (TB) (Tiffin).

Red-breasted Merganser

Late (inland) 12/11 Clearfork Reservoir (JH); 4.020 on 12/1 Cleveland (Klamm), 1.500 on 2/19 Lorain and Avon Lake (JP).

Turkey Vulture

12/13 Hocking Co. (KJ), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (1) (JSk), 12/19 Hocking Co. (8) (JP), 1/27 Hocking Co. (JC), 2/4 Pickaway Co. (KJ).

Black Vulture

12/19 Hocking Co. (40) (JP), 2/4 Hocking Co. (JC).

Goshawk

1/30, 2/1-27 Lorain (1 immature) (\* JP), 2/27-28 Macedonia (Summit Co.) (1 near adult bird) (LR).

Rough-legged Hawk

12/1-2/2 Lorain Co. (JP), 12/3 Magee Marsh (2)(JSk), 12/16 Seneca Co. (TB), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (2) (JSk),

Rough-legged Hawk (con't.)

1/4-5 Seneca Co. (light phase) (TB), 1/6-7 Blendon Woods (Franklin Co.) (light phase) (Fry), 1/8 Holmes Co. (2) (DVK1), 1/12 Seneca Co. (dark phase) (TB), 1/18 Oregon (5) (JP), 1/28 Walnut Creek (Holmes Co.) (JSh); 2/3 Seneca Co. (dark phase) (TB), 2/4 Fairfield Co. (JC), 2/18 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 2/18 Perrysville (Ashland Co.) (JH), 2/19 Erie Co. (3) (VF).

Bald Eagle

one pair wintered at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (LV), 2/20 Resthaven Wildlife Refuge (Erie Co.) (1 adult) (JP, Fry).

Marsh Hawk

12/10 Seneca Co. Pleasant Twp. (JK), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (2) (JSk), 12/17 Kent (LR), 12/23 Cleveland (Klamm); 1/5 Holmes Co. (DVK1), 1/8 Killbuck Marsh (2) (JSt), 1/9 Cleveland (2) (Klamm), 1/22 Ross Co. (2) (Fry), 1/27-2/5 Shaker Lakes (VF), 1/29 Thornville (Perry Co.) (FS); 2/1-15 Akron (1 bird terrorizing birds at a feeder) (CT), 2/4 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 2/11 Oregon (5) (JP), 2/18 Hocking Co. (KJ).

Bobwhite

12/13 Lorain Co. (3) (JP), 12/16 Seneca Co. (4) (TB), 2/15 Lucas Co. (15) (TK), 10 at Belpre (Washington Co.) (JSw).

Virginia Rail

1/6 Killbuck Marsh (1) (JSt), 1/19 Holmesville (Holmes Co.) (1) (\* DVK1).

American Coot

Late (inland) 12/30 Clearfork Reservoir (JH), 12/20 Pickerington Marsh (JC), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (JSk); 12/1-2/28 Lorain (2-3 birds) (JP), 12/1-2/28 Cleveland (1-3 birds) (Klamm); 2/22 Summit Lake (50) (EE), 2/19 Castalia (12) (VF).

Killdeer

1/17 Killbuck Marsh (DVK1), 1/31 Athens Co. (KJ); 2/3 Killbuck Marsh (JH), 2/4 Erie Co. (LR), 2/21 Killbuck Marsh (DVK1), 2/26 Athens Co. (KJ), 2/28 Lorain Co. (3) (JP), 2/28 Mansfield (JH).

Common Snipe

12/17 Paint Creek Lake (17) (JSk), 12/18 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 12/19 Adelphi (Ross Co.) (JP), 12/31 Pickaway Co. (KJ); 1/11-15 Killbuck Marsh (2) (JSt); 2/3 Killbuck Marsh (3) (DVK1, JH).

Spotted Sandpiper

12/2 Wildwood Park (Cleveland) (1) (\* VF, LR).

Least Sandpiper  
12/3 O.N.R. (1) (JSk,LR).

Purple Sandpiper  
12/3 White City (Cleveland) (3) (Hoff.).

Dunlin  
12/3 O.N.R. (6) (JSk, LR).

Sanderling  
1/11 Lorain (1) ( \* JP, JH).

Red Phalarope  
12/6 Lorain ( 1 adult winter plumage, 1 immature)  
( \* JP).

Pomarine Jaeger  
2/11 Lorain (dark Phase) ( \* JP).

Glaucous Gull  
12/27-28 Lorain (1) (JP); 1/5-16 Lorain ( 1-5 birds)  
(JP), 1/8 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 1/27 Eastlake (Lake Co.)  
( 1 second year plumage bird) (\* TB), 2/9-28 Lorain (JP),  
8 on 2/15 Lorain (JP), 8 on 2/15 Cleveland (Klamm); 2/18  
Akron (2) (CT).

Iceland Gull  
1/6 ( one adult Kumlien's race) (JP), 1/6-15 Lorain  
( 1-3 birds) ( \* JP), 2/9-15 ( 1-5) (JP), 2/15 Cleveland  
( 1 second year bird) ( \* Klamm), 2/16-25 Lorain ( 1-2)  
(JP), 2/18 Cleveland ( 1 adult Kumlien's race) ( \* RH),  
2/18 Cleveland ( 1 second year bird) ( \* RH).

Great Black-backed Gull  
12/3 O.N.R. (36) (LV), 12/3 Huron (1) (JSk), 12/9  
Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 12/17 Toledo (1) (TK); 500 on 2/16  
Cleveland (Klamm), 350 on 2/13-16 Lorain (JP); 2/18  
Akron (5) (CT).

Lesser Black-backed Gull  
12/8-13 Lakeview Park (Lorain) ( 1 adult) ( \* JP),  
2/13-23 Lorain ( 1 adult) ( \*JP, et.al.).

Herring Gull  
25,000 on 2/17 Lorain (JP), 15,600 on 1/8 Cleveland  
(Klamm), 2,500 on 12/17 Toledo (TK); 2/19 Lorain ( 1 adult  
Great Black-backed Gull X Herring Gull hybrid) ( \* JP).

Thayer's Gull  
1/6-8 Lorain ( 1 adult) ( \*JP), 1/14 Cleveland ( 1  
first year plumage bird) ( \* RH), 1/9 Lorain ( 1 subadult)  
( \* Hoff.).

Ring-billed Gull  
50,000 on 12/30 Cleveland (Klamm), 25,000 in December  
Lorain (JP); wintered at L. Erie open water areas.

Franklin's Gull

12/1-1/1 Lorain ( 1 adult, 1 immature) (JP), 12/2-7  
Cleveland (1-2 immatures) (Hoff.).

Bonaparte's Gull

Late 2/11 Lorain (1) (JP), 1/18 Cleveland (Klamm);  
34,000 on 12/29 Cleveland (Klamm), 25,000 on 1/1 Lorain  
(JP), 4,200 on 12/17 Toledo (TK).

Black-headed Gull

12/27-30, 1/1 Lorain ( one immature) ( \* JP), 12/31  
Cleveland ( one winter plumage adult bird) ( \* RH).

Little Gull

12/1-1/1 Lorain ( 1-4 birds) ( JP), 12/10-1/5 Cleveland  
( 1-6 birds) ( \* adult on 12/10) (Klamm), 6 on 12/27 Cleve-  
land (Klamm).

Common Tern

12/7 Gordon Park (Cleveland) (1) (Hoff.).

Forster's Tern

12/3 Oregon (Lucas Co.) (1) ( \* JSk).

Barn Owl

1 report: 12/30 Fairfield Co. ( fide JC).

Snowy Owl

12/2 Cleveland (1) (Klamm), 12/18 Toledo (1) (TK),  
12/13 Lorain ( adult) (JP), 12/24 Cleveland (2) (Klamm),  
1/4-6 Alliance (Stark Co.) ( 1 dark immature) (CT), 1/9  
Lorain ( 1 dark immature) (JP); last reported at Burke  
Lakefront Airport (Cleveland) on 2/27 ( 1 immature) (VF).

Long-eared Owl

2/24 Marblehead Cedar's (Ottawa Co.) (1) ( JP, JH).

Short-eared Owl

12/1 Shaker Lakes (VF), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake area  
(1) (JSk), 12/19 Pickaway Co. (JP), 12/27 Holmes Co. (DVk1);  
1/5 Cleveland (Klamm), 1/6 Holmes Co. (DVk1), 1/7 Seneca Co.  
(7) (TB), 1/18 Lucas Co. (8) (JP); 2/3 Franklin Co. (6) (JC),  
2/11-20 Akron (6) (CT), 2/14-25 Akron Muni. Airport (3) (LR),  
2/16 Ross Co. (KJ), 2/17 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 2/19 Cleveland  
(5) (Klamm), 2/22 Holmes Co. (DVk1).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

12/1-15 Akron (CT), 12/10-16 Seneca Co. (JK), 12/19  
Hocking Co. (JP), 12/31 Oak Openings Metro. Park (Lucas Co.)  
(TK); 1/1-15 Akron (CT), 1/9 Greenlawn Cemetery (Franklin  
Co.) (Fry), 1/25 Athens Co. (KJ), 1/27 Hocking Co. (JC).

Horned Lark

7,500 on 2/16 Seneca Co. (TB), 2,000 on 2/18 Erie  
Co. (JP), 200 on 1/1-2/28 Holmes Co. (DVk1),

Horned Lark (con't.)

70 on 2/14-28 Akron Airport (LR), 40 on 1/28 Franklin Co. ( all prairie race) (JSk).

House Wren

12/1 Shaker Lakes (1) ( \* VF).

Winter Wren

4 reports: 12/16 Lorain Co. (JP), 12/17 Ross Co. (2) (JP), 1/23 Lorain Co. (JP), 2/4 Hocking Co. (JC).

Carolina Wren

12/1-2/28 Washington Co. (10) (JSw), 12/1-2/28 Akron (2) (CT), 12/17 Kent (LR), 12/17 Ross Co. (JP), 12/31 Water-ville (Lucas Co.) (TK), 12/30 Holmes Co. (DVK1); 1/2 Walnut Creek (Holmes Co.) (JSh), 1/6-8 Columbus (Fry, JH), 1/23 Erie Co. (2) (JP); 2/11 O.N.R. (LR), 2/24 Athens Co. (KJ).

Mockingbird

12/17 Paint Creek Lake (2) (JSk), 12/18 Delaware Co. (JP), 12/28-29 Pickaway Co. (KJ); 1/6 W.W.R. (Fry), 1/12 Franklin Co. (2) (JSk), 1/24-31 Athens Co. (2) (KJ); 2/1-28 W.W.R. (Fry), 2/28 Franklin Co. (JC).

Gray Catbird

1/27 Holden Arboretum (Lake Co.) (1) ( Dave Corbin ).

Brown Thrasher

1/18 Magee Marsh (1) (JP), 2/7 Reynoldsburg (Franklin Co.) (1) (Fry).

American Robin

102 on 2/18 Shaker Lakes (VF), 83 on 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (JSk), 80 on 2/4 Holmes Co. (DVK1), 72 on 12/23 Kill-buck Marsh (JSt), 40 on 2/28 Athens Co. (KJ).

Wood Thrush

12/16 Cuyahoga County Airport (1) (LR).

Hermit Thrush

1/4 Athens Co. (KJ), 1/13-20 Shaker Lakes (VF); 2/11 Mohican State Forest (Ashland Co.) (JH), 2/14 Lucas Co. (2) (TK), 2/26 Lorain (2) (JP), 2/1-28 Sharon Woods Metro. Park (Franklin Co.) ( fide Fry).

Eastern Bluebird

1/2 Killbuck Wildlife Area (11) (JSt), 1/7 Seneca Co. (10) (TB), 1/14 Richland Co. (4) (JH), 1/20 Delaware Co. (6) (JSk), 1/23 Hocking Co. (Fry), 1/26 Seneca Co. (5) (JK); 2/7 Holmes Co. (19) (DVK1), 2/8 Newcomerstown (ES), 2/11 Walnut Creek (10) (JSh), 2/22 Findley State Park (Lorain Co.) (6) (JP), 2/24 Athens Co. (3) (KJ), 2/24 Macedonia (4) (LR), 2/25 Hocking Co. (5) (KJ), 2/26 Lucas Co. (4) (TK).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

12/22 Kent (3) (LR); 1/6 Ashland Co. (JW), 1/10 Lorain Co. (2) (JP); 2/1 Athens Co. (KJ), 2/4 Conkle's Hollow (Hocking Co.) (JC), 2/10 Holmes Co. (DVK1, JH), 2/14 Lucas Co. (TK), 2/22 Lorain Co. (2) (JP).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

12/16 Seneca Co. (TB), 12/30 Holmes Co. (DVK1); 1/22 Stage's Pond (Pickaway Co.) (Fry), 1/24 Ottawa Co. (JP, JH).

Cedar Waxwing

381 on 1/1 Shaker Lakes (VF), 200 on 1/18 Lorain Co. (Klamm), 180 on 2/28 Lorain Co. (JP), 120 on 2/22 Genoa (Ottawa Co.) (LV), 80 on 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (JSk), 75 on 12/30 Morrow Co. (JH).

Northern Shrike

12/15 Seneca Co. Clinton Twp. (1) (TB), 12/21 Rocky River Park (Cuyahoga Co.) (1 adult) (\* JP), 12/30-31 Richland Co. Troy Twp. (1 immature) (first record ever for Richland County) (\* JH, Fry); 1/10 at Hawley Road & Hughes Rd. (Lorain Co.) (1 immature) (\* JP), 1/10 along Route 58 across from Findley State Park (1 immature) (\* JP), 1/11 Lorain Co. (1 adult) (\* JP); 2/3 Seneca Co. Seneca Twp. (1) (TB), 2/11-28 Seneca Co. Adam's Twp. (1) (TB), 2/18 Mason Rd. (Erie Co.) (1 immature) (\* JP), 2/20 along Route 2 (Erie Co.) (1 immature) (\* JP).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

12/1-2/28 Lorain Co. (JP), 12/1-2/28 Seneca Co. "several" (JK), 12/1-18 Shaker Lakes (1-2 birds) (VF), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (JSk), 12/31 Oak Openings Metro. Park (TK); 1/22 Holmes Co. (16) (DVK1), 1/26 Lucas Co. (2) (TK), 1/27 Marblehead Cedar's (Ottawa Co.) (25) (JH, JP); 2/1 Franklin Co. (JC), 2/26 Athens Co. (KJ).

Common Yellowthroat

12/19 Hocking Co. (1) (JP), 12/22 Lorain Co. (1) (JP).

Eastern Meadowlark

12/11 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 12/16 Hocking Co. (KJ), 12/17 Paint Creek Lake (3) (JSk); 1/17-2/28 Holmes Co. (DVK1); 2/1 Fairfield Co. (JC), 2/18 Hocking Co. (KJ), 2/18-21 Thornville (FS), 2/20 Erie Co. (Fry).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

1/3 Hocking Technical College feeder (Nelsonville) (Athens Co.) (1 female or immature) (\* KJ), 1/3-13 New Albany (Franklin Co.) (1 male) (\* Fry, et.al.) (second Franklin Co. record, first Franklin Co. winter record).

Red-winged Blackbird

12/1-2/28 Perry Co. (FS), 1/7 Walnut Creek (2) (JSh),

Red-winged Blackbird (con't.)

1/14 Franklin Co. (JC), 1/21-2/21 Holmes Co. (3) (DVK1),  
1/28 Franklin Co. (6) (JSk); 2/20 Firestone Park (Akron)  
(18) (CT), 2/26 Lorain (1) (JP).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

12/1 Shaker Lakes ( 1 male) ( \* VF).

Evening Grosbeaks

12/9 Shaker Lakes (6) ( fide VF), 12/17 Paint Creek  
Lake (40) ( fide JSk), 1/13 Mohican State Park (Ashland Co.)  
(16) (KJ), 1/20-22 Richland Co. Springfield Twp. ( 1 female)  
(JH), 1/23 Mill Hollow (Lorain Co.) ( 6) (JP), 1/23-28  
Ridgehill Cemetery (Lorain) (23) (JP), 1/24-26 Seneca Co.  
Pleasant Twp. (2 males, 1 female) (JK), 1/26-30 Holmes Co.  
(2) (DVK1), 1/27 Perry Co. ( 5 males, 3 females) (FS),  
1/28 Walnut Creek (JSh), 1/29 Richland Co. ( 9 females,  
2 males) (JH); 2/11 Mohican State Park ( 4 males) (JH),  
2/10-28 Medina (11) (LR), 2/24 Athens Co. ( 1 male) (KJ),  
2/25 Holden Arboretum (Lake Co.) (9) (EE).

Purple Finch

12/27 Shaker Lakes (6) (VF), 12/30 Morrow Co. (5) (JH),  
12/30 Richland Co. (13) (JH); 1/10 Findley State Park (50)  
(JP), 1/19 Holmes Co. (5) (DVK1), 1/21-22 Richland Co. (3)  
(JH), 1/31 Athens Co. (17) (KJ); 2/4 Hocking Co. (JC),  
2/10 Shaker Lakes (2) (VF), 2/17 Lorain Co. (7) (Klamm),  
2/17 Pickaway Co. (KJ), 2/22 Findley State Park (30) (JP),  
2/25 Holden Arboretum (9) (EE), 2/28 Seneca Co. (1) (JK).

House Finch

12/1-2/28 Lorain Co. (14) (JP), 12/1-2/15 Akron ( 3-6  
birds) (CT), 12/11-2/28 Rocky River Valley (Cuyahoga Co.)  
(8) (Klamm), 12/1-2/28 Washington Co. (10) (JSw), 12/10-  
2/25 Shaker Lakes ( 27-93 birds) (VF); 12/23-1/8 Bexley  
(Franklin Co.) (3) (JC,Fry), 2/25 Holden Arboretum (20) (EE).

Common Redpoll

3 reports: 12/16 Shaker Lakes (4) (VF), 1/31 Summit  
Co. Bath Twp. (3) ( fide CT), 2/2 Lorain Co. (1) (JP).

Pine Siskin

12/1-2/28 Kent (1) (LR), 12/1-2/28 Tiffin "several"  
(JK), 12/14 Shaker Lakes (2) ( fide VF), 1/1-2/15 Akron  
( 2-5 birds) (CT), 1/17 Rocky River Valley (15) (Klamm),  
1/28 Lorain Co. (1) (JP); 2/4 Hocking Co. (JC), 2/17 Rocky  
River Valley (6) (Klamm), 2/28 Lorain Co. (1) (JP).

Red Crossbill

12/29 Findley State Park ( 3 males, 11 females or  
immatures) ( \* JP).

White-winged Crossbill

12/29 Findley State Park ( 3 males, 5 females or  
immatures) ( \* JP).

Rufous-sided Towhee

1/9 Cleveland (12) (VF), 1/12 Walnut Creek (JSh),  
1/12 Findley State Park (3) (JP), 1/14 Richland Co. (JH),  
1/15 Holmes Co. (7) (DVK1); 2/2 Perry Co. (FS), 2/4 Hocking  
Co. (JP), 2/5 Ridgehill Cemetery (JP), 2/11 Mohican State  
Park (2) (JH), 2/14 Seneca Co. (TB), 2/16 Wayne Co. (2)  
(DVK1), 2/26 Stark Wilderness Center (Stark Co.) (LR).

Savannah Sparrow

1/28 Holmes Co. (1) (DVK1).

Vesper Sparrow

12/17 Sandusky Co. (1) (TB).

Dark-eyed Junco

1/10 Findley State Park ( Oregon race) (1) (JP), 1/31  
Elmwood Cemetery (Lorain Co.) (1) ( Oregon race) (JP).

Chipping Sparrow

1/2 Mansfield ( at a feeder) ( \* JH), 2/4-21 Holmes  
Co. ( at a feeder) ( \* DVK1).

Field Sparrow

1/1 Ridgehill Cemetery (Lorain Co.) (1) (JP), 1/6  
Belpre (Washington Co.) ( one at a feeder) (JSw), 1/19  
Holmes Co. (DVK1), 1/22 Wayne Co. (DVK1); 2/5 Shaker Lakes  
(3) (VF), 2/24 Athens Co. (KJ).

Harris' Sparrow

2/5-20 Alton (Franklin Co.) ( at a feeder) ( one near  
adult plumage bird) ( \* Fry, et.al.).

White-crowned Sparrow

1/16 Pickaway Co. (Fry); 2/4 Hocking Co. (JC), 2/7  
Perry Co. (FS), 2/17 Pickaway Co. (12) (KJ), 2/24 Athens  
Co. (KJ).

White-throated Sparrow

Wintered in Ashland, Athens, Cuyahoga, Hocking, Holmes,  
Lorain, Pickaway, Portage, Richland, and Seneca Counties.

Fox Sparrow

12/6 Athens Co. (KJ); 1/26 Lorain Co. (JP), 2/2 Athens  
Co. (KJ).

Swamp Sparrow

Wintered in Holmes, Lorain, Ottawa, Pickaway, and  
Wayne counties.

Lapland Longspur

1/9 Madison Co. (3) (Fry), 1/10-11 Lorain Co. (3-4)  
(JP), 1/12 Holmes Co. (DVK1), 1/15 Cleveland (Klamm),  
1/28-31 Streetsboro (Portage Co.) (3) (LR), 1/27 Fairfield  
Co. (JC); 2/3-21 Akron (3) (CT), 2/14-26 Akron Airport (LR),



Lapland Longspur (con't.)

2/18 Lucas Co. (8) (TK), 2/18 Franklin Co. (6) (JSk),  
2/20 Burke Airport (Cleveland) (8) (VF); Peak 1,396 on  
2/16 Seneca Co. (TB), 300 on 2/18 Erie Co. (JP), 150 on  
2/19 Pillsbury Plant (Huron, Ohio) (VF), 23 on 2/25 Holmes  
Co. (DVK1); last reported: 2/27 Holmes Co. (DVK1).

Snow Bunting

12/1 Cleveland (2) (Klamm), 12/3 Cleveland (25) (Klamm),  
12/3 Magee Marsh (50) (JSk), 12/18 Toledo (35) (TK), 12/25  
Akron (4) (CT); 1/8 Holmes Co. (1) (DVK1), 1/9 Morrow Co.  
(JW), 1/10-11 Lorain Co. (JP); 2/1 Fairfield Co. (JC),  
2/14-26 Akron Airport (LR), 2/18 Lucas Co. (30) (TK), 2/18  
Franklin Co. (10) (JSk); Peak 3,277 on 2/16 Seneca Co. (TB),  
400 on 2/9 Holmes Co. (DVK1), 300 on 2/18 Erie Co. (JP),  
150 on 2/10 Huron (CT), 125 on 2/15 Wayne Co. (JSt); Last  
reported on 2/27 Holmes Co. (DVK1).

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## FIELD NOTES

( Editors Note: This is a new section of The Cardinal. Bird report contributors are encouraged to submit observations of unusual species or behavior. Length of these reports should be one-fourth to one-half page. Possibly these field note reports could replace the documentation forms for unusual species.)

### JANUARY SIGHTING OF SANDERLING

On January 11, 1979 at approximately 3:45, John Herman and I were driving into the Lorain Municipal Pier parking lot. As we drove into the parking lot, we noticed a bird standing in front of our car. I immediately stopped the car and it was at this time we noticed that the bird was a shorebird. At this time we were about 25 feet from the bird. The first thing we noticed about the bird was it's light gray color. I then pointed out the birds very dark shoulder mark, field characteristic of the Sanderling. At that time, the bird flew, showing a distinct wingstripe. The bird flew to the launching ramp. We drove to there and put a 20X 'scope on the bird from about 25-30 yards. The bird was at that time walking and poking around on the layer of frozen shad. It was feeding with Starlings and it was the same size as the starlings. At this time we noticed the bird's black legs and medium length, straight black beak. The bottomside of the bird was white with no streaking noticed. The topside of the bird was a light gray color. Having identified the bird as a Sanderling we went to get some other birders that were at the end of the pier. By the time we returned to where we saw the bird it was gone.

This is the latest report that I can find of the Sanderling for this area, also this being the only January record. I could find no winter record ever for the Cleveland region, the latest being November 18, 1945 (Birds of Cleveland: 1950). There is a record from the Toledo region for December 26, 1966 (Birds of the Toledo Area, Campbell: 1968). John Pogacnik, Lorain, Ohio



