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*What a treat to have both Glossy and White-faced Ibises together at Lorain for photographer Kevin McKelvey.*

***On the cover:***

*Enjoying the feeder in Natalie Carusillo's backyard, this White-winged Dove was a thrill to see in **Franklin** on 13 April.*

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## COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Craig Caldwell

All three months were dryer than usual, and two of the three were hotter. Mar came in at number 48 compared to number 127 being the wettest. The Cincinnati-Dayton area received the most rain, but it was at most 150% of the norm. The northern quarter of the state got no more than two inches of rain, parts received as little as 25% of their usual amount, and the Cleveland area received no snow all month. Most of the rest of the state got between 75 and 110% of its usual amount. The month's average temperature was at the 91<sup>st</sup> percentile; only 11 times in 127 years has a Mar been hotter.

Apr was even dryer overall, ranking at number 30 of the 127 years with data for the month. Some pockets received less than two inches of rain, less than half their norm. The areas around Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus got up to 150% of their usual amounts. Most of the rest of the state got between 75 and 110% of the norm. The Cleveland area was the outlier. Snowfalls on the night of 01 Apr, 20 Apr, and 21 Apr dumped as much as seven inches on the high ground to the east of the city, which contributed to the six inches of precipitation (measured as water) during the month. Apr was not as hot as Mar, but it was still number 94, with number 127 being the hottest.

May was the wettest of the three months, but still ranked only number 58, a little below the midpoint of the 127 years' amounts. A line from Mansfield to Akron got six to eight inches of rain with a few pockets getting up to 10 inches. A wide swath across the northern half of the state got four to five inches, or 110 to 125% of the norm. But the dry southern half, some of which got less than three inches of rain, drove down the statewide average. May temperatures reversed the previous two months' trend; two thirds of the 127 years with data were hotter.

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.

As we began to emerge from the pandemic, birding in a group or even a crowd became more comfortable. Magee reopened, at first only by reservation and then for all comers on 18 May. The 1.9 million eBird entries eclipsed last spring's 1.7 million that had in turn beaten 2019's 1.6

million. Not surprisingly, *Lucas* sightings regained a portion of their former dominance, accounting for 16% of the entries. (Pre-pandemic, about a quarter of the season's eBird entries typically came from that county.) As I write this, the increase in cases of the Delta variant will again disrupt lives but I hold hope that enough vaccinations will eventually control it.

Shorebird migration followed its usual pattern with the notable exception of Piping Plovers. A pair arrived at the Maumee Bay inland beach on 24 May, nested, and hatched four young in early July. The event was the first nest of the species in our state in 83 years, and the Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) coordinated the huge effort to protect the family. Look for an article about them in an upcoming issue. As a bonus, at least six more Piping Plovers were recorded during the season.

Raptors put on a show, with a White-tailed Kite, a Swainson's Hawk, and a Gyrfalcon all spending days or weeks pleasing observers. A Northern Goshawk reportedly made a brief appearance as well, and a Snowy Owl was photographed on 15 May.

Passerines in general followed the recent pattern: Many arrived ahead of their historic early date. The upcoming revision of the *Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ohio* will no doubt be advancing many dates to the new norm. Smith's Longspurs are a fairly regular spring sighting near the Indiana border, but they also showed up in three central Ohio counties this year. The "finch winter" continued into spring. Evening Grosbeaks, both crossbills, and Pine Siskins were still being seen in early May, and Hoary and Common redpolls into Mar and Apr respectively. Five Kirtland's Warblers were seen, all in the tight window between 05 and 11 May.

This issue of the *Cardinal* contains reports of 317 species, beating last spring's 315 for the season's most ever. Nine hybrids, eight entries at the genus or family level, and four uncommon (for Ohio) color morphs are also listed. Twenty-four species were reported in all 88 counties and 20 more were seen in 87. Forty-four were seen in between 80 and 86 counties. Only 50 species were reported in underbirded *Pike*.

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) under Secretary Jon Cefus has continued to evaluate reports of Review Species. The Committee's most recent report is presented in this issue. In addition to the results of 20 reviews, it notes



a revision in the Committee's bylaws and the resulting removal of seven species from the Review List. However, because these actions didn't become effective until Jun, the seven are still treated as Review Species in this account, and reports of their sightings through May remain eligible for review.

Twenty-six review species were reported during this season; their names are underlined. Fourteen of them generated at least one report to the OBRC; three of the 14 also had different sightings that did not produce formal reports. Their posts and most of those of the other 12 species contained enough descriptions or photos to allow review, and many are so definitive that accepted is sure. (As always, these numbers don't include Trumpeter Swans, whose establishment or not is under study.)

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/>.

A quick note—counts ending with two or more zeros should be taken as estimates even if I don't specifically say so!

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 sequence and nomenclature follow the *Check-List of North and Middle American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998) as updated through the 61st Supplement (2020). 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 that 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  
 Barrow FS = James H. Barrow Field Station, **Portage**  
 BBS = the North American Breeding Bird Survey, a joint project of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)  
 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 **Har-ri-son** 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, **War-ren**, 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 that 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**
- EcOhio = EcOhio Farm and Wetland, **Warren**
- 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**
- Ellis Lake = the eBird hotspot Ellis Lake Wetlands, outside Fairfield, **Butler**
- 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 is 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 Riverway 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**
- Lorain = 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**.
- Malek Park = a city park on the west side of Conneaut, **Ashtabula**
- 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) State Nature Preserve, **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**
- Pickrel Creek = Pickrel 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
- Volunteer Bay = a private neighborhood on Lake Erie in **Erie**
- 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 that 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

### Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

Posts from *Lake, Mercer, Preble, Richland*, and two *Stark* locations have descriptions and photos. No one filed a report with the OBRC.

### Snow Goose

The last of the season stayed into Jun near Hebron, *Licking* (m. obs.). The second-last date of 12 May was shared by one bird at the Mallard Club and two along the ONWR WD (both m. obs.). The highest count was nine. Jill and Larry Early saw them over Spring Valley WA, *Warren*, on 12 Mar and Tim Prindle another flock at Killdeer on 21 Mar. (25 counties)

### Ross's Goose

The last spent from 10 to 18 May at the Grand Lake hatchery (m. obs.). The only duos were at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, *Lorain*, on 03 Mar (Jonathan Wilhelms) and passing Killdeer on 13 Mar (Amy Holloway). (8 counties)

### [Snow x Ross's Goose]

A trio of birders judged a bird at Lake Barber, *Hamilton*, on 16 Mar to be this hybrid.

### Snow/Ross's Goose

An indeterminate bird was at Howard Marsh on 04 May (m. obs.).

### Greater White-fronted Goose

Only two sightings came after 26 Mar. Jane Riker photographed a bird at Lake Mosier, *Hancock*, on 14 Apr and Janice Farral photographed one at Lorain on 16 May. Rene', Andy, and Bill McGill saw 25 near the Miami Valley Christian Academy, *Hamilton*, on 10 Mar, as did Donna Kuhn and Lisa Phelps at Mercer WA on 13 Mar. (22 counties)

### Brant

One spent from 07 to 16 Mar at the Urwin Park-way wetlands, *Richland*, for m. obs. Up to six were seen passing the Fairport Harbor, *Lake*, area on 26 Mar (Kari Warner Matsko, Sarah Preston, and James Smallwood).

### Cackling Goose

John Petruzzi saw the last, at Mill Creek on 10 Apr. The second last were two at Grand River WA, *Trumbull*, on 22 Mar (Larry Richardson). Several birders counted seven at Big Island on 05 and 06 Mar. (10 counties)

### Canada Goose

Douglas Vogus' 07 Mar ONWR census team

counted 1309. A trio of birders estimated that 1150 were at Darby Creek on 05 Mar. (all 88 counties)

### Cackling/Canada Goose

Indeterminate birds were reported in *Athens, Cuyahoga*, and *Franklin*.

### Mute Swan

Nimisila hosted 30 for Teresa Kaminski on 07 Mar. The next most were Rene', Andy, and Bill McGill's 14 at Fernald on 06 Mar. (49 counties)

### Trumpeter Swan

Susan Short saw about 200 at Morral, *Marion*, on 04 Mar. (50 counties)



An adult Trumpeter Swan with its babies was feeding at ONWR when Tom Fishburn captured it on 30 May.

### Tundra Swan

The last was one at Killbuck on 22 Apr (Jennifer Allison). Tyler Ficker estimated that 6000 were at Metzger on 08 Mar. The next most were Mary Anne Romito's 2240 along the ONWR WD on 07 Mar, and the most away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa* were the 587 that Richard Stelzer counted at Killdeer on 02 Mar. (47 counties)

### Trumpeter/Tundra Swan

Indeterminate birds were reported in 20 counties.

### Wood Duck

Funk hosted about 140 for Tim Colborn on 14 Mar and Killbuck about 100 for Linda Benner on 28 May. Only *Fayette* and *Pike* didn't have sightings.

### Blue-winged Teal

Andy Brown provided the two highest counts, 120 at Delaware WA on 27 Mar and 150 there on 09 Apr. The next most were Janet Hughes' 115 at Pipe Creek on 27 Mar. (82 counties)

### Cinnamon Teal

A post from *Wyandot* has a description.

### Northern Shoveler

A quartet of birders noted 150 along the ONWR

WD on 17 Apr. The most away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa* were the 110 that several birders found at Mercer WA on 12 Apr. (73 counties)

### Gadwall

The last except for a mid-Jun sighting was one at ONWR on 29 May (Christopher Hinkle). Tyler Ficker's 700 at Metzger on 08 Mar were the most and Trevor Zook's 600 at Mallard Club on 31 Mar the second most. The inland high count was 245, from Mosquito WA on 24 Apr (Ethan Kistler and Billi Krochuk). (70 counties)

### Eurasian Wigeon

The reports are:

One at Pine Lake, *Mahoning*, from 02 to 10 Mar (m. obs.)

One in the *Warren* section of Spring Valley WA from 11 to 13 Mar (m. obs.)

One at White Star Park, *Sandusky*, on 22 Mar (Jeff Lamson, David Wilkins)

### American Wigeon

Several observers saw the last one, at Howard Marsh on 25 May. Philip Steiner saw about 550 at Willow Point WA, *Erie*, on 14 Mar, while 300 at Pine Lake, *Mahoning*, on 06 Mar were the second most (m. obs.). (67 counties)

### Mallard

Metzger hosted about 2500 on 08 Mar for Tyler Ficker. The next most were the 900 that Josh Hargrave saw at both Wake Robin on 02 Mar and Mentor Lagoons on 06 Mar. Brad and Josh Davidson provided the inland high count of 600, from Calla Road, *Mahoning*, on 06 Mar. Only *Pike* didn't have a sighting.

### American Black Duck

Three Jun sightings followed spring's last, which was on 30 May in the *Washington* section of Wayne NF (Terry Bronson). Tyler Ficker saw about 250 at Metzger on 08 Mar and the second most were John Petruzzi's 100 by Calla Road, *Mahoning*, on 05 Mar. (60 counties)

### [Mallard x American Black Duck]

Reports came from 11 counties; most were of single birds but there were a few duos as well.

### Northern Pintail

But for one mid-Jun sighting, the last was by Jelmer Poelstra at Wilderness Road on 24 May. The second last were two at Magee on 16 May for Anne and Steve Bielamowicz. Metzger hosted 3000 for Tyler Ficker on 08 Mar. Next most were about 1200 at Funk on 12 and 13 Mar (m. obs.). (55 counties)

### Green-winged Teal

The last of the season spent 26 to 30 May at Sandy Ridge for m. obs., but there were a few

Jun sightings as well. Josh Yoder found 225 at Wright Marsh on 04 Apr and Tyler Ficker 150 at Metzger on 08 Mar. (66 counties)

### Canvasback

Ed and Sheila Bremer saw the last of the season, at Maumee Bay on 18 May. (There was one mid-Jun sighting as well.) Kenn Kaufman saw about 1000 off East Harbor on 03 Mar. The next most were Paul Jacyk's 700 off Bay View Park, *Lucas*, on 04 Mar. The most away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa* were 275 off Cahoon Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 01 Mar (Chris Pierce) and the most inland were 150 at Delaware WA on 02 Mar (Richard Stelzer). (60 counties)

### Redhead

Several Jun sightings followed this season's last, which was of two birds by Jim Proffitt at Howard Marsh on 30 May. Tyler Ficker found 2800 at Metzger on 08 Mar and the next most were Kenn Kaufman's 1800 off East Harbor on 03 Mar. Richard Stelzer saw the most away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa*, 1200 at Hoover Reservoir on 02 Mar. (73 counties)

### Ring-necked Duck

Matt Mason saw the season's last, two at Evans Park, *Licking*, on 31 May; they were followed by a few Jun sightings. Metzger again provided the high count, 1800 on 08 Mar for Tyler Ficker. The second highest number of 1500 was shared by Richard Stelzer at Hoover Reservoir on 02 Mar and by Michael A. Hershberger and Scott Watkins at Killbuck on 14 Mar. (82 counties)

### Greater Scaup

Tyler Ficker and Rita Phillips saw the last, four off East Harbor on 06 May. The waters off East Harbor also provided the high count, 500 on 03 Mar for Dawn Parker. Next most were Heather Slayton's 300 off Maumee Bay on 06 Apr. The most away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa* were 100 at each of Cahoon Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 05 Mar (Martha Burrows) and Pipe Creek on 06 Mar (Martin Manges). The inland high count was Robert Thorn's 50 at Hoover Reservoir on 09 Mar. (56 counties)

### Lesser Scaup

Warren Leow saw the last of the season, two off Maumee Bay on 31 May, but they were followed by two Jun sightings. Ed Lux saw about 7000 off East Harbor on 30 Mar. John Herman's 617 at Clear Fork on 15 Mar was the inland high count. (75 counties)

### Greater/Lesser Scaup

Trevor Zook estimated 32,500 were at Cedar Point NWR on 31 Mar; see Field Notes for details.

### Surf Scoter

Gregg Eldred and Mandy Roberts separately reported the last, two at the Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, **Allen**, on 14 May. Several birders saw six at Alum Creek between 22 and 26 Apr. Reports also came from **Cuyahoga**, **Lucas**, **Summit**, **Trumbull**, and **Wayne**.

### White-winged Scoter

The last, and most, were three at LaDue on 25 Apr (m. obs.). The second last was one that spent 29 Mar to 02 Apr at Turkeyfoot Lake, **Summit**, for m. obs. **Cuyahoga**, **Delaware**, **Franklin**, and **Stark** also contributed reports.

### Black Scoter

The reports are:

One off Bayview, **Erie**, on 12 Mar (Paul Sherwood)

One Conneaut flyby on 20 Mar (James Smallwood)

One at Lorain on 28 Mar (Kevin and Patty McKelvey)

One at Alum Creek from 24 Apr to 05 May (m. obs.)

### Long-tailed Duck

Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, **Allen**, hosted the last on 18 and 19 Apr (m. obs.). David Wilkins saw the second last, at a pond at the **Vinton** airport on 30 Mar. Chelsea Beck and Eric Schill saw about 50 at Pymatuning Lake, **Ashtabula**, on 20 Mar, though some or all of them might have been across the Pennsylvania line; the second most were 11 at LaDue that same day (m. obs.). (22 counties)

### Bufflehead

Josh Yoder saw the last, at Mallard Club on 20 May. The most were Riley Mercer's 150 at Berlin Lake on 21 Mar and the second most Bela Anand-Apte's 125 off CLNP on 28 Mar. (78 counties)

### Common Goldeneye

Karen and Warren Leow saw the last, off Maumee Bay on 19 May. Several birders saw the second last, at Lorain on 14 May. Tom Bartlett counted 935 around Kelleys Island on 05 Mar. The next most were about 500 off Euclid Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 06 Mar (Todd Eiben) and the inland high number was 100 at Hoover Reservoir on 02 Mar (Richard Stelzer). (59 counties)

### Hooded Merganser

Mallard Club hosted about 100 for Anthony Marino on 03 Apr. Karl Mechem's 60 at Scio-to Audubon MP, **Franklin**, on 02 Mar were the second most. Jon Costanzo saw a female with 12 young at her **Preble** property on 30 Apr. (82 counties)

### Common Merganser

Mark Shieldcastle saw 2200 at ONWR on 14 Mar. JP Waldron's 1000 off East Harbor on 19 Mar were the second most. The inland high count of 150 was shared by Richard Stelzer at Hoover Reservoir on 02 Mar and Kent Miller at Seneca Lake, **Guernsey**, on 05 Mar. Douglas Vogus *et al.* saw a female with 18 young during the 07 May ONWR census. As far as I know, that's the first nesting record for the northwestern part of the state. (63 counties)

### Red-breasted Merganser

Sightings continued into Jun. Jen Brumfield provided the two highest counts, both on 01 Apr at Cleveland sites: 2800 off East 55<sup>th</sup> Street and 3800 in the harbor. Next most were the 2000 that Brad and Josh Davidson saw at Pipe Creek on 21 Mar. The inland high number was John Herman's 592 at Clear Fork on 15 Mar. (71 counties)

### Ruddy Duck

Birders saw 1800 to 2000 at LaDue on 19 Apr; while Nancy Anderson saw 1800 off East Harbor on 18 Apr. (72 counties)

### Northern Bobwhite

Tania Perry found the season's first, near Thurman, **Jackson**, on 06 Mar. The next was Katie McGee's at the Conroy Road Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary, **Hamilton**, on 13 Mar. Alex Eberts noted 12 at the **Vinton** airport on 04 Apr; Benjamin Collings found six near Sabina, **Clinton**, on 16 Mar. (22 counties)

### Wild Turkey

Barbara Knapp made an exact count of 50 near Vermilion, **Lorain**, on 20 Mar. The second most were the 31 that Susan Carpenter saw near Stow, **Summit**, on 18 Mar. (83 counties)

### Ruffed Grouse

Kelly Williams was at Strouds Run SP, **Athens**, on 22 May and was chased by an adult while at least two young fled. The last report otherwise was by Bruce Simpson, who heard one drumming at Zaleski on 29 Apr. All of the reports except Kelly's were of single birds; **Coshocton**, **Harrison**, **Hocking**, and **Washington** also contributed.

### Ring-necked Pheasant

Ron Sempier saw five males and four females at Killdeer on 21 Apr. (46 counties)

### Horned Grebe

A trio of birders saw the last, at Metzger on 21 May. Alex Garrote contributed the high count of 34, from Chippewa Lake, **Medina**, on 27 Mar. (64 counties)



### Pied-billed Grebe

Robin Sweet saw about 40 at ONWR on 18 Apr and up to 32 were reported there on other dates. Tracy Engle saw the most elsewhere, 30 at La-Due on 04 Apr. (80 counties)



This Pied-billed Grebe enjoyed a quiet morning at Killbuck that Su Snyder captured with this photograph on 07 April.

### Red-necked Grebe

The season's first spent from 12 to 20 Mar on Acton Lake in Hueston Woods SP (m. obs.). Several birders saw the last, off Lakewood Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 18 Apr. The second last was enjoyed by many between 14 and 27 Mar at Dillon SP, *Muskingum*, *Geauga*, *Preble*, and *Seneca* also contributed reports.

### Eared Grebe

The first of the season was at Lost Creek Reservoir, *Allen*, on 09 Mar; Linda Houshower and Mandy Roberts reported it separately. What had to have been the same bird was seen until 23 Mar at the adjacent Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs. Several birders saw the last; it spent 15 to 20 May at Big Island. One at Lorain on 04 Apr (Ed Wransky) completes the sightings.

### Rock Pigeon

The OSU Livestock Facility hosted 310 for Gautam Apte on 13 Mar. Hikaru Keebler found 165 at nearby OSW Waterman Farm on 02 Mar. The most elsewhere were about 100 at each of Marysville, *Union*, on 01 Mar (Eric Juterbock) and the *Lorain* airport on 21 Mar (Kevin and Patty McKelvey). Only *Huron* and *Monroe* didn't have sightings.

### Eurasian Collared-Dove

Counts of six came from Beavertown, *Allen*, on both 20 and 21 Mar (m. obs.) (16 counties)

### White-winged Dove

Single reports from *Crawford*, *Ross*, and *Warren* have photos. Many reports from *Franklin* have descriptions and/or photos. A report from *Henry* has a minimal description.

### Mourning Dove

John Pogacnik provided the high count, 87, from Lake Erie Bluffs on 07 Apr. The next most were

Gautam Apte's 61, counted as they passed CLNP westbound on 08 Apr. (all 88 counties)

### Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Randy Mickle heard the first, in Washington Court House, *Fayette*, on 07 Apr. The next report came after quite an interval; Derek and Levi Parker found it at CNC's Rowe Woods on 24 Apr. Janice Farral noted the first of the far north, at Bacon Woods on 28 Apr. Kenn Kaufman found 11 at ONWR on 26 May. (78 counties)

### Black-billed Cuckoo

The first reports were on 02 May, from Darby Creek (Ronnie Clark and Ron Marek), in West Portsmouth, *Scioto* (Jeffrey Cohen), and as a nighttime flight call over Cuyahoga Falls, *Summit* (Brian Tinker). One got to Magee by 04 May (Karen Edelson). The high count of five was shared by Liam Waters at Maumee Bay on 16 May and Debbie and Mark Raven in the CVNP Station Road area on 19 May. (52 counties)

### Common Nighthawk

Nathan Kallet saw the first, over Athens (city) on 25 Apr. Susan Cybulski saw the first for the far north, three at Maumee Bay on 02 May. Bob and Sara Crist saw about 20 over Maumee Bay on 20 May. (51 counties)

### Chuck-will's-widow

Helen and Ken Ostermiller tallied three on 27 Apr, along Tulip Road, *Adams*, for the season's first record. The next date was 01 May, when several *Adams* sites generated reports. Bruce and Kelly Miller heard five along Hamilton Road, *Adams*, on 30 May. In addition to the many Adams encounters, one site in each of *Athens*, *Highland*, and *Tuscarawas* also generated reports.

### Eastern Whip-poor-will

Jay Wright audio recorded the first, in Vinton Furnace SF on 05 Apr. One made it to Lake Erie on 14 Apr, when Matt Kneitel heard it both morning and evening in Beachwood, *Cuyahoga*. Bob Lane found 13 along 2.3 miles of Foundry Hill Road, *Columbiana*, on 27 May. Julie Zickefoose's Whipple, *Washington*, property hosted seven on 27 May. (29 counties)

### Chimney Swift

The first date was 04 Apr, when Ashleigh James saw one in Logan, *Hocking*, and Leon Staniszewski another at Howard Marsh. Gautam Apte found 465 passing CLNP on 06 May. Only *Fulton*, *Monroe*, and *Pike* didn't have sightings.

### Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Richard Gass saw the first, at his *Hamilton* home on 14 Apr. Allison Grant saw the north

coast's first, in Cleveland Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 21 Apr. Dan Gesualdo saw nine at Volunteer Bay on 04 May. Only **Madison** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### King Rail

The reports are:

One in Springville Marsh on 24 Apr (Dave Smith)

Two at Howard Marsh on 25 Apr (Josh Yoder)  
One at Magee on 03 May (Annie Downing) and  
06 May (Tyler Ficker, Josh King) and two  
there on 15 May (Rob and Sandy Harlan) and  
17 May (Cindy Wargo)

One found dead from a window strike in Findlay, **Hancock**, on 26 May (Robert Sams)

### Virginia Rail

Several birders heard and saw the first one or more, on 12 Mar in both the **Greene** and **Warren** sections of Spring Valley WA. Philip Steiner's find at Pipe Creek on 20 Mar was the far north's first. Rob and Sandy Harlan found 15 at Magee on 15 May. David L. Erb saw one and heard seven others in Killbuck Creek WA, **Holmes**, on 08 May. (52 counties)

### Sora

Josh Yoder reported the first, from Wright Marsh on 04 Apr. James Smallwood saw the north coast's first, at Geneva SP, **Ashtabula**, on 07 Apr. Several birders encountered 20 along the Maumee Bay boardwalk on 04 May, while 3.5 miles of travel in Darby Creek produced 14 for Jon Anderson. (52 counties)



*Sneaking out of its grassy hole at Sandy Ridge, this Sora was still spotted by Kevin McKelvey and photographed on 02 May.*

### American Coot

Birders saw between 1000 and 1100 at Metzger on 16 Apr. Janet Hughes saw about 1000 in Sandusky Bay on 05 Apr. George Novosel provided the highest inland count, 700 at Turkeyfoot Lake, **Summit**, on 16 Mar. (72 counties)

### Purple Gallinule

A post from ONWR has a description.

### Common Gallinule

Howard Marsh hosted the first, for Danielle DeMuth on 10 Apr, and the most, 18 for a trio of birders on 10 May. (33 counties)



*This Common Gallinule was spotted on 15 May by Su Snyder along Cemetery Road in Killbuck.*

### Yellow Rail

One spent four May days at Irwin Prairie SNP, **Lucas**. Audio recordings and photos resulted, but no formal report to the OBRC.

### Sandhill Crane

Clet Herman watched three flocks pass Hix-Edge Road, **Defiance**, on 03 Mar; they totaled about 100 birds. Will Babb saw about 80 pass over his Columbus home, also on 03 Mar. The third most were Su Snyder's 54 at Funk on 23 Mar. (63 counties)

### Whooping Crane

The OBRC has a report from **Ottawa**.

### Black-necked Stilt

Trevor Zook saw the first, at ONWR on 06 Apr. Next was one at Howard Marsh on 15 Apr; Karen Sullivan and Debbie Vargo separately reported it. Birders saw six at Howard Marsh on several dates, as did Tyler Ficker and Rita Phillips along the ONWR WD on 05 May. Of the latter report, five were seen near Krause Road and the sixth was a flyover. The most not in **Lucas** or **Ottawa** were five at Prairie Lane, **Wayne**, on 22 May for Diana Komjati. Reports also came from **Allen**, **Knox**, **Marion**, **Mercer**, and **Sandusky**.

### American Avocet

The first was near the dam at Lake Snowden, **Athens**, on 12 Apr (m. obs.). It took more than two weeks for any to reach the north coast. On 28 Apr Dan Gesualdo watched one pass Volunteer Bay as did Janice Farral and Chad Wilson at Lorain. The last of the season was also at Lorain, on 22 May (m. obs.). Birders saw 15 to 17 from the Maumee Bay boardwalk on 29 Apr. The inland high count was 11, by William Kerrigan at Dillon SP, Muskingum, on 07 May. **Guernsey** and **Wyandot** provided the other reports.

### Black-bellied Plover

Prairie Lane, **Wayne**, hosted the first, for Jelmer

Poelstra on 21 Apr. Jeff Sailer saw one at Howard Marsh the next day. The last sightings but for a single one in Jun were on 31 May, of one bird at Conneaut (Bob Krajewski) and six outside Oregon, **Lucas** (Ellen Leonard). Paul Jacyk found about 60 along the ONWR WD on 23 May and up to 50 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 46 at Howard Marsh on 21 May (Karen and Warren Leow). The inland high count was 14, shared by a field outside Centerburg, **Knox**, on 11 May (Leslie Sours and Carl Winstead) and the Funk/Wilderness Road area on several late May dates (m. obs.). (23 counties)

#### American Golden-Plover

Douglas Vogus *et al.* found the first one, at ONWR on 04 Apr. Next were Jeff Lamson's 26 at Pickerel Creek on 10 Apr. The last was one at Howard Marsh on 24 May (m. obs.). Steve Jones found about 325 at Big Island on 02 May, and the next highest count was by Andrew Simon, 209 along the ONWR WD on 01 May. (17 counties)

#### Killdeer

Ron Sempier saw about 80, appropriately enough at Killdeer Plains on 21 Apr. Reanna Thomas counted 59 near Milford, **Clermont**, on 07 Mar. (all 88 counties)

#### Piping Plover

The big news was the arrival of a pair at the Maumee Bay inland beach on 24 May; they set up housekeeping and in early Jul hatched four young. The other sightings, all by m. obs., were: One or two at Bresler Reservoir, **Allen**, between 21 and 30 Apr

One at Lorain on 03 May

One at Headlands on 04 and 05 May

One at Lakeview Park, **Lorain**, on 11 May

One at Grand Lake SP on 16 May

One at Howard Marsh from 18 to 23 May



The Piping Plover at Lakeview Park, **Lorain**, was photographed by Carol Martinsen on 11 May.

#### Semipalmated Plover

Julie Tyson saw the first, at Lost Bridge on 16 Apr. The next was near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 23 Apr for Nick Daley and Scott Pendleton. Singles

were at Howard Marsh and ONWR on 30 Apr (m. obs.). Migration continued well into Jun. Benjamin H. Yoder counted 272 near Walhonding, **Coshocton**, on 22 May. Jelmer Poelstra's 154 at Funk on 20 May were the second most. (48 counties)

#### Upland Sandpiper

Scott Pendleton saw the first; it flew over The Bowl on 08 Apr. Irina Shulgina saw the next, two at the OSU Livestock Facility on 13 Apr. A trio of birders saw the far north's first, along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 22 Apr. Up to six were seen near Cadiz, **Harrison** (m. obs.). Reports also came from **Hamilton**, **Lucas**, and **Wyandot**.

#### Whimbrel

Mary Grey and Patrick Markee separately reported the first, from Maumee Bay on 13 May. Kisa Weeman watched the last, a flock of 25 passing Wilderness Road on 29 May. Observers found up to 230 at Funk on 26 May; the most elsewhere were the 173 that Alex Eberts counted at Darby Creek on 23 May. (9 counties)

#### Hudsonian Godwit

Two spent from 26 to 28 May in the Funk/Wilderness Road area for m. obs. to see.

#### Marbled Godwit

Paul Gibson saw the first, 11 at Lost Bridge on 17 Apr. Four got to Killdeer for a trio of birders on 20 Apr and one was at Medusa for Paul Sherwood on 22 Apr. A single mid-Jun report followed this season's last, which was of 11 birds by Anthony Fry at Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, on 28 May. The two flocks of 11 were also the largest counts; the second most were five at Lost Bridge on 05 May (Julie Tyson and Gale Wulker). Reports also came from **Cuyahoga**, **Lake**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, and **Wyandot**.

#### Ruddy Turnstone

The Ellis Lake wetlands, **Butler** (hereafter simply Ellis Lake), hosted the first, for Peter Kavouras on 07 May. Paul Asman saw the north coast's first the next day at Sheldon Marsh. Sightings were steady until the last of the season on 31 May; that day Ellen Leonard saw two near Oregon, **Lucas**, and Matthew Jolley three at Maumee Bay. (A few Jun sightings followed.) A trio of birders counted 23 at Maumee Bay on 27 May. (13 counties)

#### Red Knot

Two were at Maumee Bay on 27 May (m. obs.) and one was (still?) there on 30 May (Quentin Skrabec). One was seen at Wilderness Road on 29 May (m. obs.)



### **Ruff**

One that spent 25 to 28 Apr in Holmes was photographed many times but not reported to the OBRC.

### **Stilt Sandpiper**

Dan Kramer saw the first, at Howard Marsh on 28 Apr. Several birders saw up to four at Funk on 27 May, the last date. All of the sightings except the Funk four were of single birds. (7 counties)

### **Sanderling**

Cameron Douthat saw the first, at Maumee Bay on 01 May. Matthew Jolley saw the season's last, 11 at Maumee Bay on 31 May. (Singles were also seen nearby that day, and Jun sightings followed.) Janice Farral's 18 at Lakeview Park, Lorain, on 28 May were the most. **Lake, Ottawa, Warren,** and **Wayne** also had sightings.

### **Dunlin**

The first was at Funk on 13 Mar (m. obs.). Kenn Kaufman saw the far north's first, at ONWR Boss on 19 Mar. Sightings continued into Jun. Birders found between 1300 and 1500 along the ONWR WD on 30 Apr; the next most were Terry Bronson's 1085 at Mallard Club on 14 May. Janice Farral found the most away from **Lucas** and **Ottawa**, 230 at the Oberlin Preserve, **Lorain**, on 26 Apr. (43 counties)



*Looking sharp in spring plumage, this Dunlin was photographed by Tom Fishburn as it searched for food at Funk on 31 May.*

### **Purple Sandpiper**

Katheryn DiNardi and Joe Woyma saw one west-bound past CLNP on 31 Mar.

### **Least Sandpiper**

Funk provided the first sighting, for m. obs. on 13 Mar. Curiously, the next was two weeks later and much further south; Mike Hatfield found two at Buck Creek on 02 Apr. The north coast's first were two at Howard Marsh on 14 Apr (JoAnne Spitzer) and one at ONWR Boss the same day (Jason Bojczyk). Sightings continued into Jun. Howard Gratz counted 93 at Knox Lake on 26 May; the next most were 60 at Mallard Club on

16 May for Theo Bockhorst and Toby Carlstrom. (56 counties)

### **White-rumped Sandpiper**

Joe Kollar saw the first, at Howard Marsh on 02 May, and sightings were fairly steady through the end of the month. Beth and James Sybrandy found 12 at Maumee Bay on 18 May. (9 counties)

### **Pectoral Sandpiper**

Ellis Lake hosted the first, on 03 March for Brice Grunert and Charlie Saunders, and the last, on 31 May for m. obs. The OSU Livestock Facility held about 500 on 14 Apr (m. obs.), and Howard Marsh about 300 on 17 Apr (Jeff Sailer). (58 counties)

### **Semipalmated Sandpiper**

Bill Ohlsen saw the first, two along Krause and Stange Roads, **Ottawa**, on 24 Apr, and their migration continued well into Jun. Bennie Saylor found about 225 at Funk on 27 May and up to 100 were reported there on other dates. Counts of 100 also came from Andy Brown at Deer Creek WA on 22 May and from Matthew Plante at the Hebron hatchery, **Licking**, on 26 May. (40 counties)

### **Western Sandpiper**

One or two were at the Grand Lake hatchery from 08 to 11 May (m. obs.) and up to three at Funk between 27 and 31 May (m. obs.).

### **Wilson's Snipe**

150 were at Mentor Marsh for James Smallwood on 15 Apr and up to 68 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Ed Lux's 63 at ONWR Boss on 06 Apr. (62 counties)



*Beachcombing the shore, this Wilson's Snipe posed nicely near Schwartzwalder Road, **Wayne**, for Su Snyder.*

### **Short-billed Dowitcher**

Ron Sempier saw the first, at Killdeer on 19 Apr. Next were six at ONWR on 24 Apr (Dan Bar-da). Up to five were seen at Funk from 22 to 28

May, the last date (m. obs.). The high count of 21 came from a field outside Hilliard, **Franklin**, on 14 May (Michael Lamont and Leslie Sours). (29 counties)

### Long-billed Dowitcher

Killdeer also hosted the first of this species, on 11 Mar for Cam Lee. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 23 on 04 Apr, the second date. But the most were the 28 that Marianne Gorman found at Ellis Lake on 27 Apr. The last were seen at Mallard Club on 17 May, two by Robert Bobel and eight by Mary Anne Romito. (10 counties)

### American Woodcock

Josh Yoder provided the high count, 22 in the Happy Hill area of **Holmes** on 23 Mar. Amy Longley and Betsy MacMillan found 18 in Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 22 Mar. (72 counties)

### Spotted Sandpiper

Marianne Gorman saw the first, at Ellis Lake on 04 Apr. Ed Wransky saw the first near Lake Erie, at the Crook Street wetlands, **Lorain**, on 07 Apr. Robert Sams' 18 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 17 May were the most. (80 counties)



*This Spotted Sandpiper was spotting something when Su Snyder spotted it at ONWR on 03 May.*

### Solitary Sandpiper

Randy Morgan saw the first, at Pater WA, **Butler**, on 24 Mar. Janice Farral's find at Sandy Ridge on 05 Apr was the first in a Lake Erie-side county. Ellis Lake hosted the last of the season, on 31 May (m. obs.), and there were also two Jun sightings. Several birders saw 60 at Maumee Bay on 04 May. The second most were Randy Morgan's 39 at Pater WA on 08 May. (80 counties)

### Lesser Yellowlegs

Marianne Gorman and Daniel King saw the first a few hours apart, at Fernald on 05 Mar. Heidi Swanson's at Howard Marsh on 29 Mar was the first near Lake Erie. One bird at Ellis Lake (Blake Anderson) and two at Funk (m. obs.) on 31 May were the last. Maumee Bay hosted 150 for m. obs. on 04 May. The second highest count

was 81, by Benjamin Miller at Knox Lake on 27 Apr and Cam Lee near Marion on 07 May. (72 counties)

### Willet

Eight at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, on 26 Apr were the first (Troy Shively). One at Edgewater on 27 Apr was the north coast's first (m. obs.). Three birders separately reported the last, at Conneaut on 31 May. A group of birders agreed that 32 were along the ONWR WD on 03 May. The most inland were the 14 to 20 seen by various birders on 07 May at and near Bolton Field, **Franklin**. (17 counties)

### Greater Yellowlegs

Melanie Shuter saw the first, near New Holland, **Pickaway**, on 04 Mar. Several birders saw the far north's first; it flew past Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 10 Mar. The last one of the season was at Ellis Lake (m. obs.) on 31 May and one early Jun report followed. The high count of 50 was shared by Jeff Lamson at Pickerel Creek on 26 Apr and Craig Nilsson at Mallard Club on 08 May. (71 counties)

### Wilson's Phalarope

The first date was 02 May, when one or two were seen in **Butler**, two **Stark** sites, and **Lucas**. The high count of four came from Ellis Lake between 13 and 15 May (m. obs.). The season's last date was 31 May, when one bird was seen at Funk (m. obs.) and up to three at Ellis Lake (m. obs.). One stayed at Ellis Lake until 05 Jun (m. obs.). (11 counties)



*While checking out the shoreline at Funk, Tom Fishburn spotted a Wilson's Phalarope delicately picking its dinner on 31 May.*

### Red-necked Phalarope

On 10 May, Greg Hitchings and Eric Wilhoit saw two along Cedar Point Road, **Lucas**, and m. obs. saw one at Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**. Karlee Braun and Gregory Hartman weren't together, but each saw two along the ONWR WD on 15 May. (11 counties)

### Bonaparte's Gull

Lori Brumbaugh and Cynthia Norris estimated that 6000 were visible from Wendy Park on 13

Apr, and up to 5000 were reported there and at other Cleveland locations. The most away from *Cuyahoga* were 550 at Marblehead, *Ottawa*, on 15 Apr (Kenn Kaufman) and the most inland were 359 at Clear Fork on 28 Mar (John Herman). (69 counties)

#### Little Gull

Jason and Neill Cade photographed one at Caesar Creek on 11 May.

#### Laughing Gull

Toby Carlstrom and Matt Debelak separately reported one at Wendy Park on 12 Apr. Warren Leow saw another at Maumee Bay on 25 May.

#### Franklin's Gull

The reports, all of single birds, are:

Along the lower Cuyahoga River and in Cleveland harbor between 05 and 22 Apr (m. obs.)

At Bresler Reservoir, *Allen*, on 23 Apr (Kelly Miller)

At Howard Marsh on 30 Apr (Bill Johnson)

At Buck Creek on 16 May (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker)

#### Ring-billed Gull

Richard Stelzer estimated that 20,000 were at Hoover Reservoir on 02 Mar. Janice Farral and Joshua Vardous saw about 10,000 at Lorain (city) harbor on 05 Mar. (81 counties)

#### Herring Gull

About 8000 were off Wendy Park on 16 Mar for Josh Davidson and up to 6500 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Alexandra Wardwell's 5500 at Edgewater, also on 16 Mar, and the most not in *Cuyahoga* were 1200 at Painesville TP, *Lake*, on 13 Mar (Erin Allen and Andy Avram). The inland high count of 150 was shared by Henry Trimpe at Chippewa Lake, *Medina*, on 17 Mar and Riley Mercer at Berlin Lake on 21 Mar. (62 counties)

#### Iceland Gull

Jen Brumfield saw the last, what was probably the same bird at both Edgewater and Wendy Park on 23 Apr. Twelve to 15 were at Wendy Park between 16 and 24 Apr. The most not in Cleveland were three at both Painesville TP, *Lake*, on 13 Mar (Erin Allen and Andy Avram) and Lake Erie Bluffs on 23 Mar (John Pogacnik). *Erie*, *Lorain*, and *Lucas* also had sightings.

#### Lesser Black-backed Gull

Waters off Wendy Park hosted up to 47 in late Mar (m. obs.). The most elsewhere were the 10 that Jacob Raber and James Stammen saw at Oberlin Reservoir, *Lorain*, on 03 Apr. As usual, a few stuck around into Jun. (26 counties)

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

Janice Farral photographed this hybrid at Lorain harbor on 09 Mar.

#### Glaucous Gull

Cole DiFabio saw the last, at Fairport Harbor, *Lake*, on 20 Apr. Gautam Apte's 11 at Wendy Park on 23 Mar were the most and Jen Brumfield's eight at Edgewater on 16 Mar the second most. The most away from *Cuyahoga* were three at Painesville TP, *Lake*, on 13 Mar for Erin Allen and Andy Avram. All of the reports came from *Cuyahoga*, *Lake*, and *Lorain*.

#### [Herring x Glaucous Gull]

Gautam Apte got photos of one at Cahoon Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 22 Mar.

#### Great Black-backed Gull

A Lake Erie cruise out of Cleveland netted 130 for Jen Brumfield *et al.* on 27 Mar. The most away from *Cuyahoga* were 60 at Conneaut on 13 Mar (James Smallwood). The most inland were three at Oberlin Reservoir, *Lorain*, on 03 Apr (Debbie and Mark Raven). The only sighting further inland was Jeff Goff's single bird at Berlin Lake on 22 Mar. (9 counties)

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

Jen Brumfield identified one for the participants on a 27 Mar Lake Erie outing from Cleveland.

#### Caspian Tern

Katheryn DiNardi and Joe Woyma saw the first, three in Cleveland harbor on 25 Mar. Jason Hull's 300 at Headlands on 25 Apr were the most, while William Kerrigan's 18 at Dillon SP, *Muskingum*, on 29 Apr were the most at an inland site. (40 counties)

#### Black Tern

The first were two at Metzger on 27 Apr (David Kelly). Eighteen to 20 were seen there on 11 May (m. obs.). Rick Asamoto's eight at a Barrett gravel pit in West Carrollton, *Montgomery*, on 09 May were the most inland. (16 counties)

#### Common Tern

Denyse Carone and Tom Hissong saw the first, two at Englewood on 05 Apr. The next day, R. Lee Reed saw one at Great Egret Marsh, *Ottawa*. About 225 were at Howard Marsh on 20 May for BJ and Jon Little. Next door Metzger hosted 150 on several May dates (m. obs.). The most inland were 52 with the Black Terns at the *Montgomery* gravel pit on 09 May (Rick Asamoto). (31 counties)

#### Forster's Tern

Great Egret Marsh, *Ottawa*, hosted the first, four on 31 Mar for Craig and Theresa Moore. Clear Fork held the most, 51 on 11 May for Gary Cowell. (38 counties)

**Red-throated Loon**

The reports are:

One off Rocky River Park, *Cuyahoga*, from 15 to 17 Apr (m. obs.)

One at Clear Fork on 20 and 21 Apr (m. obs.)

One at Lake Medina on 25 Apr (Jonathan Wilhelms)

One off CLNP on 04 May (m. obs.)

One at the mouth of the Rocky River and nearby, *Cuyahoga*, from at least 14 May to 24 May (m. obs.)

**Common Loon**

Sightings were scattered throughout the season and into summer. LaDue hosted 25 to 30 on 04 Apr (Tracy Engle, Matthew Valencic). (68 counties)

**Wood Stork**

The OBRC has a report from *Summit*.

**Anhinga**

One proceeded from Lake Isaac to Coe Lake to Baldwin Lake, all in *Cuyahoga*, on 02 May; the OBRC received two formal reports and gleaned many photos from posts.

**Great Cormorant**

A few photos and descriptions came from *Cuyahoga*.

**Double-crested Cormorant**

Observers saw between 2100 and 3200 from Wendy Park on 17 Apr. The most elsewhere were Kelly Kozlowski's 2000 at LaDue on 11 Apr. Only *Henry*, *Jackson*, *Monroe*, and *Williams* didn't have sightings.

**Neotropic Cormorant**

The OBRC has a report and many photos from *Franklin*. A post from *Allen* had a photo. Two posts of separate sightings in *Cuyahoga* had no supporting data.

**American White Pelican**

Sightings came throughout the season. About 300 were at Grand Lake from mid-Mar to at least 07 Apr (m. obs.). Trevor Zook saw about 200 at ONWR on 06 Apr. (23 counties)

**Brown Pelican**

A post from *Lucas* had a minimal description. One from *Summit* had no information.

**American Bittern**

Several birders noted the first, at Darby Creek on 27 Mar. Lori Brumbaugh found the far north's first, in the *Cuyahoga* section of CVNP on 29 Mar. Darby Creek hosted seven for Irina Shulgina on 30 Apr and up to six on other dates. The next most were the three that flew past Joel Throckmorton at CLNP on 16 May. (32 counties)

**Least Bittern**

Susan Hambley Nature Center, *Medina*, provided the first sighting, for David Green on 24 Apr. Kelly Kozlowski and Mark Shaver heard three at TNC's Lucia Nash Preserve, *Geauga*, on 26 Apr; as did Tyler McClain at Nimisila on 20 May. (24 counties)

**Great Blue Heron**

The high count of 150 was shared by Carol Bates at ONWR on 18 Apr and Cory Chiappone at Cromwell Park, *Lorain*, on 18 May. (all 88 counties)

**Great Egret**

Benjamin Miller saw 140 at Mallard Club on 15 May and up to 113 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 100, seen along the Magee causeway on 09 May (Carol Bates) and at ONWR on 30 May (m. obs.). The most away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa* were 73 at a colony in McKinley Quarry, *Franklin*, on 24 May (Alex Eberts). (72 counties)

**Snowy Egret**

Donna Braig saw the first, two along the Magee causeway on 04 Apr. Wes Donnell's 12 along the ONWR WD on 07 May were the most, and up to 10 were seen in that general area on other dates. All of the sightings away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa* were of single birds. (12 counties)

**Little Blue Heron**

The first was at Englewood, on 07 Apr for Jill Gordon. One spent from 30 May into Jun at Ellis Lake (m. obs.). The rest of the sightings, from *Allen*, *Ashtabula*, *Lucas*, *Portage*, and *Scioto*, were not repeated.

**Cattle Egret**

Tajinder Singh saw the first, at ONWR on 29 Mar. Two there on 14 May for Deb Eiger were the most. (11 counties)

**Green Heron**

Reanna Thomas saw an "early flyover" at Stillmeadow Farms, *Clermont*, on 04 Apr. Beth and Steve Cagan's find at Sandy Ridge on 07 Apr was the far north's first. Maumee Bay hosted 12 on 06 May for Josh King. (82 counties)

**Black-crowned Night-Heron**

Dan Wilson spooked 31 out of the reeds while kayaking at Howard Marsh on 02 May. David Wilkins counted 28 at an Oregon, *Lucas*, roost on 10 Mar. Theo Bockhorst saw 20 pass by Edgewater on 27 Apr for the most away from *Lucas*. (30 counties)

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**

One was at Napoleon, *Henry*, from 18 Apr to 26 May (m. obs.) and another one or two were



at Gilmore MP, **Butler**, from 18 May into Jun (m. obs.).

### Glossy Ibis

The reports are:

One at Mallard Club on 10 May (Liz Jagers) and 15 May (Benjamin Miller)

One at Lorain from 27 to 31 May (m. obs.)

Four at Pickerel Creek on 31 May (m. obs.)

### White-faced Ibis

The OBRC has a report from one **Lucas** site and photos gleaned from posts at three others. Posts from **Lorain** and **Wayne** have photos.

### Black Vulture

Paul Gibson counted 87 over Shawnee Lookout on 09 Apr. The next most were Adrian Lee's 65 along the Kokosing Gap Trail, **Knox**, on 25 Mar. (73 counties)

### Turkey Vulture

John Pogacnik counted 3864 passing Lake Erie Bluffs on 29 Mar; see Field Notes for details. A trio of birders counted 2089 passing Malek Park, **Ashtabula**, on 22 Mar. (all 88 counties)

### Osprey

Sandy Garrison saw the first, at Cowan Lake, **Clinton**, on 09 Mar. John Brikmanis' over Magee on 14 Mar was the far north's first. A hawk watch at Malek Park on 27 Apr produced 24 (m. obs.). The next highest number was eight, and was achieved at three sites. (80 counties)



This Osprey picked up a fish for dinner at Nimisila, giving a great pose for Kathy Mock on 10 April.

### White-tailed Kite

One first sighted in **Harrison** on 31 May was still being reported in Jul. The OBRC has a report and posts with descriptions and photos and has accepted the event for the record.

### Golden Eagle

Ethan Maynard saw the first of the season, near Bloomfield, **Trumbull**, on 08 Mar. The last passed Malek Park on 27 Apr (m. obs.). Leroy Yoder saw an immature and an adult over his **Co-shocton** home on 17 Mar. Sightings also came from **Hardin**, **Holmes**, and **Lucas**.

### Northern Harrier

The 27 Apr Malek Park hawk watch produced 22 (m. obs.). Next most were Brian Gaffey's 11 at Killdeer on 05 Mar. (69 counties)

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

Day-long hawk watches at Malek Park provided the two highest counts, both for m. obs. They were 59 on 22 Mar and 507 on 27 Apr. Three hours at Edgewater by Gautam Apte, also on 27 Apr, yielded the most elsewhere: 49. (68 counties)

### Cooper's Hawk

Twenty-one passed Malek Park on 27 Apr (m. obs.). Jen Brumfield's 13 at Edgewater on 10 Apr were the second most. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Northern Goshawk

A post from **Wayne** has a description.

### Bald Eagle

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 77 at ONWR on 04 Apr and up to 64 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 41 at Cedar Point NWR, **Lucas**, on 07 May (Ami Horowitz). Gary Cowell and Jason Hull found 36 at Pleasant Hill Lake on 15 Mar for the most away from Lake Erie. (all 88 counties)

### Mississippi Kite

Andy Jones and Ben Winger saw the first, near Chillicothe, **Ross**, on 20 May. Five at Englewood on 29 May were the most (m. obs.) and at least two of them stayed into Jun. **Franklin**, **Highland**, and **Scioto** also had sightings.

### Swainson's Hawk

The OBRC has a report and many photos from the vicinity of ONWR.



A rare find any time, this juvenile Swainson's Hawk was photographed by Kevin McKelvey on 30 April on the Stange Prairie portion of ONWR.

### Red-shouldered Hawk

A trio of hawk watchers counted 92 passing Malek Park on 10 Mar, and another trio counted 48 from Edgewater on that same day. (78 counties)

### Broad-winged Hawk

Michael Crouse saw the first, over Ohio Northern University, **Hardin**, on 06 Apr. John Pogacnik saw the north coast's first, two at Lake Erie Bluffs on 08 Apr. The 27 Apr Malek Park hawk watch tallied 3837; Atlee and Josh Yoder had seen 456 there on 24 Apr. (73 counties)

### Red-tailed Hawk

Gautam Apte saw two local pairs and 91 migrants at Darby Creek on 03 Mar. The next most were 79 passing Malek Park on 22 Mar for a trio of birders. (all 88 counties) Dark morph singles of either the *calurus* or *albioticola* subspecies were seen at Somerville, **Butler**, on 16 Mar (Randy Morgan) and near West Liberty, **Logan**, on 31 Mar (Troy Shively).

### Rough-legged Hawk

Edward and Sue Lewis described the last, at Shawnee on 16 May. Dan Kempf's near Chillicothe, **Ross**, on 03 May, was the second last. Counts of five came from three locations, all during the first half of Mar. (29 counties)

### Barn Owl

Lucas Schrader recorded the first; it or they were giving nighttime calls on 12, 15, and 16 Mar at Worthington, **Franklin**. Jeremy Miller saw two at Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 09 May. (7 counties)

### Eastern Screech-Owl

Judy Lasco saw eight along the Maumee Bay boardwalk on 23 May; they were two groups of an adult and three young. (42 counties)

### Great Horned Owl

Birders saw five at Pipe Creek on several dates. (68 counties)

### Snowy Owl

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At Oak Harbor on 23 Mar (m. obs.)

At the Maumee Bay beach on 25 Mar (Landon Roberts)

At Osborn MP, **Erie**, on 29 Mar (m. obs.)

Photographed at Botkins, **Shelby**, on the extraordinarily late date of 15 May (Lucas Huber)

### Barred Owl

The high count of six was shared by Larry Richardson at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 20 Mar and Michael Crist at Poland Municipal Forest, **Mahoning**, on 14 Apr. (72 counties)

### Long-eared Owl

The last paused at Cleveland's Erie Street Cem-

etry on 24 Apr (m. obs.). Up to five were seen near the ONWR visitor center on various dates (m. obs.). Counts of three came from a property in **Sandusky** on 05 Mar (David Wilkins) and Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 07 Mar (m. obs.). 10 counties.

### Short-eared Owl

A trio of birders saw the last, along Busby Road, **Harrison**, on 15 May; Scott Pendleton had seen the second last there four days earlier. Scott also saw the most, 14 near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 20 Mar, and up to eight were in that area on other dates. The most elsewhere were Gavin Nupp's seven along Wilderness Road on 08 Mar. (19 counties)

### Northern Saw-whet Owl

Tom Bartlett did a few nights of banding at the Scheele Preserve on Kelleys Island. He banded four on 04 Mar and three the next night plus recaptured eight that he'd banded in fall and early winter. The other reports are of single birds heard at Towners Woods Park, **Portage**, on 17 Mar (Theresa Wolanin), seen at Magee on 11 Apr (Mark Shieldcastle) and 30 Apr (Shep Thorp), and heard at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 16 Apr (Brad Goodner).

### Belted Kingfisher

Three parties each found seven: Cassidy Ficker and Cole Hoffman at Darby Creek on 06 Mar, Ryan Eldridge in the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 04 Apr, and Gautam Apte at CLNP on 08 Apr. Only **Gallia**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

### Red-headed Woodpecker

Amber Sooy found 25 throughout the Kopf Family Reservation, **Lorain**, on 05 Apr. George Novosel counted 21 passing Edgewater on 27 Apr while Tyler Ficker and Rita Phillips found 21 at the OOPMP hotspot on 07 May. Only **Defiance**, **Gallia**, **Harrison**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.



Always sharp in its black-and-white plumage, this Red-headed Woodpecker caught Su Snyder's attention on Messer Road, **Wayne**, on 13 March.

### Red-bellied Woodpecker

Debbie Vargo counted 24 at Buckeye Woods Park, **Medina**, on 03 May. (all 88 counties)

### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Kim Nordquest saw the last probable migrant, at Kiser Lake Wetlands SNP, **Champaign**, on 24 May, though some seen in their usual northeastern nesting areas might have continued across Lake Erie. Cole DiFabio counted 10 at Headlands on 11 Apr. (74 counties)

### Downy Woodpecker

The high count of 20 came from Blacklick Woods, **Fairfield**, on 07 May (Stephanie Schutte) and five sites each hosted 15. **Pike** alone didn't have a sighting.

### Hairy Woodpecker

Marti Stewart's seven at the Wildwood Preserve MP, **Lucas**, on 25 Mar were the most. Only **Noble** didn't have a sighting.

### Northern Flicker

John Pogacnik counted 187 passing Lake Erie Bluffs on 07 Apr and other dates yielded up to 163 there. Gautam Apte watched 44 pass CLNP on 08 Apr. (all 88 counties)

### Pileated Woodpecker

Julie Zickefoose hosted seven at her Indigo Hill property, **Washington**, on 19 Apr. Only **Fayette** didn't have a sighting.

### American Kestrel

John Pogacnik reported a "[l]arge movement of kestrels with the majority passing by between 4-7 o'clock" at Lake Erie Bluffs on 29 Mar; he counted 83 in total. The most elsewhere were 29 passing Malek Park on 27 Apr (m. obs.). (all 88 counties)

### Merlin

The Malek Park hawk watchers saw 10 on 27 Apr and up to five on other dates. Gautam Apte and Theo Bockhorst separately saw four at Edgewater on 24 Mar. Stefan Gleissberg saw the season's last, at his **Athens** home on 29 and 30 May. (38 counties)

### Gyrfalcon

The OBRC received reports of Feb and Mar sightings of the long-staying **Mahoning** bird, and has accepted the event for the record.

### Peregrine Falcon

Malek Park hawkwatching produced five on 27 Apr and up to three on other dates (m. obs.). Trios were also seen in the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Mar (Luke Robertson) and in downtown Springfield, **Clark**, on 23 Mar (John Ritzenthaler). (38 counties)

### Great Crested Flycatcher

The first date, 17 Apr, produced one at Bresler Reservoir, **Allen**, and two next door at Williams Reservoir (m. obs.). Ben Leff saw the far north's first, at the CVNP Station Road area on 22 Apr. Dave Chase counted 12 at Headlands on 31 May. Only **Gallia**, **Noble**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

### Eastern Kingbird

William Hull saw the first, at Voice of America MP, **Butler**, on 17 Apr. One got to Magee for Bill Ohlsen on 24 Apr. Gautam Apte and Rachael Kaiser counted 141 passing Edgewater on 15 May and up to 116 were seen there on other dates. John Pogacnik's 48 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 19 May were the most elsewhere. Only **Henry**, **Jackson**, **Monroe**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Olive-sided Flycatcher

Matthew Porter saw the first, at Shawnee SP on 04 May. The last didn't depart until early Jun. Zéva Gribou found three along three miles of the Hocking River, **Athens**, on 11 May, and five sites each held two. (29 counties)

### Eastern Wood-Pewee

Meg Glines saw the first, at Mill Creek on 24 Apr. The far north's first were seen on 28 Apr; they were singles at CLNP (Mike Sustin) and Shaker Lakes, **Cuyahoga** (Michael Dudzinsky and Kim Pastrick). Four hours at The Wilderness Center, **Stark**, on 21 May yielded 18 for Amos Bixler. Daniel A. Stutzman spent all of 31 May wandering 15 miles of Mohican and found the second most, 14. But Dan Higby needed only three hours at OOPMP on 23 May to achieve the same count of 14. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

### Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Rick Asamoto and Ken Lebo saw the first, at Hills & Dales MP, **Montgomery**, on 05 May. One got to Magee for Michael Melampy on 09 May. A few were still in the state in early Jun. Kenn Kaufman counted 14 at ONWR Navarre on 26 May and wrote, "Individuals scattered everywhere in the understory - most numerous migrant flycatcher today". Three sites each hosted three, the second highest number. (37 counties)

### Acadian Flycatcher

One at Shawnee (Shailesh Pinto) and two at Hoover NP (Dan Bencic) on 24 Apr were the first. One at Magee (Heidi Roeder) and one at ONWR (James Holsinger) on 07 May were the north coast's first. Daniel A. Stutzman's long day at Mohican on 31 May produced 77. The next most were the 32 that Jon Cefus and Kent Mill-

er counted along 18 miles in the Conesville Coal Lands, **Coshocton**, on 28 May. (82 counties)

#### **Alder Flycatcher**

Brian Smith audio recorded the first, at Proctorville Park, **Lawrence**, on 08 May. Burt Zhang saw the far north's first, at Magee on 10 May. Kenn Kaufman counted eight at ONWR Navarre on 26 May and five were at each of three other locations. (50 counties)

#### **Willow Flycatcher**

The Richardson farm, **Athens**, hosted one on 26 Apr and 01 May for George Weigly. Singles on 02 May in the **Cuyahoga** section of CVNP (m. obs.) and Chagrin River Park, **Lake** (Joan Scharf) were next. A three mile loop at Darby Creek produced 31 for Kori Sedmak on 27 May. Irina Shulgina counted 22 throughout Killdeer on 30 May. (73 counties)

#### **Alder/Willow "Traill's" Flycatcher**

Indeterminate birds were noted in 27 counties.

#### **Least Flycatcher**

Alivia Stump saw the first, at Lake Snowden, **Athens**, on 23 Apr. Jen Brumfield's in the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 27 Apr was the far north's first. The Magee vicinity produced about 35 for a party of birders on 16 May, while Matt Mason counted exactly 20 at the Hebron hatchery, **Licking**, on 15 May. (73 counties)

#### **Eastern Phoebe**

Some were here all winter. The high count of 12 was shared by Bela Anand-Apte at Shaker Lakes, **Cuyahoga**, on 28 Mar and Amber Sooy at the Kopf Family Reserve, **Lorain**, on 05 Apr. Three sites each hosted eight. Only **Pike** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

#### **Loggerhead Shrike**

A post from **Wayne** has a photo.

#### **Northern Shrike**

Quentin Skrabec saw the last, at Maumee Bay on 25 Mar. (8 counties)

#### **Shrike sp.**

Christi Carlson briefly saw a shrike at Shaker Lakes, **Cuyahoga**, on 04 Apr.

#### **White-eyed Vireo**

Three **Athens** and two **Hamilton** locations each hosted one on the first date of 09 Apr. It took until 24 Apr for any to reach the north coast; that day Atlee and Josh Yoder saw one at Malek Park as did Dan Gesualdo at Volunteer Bay. Three miles of travel in Highlands Nature Sanctuary, **Highland**, on 02 May yielded 22 for a trio of birders. Richard Domokos needed five miles in Shawnee on 01 May to find 16. (79 counties)

#### **Bell's Vireo**

A trio of birders found the first, at Darby Creek on 06 May. Stephen H. Vessey heard the far north's first, along the Slippery Elm Trail, **Wood**, on 25 May. Four sites each hosted three. (10 counties)

#### **Yellow-throated Vireo**

Susan Brauning saw one on 12 Apr in Shawnee as did Jason and Neill Cade in Harrison, **Hamilton**; they were the first. Leslie Basalla-McCafferty's at Tuxedo Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 19 Apr was the far north's first. Adrian Lee counted 12 at the Brown Family Environmental Center, **Knox**, on 04 May. (78 counties)

#### **Blue-headed Vireo**

The first was a week or so early on 25 Mar when Matthew Shumar saw it at his **Vinton** home. Bela Anand-Apte saw the north coast's first, at CLNP on 08 Apr. Woodman Fen, **Montgomery**, hosted nine for Ken Lebo on 11 May. (69 counties)

#### **Philadelphia Vireo**

A trio of birders saw the first, in Miami White-water Forest, **Hamilton**, a few days early on 27 Apr. Two in the South Chagrin Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 May were the far north's first (Alex and Molly Burke). Their migration continued slightly into Jun. Five were at Magee on each of three late May dates. (48 counties)

#### **Warbling Vireo**

The first was a few days early when Brandt Schurenberg heard it at Glenwood Gardens, **Hamilton**, on 04 Apr. Neill Cade's at Lost Bridge on 12 Apr was the third. It took until 27 Apr for a few to reach sites in **Cuyahoga**. Lester Coble reported 56 at Magee on 19 May and up to 52 were noted there on other dates. The most away from Magee were Gautam Apte's 31 at CLNP on 04 May. Only **Gallia**, **Jackson**, **Monroe**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.



*Magee Marsh was where Kevin McKelvey spotted this Warbling Vireo on 30 April.*



### Red-eyed Vireo

Andrew O'Connor and Steve Jones shared the first sighting date of 19 Apr. at East Fork and Lawrence Woods SNP, **Hardin**, respectively. One **Ashtabula** and two **Lucas** sites provided the far north's firsts, on 01 May. Daniel A. Stutzman's Mohican marathon on 31 May produced 109. Jon Cefus found about 50 in the Conesville Coal Lands, **Coshocton**, on 15 May. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Blue Jay

Tyler Ficker and Rita Phillips watched 8100 pass Maumee Bay eastbound on 02 May. Gautam Apte and Rachael Kaiser tallied 6760 passing Edgewater on 15 May. (all 88 counties)

### American Crow

Birders found about 750 along Calla Road, **Mahoning**, on 06 Mar and up to 500 there on other dates. About 300 were at the Mohawk Dam, **Coshocton**, on 05 Mar (m. obs.). (all 88 counties)

### Fish Crow

Tyler McClain counted 47 in a flock over his **Summit** home on 20 Mar. The next most were Kim Pastrick's 40 in Shaker Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 18 Apr. **Ashtabula**, **Lake**, and **Franklin** also had sightings.

### Common Raven

A quartet of birders saw a quintet of ravens along Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, on 17 Mar. (14 counties)

### Horned Lark

Donna Kuhn and Lisa Phelps saw about 100 at Killdeer on 13 Mar. Five miles of travel in **Hancock** produced 75 for Jane Riker on 08 May. (71 counties)



Up-close and personal, this Horned Lark provided a great look at Howard Marsh for Tom Fishburn on 30 May.

### Bank Swallow

Daniel Ruhe saw the first, at the Senecaville

fish hatchery, **Guernsey**, a week or so early on 08 Apr. Birders found them at two sites in **Cuyahoga** and one in **Lorain** on 18 Apr. Brad and Josh Davidson saw 300 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 22 May. (72 counties)

### Tree Swallow

These started arriving in late Jan. Joshua Warren saw about 600 at Maumee Bay on 14 May and there were several reports of 500. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Francie Flower saw the first, at Sandy Ridge on 22 Mar, almost two weeks earlier than usual for so far north. About 300 were at Pipe Creek on 05 May for Bert Filemyr and Michael Rosengarten. Jeff Harvey's 180 at Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, that same day were the second most. Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Purple Martin

The first date of 24 Mar was shared by John Pogacnik at Lake Erie Bluffs and Andrew O'Connor at Spring Valley; usually they're just entering the state then. The high count of 150 was also shared, by Jeff Goff at ONWR on 10 May and Jennifer Allison and Terry Bronson at Mallard Club on 11 May. Only **Darke**, **Henry**, and **Monroe** didn't have sightings.

### Barn Swallow

Alex Patton saw a pioneer in Johnstown, **Licking**, on 05 Mar. The next date, 27 Mar, was more typical of their arrival; one or two were at three southerly locations that day. John Pogacnik saw the north coast's first, at Lake Erie Bluffs on 29 Mar. About 1000 were over Tappan Lake, **Harrison**, on 08 May (Scott Pendleton) and up to 600 were there on other dates. Guilford Lake SP, **Columbiana**, hosted 550 for Bob Lane on 09 May. (all 88 counties)

### Cliff Swallow

Stefan Gleissberg saw the first two, at Lake Snowden, **Athens**, on 29 Mar. Bela Anand-Apte and Gautam Apte saw the north coast's first, at CLNP on 08 Apr. A trio of birders saw 275 at the Quarry Apartments, **Franklin**, on 08 May, and the Hoover Dam area hosted 200 for Norman Pillsbury on 13 May. (74 counties)

### Carolina Chickadee

Ken and Ryan Hillsley found about 30 at Englewood on 17 Apr. (66 counties)

### Black-capped Chickadee

Tom Bartlett encountered 33 while banding at Kelleys Island SP on 07 Mar. (40 counties, including several far south of the overlap zone)

**[Carolina x Black-capped Chickadee]**

Tom Bartlett captured two of this hybrid while banding at Springville Marsh on 11 Apr.

**Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee**

Indeterminate birds were reported from 24 counties.

**Tufted Titmouse**

Amber Sooy found 40 at the Kopf Family Reservation, *Lorain*, on 30 Mar and 01 Apr. The next most were 31 in the Bedford Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 18 Apr (Fred Losi *et al.*). (all 88 counties)

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**

The high count of seven was shared three ways: at the Black-headed Grosbeak stakeout in *Holmes* on 08 Mar (Debbie Vargo), in Chagrin River Park, *Lake*, on 27 Apr (Megan Hart), and at Pearson MP, *Lucas*, on 12 May (Denise Lesko and Cynthia Norris). (75 counties)



*A favorite winter bird, this Red-breasted Nuthatch paused briefly for Su Snyder to snap a photo on its way through Wayne 09 March.*

**White-breasted Nuthatch**

Six miles along the CVNP Towpath Trail produced 32 for Luke Costilow and Theresa Wolanin on 08 Mar. Only *Pike* didn't have a sighting.

**Brown Creeper**

Alex Eisengart found 20 at Mentor Lagoons on 28 Mar. (78 counties)

**House Wren**

Historically these have arrived in mid-Apr, but they were very early this year. Chris Crawford saw and heard one at Pataskala, *Licking*, on 02 Mar. Joseph Zimmerman saw the next, in Centerville, *Montgomery*, on 07 and 09 Mar. Chris Pierce saw the far north's first, on Cook Road, *Cuyahoga*, on 27 Mar. Counts of 25 came on three dates from the Magee/ONWR area. Only *Jackson* and *Pike* didn't have sightings.

**Winter Wren**

Several birders heard what was probably the last migrant, at Magee on 26 May, though a couple of early Jun birds might have intended to continue northward. Green Lawn Cemetery, *Frank-*

*lin*, hosted six for Mike Gibbons on 24 Mar. (57 counties)

**Sedge Wren**

The first got all the way to Magee before being noticed; Tyler Ficker and Rita Phillips found it on 02 May. A trio of birders tallied seven along the ONWR WD on 16 May. Ryan Weber tallied six at Howard Marsh on 12 May. (21 counties)

**Marsh Wren**

Josh Yoder found the season's first, at Wright Marsh on 03 Mar; it might have been there all winter. Megan Hart counted 43 at Howard Marsh on 15 May and up to 40 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 25 that Paul Jacyk noted along the ONWR WD on both 16 and 23 May. Michael Semick's 20 at Mentor Lagoons on 30 May were the most away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa*. (32 counties)

**Carolina Wren**

Brian Menker counted 14 at Hills & Dales MP, *Montgomery*, on 02 May. Only *Pike* and *Van Wert* didn't have sightings.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**

Jana Reser saw the first, at Cowan Lake SP, *Clinton*, on 01 Apr. One got to Sandy Ridge on 06 Apr for Robert Domokos. Gilmore MP, *Butler*, hosted 50 for Jim Fenske on 02 May. The next most were 40 at each of Magee on 29 Apr (Todd Haggard) and Bacon Woods on 30 Apr (Chad Wilson). Only *Pike* didn't have a sighting.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet**

The last date was 16 May. That day several birders saw one at Magee, Eric Ripma one at OOPMP, and m. obs. and Stan Plante at Holden.. Joan Scharf saw at least 60 in flowering trees at Chagrin River Park, *Lake*, on 09 Apr. Bela Anand-Apte's 50 at CLNP on 28 Mar were the second most. (78 counties)

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet**

James Bunn saw the last, at Magee on 30 May. Shaker Lakes, *Cuyahoga*, hosted 60 on 03 May for Gautam Apte. The next most were 32 in the Station Road area of CVNP on 16 Apr (Bill Ohlsen). (83 counties)

**Eastern Bluebird**

Teresa Kaminski counted 24 along Nimisila's shore on 07 Mar. (all 88 counties)

**Townsend's Solitaire**

Posts from *Lake* have a photo and descriptions.

**Veery**

The first date was 17 Apr, when Emily Zuber found three at her *Athens* home and Jan Garver another in Mansfield, *Richland*. Two days later Tom Kaczynski saw one in *Lake*. Daniel A.

Stutzman counted 23 throughout Mohican on 31 May; the second highest count of 12 came from two sites. (72 counties)

### Gray-cheeked Thrush

Singles on 24 Apr at CLNP (Kathy Jakischa) and Sheldon Marsh (Judi Williamson) were the first, and they were at least two weeks early for the north coast. Sightings were steady to the last, which was at Wendy Park on 31 May by Kathryn DiNardi and Joe Woyma. Justin Martin walked trails at Clear Fork on 12 May and found eight; three other locations each held four. (61 counties)

### Swainson's Thrush

Chad Biegler saw the first, at Kiwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**, about as expected on 13 Apr. Ashley Hahn and Anton Yakymenko saw the far north's first, at Sheldon Marsh on 18 Apr. The high count of 25 was shared three ways. Cassidy Ficker and Mollie Langdon found that many at Glen Echo Park, Franklin, on 27 Apr; while Peter Keefe and Josh Davidson saw morning flights at Headlands on 17 and 19 May respectively. Nine locations had at least one bird on 31 May but there were no Jun sightings. (83 counties)

### Hermit Thrush

A few migrants were still along the Lake Erie shore in early Jun. Two sites in **Ottawa** and one in each of **Cuyahoga** and **Lake** held 12 on late Apr/early May dates. (73 counties)

### Wood Thrush

Heather Angst saw the first, at Germantown MP, **Montgomery**, on 10 Apr. David Holy's at Margaret Peak NP, **Lorain**, on 22 Apr was the far north's first. Jon Cefus found 30 at the Conesville Coal Lands, **Coshocton**, on 16 May. Only **Fayette**, **Mercer**, and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

### American Robin

Gautam Apte provided the three highest counts, tallied by 10s as the robins passed vantage points on Lake Erie. They were 3860 at Edgewater on 22 Mar, 1830 there on 10 Mar, and 1400 at CLNP on 24 Mar. (all 88 counties)

### Gray Catbird

Gautam Apte and Rachael Kaiser counted 63 passing Edgewater on 15 May. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Brown Thrasher

The high count of nine was shared three ways: by a trio of birders along the South Charleston Bike Trail, **Clark**, on 09 Apr; by Julie Zickefoose at Indigo Hill, **Washington**, on 28 Apr; and by Terry Bronson on the North Hills Trail, **Wash-**

**ington**, on 24 May. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Northern Mockingbird

Bruce Matasick found 15 in his eastern Cincinnati neighborhood on 31 May. Anthony Cannizzaro's nine at Voice of America MP, **Butler**, on 28 May were the second most. (83 counties)

### European Starling

About 20,000 were at Lorain on 16 Mar (Chris Pierce) and 10,000 at Cowan Lake SP, **Clinton**, on 03 Mar (Tyler Ficker and Mollie Langdon). (all 88 counties)

### Cedar Waxwing

Gautam Apte counted by 10s as 1420 passed Edgewater on 17 May. Josh Davidson saw 520 pass Headlands on 19 May. Only **Noble**, **Pike**, **Putnam**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.



*A glance at his feeder on 30 May rewarded Kevin McKelvey with this lovely Cedar Waxwing, pausing to rest in his Sheffield Village backyard, Lorain.*

### House Sparrow

Madeline Wellman saw about 150 at Woodward Park, **Franklin**, on 01 Mar, as did Courtney Brennan at her Cleveland home on 04 Mar. (all 88 counties)

### American Pipit

Bill Ohlsen saw the last, at Burke Airport on 21 May. Jeff Peters saw a flock of 150 at Terra Woods, **Clark**, on 09 Apr. Jacob Raber's 125 along Wecht Road, **Wayne**, on 13 Apr were the second most. (50 counties)

### Evening Grosbeak

Cory Chiappone saw the last, three at his Solon, **Cuyahoga**, home on 23 May. The second last were Debbie Hurlbert's four at the Nisley home in **Knox** on 17 May. The private inholding at Mohican hosted about 50 on 20 Mar for Alvin Miller. (28 counties)

### House Finch

Twenty-two miles of biking in western

**Cuyahoga** produced 42 for Chris Pierce on 27 Mar. Hope Orr needed only a mile and a half in the Boston Store area of CVNP to tally her 42 on 22 Apr. (all 88 counties)

### Purple Finch

Ann and Dwight Chasar saw about 40 at the CVNP Oak Hill trailhead on 11 Mar; see Field Notes for details. Brad and Josh Davidson counted 27 at Headlands on 02 May. (67 counties)

### Common Redpoll

Thomas Slemmer saw the last of this winter's invasion, in Ostrander, **Delaware**, on 04 Apr. Inga Schmidt saw about 150 at Soltis Road, **Geauga**, on 04 Mar. The next most were Mark Shaver's 125 at LaDue on 14 Mar. (20 counties)

### Hoary Redpoll

A few photos and many descriptions came from **Cuyahoga** posts. A post from **Geauga** had a photo.

### Red Crossbill

Susan Maloney photographed the last, at her **Cuyahoga** home feeder on 21 to 23 May. Theo Bockhorst saw and heard seven as they passed Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 21 Mar. Duos were at Lisa Horn's Columbus home on 13 Apr and at Maumee Bay for Josh King on 07 May. All of the reports were from **Athens**, **Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, **Lorain**, and **Lucas**.

### Pine Siskin

Quite a few apparently stayed to nest. Andy and Erin Avram provided the high count of 300, from their Willoughby, **Lake**, home on 17 May. The next most were John Pogacnik's 112 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 28 Apr. (69 counties)



Janice Petko's feeder in Canton, **Stark**, was host to this Pine Siskin on 17 May.

### American Goldfinch

Gautam Apte and Rachael Kaiser watched 540 pass Edgewater on 15 May, and up to 410 were noted there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 230 that Tyler Ficker and Rita Phillips noted passing Maumee Bay on 02 May. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Lapland Longspur

John Kuenzli saw the last, along Washburn Road, **Marion**, on 07 May. About 200 were visible from Curry Road, **Madison**, on 08 Apr (m. obs.), and 100 were near Rockford, **Mercer**, on several dates (m. obs.). (30 counties)

### Smith's Longspur

A post from **Franklin** had a description. Posts from **Greene**, **Madison**, and **Mercer** had descriptions and photos.

### Snow Bunting

Historically these have been gone by the end of Mar, but many lingered on. Steven Klingler saw the last, two in **Paulding** on 12 May. The second last (and most) were 15 near Antwerp, **Paulding**, on 01 Apr (Dan Kramer), and the third last was Scott Pendleton's single at The Bowl on 25 Mar. Mary Anne Romito and Aaron Simpson separately reported the second highest number, nine at Howard Marsh on 07 Mar. (9 counties)

### Grasshopper Sparrow

Scott Pendleton's two were the first; they were about on time at The Bowl on 08 Apr. Craig Nilsson's two at OOPMP on 18 Apr were the first of the far north. Scott Pendleton also provided the high count, 20 near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 01 May, and 19 had been there the day before. The most elsewhere were John Petruzzi's 15 at Poland TP, **Mahoning**, on 17 May. (53 counties)

### Lark Sparrow

Julie Tyson saw the first, at Fernald quite early on 08 Apr. The far north's first were five at OOPMP on 30 Apr, still early for that latitude (Sandra Blease). OOPMP hosted eight on 23 May for Dan Higby and up to six for others. Three sites each held three. (9 counties)



Tom Bartlett's sharp eyes spotted this Lark Sparrow hiding in the grass on North Bass Island, **Ottawa**, 31 May.

### Lark Bunting

The OBRC has a report from **Portage**.

### Chipping Sparrow

Gautam Apte saw about 130 at CLNP on 27 Apr and up to 100 were there on other dates. Gautam



also tallied the most elsewhere, 40 at Edgewater on 28 Apr. (all 88 counties)

### Clay-colored Sparrow

The first was in Bexley, **Franklin**, on 25 and 26 Apr for m. obs. to enjoy. Several birders also saw the north coast's first, at Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Apr. Sightings continued into early Jun. Meg Glines saw three at Poland TP, **Mahoning**, on 26 May and there were many reports of two. (16 counties)

### Field Sparrow

About 40 were seen or heard at three sites, Ohio Northern University's Tidd Farm, **Hardin**, on 10 Apr (Michael Crouse), at Killdeer also on 10 Apr (Irina Shulgina), and at CLNP on 27 Apr (Gautam Apte). Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Brewer's Sparrow

Ohio's second spent many days at Wendy Park; the OBRC received a report and gleaned many photos from posts. The Committee has accepted the record. (The state's first showed up only last October!)



Greg Pasek's captured the Brewer's Sparrow at Wendy Park on 12 May.

### Fox Sparrow

The last spent 19 to 22 May at CLNP; historically they've been gone by about 07 May. Magee hosted 32 for Mark Shieldcastle on 28 Mar and up to 26 on other dates. Tom Bartlett's 15 at Springville Marsh on 27 Mar were the most elsewhere. (66 counties)

### American Tree Sparrow

Usually these are gone early in May, but Mike Edgington saw two at Bath NP, **Summit**, on 25 May, and sightings had been fairly steady to that date. Ryan Lesniewicz counted 37 near the Stange/Krause Road corner, **Ottawa**, on 03 Mar. Patrick Coy and Karin Tanquist walked the closed-to-cars Akron-Peninsula Road on 13 Mar and also found 37. (71 counties)

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

Lori Brumbaugh's find at Cleveland's Erie Street

Cemetery on 26 May was probably the last migrant. Jen Brumfield said that the cemetery was "loaded" on 07 Apr; she tallied 140 that day, and up to 70 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 68 in Cleveland's Monroe Street Cemetery on 24 Mar (Joe Woyma). Only **Fayette**, **Gallia**, **Lawrence**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Dark-eyed Junco (other)

Individuals of subspecies *cismontanus* were reported from **Hamilton**, **Hancock**, **Lorain**, **Ottawa**, **Summit**, and **Wayne**. Paul Jacyk photographed an "Oregon" Junco at Manhattan Marsh Preserve MP, **Lucas**, on 26 Mar. Eric Ripma photographed a "Pink-sided" Junco at Magee on 14 May.

### White-crowned Sparrow

As usual, a few lingered into Jun. Gautam Apte and Tim Colborn weren't together, but each saw about 75 at Wendy Park on 04 May, and up to 60 were there on other dates. Gautam also saw the most elsewhere, 55 at CLNP on 05 May. The most not on the Cleveland waterfront were Tammy Martin's 23 at Oakwood Park, **Hancock**, on 04 May. (80 counties)

### White-throated Sparrow

Migration extended slightly into Jun. Gregory Miller saw the most, about 300 at Oak Harbor, **Ottawa**, on 27 Apr. Janet Hinshaw and Kathy Telfer saw about 125 along the CCE Trail that same day. (all 88 counties)

### Vesper Sparrow

These arrived about as expected; Joshua Eastlake saw three at a sod farm in **Hamilton** on 20 Mar. One got to Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, on 22 Mar for Sophia Balunek and Inga Schmidt. Gregory Allen saw the most, 12 along Gravel Pit Road, **Greene**, on 05 May. The only other count exceeding seven was Dennis Mersky's 11 along Curry Road, **Madison**, on 24 Apr. (57 counties)

### Nelson's Sparrow

Single birds were seen at CLNP and environs on 19 May (m. obs.) and at Lorain on 20 May (m. obs.).

### Henslow's Sparrow

Julie Tyson heard two at Fernald on 07 Apr. Brian Tinker recorded a nighttime flight call at Cuyahoga Falls, **Summit**, early on 11 Apr. The first far north sighting was Heather Berenson's at Bath NP, **Summit**, on 17 Apr. Two miles of walking near Cadiz, **Harrison**, yielded 26 for Scott Pendleton on 25 Apr. (35 counties)

### Song Sparrow

Mike Sustin found about 150 at CLNP on 25

Mar and up to 100 were noted there on other dates. Cam Lee and David Lehner found the most elsewhere, 80 at Killdeer on 13 Mar. (all 88 counties)

### Savannah Sparrow

Ryan Smylie saw 32 at Edgewater on 09 Apr. (72 counties)



*This Savannah Sparrow was enjoying a snack on Wecht Road, Wayne, when Tom Fishburn snapped this photo on 31 May.*

### Lincoln's Sparrow

Nathan Michael saw and heard the first, at Eaton Estate, **Summit**, on 20 Mar; that's a week or more early for so far north. Elizabeth McQuaid's in Cleveland on 01 Apr was the second. The last date was 27 May, when Kathy Jakischa saw one at Lorain, and Isabella and Tony Hintze another in Fremont, Sandusky. Jen Brumfield counted 14 at Wendy Park on 16 May and Keith Suter 11 at Magee that same day. (57 counties)

### Swamp Sparrow

Mark Shaver counted 27 near Middlefield, **Geauga**, on 17 Apr. (74 counties)

### Eastern Towhee

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller counted 68 at the Conesville Coal Lands, **Coshocton**, on 09 Apr. Neill Cade's 36 at Shawnee Lookout on 23 Apr were the second most. Only **Auglaize** didn't have a sighting.

### Yellow-breasted Chat

The first arrived about as expected; Dan Gardner saw it at Vinton Furnace SF on 25 Apr. Singles got to near Lake Erie on 02 May: m. obs. saw one at CLNP and Richard Garrigus another at OOPMP that day. Counts of eight came from four locations. (71 counties)

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

Dan Gesualdo saw the first, at Volunteer Bay on 03 Mar. Jim Martin found seven at Howard

Marsh on 15 May and up to five were seen there on other days. The other sightings, from 9 counties in all, were of single birds.

### Bobolink

Nick Daley and Scott Pendleton saw the first, near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 23 Apr. The far north's first were seen on 27 Apr by m. obs., one at Malek Park and one or two at Lorain. Molly Balunek found about 70 in a large alfalfa field near South Russell, **Geauga**, on 26 May. (62 counties)

### Eastern Meadowlark

The high count was Scott Pendleton's 60 near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 25 Apr, and up to 50 were there on other dates. Luke Costilow and Theresa Wolanin counted 42 along Infirmity Road, **Vinton**, on 23 Apr. Only **Shelby** didn't have a sighting.

### Orchard Oriole

Sue Parks saw the first, at Shawnee Lookout on 19 Apr. One got to CLNP on 27 Apr for m. obs. A trio of birders found 11 at Black River NP, **Medina**, on 13 May. Only **Henry Jackson**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Baltimore Oriole

Hugh Shannon saw the first, in Cleveland on 18 Apr. Gautam Apte and Rachael Kaiser counted 258 passing Edgewater on 15 May and up to 226 were reported from there on other dates. Cory Chiappone's 99 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 16 May were the most elsewhere. Only **Gallia** and **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Red-winged Blackbird

Diana Steele estimated that 500,000 (yes, half a million) were streaming in to roost near Huron harbor, **Erie**, on the evening of 23 Mar. Gautam Apte counted by 100s and came up with 38,400 at Darby Creek's Wet Prairie on the evening of 28 Mar. (all 88 counties)



*The Lorain impoundment caught this Yellow-breasted Chat in its migrant trap; Linda Mitchell saw it on 15 May.*

### Brown-headed Cowbird

Greg Pasek estimated that 8000 were part of a "flock of easily 30,000 birds" at Lorain on

14 Mar; up to 5000 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Gautam Apte's 3200 at CLNP on 24 Mar. Only *Pike* didn't have a sighting.

### Rusty Blackbird

Debbie Vargo saw the last, three at Sandy Ridge on 27 May. The second last sightings were on 21 May, one bird at Margaret Peak NP, *Lorain* (Bill Ohlsen), and two at Maumee Bay (Pamela Barrett). Chris Pierce saw about 12,000 at Lorain on 16 Mar. The second most, 2500, were also at Lorain, on 10 Mar (m. obs.). Greg Pasek's 900 at Sandy Ridge on 02 Apr were the most elsewhere. (61 counties)

### Common Grackle

Gautam Apte watched 17,500 pass Cahoon Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 10 Mar. He also provided the second highest number, 14,500 at Darby Creek on 28 Mar. (all 88 counties)

### Blackbird sp.

Dennis Mersky saw a mixed flock of about 35,000 at PPG Lime Lakes, *Summit*, on 07 Mar.

### Ovenbird

Steph Pogachar saw the first, in Avon Lake, *Lorain*, on 06 Apr, about a week early for the north coast. Steven Hochstetler counted 32 in Mohican on 13 May. (82 counties)

### Worm-eating Warbler

The first was at Magee for Quentin Skrabec on 09 Apr, at least a week early for so far north. The next was in *Athens*, on 15 Apr for Rebecca Lambert, and the far north's second was at Magee on 29 Apr for Janet Hinshaw. 16 miles of travel in Shawnee produced 10 for Larry Richardson on 30 Apr. (30 counties)

### Louisiana Waterthrush

The first sightings were on 23 Mar; a courting pair was seen in *Adams* and singles in *Athens*, *Holmes*, and *Vinton*. Douglas Vogus *et al.* saw the north coast's first, at ONWR on 03 Apr. Matt Mason found 10 at Blackhand Gorge, *Licking*, on 18 Apr. (71 counties)

### Northern Waterthrush

Amir Abouzied saw the first, at Swan Creek MP, *Lucas*, on 09 Apr, a week earlier than they've historically been crossing the Ohio River, and other North Coast sightings continued from 11 Apr. Gautam Apte found 11 at CLNP on 04 May. (67 counties)

### Golden-winged Warbler

The first were two at Clear Creek on 28 Apr (Rodney McCollum). Keith Corliss and Torre Hovick saw one the next day at CLNP. Tyler McClain saw the last, along the Wetmore Trails in

CVNP on 24 May. At least eight sites hosted two birds. (36 counties)

### Blue-winged Warbler

Katie Burnside saw the first, at French Park, *Hamilton*, on 09 Apr. Marty Calabrese saw the far north's first, in South Chagrin Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 17 Apr. Bryan Smith's 14 at Crown City WA, *Lawrence*, on 06 May were the most. (79 counties)

### [Golden-winged x Blue-winged "Brewster's" Warbler]

Several birders saw the first, in the Rocky River Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 01 May. Seven other counties also provided reports.

### [Golden-winged x Blue-winged "Lawrence's" Warbler]

This back-cross was first seen at Darby Creek, from 01 to 03 May (m. obs.). *Lucas* and *Trumbull* also had sightings.

### [Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler, undefined]

Hybrids that couldn't be fully identified were seen in *Gallia*, *Lucas*, and *Stark*.

### Black-and-white Warbler

The first was Tyler Connell's at Highbanks MP, *Delaware*, on 31 Mar, and the north coast's first was Alex Eisengart's at Mentor Lagoons on 07 Apr. Shawnee hosted 21 for Rudy Iles on 08 May. The Metzger woodlot held 15 for Sandra Blease on 04 May. (79 counties)



The Black-and-white Warbler showed a snazzy profile to Bruce Miller on 25 Apr as it sang in Shawnee SP.

### Prothonotary Warbler

Sandra Keller saw the first, a week early at her Cincinnati home on 04 Apr. Mark Ruane saw the next, at Pondview Park, *Montgomery*, on 10 Apr, and Donna Fox the far north's first, in Bedford, *Cuyahoga*, on 26 Apr. Elizabeth Ames and Jay Wright counted 24 along the nest box trail at Hoover NP on 25 May and up to 18 were seen there on other dates. Scott Huge canoed nine miles of the upper Cuyahoga River in *Geau-*

*ga* on 14 May and counted 18, at least some of which were at nest boxes. (68 counties)



*A banding project on Middle Bass Island, Ottawa, produced this Prothonotary Warbler for Tom Bartlett, on 31 May.*

### **Swainson's Warbler**

The OBRC has two reports and many gleaned photos from *Summit*.



*Jeff Picoult's sharp eyes spotted this Swainson's Warbler quietly sitting in the canopy in the Station Road area of CVNP on 19 May.*

### **Tennessee Warbler**

Quentin Skrabec's at Metzger on 24 Apr was the first; it was about a week early for the north coast. Migration continued into early Jun. Counts of 25 came from three sites. (81 counties)

### **Orange-crowned Warbler**

The season's first was seen on 01 Mar by Corinna Honscheid in her *Delaware* yard; it had arrived on 23 Feb and stayed there until mid-Apr. (Historically they've first arrived on about 08 Apr.) Michael Dudzinsky saw the far north's first, at Mentor Lagoons on 19 Apr. Andy Jones banded the last, on 24 May at the Jones Preserve. David Myles saw three at Magee on 03 May and there were many reports of duos. (26 counties)

### **Nashville Warbler**

Ashley Hahn and Anton Yakymenko saw the first, at Sheldon Marsh on 18 Apr, about a week early for the north coast. The last date but for an anomalous late Jun sighting was 30 May, when

several birders saw one at Magee and Rebecca Pescosolido another in Cridersville, *Auglaize*. Adrian Lee found 25 at the Brown Family Environmental Center, *Knox*, on 06 May, and there were two reports of 20 elsewhere. (80 counties)

### **Connecticut Warbler**

These had a more abbreviated than usual migration span. Katheryn DiNardi and Joe Woyma saw the first, on the Zimmerman Trail, *Lake*, on 14 May, and Patricia Stafford heard the last, on 30 May at the CVNP Kendall Ledges. (14 counties)

### **Mourning Warbler**

Atlee Yoder and Duane Miller saw the first, at The Wilderness Center, *Stark*, on 04 May, about when they usually enter the state. At least two were still in the state in Jun. Alexander Teliak banded 11 at the Jones Preserve on 19 May; the second most were Doug De Young's nine at Magee on 21 May. (41 counties)



*Tom Fishburn caught this extroverted Mourning Warbler showing off along Wecht Road, Wayne, on 31 May.*

### **Kentucky Warbler**

Bill Ohlsen saw the first, at Shawnee on 20 Apr. Chad Wilson's at Bacon Woods on 29 Apr was the far north's first. Jon Cefus found 20 at the Conesville Coal Lands, *Coshocton*, on 16 May and up to 17 were there on other dates. A trio of birders saw the most elsewhere, 15 at East Fork on 02 May. (48 counties)



*Bruce Miller captured a singing Kentucky Warbler on 25 April amongst the greenery of Shawnee SP.*



### Common Yellowthroat

Portman Park, **Franklin**, hosted the first, on 03 Apr, two weeks ahead of schedule (Bridget Brown). The north coast's first, seen along the Cedar Point Chaussee, **Erie**, on 17 Apr, was also two weeks early (Ami Horowitz). Karen Markey counted 47 at Highlands Nature Sanctuary, **Highland**, on 03 May, and up to 35 were reported there on other dates. Scott Albaugh's 34 at Gleason Farm Nature Reserve, **Morrow**, on 10 May were the most elsewhere. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

### Hooded Warbler

Jon Cefus saw the first, about a week early on 04 Apr at Leesville Lake, **Carroll**. Birders saw up to three at CLNP on 28 Apr; the north coast's first date. Ten miles along the CVNP Wetmore Trails produced 32 for Henry Trimpe on 15 May, and Tar Hollow SP, **Ross**, hosted 24 for Regina Schieltz on 28 Apr. (37 counties)



Shawnee SP yielded a beautiful Hooded Warbler on 25 April for Bruce Miller.

### American Redstart

Wendy King saw the first, at Big Walnut Creek Parkland, **Franklin**, about a week early on 10 Apr. Cynthia Weber saw the far north's first, at Secor MP, **Lucas**, on 20 Apr. Counts of 50 came from BSBO's banding station at ONWR Navarre on both 14 and 15 May (m. obs.). Only **Noble** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Kirtland's Warbler

The reports are:

At Maumee Bay on 05 and 06 May (m. obs.)

At East Harbor on 05 May (Sara Meissner) and 08 May (m. obs.)

At OOPMP on 05 May (Margaret and Roger Higbee)

At East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 09 May (Michael Hensley)

At Stillwater Prairie Preserve, **Miami**, on 11 May (Michael Brush)

### Cape May Warbler

The first date of 24 Apr was shared by Derek and Levi Parker at Armleder Park and Molly McDermott and Matthew Shumar at their **Vinton** home. Janice and Rob Tartell's at ONWR on 01 May was the far north's first. Tyler Connell and Brendan Stokkermans saw the last, at Magee on 24 May. Magee hosted 14 on 15 May (Lee Simpson) and up to 12 on other dates. Two other sites each held nine. (63 counties)

### Cerulean Warbler

Susan Brauning audio recorded two near the Ohio River in **Adams** on 12 Apr. Quentin Skrabec saw the north coast's first, at Metzger on 24 Apr. The high count of 16 was shared by Josh Yoder at the Conesville Coal Lands, **Coshocton**, on 13 May and Daniel A. Stutzman during his long day in Mohican on 31 May. (64 counties)



Patience and timing allowed Bruce Miller to capture this gorgeous Cerulean Warbler in full sun in Shawnee SP on 25 April.

### Northern Parula

Justin Griggs saw the first, at Magrish Riverlands Preserve, **Hamilton**, on 27 Mar; it was about a week early. The far north's first were also early on 11 Apr. That day Tom Frankel saw one along Kirtland-Chardon Road, **Lake**, and Dianna and Ken Makar another at CLNP. Charles Linn found 20 at Magee on 07 May and three other sites each hosted 18. Only **Fayette** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Magnolia Warbler

The first were a bit early on 25 Apr. Luke Costilow and Theresa Wolanin saw one at South Bloomingville, **Hocking**, that day, as did Molly McDermott and Matthew Shumar in **Vinton**. At least one migrant, as well as nesters, were still in Ohio in June. Jules Wyman found 30 at CLNP on 20 May, and Kenn Kaufman *et al.* counted 14 at ONWR Navarre on 19 May. (76 counties)

### Bay-breasted Warbler

Tracy Hammer and Dan Gesualdo shared the

first date of 27 Apr, many miles apart at Hueston Woods SP and Volunteer Bay, respectively. The date is typical for the southern sighting. One lingered into Jun. Sally Isacco counted 42 at Headlands on 19 May. Thirty were there on 20 May (Paul and Susie Belanger) and also at Magee on 19 May (m. obs.). (61 counties)

#### **Blackburnian Warbler**

Matthew Studebaker saw the first, at Shawnee SP on 20 Apr. Next were two at East Fork on 27 Apr (Luke Chapman and Tyler Ficker). Up to 16 were seen at Magee on both 16 and 17 May (m. obs.). David Russell and Carol Trosset saw the most elsewhere, 12 while banding at Hueston Woods on 16 May. (76 counties)

#### **Yellow Warbler**

Jennifer Allison and Janet Wertz saw the first, at the Prairie Road wetlands, **Wayne**, a week or more early on 06 Apr. Karen Zeleznik's at the Canalway Center, **Cuyahoga**, on 11 Apr was early by the same interval. CLNP hosted about 200 on 16 May for Joel Throckmorton. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

#### **Chestnut-sided Warbler**

Molly McDermott and Matthew Shumar saw the first, at their **Vinton** home on 25 Apr. Cole DiFabio saw the north coast's first, at Headlands on 28 Apr. Lester Coble counted 26 at Magee on 19 May and up to 20 were reported there on other dates. Alexander Teliak's 18 at the Jones Preserve were the most elsewhere. (77 counties)

#### **Blackpoll Warbler**

Elizabeth Delphia saw the first, at Glen Echo Park, **Franklin**, on 27 Apr; that's a week early for mid-state. Ryan Lesniewicz's at Magee on 28 Apr was the far north's first. Many were still along the Lake Erie shore in early Jun. Magee also provided the high count, 15 on 19 May (m. obs.). (68 counties)

#### **Black-throated Blue Warbler**

The first sightings were on 25 Apr. Erica Szezyler saw one in Westerville, **Franklin**, and Brett Howland another along the Little Miami Scenic Trail, **Warren**. (The former was early for its latitude.) The far north's first date, 28 Apr, was also shared (and early): A trio of birders saw one at CLNP and Morgan Pfeiffer another at Pipe Creek. A few lingered into Jun. Kyleigh Godsey counted 26 at ONWR Navarre and up to 18 were there on other dates. Birders found 14 at Magee on both 14 and 15 May. (71 counties)

#### **Palm Warbler**

These started arriving in Feb; indeed a few were seen throughout winter. Gustino Lanese saw the

last, at Headlands on 26 May. A trio of birders counted 102 throughout Hueston Woods SP on 01 May, and the next most were 86 at Mentor Marsh on 02 May (m. obs.). (74 counties)

#### **“Yellow” Palm Warbler**

Members of the eastern *hypochrysea* subspecies were seen thusly:

One at Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 10 Apr (Tim Colborn)

One at Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 01 May (Jennifer Allison)

One at CLNP on 02 May (Jennifer Allison)

Four at Springville Marsh on 02 May (Tom Bartlett)

#### **Pine Warbler**

The first were a week or so early on 05 Mar for so far north: Ed Bremer and Sheila Bremer saw one at Columbus' Green Lawn Cemetery and Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder another at Pine Tree Barn Lake, **Wayne**. Janet Hughes saw the far north's first, at McBride Arboretum, **Erie**, the very next day. Daniel A. Stutzman saw the most, 13 at Mohican on 31 May. The next most were Bryan Smith's nine in the **Lawrence** section of Wayne NF on 27 Mar. (72 counties)



*Pine Warblers arrive early in spring, as Bruce Miller saw on 25 April at Shawnee SP.*

#### **Yellow-rumped “Myrtle” Warbler**

The last date was 31 May, when three sites each hosted a single bird. Hueston Woods held 103 for a trio of birders on 01 May and Wendy Park had about 100 on 04 May for Chad Wilson. Only **Meigs** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

#### **Yellow-rumped “Audubon’s” Warbler**

Several birders got to see one of this western morph at the OOPMP lodge area on 05 May.

#### **Yellow-throated Warbler**

Susan Brauning saw the first, at her Columbus home on 28 Mar, a date when they're usually just entering the state. Several birders saw the far north's first, in the **Cuyahoga** section of CVNP

on 07 Apr. Matthew Studebaker counted 19 at Shawnee on 20 Apr. A trio of birders saw 12 there on 29 Apr and David Russell also saw 12, in the Miami University Natural Areas, **Butler**, on 30 Apr. (73 counties)

#### **Prairie Warbler**

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller saw one in Linton Township, **Coshocton**, on 09 Apr, as did m. obs. at Tuttle Park, **Franklin**. Amy Didion saw the north coast's first, at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 27 Apr. Karen Markey saw 45 at Highlands Nature Sanctuary, **Highland**, on 02 May. The second most were Madeline Wellman's 25 at Crown City WA, **Gallia**, on 25 Apr. (54 counties)



*Shawnee SP yielded up another great warbler photo, this time a Prairie Warbler, for Bruce Miller on 25 April.*

#### **Black-throated Green Warbler**

Ed Lux photographed one at the Castalia fish hatchery, **Erie**, on 02 Apr, a date when they've historically been entering the state. Daniel A. Stutzman's sojourn in Mohican on 31 May produced 28, and 26 were seen at Magee on 04 May (Tyler Ficker and Rita Phillips). (81 counties)

#### **Canada Warbler**

Thomas Stevenson saw the first, two at Dillon WA, **Muskingum**, on 28 Apr, a little early for the latitude. Metzger hosted up to three on 30 Apr (Robin Chaney, Bill and Carla Hall). Several birders saw 12 at Magee on 19 May. (53 counties)

#### **Wilson's Warbler**

**Adams**, **Hamilton**, **Lucas**, and **Sandusky** each had a sighting on 01 May; that's a typical first date for the southern border. At least three lingered into Jun. Alexander Teliak counted 11 at the Jones Preserve on 19 May and 10 were at Magee that same day for m. obs. (45 counties)

#### **Summer Tanager**

Reagan Repp saw the first, along the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway, **Athens**, on 19 Apr. Lauren

Lancaster's at Sharon Woods, **Hamilton**, on 25 Apr was next, and the far north's first was at CLNP on 28 Apr for Bob Helton. Neill Cade wandered five miles through Miami Whitewater Forest, **Hamilton**, on 04 May and counted 10. Three sites each hosted five birds, the second highest number. (48 counties)

#### **Scarlet Tanager**

The first was a bit early; Margaret Bowman saw it at Blackhand Gorge, **Licking**, on 10 Apr. David Mason saw the north coast's first two, one at each of ONWR and Maumee Bay on 27 Apr. Jon Cefus and Kent Miller counted 24 at the Conesville Coal Lands, **Coshocton**, on 06 May. Only **Henry**, **Madison**, and **Mercer** didn't have sightings.

#### **Western Tanager**

The OBRC has a report and many gleanings from **Summit**.

#### **Northern Cardinal**

About 3.5 miles of travel in the Loveland, **Clermont/Hamilton/Warren** area produced 60 for Monika Vigran on 06 Apr. Three locations each held about 50. (all 88 counties)

#### **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**

Nate Conrad saw the first, two in Brunswick, **Medina**, on 19 Apr, at least a week before they're expected that far north. Jeremiah Shutty saw the far north's first, two in Amherst Township, **Lorain**, on 24 Apr. Birders saw up to 20 along the CCE Trail on 14 May. Only **Meigs**, **Noble**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

#### **Blue Grosbeak**

Lauren Lancaster saw the first, at Sharon Woods, **Hamilton**, about as expected on 25 Apr. Jamie Cunningham saw the first for the far north, at OOPMP on 08 May. Counts of four came from three locations. (36 counties)



*When spring is in the air, you've got to sing. Just ask this Dickcissel near Dalton, **Wayne**, photographed by Tom Fishburn.*

**Black-headed Grosbeak**

The bird that arrived in *Holmes* in Feb remained into early Apr; its sojourn generated more photos and a report to the OBRC this season. The OBRC has accepted the event for the record.

**Indigo Bunting**

Samuel Kramer photographed one in Springfield, *Clark*, on 01 Apr; two weeks earlier than expected. The next were three at Cowan Lake SP, *Clinton*, on 14 Apr (Lisa Sinke). Several birders saw one at CLNP on 27 Apr. Counters at Edgewater on 15 May tallied 66 and up to 53 on other dates. Jeff Goff's 31 at The Wilderness Center, *Stark*, on 17 May were the most elsewhere. Only *Pike* didn't have a sighting.

**Painted Bunting**

The OBRC has posts with photos from *Brown*, a formal report from *Cuyahoga*, and both from *Tuscarawas*.

**Dickcissel**

Jelmer Poelstra saw the first, at Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Apr. That's about when they're expected in mid-state. Steve Jones counted 19 near La Rue, *Marion*, on 22 May. (49 counties)



*When spring is in the air, you've got to sing. Just ask this Dickcissel near Dalton, **Wayne**, photographed by Tom Fishburn.*

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## CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK SPRING CENSUS, 2021

By Dwight Chasar and Craig Caldwell

The 2021 Spring Census was held on 15 May, and 54 observers in 24 teams participated. It was a beautiful sunny day with a starting temperature of 48 degrees rising to 68 by noon. The total count was 6135 individuals, a number near the long-term average. The species count of 139 was the third-highest of all time, being exceeded only by 2011's 144 and 2010's 145.

The counts of six species were the highest ever: Wild Turkey, Killdeer, Red-headed Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse, Swamp Sparrow, and Prairie Warbler. The Yellow-throated Vireo count tied its

previous high. The Great Blue Heron count was the lowest ever and those of Eastern Wood-Pewee, Acadian Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, Cliff Swallow, Cedar Waxwing, Yellow Warbler, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak were much lower than usual.

The three Eastern Whip-poor-wills were the first since 1987 and the Wilson's Snipe the first since 2006. Yellow-billed Cuckoo was missed for only the second time since 2008; it and Black-billed were both recorded the day after the census. Most of the Common Mergansers were a single family; the species is expanding its breeding presence in Ohio.

Species	Number
Canada Goose	225
Wood Duck	29
Mallard	50
Hooded Merganser	1
Common Merganser	27
Wild Turkey	28
Rock Pigeon	6
Mourning Dove	91
Eastern Whip-poor-will	3
Chimney Swift	59
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	17
Virginia Rail	5
Sora	1
Killdeer	29
American Woodcock	5
Wilson's Snipe	1
Spotted Sandpiper	5
Solitary Sandpiper	7
Ring-billed Gull	5
Double-crested Cormorant	14
Great Blue Heron	53
Great Egret	1
Green Heron	13
Turkey Vulture	82
Cooper's Hawk	9
Bald Eagle	7
Red-shouldered Hawk	17
Broad-winged Hawk	4
Red-tailed Hawk	27
Eastern Screech-Owl	4

Species	Number
Barred Owl	7
Belted Kingfisher	13
Red-headed Woodpecker	26
Red-bellied Woodpecker	115
Downy Woodpecker	51
Hairy Woodpecker	19
Pileated Woodpecker	28
Northern Flicker	32
American Kestrel	2
Peregrine Falcon	2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	8
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1
Acadian Flycatcher	20
Alder Flycatcher	1
Willow Flycatcher	6
Least Flycatcher	12
Eastern Phoebe	42
Great Crested Flycatcher	40
Eastern Kingbird	29
White-eyed Vireo	13
Yellow-throated Vireo	33
Blue-headed Vireo	5
Philadelphia Vireo	1
Warbling Vireo	61
Red-eyed Vireo	117
Blue Jay	202
American Crow	123
Black-capped Chickadee	138
Tufted Titmouse	209
No. Rough-winged Swallow	44

Species	Number
Tree Swallow	74
Bank Swallow	32
Barn Swallow	63
Cliff Swallow	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	7
White-breasted Nuthatch	78
Brown Creeper	2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	116
House Wren	55
Marsh Wren	2
Carolina Wren	37
European Starling	77
Gray Catbird	154
Brown Thrasher	5
Eastern Bluebird	23
Veery	18
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1
Swainson's Thrush	7
Hermit Thrush	1
Wood Thrush	39
American Robin	241
Cedar Waxwing	8
House Sparrow	40
House Finch	25
Purple Finch	1
American Goldfinch	221
Chipping Sparrow	69
Field Sparrow	32
Dark-eyed Junco	5
White-crowned Sparrow	7
White-throated Sparrow	15
Henslow's Sparrow	1
Song Sparrow	226
Lincoln's Sparrow	3
Swamp Sparrow	55
Eastern Towhee	56
Bobolink	10
Eastern Meadowlark	4
Orchard Oriole	15

Species	Number
Baltimore Oriole	125
Red-winged Blackbird	558
Brown-headed Cowbird	93
Common Grackle	124
Ovenbird	36
Louisiana Waterthrush	3
Northern Waterthrush	1
Blue-winged Warbler	43
Black-and-white Warbler	6
Prothonotary Warbler	2
Tennessee Warbler	31
Nashville Warbler	18
Mourning Warbler	2
Common Yellowthroat	188
Hooded Warbler	118
American Redstart	15
Cape May Warbler	2
Cerulean Warbler	14
Northern Parula	9
Magnolia Warbler	16
Bay-breasted Warbler	4
Blackburnian Warbler	15
Yellow Warbler	142
Chestnut-sided Warbler	18
Blackpoll Warbler	2
Black-throated Blue Warbler	6
Palm Warbler	5
Pine Warbler	4
Yellow-rumped Warbler	16
Yellow-throated Warbler	7
Prairie Warbler	9
Black-throated Green Warbler	23
Canada Warbler	3
Wilson's Warbler	4
Scarlet Tanager	58
Northern Cardinal	259
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	33
Indigo Bunting	71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6135</b>

## RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE, May 2021

### By Jon Cefus

Your Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) has continued to vote on records submitted to the committee as well as voting on an emendation of the OBRC Bylaws (see below). As was the case with the first batch in 2021, twenty records were chosen for review. Of those twenty records, nineteen were accepted and one was not accepted. The record not accepted was a reported White-tailed Kite in *Medina* on 31 May 2020.

The membership of the OBRC who voted on the above records was Jon Cefus (Secretary), Rob Harlan (Vice Secretary), Jen Brumfield, Tom Kemp, Steve Landes, Ben Morrison, Steve Schaffer, Ben Warner, and Brian Wulker.

A proposal was put forth to emend the Bylaws of the OBRC to better reflect recent trends in observations of birds in Ohio and to help the records committee work more efficiently. In the past, the threshold for a species to be removed from the review species list was that the accepted record frequency was fewer than TWO records per year for the most recent 10 year period. A vote was taken, and the following emendation accepted by the committee establishing the criteria of an Ohio review species as:

“Review List criteria are as follows:

(a) Any species for which there is no Accepted record for the state is automatically a Review List species;

(b) Any species for which the Accepted frequency is less than ONE record per year (for the most recent ten year period) is automatically a Review List species;

(c) Any species not falling within the above two categories may be added to the Review List, after relevant discussion, if a majority of the Committee so agrees.”

Under criteria (a) and (b), these 10 species qualified to be removed from the Ohio Review Species List. However, the Committee retained Ruff, Loggerhead Shrike, and Cave Swallow on the list under criterion (c).

White-winged Dove	Piping Plover
Ruff	Glossy Ibis
Mississippi Kite	Loggerhead Shrike
Fish Crow	Cave Swallow
Harris's Sparrow	Kirtland's Warbler

The official Ohio checklist stands at 443 species and a species pair as of May 2021. The checklist follows the nomenclature and taxonomic sequence of the American Ornithological

Society's *Check-List of North and Middle American Birds* through the Sixty-first Supplement (July 2020). The Ohio checklist can be found at the Ohio Ornithological Society's (OOS) website at: <https://ohiobirds.org/resources/official-ohio-ornithological-society-bird-checklist/>.

The current list of review species can be found at: <https://ohiobirds.org/rare-birds/rare-bird-review-list/>. Those wishing to submit a record to the OBRC from the list of review species can do so several ways. A link is available at the OOS website to do so online: <https://ohiobirds.org/rare-birds/report-a-rare-bird-sighting/>. Information can also be sent via email to the secretary at [birdbrains4u@gmail.com](mailto:birdbrains4u@gmail.com) or mailed to 6699 Wales Crossing St. NW, Apt. A, North Canton, OH 44720.

The following list of records accepted by the OBRC is presented in taxonomic sequence and chronologically within a given species. They pertain to the sighting of a single bird unless otherwise noted. The sequence and common and scientific names of species follow the *Check-List of North and Middle American Birds* through the Sixty-first Supplement 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://checklist.americanornithology.org/>. The following 19 records were accepted during their first circulation:

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** (*Calidris acuminata*)  
#1 — *Wyandot* (Killdeer Plains WA), 19-30 Oct 2019. Third Ohio record. Documented by Ron Sempier and internet sources.

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** (*Calidris acuminata*)  
#2 — *Medina* (Seville), 09 Sep 2020. Fourth Ohio record. Documented by Rob and Sandy Harlan and internet sources.

**Royal Tern** (*Thalasseus maximus*) — *Auglaize* (Grand Lake St. Marys Fish Hatchery), 29 Apr-02 May 2012. Third Ohio record. Internet sources.

**Magnificent Frigatebird** (*Fregata magnificens*)  
— *Franklin* (Pickerington Ponds Metropark), 12 Sep 2020. Fifth Ohio record. Documented by John Bonnett and internet sources.

**Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) #1 — *Cuyahoga* (Wendy Park), 19 Mar-01 Apr 2018. Third Ohio record. Internet sources.



- Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) #2 — **Cuyahoga** (Wendy Park and Edgewater Park), 20-25 Mar 2019. Fourth Ohio record. Internet sources.
- Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) #3 — **Cuyahoga** (Wendy Park), 23-29 Jan 2020. Fifth Ohio record. Internet sources.
- Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) #4 — **Cuyahoga** (Wendy Park), 14-20 Mar 2020. Sixth Ohio record. Internet sources.
- Great Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) #5 — **Cuyahoga** (Wendy Park), 27-29 Jan 2021. Seventh Ohio record. Internet sources.
- “Great White Heron”** (*Ardea herodias*)\* #1 — **Ashtabula** (Conneaut Harbor), 8 Aug-08 Sep 2018. FIRST OHIO RECORD of this taxon. Internet sources.
- “Great White Heron”** (*Ardea herodias*)\* #2 — **Montgomery** (Englewood Metropark), 28 Aug-14 Sep 2019. Second Ohio record of this taxon. Internet sources.
- Roseate Spoonbill** (*Platalea ajaja*) #1 — **Lorain** (New Russia Township), 10-15 Jun 2018. Third Ohio record. Documented by Kathy Caldwell and internet sources.
- Roseate Spoonbill** (*Platalea ajaja*) #2 — **Ashtabula** (Conneaut Harbor), 19 Jun 2018. Fourth Ohio record. Internet sources.
- Roseate Spoonbill** (*Platalea ajaja*) #3 — **Holmes** (Millersburg), 22-23 Jul 2018. Fifth Ohio record. Internet sources.
- Roseate Spoonbill** (*Platalea ajaja*) #4 — **Licking** (Hebron Fish Hatchery), 07-16 Aug 2018. Sixth Ohio record. Documented by Erick Arthurs, Margaret Bowman, and internet sources.
- Roseate Spoonbill** (*Platalea ajaja*) #5 — **Wayne** (Funk Bottoms area), 20-23 Aug 2018. Seventh Ohio record. Internet sources.
- Roseate Spoonbill** (*Platalea ajaja*) #6 — **Franklin** (Pickerington Ponds MP), 25 Aug-13 Oct 2018. Eighth Ohio record. Internet sources.
- Roseate Spoonbill** (*Platalea ajaja*) #7 — **Knox** (Knox Lake), 01-04 Oct 2018. Ninth Ohio record. Internet sources.
- Townsend’s Warbler** (*Setophaga townsendi*) — **Lucas** (Maumee Bay SP), 10 May 2019. Fourth Ohio record. Documented by Oliver Burrus, Adriana Losey, and internet sources.

\* = White morph of Great Blue Heron

## REFLECTIONS ON URBAN RAPTORS

By Gregory Bennett

My wife and I live in densely suburban west Akron, *Summit*. Our home, on a busy street, faces the First Energy campus, in front of which the Wheeling & Lake Erie line runs. I work at an elementary school within walking distance. The school and nearby church are on a large property with a baseball field and many trees. The area is a *de facto* dog park.

In Feb 2020, Red-tailed Hawks took up residence in a pair of maturing, stately white pines. I can see them come and go from the front window. The hawks have been joined this year by Mourning Doves and Blue Jays nesting in the same tree. As we were transitioning to in-person learning, on 25 Feb a magnificent pair of adult Bald Eagles soared over the school building! Sandwiched between the Cuyahoga Valley and the more rural Copley it's not unusual to see some migrants through this area.

On 04 Mar, the eagles were again together standing on the church steeple. The cross had been temporarily removed, leaving a flat top. Visible in a direct line to the west was a substantial white pine on Fairlawn Heights, creating a promontory of sorts. I wish I could explain the geology of the area but I do know that Sand Run MP begins there.

The school and church are on one of the two main east-west roads through Akron. A vacant lot opposite is actually an eyesore when the

grass is high, but there is also a stand of scraggly spruce trees. As of 01 Jun, I hadn't seen the eagles since Mar, but on 14 Apr, as I approached the crosswalk, a Cooper's Hawk flew into the vacant lot with a stick in its mouth. I have heard it complain at me a few times since as I pass.

Last week (late May) I went to visit a friend, also within walking distance, also on a densely residential street. He said "falcons" were nesting in his neighbor's yard, near Sand Run MP. There are some nice oaks, and I have heard migrating warblers while there in the past. I arrived expecting more Cooper's Hawks. They were instead beautiful Red-shouldered Hawks! I could not locate the nest but, in trying, I made eye contact with one stern bird, which very quickly dispatched a prey item and returned while another nearby individual screamed.

Sand Run MP has been preserved for a century, and the CVNP for nearly half as long. As our planet continues to heal I hope that urban raptors persist, thrive, and increase.

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## FIELD NOTES

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

**From Ann and Dwight Charas:**

[Regarding 40 Purple Finches at CVNP Oak Hill on 11 Mar] Irruption year, flock flew into tops of five trees along entrance drive, perched for about five minutes, many vocalizing but not the House Finch song but a jumble of call notes, most were females with light eyebrow, males raspberry color, counted by ones and twos, both of us got same number.

**From John Pogacnik:**

[Regarding 3864 Turkey Vultures at Lake Erie Bluffs on 29 Mar] Massive flight with birds moving from 8:30 am until 7:00 pm. Several large kettles with the largest ones consisting of 100, 90, 80, 70, 70, 70, 70 birds. At times there was a nonstop movement of them.

**From Douglas Vogus:**

[Regarding the 04 Apr ONWR census] On the back side of ONWR, pools MS 5 and Pool 3 are drawn down leaving any and all fish vulnerable to predators. The American White Pelicans on the east end were actively feeding, actually gorging, on fish. Those on the northwest

end were resting, probably too full to care. Bald Eagles were in numbers we've never seen. Adults and immatures perched in trees along these fishing grounds and hanging at times nine to 12 birds per tree, like eagle ornaments. One continuous view on the backside, viewing from right to left, tallied 64 birds in just one view! The entire area of the ONWR complex of feeding eagles as well as nesting eagles could have possibly climbed to 100-plus birds! Quite a sight to behold.

**From Trevor Zook:**

[Regarding 32,500 scaup at Cedar Point NWR on 31 Mar] Lake: 2,500; Marsh: 30,000. I estimated roughly 500 ducks per scope view and used that number to estimate the total as I scanned. The marsh was absolutely packed with scaup (likely 90% or higher Lesser), with a few other ducks mixed in. No apparent Red-head or Canvasback, although it is hard to tell at a distance with heat shimmer. This estimate still may be low, as driving around the marsh made it hard to tell what birds had already been counted. Many took off towards the south end as I approached to the north. Some photos I took have roughly 200 ducks in flight, and show them far more spaced out than they were in the water, which backs up my estimation as only a "small" portion (~2,000) of the flock took off.

## YEARS AGO

### By Craig Caldwell

- 10 years ago**, the Spring 2011 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 34 No. 3 (Craig Caldwell, Editor) contained these items: The issue was combined with that of Summer 2011. Twenty-three review species were reported, including Ohio's second Garganey, a Swallow-tailed Kite, a Swainson's Hawk, and a Bullock's Oriole. (Many of what were then review species are not now on that list.) The state's first Fish Crows were documented in *Cuyahoga, Lake*, and *Lucas* and reported elsewhere.
- 25 years ago**, the Spring 1996 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 19 No. 3 (Rob Harlan, Editor) contained these items: The *Paulding* Gyrfalcon lingered into Mar. Tom Bartlett banded the state's first documented Spotted Towhee in *Seneca*; the species had just been split from Eastern Towhee. Ospreys were reported from 16 counties. An unidentified jaeger strafed through Metzger on the late date of 03 Mar.
- 50 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* for Spring 1971, Vo. 67 No. 2 (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) Six Bald Eagles and three Loggerhead Shrikes were seen. Ohio's second Tricolored Heron (then called Louisiana Heron) was seen in Sandusky Bay; though not in the Bird Calendar region it rated mention. An enigmatic finch was reported as a Black Rosy-Finch. However, Peterjohn, in *The Birds of Ohio* (2001) was unconvinced and recorded it as probably a dark Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch. If a Black, it's the only record east of the mountain west; if a Gray-crowned, it was Ohio's first.
- 100 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* did not publish normal issues. However, "Bulletin No. 1", which included March, appeared as a newspaper article (which paper isn't noted). "Bulletin No. 2" contained April and May reports. The only item of note was the comment that spring had been "among the mildest of our annals".

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*Tom Fishburn photographed this handsome male Black-throated Green Warbler on 14 May at Magee.*

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*This Eastern Kingbird posed for Su Snyder on 03 May at a pond in Killbuck.*

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