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*A trip to Hueston Woods on 25 Sep gave Leslie Sours an “unreal” shock when this rare Green-tailed Towhee popped up close in front of her.*

**On the cover:**

*Chris Saladin was surprised by this rare Black-headed Grosbeak on 26 Sep along the Rocky River in Cuyahoga. (OBRC vote is pending.)*

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## COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Craig Caldwell

As is becoming the norm, the season's weather showed wild swings. Aug rainfall was in the top 25% of the 127 years with records. The south-eastern half of the state got no less than five inches and the upper Ohio River valley got at least 10, four times its norm. Most of the other half of the state got two to four inches but some pockets got less than 1.5. The month was the seventh-hottest Aug on record.

Sept was drier, though coming in above average at number 84 with number 127 being the wettest. The western border and northwestern counties got about double their usual rainfall but much of the eastern half got as little as a quarter of the norm. It remained hot, but not as hot as Aug, ranking at number 101 compared to the hottest number 127.

Oct swung back to the very wet side, coming in 114<sup>th</sup> compared to the wettest number 127. The high average was driven by rains across the northern half of the state that were up to triple the usual amount. A few areas in the south, though, had as little as 75% of their norm. The month was the hottest Oct on record.

Nov completely reversed Oct's numbers. It was the 15<sup>th</sup> driest ever, with much of the state receiving less than 75% of its usual precipitation and many areas getting less than half their usual amounts. The average temperature was well below the middle at number 55.

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.

This issue is much larger than usual. The fall Species Accounts always has the largest number of species of any season because most nesters are still here, non-nesting migrants are flowing through, and overwintering species are arriving. Other regular features of the fall *Cardinal* include reports of the CVNP fall census and details of Northern Saw-whet Owl banding efforts and western hummingbird occurrences. The Field Notes section includes some very detailed descriptions of rarities that are worthy of emulation.

The rest of the issue is special. Ryan Jacob and Christy Frank give us the history-to-date of the nesting Piping Plovers at Maumee Bay (and hope to add to it in 2022!). Allen Chartier has provided

a masterful account of wintering Rufous Hummingbirds in our state. And Rob Harlan has detailed the OBRC decision to remove Trumpeter Swan from the review list.

This issue of the *Cardinal* contains reports of 325 species, an increase over the previous fall high number of 321 set last year. Four hybrids and 12 entries at the genus or family level are also listed. Four exotic species, almost surely escapees, were seen. Twelve species were reported in all 88 counties and six more were seen in 87. Thirty-two were seen in between 80 and 86 counties.

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) under Secretary Jon Cefus has continued to evaluate reports of Review Species. In addition to evaluating individual reports, the Committee has removed Trumpeter Swan from the review list; a full accounting of the decision is in a separate article. The Committee completed a round of voting in September and its results will be reported in the winter *Cardinal*.

Twenty-one review species were reported during this season; their names are underlined. Twelve of them generated at least one report to the OBRC; three of the 12 also had different sightings that did not produce formal reports. Reports on eBird of all but one species contained enough descriptions or photos to allow review, and many are so definitive that acceptance is sure.

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



62nd Supplement (2021). 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 “*fidé*” 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 *Harrison* airport  
 BRAS = Black River Audubon Society  
 BSBO = Black Swamp Bird Observatory, *Ottawa* (<http://www.bsbo.org>)  
 Buck Creek = Buck Creek State Park, *Clark*  
 Burke Airport = Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport, *Cuyahoga*  
 Caesar Creek = Caesar Creek State Park, *Warren*, unless the lake itself is specified; a bit of the lake is also in *Clinton*  
 CBC = Audubon’s Christmas Bird Count  
 CCE = Crane Creek Estuary, *Lucas* and *Ottawa*, viewable from both ONWR and the CCE Trail 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 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, Fox, Koontz, and Navarre = units of ONWR separate from the main area, all in **Ottawa**; of them Boss, Fox, 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**  
Perry TP = Perry Township Park, on Lake Erie in eastern **Lake**  
Pickerel Creek = Pickerel 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 Na-  
 ture Preserve, **Seneca**  
 Spring Valley = Spring Valley Wildlife Area, al-  
 most 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 Cleve-  
 land'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 breed-  
 ing 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

Many birders got to see one at Mercer WA on 29 Sep.

### Snow Goose

A trio of birders saw the first, at the Huron harbor impoundment, **Erie**, on 28 Sep. John J. Hiles saw the most, about 300 passing over East Fork on 18 Nov. That same day Mandy Roberts found about 150 at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, **Allen**, for the second highest number. (32 counties)

### Ross's Goose

The first was at Sandy Ridge, for Bill Ohlsen on 15 Oct; it stayed until 07 Nov. The most were Sean Williams' 15 at Alum Creek on 18 Nov; see Field Notes for more. Janice Farral saw perhaps as many as nine in two flocks passing Lorain (city) on 18 Nov. (12 counties)

### Snow/Ross's Goose

Indeterminate birds were reported from nine counties.

### Greater White-fronted Goose

The first was at the Columbus Upground Reservoir, Delaware, on 27 Oct (m. obs.). Sean Williams counted the most, 48 in three flocks at Alum Creek on 18 Nov. David Wilkins provided the second highest number, 22, at each of two **Sandusky** locations, the Artiflex retention pond on 29 Nov and the Raccoon Creek Reservoir on 23 Nov. (10 counties)

### Brant

One spent from 13 to 20 Nov at Indian Lake for m. obs.

### Cackling Goose

Jennifer Allison saw the first, at Sandy Ridge on 24 Oct. Next were Tim Krynak's four at Lost Creek Reservoir, **Allen**, on 14 Nov. The high count of eight was shared by Gautam Apte at CLNP on 26 Nov and David Wilkins near Gibsonburg, **Sandusky**, on both 22 and 28 Nov. (10 counties)

### Canada Goose

Gregory Miller saw the most, about 1300 at the mouth of the Portage River, **Ottawa**, on 17 Oct. (all 88 counties)

### Cackling/Canada Goose

Indeterminate birds were reported from four counties.

### Mute Swan

John Biddick found 26 at ONWR Fox on 07 Oct. Anthony Schmitt saw the second most, 12 (an apparent family of 10 and another pair) at Pickerington Ponds on 26 Aug. (27 counties)

### Trumpeter Swan

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census teams counted 182 on both 01 Aug and 07 Nov. The most not in **Lucas** and **Ottawa** were David Wilkins's 45 at Pickerel Creek on 12 Oct and the most inland were Richard Stelzer's 40 at Killdeer on 03 Nov. (31 counties)

### Tundra Swan

Jeff Harvey saw the first, at Mill Creek on 23 Oct. Beth Shepherd saw the next, 10 on the outskirts of Medina on 27 Oct. Paul Sherwood found about 2500 along Bemis Road, **Erie**, on both 26 and 28 Nov. Observers reported 1000 to 2000 at LaDue on 18 Nov. (37 counties)

### Trumpeter/Tundra Swan

Indeterminate birds were reported from 14 counties.

### (Egyptian Goose)

Phil Cantino found this escapee in **Athens** on 29 Aug; it has been in the area for a couple of years now.

### Wood Duck

Mark Shaver counted 261 at TNC's Lucia Nash Preserve, **Geauga**, on 24 Oct. A trio of birders found about 180 at Killbuck on 09 Oct. (78 counties)



Getting its breeding colors back after a late summer molt, this male Wood Duck posed for Su Snyder along Messner Road, **Wayne**, on 28 Sep.

### Blue-winged Teal

Mentor Lagoons hosted 220 for John Pogacnik on 14 Sep. (58 counties)

### Northern Shoveler

Four sites hosted up to seven on the first date of 14 Aug. Jeff Harvey found 155 at Pine Lake, *Ma-honing*, on 11 Nov and Mark Shaver about 150 at Mosquito Lake on 28 Nov. The next most were Ryan Lesniewicz's 86 at ONWR on 06 Nov. (49 counties)

### [Cinnamon Teal x Northern Shoveler]

Sean Williams found this hybrid at Westerville's Medallion Club, *Delaware*, on 29 Nov, and several birders got to see it the next day as well. See Field Notes for more.

### Gadwall

Rene', Andy, and Bill McGill found the first two, at Howard Marsh on 05 Aug. Paul Sherwood saw about 900 from the Cedar Point Chausee, *Erie*, on 14 Nov. Next most were 662 at ONWR on 07 Nov (*vide* Douglas Vogus) and the most inland were Patrick Coy's 270 at Lake Rockwell, *Portage*, on 22 Nov. (52 counties)

### American Wigeon

Tim Colborn and Luke Schrader weren't together, but they both saw the first, at Howard Marsh on 07 Aug. Larry Richardson found about 230 at Mosquito Lake on 23 Oct and up to 200 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 150 along the ONWR WD on 19 Sep for Debra and Steve Patterson. (42 counties)

### Mallard

A party of five birders saw about 4000 along the ONWR WD on 28 Nov and others reported up to 2200 there on other dates. Gary Gerrone's were the most elsewhere, 750 at Sandy Ridge on 06 Nov. David McConnell's 340 at Killbuck on 28 Nov were the most at an inland county. Only *Gallia*, *Jackson*, *Meigs*, and *Putnam* didn't have sightings.

### American Black Duck

Several birders saw about 100 along the ONWR WD on 28 Nov. Mary Anne Romito *et al.* saw the second most, 55 at the Ira Road marsh in CVNP on 29 Nov. (49 counties)

### [Mallard x American Black Duck]

Lee Gray saw the first, two at Berlin Lake on 13 Aug. Marjorie Weaver saw the most, 12 on the Blanchard River, *Hancock*, on 19 Nov. (12 counties)

### Northern Pintail

A trio of birders saw the first, three in Huron harbor, *Erie*, on 01 Sep. Paul Jacyk noted 930 along the ONWR WD on 27 Nov and up to 900 were reported there on other dates. Jamison Conley's 100 at Mosquito WA on 29 Oct were the most elsewhere. (39 counties)

### [Mallard x Northern Pintail]

Paul Jacyk photographed one at Bay View Park, *Lucas*, on 29 Nov.

### Green-winged Teal

The most were about 1200 along the ONWR WD on 28 Nov (Mark Shieldcastle). Next most were 426 during the 07 Nov ONWR census (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Shipman Pond at Headlands had the most elsewhere, 300 on 20 Nov (James Smallwood), and the most inland were 123 at The Bowl on 09 Oct (Scott Pendleton). (55 counties)

### Canvasback

Michael Crist found the first, five at Mosquito WA on 09 Oct. Next was one that Todd Eiben saw at the Oberlin Reservoir, *Lorain*, on 17 Oct. John Pogacnik counted 41 at Bill Stanton Community Park, *Lake*, on 18 Nov. Allen Rand's 20 at East Sandusky Bay MP, *Erie*, on 13 Nov were the second most. (24 counties)

### Redhead

The season's first were seen on 01 Aug. One or two were at ONWR that day (Paul Jacyk, Warren Leow). Another had been at Big Island for most of the summer and stayed into Aug. About 50 were at ONWR on 27 Nov (Gregory Miller) and the most inland were 33 at Alum Creek, also on 27 Nov (Carl Winstead). (37 counties)

### Ring-necked Duck

A trickle of sightings came during summer but this season's first wasn't until Benjamin Miller found two at Ackerman NP, *Knox*, on 09 Aug. Sarah Taylor saw about 1500 at East Sandusky Bay MP, *Erie*, on 13 Nov, and up to 1000 were seen there on other dates. Gary Cowell and Jason Hull counted 405 at Lexington Community Park, *Richland*, on 18 Nov. (48 counties)

### Greater Scaup

Several birders got to see the first, along Wake Robin on 20 Oct. Judy Schuster's at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, *Lorain*, on 23 Oct was the first inland. Ten got all the way to Caesar Creek on 30 Oct for George Keller, and they were also the most at an inland site. Kim Pastrick saw 50 off Sims Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 13 Nov, and the next most were 13 off Cahoon Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 13 Nov (m. obs.). (13 counties)

### Lesser Scaup

One showed up at Mosquito Lake on 05 Aug for Rick Nelson. Mary Ann Henderson and Nancy Howell separately reported the next, on the Cuyahoga River at Cleveland's Scranton Peninsula on 28 Aug. (It is apparently injured, and has been spotted on and off in any season for a few years.) Nancy Anderson saw at least 3500 off

East Harbor on 30 Nov and others noted more than 3000 there on other dates. Paul Jacyk's 2800 off Toledo on 15 Nov were the most elsewhere. Hoover NP hosted the most away from **Lucas** and **Ottawa**; Carl Winstead saw 190 there on 18 Nov. (47 counties)

#### Scap sp.

Paul Jacyk saw a mixed flock of about 6000 off Dry Tree Point, **Lucas**, on 28 Oct. (17 counties)

#### Harlequin Duck

One was on the Cuyahoga River at the Scranton Peninsula on 31 Oct. Another flew past Lake-wood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Nov and it or another flew by there the next day as well. All of the sightings were by m. obs.

#### Surf Scoter

The first date was 16 Oct. That day a trio of birders saw one at Furfield Dog Park, **Butler**; a different trio saw two from Perry TP; and Jelmer Poelstra saw two off Avon Lake's Veterans Memorial Park, **Lorain**. Michael Dudzinsky counted 20 off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Nov. The highest inland count was 15 by Wendy King at Alum Creek on 11 Nov. (18 counties)

#### White-winged Scoter

Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw the first, three at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 16 Oct. Several birders spent five hours at Euclid Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 31 Oct and counted 14 flying east during that time. The most elsewhere were eight, off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on both 08 Nov (Judy Schuster) and 22 Nov (Dennis Mersky). The most inland were three at Atwood Lake, **Tuscarawas**, on 27 Oct for Javin Blake. (9 counties)

#### Black Scoter

The first passed Perry TP on 16 Oct for Atlee A. Yoder. The Euclid Beach, **Cuyahoga**, group counted 26 during their five hours there on 31 Oct and up to 22 were seen from other **Cuyahoga** vantage points. David English and John Kolar separately counted five at LaDue on 06 Nov for the inland high number. **Lorain**, **Richland**, and **Trumbull** also contributed reports.

#### Surf/Black Scoter

On 31 Oct birders counted 41 passing Euclid Beach, **Cuyahoga**, too far from shore to be identified to species.

#### Long-tailed Duck

Darlene Friedman saw the first, two at Lexington, **Richland**, on 28 Oct. Next was John Pogacnik's single at Perry TP on 04 Nov. The most were five; Gary Cowell and Gregory Hartman saw them a few hours apart at Clear Fork on 27 Nov. (8 counties)

#### Bufflehead

The first was off Headlands on 15 Oct for James Smallwood. Kelly Kozlowski found 330 at LaDue on 15 Nov. Gregory Miller saw the second most, 220 off Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve, **Ottawa**, on 27 Nov. (48 counties)

#### Common Goldeneye

Rick Nelson saw the first, at Mosquito SP on 01 Sep, and it stayed to at least 24 Sep. Eric Elvert saw the next, at Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, on 01 Nov. Fred Losi's 120 off Columbia Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 24 Nov were the most; Bob Helton's 80 off Sims Park, Cuyahoga, on 17 Nov the next most; and Eric M. Hall's 75 at Pymatuning Lake, **Ashtabula**, the most at an inland site. (21 counties)

#### Hooded Merganser

Matt Mason counted 652 at Hoover NP on 28 Nov; up to 400 were seen there on other dates. David English found 185 at LaDue on 27 Nov for the most elsewhere. (62 counties)

#### Common Merganser

Lake Rockwell, **Portage**, hosted the high count of 175 on 22 Nov (Patrick Coy). Next most were 80 off Perry TP on 25 Nov (Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik). (28 counties)

#### Red-breasted Merganser

Phil Cantino saw the first, flying over the Ohio University golf course, **Athens**, on 13 Aug. Sandra Blease saw the next, two at Pickerel Creek on 23 Aug. About 20,000 were off Perry TP on 26 Nov for Tom Frankel, and 15,000 were off Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 20 Nov, for Theo Bockhorst. The inland high count was Michael Crouse's 25 at Lost Creek Reservoir, **Allen**, on 20 Nov. (36 counties)

#### Ruddy Duck

The high count of 1000 was shared by Janet Hughes in Sandusky harbor, **Erie**, on 07 Nov and Helen and Ken Ostermiller at the Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 15 Nov. (53 counties)

#### Wild Turkey

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller saw 45 by Riverdale Road, **Stark**, on 19 Nov. The second highest number of 32 was shared by Dan Enders near Hoover on 27 Nov and Ginny Fantetti in her **Clermont** yard on 29 Nov. (72 counties)



On 21 Aug Patty McKelvey "digibinned" the large resident flock of Wild Turkeys along the Sheffield Lake Recreational Trail, **Lorain**.



### Northern Bobwhite

Reports were scattered throughout the season but were scarcer in Nov. Randy Morgan counted 11 at Cook Farm, **Butler**, on 05 Nov. The next most were five on 28 Aug by County Road 265, **Sandusky**, where David Wilkins knows they are released. (12 counties)

### Ring-necked Pheasant

Delaware WA held 15 for Carl Winstead on 12 Nov. Irina Shulgina saw five at Glacier Ridge MP, **Union**, on 18 Aug. Paul Jacyk also saw five, along Teachout Road, **Lucas**, on both 18 and 25 Nov. (29 counties)

### Pied-billed Grebe

Kathryn Clark counted 92 along the ONWR WD on 06 Sep. Next most were Luke Schrader's 85 at Big Island on 01 Aug. (68 counties)

### Horned Grebe

Austin Langdon saw the first, five at Caesar Creek on 30 Aug. The next was David Wilkins's single at Pickerel Creek on 16 Sep and the third was one that Don Niece saw at Indian Lake on 30 Sep. John Kuenzli contributed the high count of 81, off Lakeshore Reservation, **Lorain**, on 12 Nov, and up to 75 were seen there and at other Lake Erie-side locations. Sean Williams's 38 at Buckeye Lake, **Fairfield**, on 17 Nov were the most inland. (39 counties)

### Red-necked Grebe

Trish Guenther and Jeff Harvey weren't together, but both saw one at Lake Milton, **Mahoning**, on the first date of 30 Oct. Singles were also reported from **Allen**, **Cuyahoga**, **Geauga**, **Lake**, and **Lorain**.

### Eared Grebe

Jen Brumfield and Patrick Markee separately reported one off CLNP on 04 Sep; the next was at East Fork on 21 Sep for m. obs. **Lorain** and **Medina** also hosted single birds.



*Riding waves, both this Eared Grebe and Leslie Sours met on Lake Erie on 09 Oct off Lorain.*

### Rock Pigeon

Irina Shulgina saw about 600 at OSU's Waterman Farm on 27 Sep. Only **Adams**, **Carroll**, **Gallia**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Eurasian Collared-Dove

Mandy Roberts counted 19 at Beaverdam, **Allen**, on 16 Oct. The next most were 12 at Port William, **Clinton**, on 08 Nov (Larry Early) and the third most were Elizabeth McQuaid's five near Bay View, **Erie**, on 12 Nov. (11 counties)

### White-winged Dove

Carl Winstead audio recorded one, but never saw it, at Delaware WA on 07 Aug.

### Mourning Dove

The most were about 350, in Wilmington, **Clinton**, on 16 Aug (Larry Early). Next most were 267 at Randy Morgan's **Butler** farm on 16 Nov. (all 88 counties)

### Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Noah Butas photographed the last, at Lorain on 22 Oct. Terry Bronson counted 11 in five miles of wandering Ales Run WA, **Noble**, on 27 Aug. (75 counties)

### Black-billed Cuckoo

Tom Kemp saw the last, in his Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, yard on 17 Oct. Duos were reported at six locations. (38 counties)

### Common Nighthawk

Reports were steady to the last date of 14 Oct. That day Jim Proffitt saw one at Maumee Bay and Mike Sustin saw two at Cascade Valley MP, **Summit**. Daniel A. Stutzman saw at least 360 passing his Millersburg, Holmes, home on 27 Aug; see Field Notes for details. A trio of birders counted 129 over Justice Drive, Lebanon, **Warren**, on 28 Aug, and four other counts exceeded 100. (64 counties)

### Eastern Whip-poor-will

Kim Jansen initiated the rescue of the last, which was trapped in Cleveland's Federal Building vestibule on 20 Sep. Andrew and Kristine Newcomb found two at Lake Hope SP, **Vinton**, on 03 Aug. (9 counties)

### Chimney Swift

Lori Brumbaugh saw the last, at her **Cuyahoga** home on 27 Oct. Thomas Reiter saw about 2000 entering a high school chimney in Burton, **Geauga**, on 21 Sep. About 1500 swirled into several chimneys in Cincinnati for Michael O'Brien on 21 Aug, and Ann and Dwight Chasar saw a similar number in Bedford Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 30 Aug. (80 counties)

### Calliope Hummingbird

Allen Chartier banded an after hatch-year female at a feeder in **Belmont** on 27 Nov. It had been first observed in mid Oct and was last seen on 12 Jan 2022. The OBRC has details.

### Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Mark and Sherry Plessner saw the last, at their **Lucas** home on 07 and 08 Nov. Wendy Smith's in Sycamore, **Wyandot**, on 27 Oct was the second last. Sean Hollowell counted 20 at Pearl's Fen, **Greene**, on 03 Sep, and Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team came close with 19 on 01 Aug. (82 counties)



This Ruby-throated Hummingbird visited Debbie Parker's home in **Medina** on 25 Aug

### Rufous Hummingbird

This was another banner year for the species here; several stayed into January. See the table at the end of the Species Accounts for details.



Owen Troyer welcomed many appreciative visitors to his home in **Coshocton**, where Bruce Miller photographed this Rufous Hummingbird on 13 Nov.

### Allen's Hummingbird

Allen Chartier banded an after hatch-year female at a feeder in Mariemont, **Hamilton**, on 05 Dec. It had been at that feeder and others nearby since at least 10 Nov. Allen had banded a hatch-year male Rufous Hummingbird at the same feeder last winter. The OBRC has details.

### Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird

An adult male was photographed in **Coshocton** during a stay from 26 Oct to 26 Nov. The photos were inconclusive at the species level but confirm the bird as genus *Selasphorus*.

### King Rail

David Wilkins reported the only one, at Pickercreek on 09 Aug.

### Virginia Rail

One Dec sighting followed this season's last, which was by Denyse Carone at Siebenthaler Fen, **Greene**, on 23 Nov. Dennis Mersky found two adults and four young at ONWR on 01 Aug. The next highest count of four came from Howard Marsh on several dates. (25 counties)

### Sora

Several birders heard the last, at the OSU wetlands on 02 Nov. Jeff Harvey provided the high count of eight, at Mill Creek on 13 Oct. There were three reports of six birds elsewhere. (29 counties)

### Common Gallinule

Boyer NP, **Franklin**, hosted the last, on 21 Nov (Donna Kuhn). One was seen on and off until 16 Nov at Fernald (m. obs.). The high count of 30 came from Howard Marsh on both 04 Aug (Isaac Smith) and 01 Sep (Daniel Grossi). (23 counties)

### American Coot

Chad Wilson saw about 7500 at Indian Lake on 14 Nov, and up to 3000 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 1500 that Ami Horowitz saw from the Cedar Point Causeway, **Erie**, on 27 Nov. (52 counties)

### Yellow Rail

Several lucky birders saw one at Darby Creek on 18 Oct.

### Sandhill Crane

Matthew Domer saw two flocks totaling about 175 at Funk on 01 Aug, and up to 161 were seen there on other dates. David McConnell's 153 at nearby Wilderness Road on 21 Oct were the most elsewhere. (46 counties)

### American Avocet

Several birders saw the last, at Caesar Creek on 16 Oct, and there were two other mid-Oct reports. The last otherwise was a single bird at Headlands a month earlier on 16 Sep (m. obs.). The most were nine at Mill Creek on 13 Aug (m. obs.). (17 counties)



It's always a treat to see an American Avocet. Kisa Weeman photographed this one at Pleasant Hill Lake on 13 Oct.

### Black-necked Stilt

Chris Crook and Matt Mason separately reported the last, at Dillon SP, *Muskingum*, on 21 Sep; it had been there since at least 10 Sep. The last elsewhere was David Wilkins's at Pickerel Creek on 08 and 09 Sep. Bill Ohlsen found two groups totaling 10 at Howard Marsh on 02 Aug. The next most were the six that Tim Colborn and Luke Schrader saw along the ONWR WD on 07 Aug. Reports also came from *Butler* and *Mercer*.

### Black-bellied Plover

A couple of Jul sightings preceded this season's first, which was by Tom Frankel at Headlands on 06 Aug. The last was at Wilderness Road on 01 Nov by Jelmer Poelstra. Josh King found 20 at the *Mercer* end of Grand Lake. (24 counties)

### American Golden-Plover

Though there were two late Jul sightings, this season's first wasn't until 14 Aug, at the Darby Dan Sod Farm, *Franklin* (Wyatt Egelhoff). Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble saw the last, at the Columbus Upground Reservoir, *Delaware*, on 05 Nov. The most were David Wilkins's 17 at Pickerel Creek on 13 Sep. (26 counties)



*Jim Smallwood photographed this American Golden-Plover on 13 Sep at Headlands.*

### Killdeer

Rick Asamoto provided the high count, 428 at Englewood on 25 Aug. Only *Gallia*, *Jackson*, *Meigs*, and *Monroe* didn't have sightings.

### Semipalmated Plover

Douglas Vogus *et al.* saw the last one during the 07 Nov ONWR census. Dennis Troyer saw the second last, seven at the Huron harbor impoundment, *Erie*, on 22 Oct. Bennie Saylor found about 10 at Funk on 10 Aug. (37 counties)

### Piping Plover

See the separate article for the conclusion of the Maumee Bay family's saga.

### Snowy Plover

The OBRC has lots of photos from posts of a *Lucas* event.



*Joshua Vardous was one of the few who got to see this Snowy Plover during its brief stay at Maumee Bay on 10 Sep.*

### Upland Sandpiper

All of the sightings were of single birds:

At Burke airport on 10 Aug (Jen Brumfield and Ben Meredyk)

Near Cadiz, *Harrison*, also on 10 Aug (Scott Pendleton)

At the Ellis Lake wetlands, *Butler*, on 25 Aug (Robert Lacker)

Calling over Cuyahoga Falls, *Summit*, early on 01 Sep (Brian Tinker)

At Howard Marsh on 06 Sep (m. obs.)

Calling over Columbus early on 09 Sep (Gautam Apte)

### Whimbrel

A Conneaut flyby on 08 Aug for Mark Shaver was the season's first; there had been several Jul sightings before it. Burke Airport hosted the last and second last, on 09 Oct (m. obs.) and 01 Oct (Debra Sweeney). The most were six that Joan Scharf watched fly past Mentor Marsh on 16 Aug, and the only other multiple sighting was Alex Eisen-gart's duo that passed Headlands on 22 Aug. Reports also came from *Lorain* and *Lucas*.

### Hudsonian Godwit

James Roark saw the first, at Howard Marsh on 02 Sep. The last flew past John Pogacnik at Perry TP on 03 Nov. Regina Schieltz photographed some of the 42 she counted at a wetland on Woods Road, *Darke*, on 04 Sep. The next most were the 33 that Nate Koszycki and Brian McCaskey found in Harding Township, *Lucas*, on 03 Oct. (9 counties)



### Marbled Godwit

Though there were a few Jul sightings, this season's first didn't show up until 29 Aug, at the Huron harbor impoundment, **Erie**; it stayed one more day for m. obs. One was seen almost daily at Cullen Park, **Lucas**, from 13 Sep to 13 Oct – was it one bird or a succession of them? Paul Sherwood saw the last otherwise, at Pickerel Creek on 20 Sep. **Ashtabula**, **Delaware**, **Pickaway**, and **Sandusky** also had sightings.

### Sanderling

The last of the season was at Lorain on 28 Nov for Ed Wransky; two Dec sightings elsewhere followed it. Janice Farral's at Lakeview Park, **Lorain**, on 21 Nov was the second last. Jeff Harvey found about 325 at Headlands on 19 Sep, and up to 300 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Gustino Lanese's 75 at the Huron impoundment, **Erie**, on 06 Sep. The inland high count of six was shared by Mike Hatfield at Buck Creek on 31 Aug and m. obs. at East Fork on 05 Sep. (26 counties)

### Ruddy Turnstone

These began arriving in Jul. Lenore Charnigo and Luke Robertson saw the last, in Bay Village, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Nov. Headlands hosted the two highest numbers, 31 on 20 Sep for Linda Benner and 16 the next day for Jason Hull. The most elsewhere were nine at Maumee Bay on 08 Aug (Janice Farral). (12 counties)



Headlands is the popular fall site where Jim Smallwood captured this image of a Ruddy Turnstone on 20 Sep.

### Dunlin

Three Dec sightings followed this season's last, which was by Ed Wransky at Lorain on 28 Nov. Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik agreed that about 1725 were at Sunset Harbor, Lake, on 02 Nov. That same day Lenore Charnigo saw 1530 at Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**. Matt Mason provided the inland high count of 72 from Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, on 14 Nov. (33 counties)

### Ruff

The OBRC has a post with photos from **Sandusky**.

### Red Knot

Several birders saw the first, at ONWR on 15 Aug. The next was at the Huron harbor impoundment, **Erie**, on 29 Aug (m. obs.). A month passed before another was seen, also at Huron on 28 and 29 Sep (m. obs.). Duos graced Huron, Headlands, and Howard Marsh on several dates. The only inland sighting was by Shane Brown at Upper Sandusky Reservoir No. 2, **Wyandot**, on 11 Sep. **Lorain** and **Sandusky** also had sightings.



Maumee Bay hosted several migrants including this Red Knot sharply photographed by Rachel Shamy on 17 Sep.

### Stilt Sandpiper

David Wilkins saw the last, 17 at Pickerel Creek on 20 Oct. Leslie Sours saw the most, 26 at ONWR on 01 Aug. (37 counties)

### Baird's Sandpiper

Many birders saw the first, along the ONWR WD on 01 Aug. Michael Crouse photographed the last, at Indian Lake on 20 Nov. It seriously lagged the second last, which Mark Faust saw at Cullen Park, **Lucas**, on 04 Oct. The **Mercer** end of Grand Lake hosted the most, eight on 02 Sep for Cam Lee. (28 counties)



On a road trip on 11 Sep, Patty McKelvey visited East Fork, where she digiscoped this migrating Baird's Sandpiper.

### Purple Sandpiper

The reports are:

One at Fairport Harbor's Lakefront Park, **Lake**, on 13 Nov (Tom Frankel)

One at Perry TP on 15 Nov (m. obs.)

One on a Cleveland breakwall viewed from the East Ninth Street pier on 27 Nov (Tim Jasinski, Debra Sweeney)

### Least Sandpiper

The last date of 12 Nov was shared by Jelmer Poelstra (one at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**), and Kelly Miller (two at the Heritage Preserve, **Franklin**). Jelmer saw 55 at Wilderness Road on 28 Aug. (56 counties)

### White-rumped Sandpiper

Several birders saw the last, at the Huron impoundment on 05 Nov. Cynthia Norris and Jelmer Poelstra weren't together, but both saw the second last, at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**, on 26 Oct. Tom Chodzin counted seven near Swanton, **Lucas**, on 06 Oct. (16 counties)

### Buff-breasted Sandpiper

The first was at Alum Creek on 08 Aug for Carl Winstead. Several birders saw the next, at Wilderness Road on 15 Aug. Josh King's at Grand Lake on 30 Sep was the last, while the second last was Paul Jacyk's by Seaman Road, **Lucas**, on 18 Sep. Five locations each held a duo. (11 counties)

### Pectoral Sandpiper

At least six birders saw the last as it passed Ca-hoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, westbound on 13 Nov. There were two other Nov sightings as well. Jelmer Poelstra tallied 154 at Funk on 12 Aug. (44 counties)

### Semipalmated Sandpiper

Rick Luehrs photographed the last, at Deer Creek WA on 02 Nov. So did Kisa Weeman the second last, at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**, on 19 Oct. Jason Hull found 95 at the Huron impoundment on 29 Aug and up to 75 were there on other dates. Josh Yoder saw the most elsewhere, 70 at Wilderness Road on 09 Sep. (50 counties)

### Western Sandpiper

Josh King saw the last, at the **Mercer** end of Grand Lake on 30 Sep. The second last spent 18 to 20 Sep at the Prairie Road wetlands, **Wayne**, for m. obs. All of the sightings, from nine counties, were of single birds.

### Long-billed Dowitcher

David Wilkins saw the last, at Pickerel Creek on 20 Nov. The 07 Nov ONWR census tallied 42 (*fide* Douglas Vogus) and up to 34 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 13 at Metzger on 06 Oct (Warren Leow). Chad Pumpelly's three at Heritage Preserve, **Franklin**, on 29 Aug were the most at an inland site. (14 counties)

### Short-billed Dowitcher

Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, hosted the last, for Kim Nordquest on 01 Oct. Observers counted up to 58 along the ONWR WD on 01 Aug, and the most elsewhere were 37 that Dennis Mersky found at Wilderness Road on 26 Aug. (26 counties)



*This Short-billed Dowitcher stopped by Mentor Marsh on 26 Aug, where Jim Smallwood snapped this image.*

### American Woodcock

Irina Shulgina saw the last of the season, at Glacier Ridge MP, **Union**, on 24 Nov, but there were at least two Dec reports as well. James Muller and Kori Sedmak found nine at Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 16 Oct. (27 counties)

### Wilson's Snipe

Geoff Malosh saw the most, 52 in Harding Township, **Lucas**, on 02 Oct. Josh Yoder saw the second most, 36 at Killbuck on 07 Nov. (48 counties)

### Spotted Sandpiper

One Dec sighting followed this season's last, which was by Carl Winstead at Hoover NP on 05 Nov. Sandy Ridge hosted 28 for m. obs. on 05 Sep. (65 counties)

### Solitary Sandpiper

The last date of 16 Oct was shared by Dale Pate at Pickerington Ponds and John Kolar and Stan Plante at LaDue. Henry Trimpe found 35 at Funk on 04 Aug. (65 counties)

### Lesser Yellowlegs

Jeffrey Roth saw the last, at Rush Creek Lake, **Perry**, on 17 Nov. About 130 were at the Shelby WWTP, **Richland**, on 20 Aug (Gary Cowell) and again on 22 Aug (Gary Cowell and Lisa Durham). (58 counties)

### Willet

These started arriving in late Jun. The last spent from 13 to 15 Oct at Indian Lake (m. obs.). Four flew past Howard Marsh on 17 Sep for Martyn

Drabik-Hamshare, and other lakeshore county sites hosted up to three. Solo birds were inland in **Butler** and **Wayne**. (10 counties)

### Greater Yellowlegs

Two Dec sightings followed this season's last, which was Irina Shulgina's single bird at Killdeer on 30 Nov. Andrew Simon counted 41 at ONWR on 03 Sep. Gregory Allen's 25 at Darby Creek on 18 Aug were the second most. (59 counties)

### Wilson's Phalarope

These starting arriving in Jul. The last was Kim Nordquest's at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 27 Sep. David Wilkins saw the most, 10 at Pickerel Creek on both 23 and 24 Aug, and up to eight were reported there on other dates. Marianne Gorman saw the most elsewhere, six at the Ellis Lake wetlands, **Butler**, on 19 Aug. (17 counties)

### Red-necked Phalarope

The last date was 09 Oct, when cruise participants spotted three about 10 miles off the **Lorain** shore, and m. obs. saw one at Wilderness Road. Mill Creek provided the second last date, 24 Sep, for John Petruzzi. Another boat party counted four near the **Lorain** shore on 19 Sep. The most inland were two twos, at Mosquito WA from 13 to 16 Sep (m. obs.) and at Alum Creek on 15 Sep (Sean Williams). (10 counties)

### Red Phalarope

Many birders saw the first; it spent 23 to 25 Oct at East Fork. Atlee A. and Josh Yoder watched the last as it flew past Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 16 Nov. Two off Rocky River Park on 12 Nov were both the second last and the most (m. obs.). **Lorain** also had sightings.



*On Lake Erie during a 06 Nov pelagic ride off Lorain, Kisa Weeman was challenged to focus on this Red Phalarope bobbing the waves.*

### Pomarine Jaeger

The reports are:

One eastbound past Euclid Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 31 Oct (m. obs.)

Four off Perry TP on 13 Nov (m. obs.)

One off Columbia Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Nov (m. obs.)

One westbound past CLNP on 24 Nov (Gautam Apte)

### Parasitic Jaeger

Two posts from **Lake**, two from **Lorain**, and one from **Erie** had photos. Several from **Cuyahoga** had photos and/or descriptions. But a third post from **Lake** had no supporting information, and no one reported any sightings directly to the OBRC.

### Long-tailed Jaeger

A long stay by one in **Clermont** produced many posts with photos. Posts from **Erie** also had photos.

### Jaeger sp.

Reports of indeterminate birds came from seven counties.

### Black-legged Kittiwake

Many birders got to see the first during its one day stay on 30 Oct at East Fork. Other inland sightings came from Alum Creek between 16 and 29 Nov (m. obs.) and Hueston Woods from 25 to 27 Nov (m. obs.). Reports also came from **Cuyahoga**, **Lake**, and **Lorain**.



*Taking a break on a dock, this Black-legged Kittiwake gave Leslie Sours an unusual opportunity for a photograph at Alum Creek on 30 Nov.*

### Sabine's Gull

The reports are:

One at Hueston Woods SP, **Butler/Preble**, on 17 Sep (m. obs.)

One about nine miles off **Lorain**, also on 17 Sep (m. obs.)

Three about six miles off Vermilion, **Lorain**, on 19 Sep (m. obs.)

One at Hoover NP on 30 Oct (Sean Williams)

### Bonaparte's Gull

Observers saw about 3500 off Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Nov and up to 3200 off other Lake Erie vantage points at other times. John Kuenzli contributed the inland high count of 1600, from Hoover NP on 20 Nov. (57 counties)

### Little Gull

John Pogacnik saw one from Perry TP on 11 Nov and it hung around for two more days for m. obs.



### Laughing Gull

Ethan Kistler saw the first, two at Mosquito SP on 20 Sep. Three other sites also hosted duos. One spent from 29 Sep to 24 Oct at Alum Creek. The last was Mandy Roberts' at the Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, **Allen**, on 16 Nov. **Erie**, **Lake**, **Lorain**, and **Mahoning** also had sightings.

### Franklin's Gull

Tom Stayancho saw the first, two at the mouth of the Portage River, **Ottawa**, on 23 Sep. The last date was 27 Nov, when Ryan Taylor saw one at Buck Creek and Sean Williams two at Alum Creek. One spent 18 Oct to 01 Nov on East Fork (m. obs.). The most were five at Indian Lake on 23 Oct, for Troy Shively. (17 counties)



On her Ohio Big Year quest, Leslie Sours photographed this Franklin's Gull on 15 Oct on the Alum Creek beach.

### Ring-billed Gull

Paul Sherwood estimated that 25,000 were at the Oberlin Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 20 Nov. Gautam Apte noted a "brain-numbing" 22,000 off CLNP on 26 Nov. The most at a site away from the Lake Erie counties were the 1870 than Bob Lane found at Evans Lake, **Mahoning**, on 02 Oct. (74 counties)

### Herring Gull

Gautam Apte saw about 2600 from CLNP on 26 Nov and up to 2500 were there and at other Cleveland sites on other dates. The most elsewhere were Kent Miller's 2000 at the Bolivar Landfill, **Stark**, on 30 Nov. (51 counties)

### Iceland Gull

The Oberlin Reservoir, **Lorain**, hosted the first, on 04 Nov (Jory Teltser). The most were three on the lower Cuyahoga River on 26 Nov (Jen Brumfield). Both Kumlein's and Thayer's morphs were represented in the sightings, all of which came from **Cuyahoga**, **Lorain**, and **Stark**.

### Lesser Black-backed Gull

John Herman provided the high count, 52 at Outhwaite Reservoir, **Crawford**, on 27 Nov.

The most elsewhere were 35 at both the Ottawa River in **Lucas** on 01 Nov (Paul Jacyk) and outside Van Buren, **Hancock**, on 07 Nov (Amy Downing). (24 counties)

### Glaucous Gull

Ken Lebo saw the season's only one, along the Great Miami River Trail in **Montgomery** on 28 Nov.

### [Herring x Glaucous Gull]

Kent Miller photographed what is probably this hybrid at the Bolivar Landfill, **Stark**, on 29 Nov.

### Great Black-backed Gull

Chris Cole counted 12 on the Cedar Point beach, **Erie**, on 25 Oct. Tim Jasinski saw eight from Wendy Park on 03 Nov. The only sighting away from a Lake Erie county was Eric Elvert's at Eastwood MP, **Montgomery**, on 07 Sep. (9 counties)

### Least Tern

A post from **Auglaize** has a description. Posts from **Clermont**, **Franklin**, and **Wayne** have either or both of photos and descriptions.

### Caspian Tern

Ryan Hutchins saw the last, at Arcola Creek Park, **Lake**, on 07 Nov. Pickerel Creek hosted 90 for David Wilkins on 23 Aug and up to 84 on other dates. The most elsewhere were 74 at Maumee Bay on 03 Oct (Geoff Malosh) and the most inland were 26 at East Fork on 01 Sep (Joshua Warren). (45 counties)

### Black Tern

Kevin Cornell saw the last, outside Lima, **Allen**, on 20 Sep. Ron Sempier counted 10 at Big Island on 10 Aug. (19 counties)



Skilled photographer Sarah Preston nabbed this extraordinary image of a Black Tern over Metzger on 03 Aug

### Common Tern

Indian Lake hosted the last, for Beth and James Sybrandy on 20 Nov. Three Lake Erie-side locations had sightings on 15 Nov. A boatload of birders saw 700 along the **Lorain** littoral on 19 Sep. The next most were 380 at the Huron impoundment, **Erie**, on 26 Sep (m. obs.), and the most inland were Luke Thies's 30 at East Fork on 01 Sep. (29 counties)

### Forster's Tern

Joli Reising saw the last, four at East Harbor on 13 Nov. One there (Nancy Anderson) and 10 at Lakeside, **Ottawa** (Andy Jones), on 07 Nov were the second last. The most were Win Ahrens' 190 at Maumee Bay on 21 Sep and two other Lake Erie sites hosted 150 on other dates. Jeff Lamson saw the most away from Lake Erie, 25 near Fremont, **Sandusky**, on 03 Sep. (34 counties).

### Red-throated Loon

Several birders saw the first, off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 04 Nov. John Pogacnik counted 52 off Madison, **Lake**, on the morning of 30 Nov and up to 18 were still there later in the day. The next most were five off Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, for m. obs. on 13 Nov. The only inland sightings were of single birds by Ethan Maynard at LaDue on 21 Nov and by David L. Erb on 23 Nov in a flyover flock of Common Loons in **Coshocton**. The rest of the reports came from other **Cuyahoga** and **Lake** sites plus **Geauga** and **Lorain**.

### Pacific Loon

One was off Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 13 Nov and roamed the western Cuyahoga shore near there until 22 Nov (m. obs.). What could have been the same bird was off Shell Cove Park, **Lorain**, on 13 Nov (James Kerner), and off Avon Lake Veterans Park, **Lorain**, on 17 Nov (m. obs.). What was likely a different bird was off Perry TP on 15 and 16 Nov (m. obs.). One of these or another was off Sims Park, Cuyahoga, on 20 Nov (Daniel Stutzman).

### Common Loon

Aden M. Yoder counted 418 passing overhead during a long day of watching in Fresno, **Coshocton**, on 22 Nov. John Pogacnik spent two hours at Bill Stanton Community Park, **Lake**, on 30 Nov and counted 337. (39 counties)

### Magnificent Frigatebird

The OBRC has a report and posts with photos and descriptions from **Ottawa**. Posts from **Cuyahoga** have photos and descriptions.

### Wood Stork

There's no doubt about the identities of the birds seen in **Erie**, **Lucas**, **Montgomery**, **Ottawa**, and **Preble**.



*Content to stay for weeks, eating well along a busy road in Erie, this Wood Stork entertained many including Debbie Parker on 09 Aug.*

### Anhinga

The OBRC has a report and a post with description from **Erie** and a post with a description from **Montgomery**.

### Double-crested Cormorant

About 10,000 were off Sheldon Marsh on 05 Nov for Janet Hughes. The next most were Jelmer Poelstra's 3000 in Huron harbor, **Erie**, on 01 Sep. Sean Williams provided the high inland number of 2700, from Alum Creek on 03 Nov. Only **Brown**, **Crawford**, **Jackson**, **Lawrence**, and **Williams** didn't have sightings.

### Neotropic Cormorant

The reports are:

One from Jul to 12 Aug on the east side of Cleveland (m. obs.)

One from Jul to 11 Sep and again on 02 Oct at East Fork (m. obs.)

One from 27 to 31 Aug at Furfield Dog Park, **Butler** (m. obs.)

One at Lorain and nearby from 04 to 20 Sep (m. obs.)

One at Walborn Reservoir, **Portage/Stark**, from 12 Sep to 11 Oct (m. obs.)

Two in a flock of about 100 Double-crested at Seneca Lake, **Noble**, on 26 Oct (Sharon Hanse)

### American White Pelican

About 500 were at ONWR on 01 Nov for Trevor Zook. The next most were the 400 that Brian Wulker saw at Grand Lake on 17 Sep. (14 counties)

### American Bittern

Marianne Gorman saw the last, at Fernald on 27 Nov, and reports had been fairly regular to that date. All of the reports, from 21 counties, were of single birds.

### Least Bittern

Larry Richardson found the last one, at Maumee Bay on 02 Oct. Cam Lee's at Big Island on 17 Sep was the second last. Fannie Courtier and Sarah Preston found four at Howard Marsh on 04 Aug. (15 counties)

### Great Blue Heron

The 01 Aug ONWR census tallied 129 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Dillon SP, *Muskingum*, hosted up to 88 on various Sep and Oct dates (m. obs.). Only *Crawford* didn't have a sighting.

### Great Egret

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 214 on 01 Aug and up to 200 were reported there on other dates. The next most were the 164 that Warren Leow saw at Howard Marsh on 04 Aug. George Novosel's 160 at Wilderness Road on 16 Aug were the most at an inland site. (70 counties)

### Snowy Egret

Eric Liebold saw the last, at Fremont's Walsh Park, *Sandusky*, on 14 Oct. Phoebe Jackson and Trevor Zook counted 16 at ONWR on 10 Aug. The most not in *Lucas* or *Ottawa* were two seen at Pickerel Creek between 20 Sep and 13 Oct (m. obs.). The other Lake Erie-side county represented was *Lorain*, and inland sightings in *Franklin* and *Preble* were of single birds.

### Little Blue Heron

The first were single birds on 01 Aug at Big Island (m. obs.) and Pickerel Creek (David Wilkins). The last was at Kiser Lake SP, *Champaign*, on 21 Sep (Beth and James Sybrandy). The high count of four came from both Wilderness Road on 15 Aug (m. obs.) and ONWR on 28 Aug (Chad Pumpelly). (20 counties)

### Cattle Egret

The last were one or two at the OSU Livestock Facility from 16 Nov well into Dec (m. obs.). The last elsewhere were five at Port Clinton, *Ottawa*, on 26 Nov (Phoebe Jackson and Trevor Zook). (15 counties)

### Green Heron

Mckenzie Mudge and Kevin Pietrzak saw the last, at Englewood on 23 Oct. Brad Imhoff counted 19 while kayaking Buckeye Lake, *Licking*, on 26 Aug. (71 counties)

### Black-crowned Night-Heron

Paul Jacyk counted 26 along the ONWR WD on 07 Aug. The next most were Steven Albert's 15 at Howard Marsh on both 04 and 16 Aug. The most away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa* were the 14 that David Wilkins found at Pickerel Creek on 11 Aug, and the most away from Lake Erie were Josh Yoder's seven at Wilderness Road on 10 Oct. (27 counties)

### Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Jelmer Poelstra saw the last, at Wilderness Road on 27 Sep. Gilmore MP, *Butler*, hosted one or two families; the high count was five birds on 04 Aug (Steven Yockey). The rest of the locations, in six counties total, held singles.

### White Ibis

One that spent much of August at ONWR produced many posts with photos or descriptions but no report to the OBRC.

### Glossy Ibis

One was first reported by Dave Chase, at Mentor Lagoons NP, *Lake*, on 13 Sep, but it had apparently been there for a while before then. It stayed until 19 Sep.



*Jim Smallwood photographed this preening Glossy Ibis in Lake on 14 Sep.*

### Glossy/White-faced Ibis

Indeterminate birds were seen at Pickerel Creek on 24 Sep (David Wilkins), over Edgewater on 30 Nov (Chuck Slusarczyk Jr.), and at Lorain two hours later that same day (Ed Wransky).

### Roseate Spoonbill

Reports from *Sandusky* had photos, so there's no doubt of this bird's identity.

### Osprey

Scattered reports continued into Dec. The nesting platform area at the north end of Alum Creek hosted 10 for Carl Winstead on 04 Aug. (73 counties)

### Black Vulture

Birders saw up to about 125 at Old Reid Park, *Clark*, on several dates. Jill and Larry Early found about 90 at Cowan Lake, *Clinton*, on 30 Sep. (62 counties including *Cuyahoga*, *Erie*, *Lorain*, and *Lucas*)

### Turkey Vulture

Helen and Ken Ostermiller saw about 225 at Chippewa Lake, *Medina*, on 18 Oct, and up to 200 were reported there on other dates. Gary

Cowell's 155 at the **Richland** landfill on 28 Aug were the most elsewhere. (all 88 counties)



A young Turkey Vulture posed for Patty McKelvey on 28 Aug along the Sheffield Lake Recreational Trail, **Lorain**.

### Golden Eagle

The reports, all of single birds, are:

In **Hamilton** on 05 Oct (Adam Hartman)

At CVNP on 07 Oct (David Clark)

At Alum Creek on 03 Nov (Sean Williams)

At Avon Lake Veterans Park, **Lorain**, on 03 Nov (Bill Ohlsen)

At OOPMP on 05 Nov (Jeff Sailer)

Near Grafton, **Lorain**, on 08 Nov (Ed Wransky)

At O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, **Delaware**, on 10 Nov (Robert Thorn)



Ever ready, Ed Wransky spotted this Golden Eagle at his **Lorain** home on 08 Nov.

### Mississippi Kite

The reports are:

One or two at and near the Junction Earthworks, **Ross**, on 02 and 07 Aug (m. obs.)

One at Loveland, **Clermont**, on 04 Aug (Sandra Keller)

An adult and an immature at a different **Clermont** property on 21 Aug (David Tibbetts)

One at Stillwater Prairie Reserve, **Miami**, on 07 Sep (Michael Brush)

One near the OSU main campus on 16 Sep (Craig Moore)

### Northern Harrier

Cullen Brown counted 16 at The Wilds on 27 Nov. Margaret Weisz found eight during 14 miles of travel in **Ottawa**. (70 counties)



Roger Friedman patiently followed the flight of this Northern Harrier as it banked toward him at Wake Robin 18 Oct.

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

Andy R. Troyer's Big Sit at Funk on 09 Oct produced eight. Sean Williams saw four at Alum Creek on 03 Nov. (68 counties)

### Cooper's Hawk

Lucas Weaver and friends spent 16 hours on a Big Sit near Fredericksburg, **Holmes**, on 09 Oct and tallied seven Cooper's. Four sites each held five birds. (76 counties)



A Cooper's Hawk's sharp eyes gazes into Roger Friedman's camera on 08 Oct in **Cuyahoga**.

### Bald Eagle

The high count of 27 was achieved twice. A trio of birders saw that many at Wilderness Road on 12 Aug as did Bob Krajeski at Conneaut on both 22 and 26 Aug. Only **Jackson** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

### Red-tailed Hawk

Nate Koszycki spent an hour at the Toledo Botanical Garden on 10 Nov and counted 26 pass-



ing overhead. The second highest number of 27 was achieved twice, by Sean Williams at Alum Creek on 03 Nov and the 07 Nov ONWR census team (*fide* Douglas Vogus). Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Red-shouldered Hawk

David Rudemiller and Brandt Schurenberg saw eight passing Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, in an hour on 25 Oct. (77 counties)



While exploring a pond in **Franklin** on 29 Nov James Estep came across this Red-shouldered Hawk perched close above him.

### Broad-winged Hawk

Kim Miller saw one over Independence Dam SP, **Defiance**, on 03 Nov, the latest date. David Huff saw two over Possum Creek MP, **Montgomery**, on 01 Nov. The next last was Sean Williams's single bird at Alum Creek on 26 Oct. Far and away the most were the 500 that Daniel Wowowiejski saw over Swanton, **Lucas**, on 16 Sep. The second most were the 64 that Tom Kemp counted over Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, on 28 Sep. (55 counties)

### Swainson's Hawk

One that spent a few days in **Lake** was well documented, both directly and indirectly to the OBRC.



This Swainson's Hawk found by Jerry Talkington and Irene Krise was photographed by Craig Caldwell on 25 Sep in **Lake**.

### Rough-legged Hawk

Lindsey Bender and Taylor Kreuter saw the first, at Frankfort, **Ross**, on 09 Oct. Renee Sparks saw the second, at New Lexington, **Perry**, on 16 Oct. Josh Yoder counted eight along Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, on 20 Nov. The second highest number was two, and many birders saw that many. (26 counties)

### Barn Owl

The reports are:

Two at a Kidron, **Wayne**, property on 05 Aug (David McConnell)

One seen at Wilderness Road from 07 to 11 Sep, when Cynthia Norris captured and took it to a rehab center due to injury; it did not survive (m. obs.)

One heard in the evening of 31 Oct on Barker Road, **Union** (Irina Shulgina)

One heard in the evening of 16 Nov at Delaware WA (Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble)

One heard in the evening of 22 Nov in Stone Creek, **Tuscarawas** (Eli Hershberger)

### Long-eared Owl

Cynthia Norris and Josh Yoder found one near Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 16 Nov. A few birders saw another at Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, on 20 and 21 Nov.

### Short-eared Owl

Tyler McClain and Brian Tinker saw the first, at the CVNP Coliseum Grasslands on 02 Oct. Kim Nordquest saw the next, at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 12 Oct. The high count of eight was shared by fields along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 19 Nov (m. obs.) and Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, on 20 Nov (Josh Yoder). (17 counties)



Larry Imhoff certainly has a fondness for Short-eared Owls. He photographed this one on 29 Nov in **Wayne**.

### Eastern Screech-Owl

Counts of four came from David Wilkins at White Star Park, **Sandusky**, on 18 Sep and from Regina Schieltz at her **Darke** home on 27 Sep. (58 counties)

### Great Horned Owl

This species' high count was also four, and also shared. Nate Koszycki saw them at Pearson MP, **Lucas**, on 09 Sep, and Shane Davis heard them in his **Greene** neighborhood on 07 Oct. (62 counties)

### Snowy Owl

Single birds were seen at the following sites: Cleveland harbor from 27 Nov; Lorain harbor from 28 Nov; Mt. Sterling, **Madison**, on 29 Nov; and East Fork from 30 Nov. Only the Mt. Sterling bird did not remain into Dec.

### Barred Owl

Larry Richardson found five at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 28 Aug. (64 counties)

### Northern Saw-whet Owl

The first were seven that Tyler McClain *et al.* banded at North Shore Alvar SNP on Kelleys Island on 22 Oct. That count was repeated by Sanketh Menon at the Jones Preserve on 07 Nov. The most, however, were an astonishing 39 that Tom Bartlett's team banded on Kelleys Island on 04 Nov. James Muller provided the highest count not at a banding station, four that responded to playback at Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 07 Nov. See the separate account of the season's banding efforts for more. (12 counties)

### Belted Kingfisher

Judy Schuster counted 10 while kayaking 10 miles of the lower Cuyahoga River on 05 Aug. Only **Williams** didn't have a sighting.



James Estep was ready when this female Belted Kingfisher stopped by his deck on 30 Nov in **Union**.

### Red-headed Woodpecker

Brandon Brywczyński found 25 at OOPMP on 25 Sep and up to 23 were noted there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 15 that Rebecca Pescosolido tallied on the Lima, **Allen**, outskirts on 09 Oct. (79 counties)

### Red-bellied Woodpecker

About six miles of walking in CVNP produced 25 for Fred Losi on 18 Sep. Douglas Vogus *et*

*al.* found 22 there on the 01 Oct towpath census. The most elsewhere were 19 at Smeck Park, **Fairfield**, on 20 Oct (Anthony and Jona Schmitt). (All 88 counties)

### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Jelmer Poelstra and Kisa Weeman separately recorded eight at CLNP on 29 Sep. (67 counties)

### Downy Woodpecker

The 05 Sep ONWR census produced 23 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*), as did a stretch of the **Wayne/Holmes/Knox** Rails to Trails for Daniel A. and Marty Stutzman on 25 Sep. Counts of 21 came from the Conesville Coal Lands, **Coshocton**, on 17 Sep (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller) and from the ONWR census on 07 Nov (*vide* Douglas Vogus). Only **Williams** didn't have a sighting.

### Hairy Woodpecker

Doris and Richard Ganzhorn found eight at Highlands NS, **Highland**, on 28 Sep. **Crawford** and **Mercer** didn't have sightings.



At home in **Cuyahoga** on 21 Nov, Roger Friedman caught this Hairy Woodpecker at an angle that shows off its long bill.

### Northern Flicker

Three hours in CLNP on 21 Sep produced 70 for Sameer Apte, and up to 50 were seen there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 15, at East Harbor on both 19 and 28 Sep (m. obs.) and at Salt Rock Township, **Marion**, on 16 Oct (Kristina Fulkerson). Only **Williams** didn't have a sighting.

### Pileated Woodpecker

The most were the six that Joshua Warren found at CNC's Rowe Woods on 09 Oct. (79 counties)

### American Kestrel

The high count of nine was shared by Eric Juterbock from about 14 miles of birding in **Logan** on 30 Aug and Matt Mason along seven miles of Smith Road in **Morgan** on 20 Sep. (83 counties)

### Merlin

Kathy Mock found six in Akron's Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery on 13 Nov. (54 counties)

**Peregrine Falcon**

Theo Bockhorst saw five from CLNP on 28 Sep; so did John Brikmanis along the Cleveland harbor breakwall on 20 Nov. (49 counties)

**Prairie Falcon**

One was well documented in *Greene*, but not directly to the OBRC.

**(Budgerigar)**

Escapees (hopefully not deliberate releases) were seen in *Butler*, *Cuyahoga*, *Lorain*, and *Marion*.

**(Yellow-chevroned Parakeet)**

Ditto one of these in ONWR.

**Great Crested Flycatcher**

Kim Nordquest saw the last, in Rome, *Ashtabula*, on 05 Oct. Sheldon Marsh hosted five for Steve Thompson on 24 Aug. (62 counties)

**Western Kingbird**

The OBRC has a report from *Franklin*.

**Eastern Kingbird**

Often a few linger into the first week of Oct, but this year's last were seen on 29 Sep, two by Sean Kennedy in CVNP. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 68 on 01 Aug. Scott Pendleton saw a "[m]ixed flock of adults and fledglings" totaling 25 near Cadiz, *Harrison*, on 10 Aug. (77 counties)

**Olive-sided Flycatcher**

Ross Lockwood saw the first, in Xenia, *Greene*, on 01 Aug. One was at Lakeshore Reservation, *Lake*, the next day for Ryan Hutchins. The third sighting was Irina Shulgina's duo at Killdeer on 11 Aug. Linda Benner saw the last, at Boehnke Woods NP, *Franklin*, on 09 Oct. Two sites in addition to Killdeer hosted twos. (35 counties)

**Western Wood-Pewee**

Bernie Master photographed a potential Western Wood-Pewee in Worthington, *Franklin*, on 04 Sep, and the OBRC has the details.



On 04 Sep at home in *Franklin*, Bernie Master took a closer look at this flycatcher that may be a rare Western Wood-Pewee.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee**

Sightings were steady to the last, which was by Michael Schramm at Old St. Michael's Cemetery, *Noble*, on 17 Oct. A mile and a half at Buck Creek produced 20 for a trio of birders on 09 Sep. Only *Paulding* and *Williams* didn't have sightings.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**

A trio of birders saw the first, at CLNP on 13 Aug. The last was Erin Allen's at Mentor Lagoons on 08 Oct. Jelmer Poelstra's eight at Maumee Bay on 04 Sep were the most. (51 counties)

**Acadian Flycatcher**

Historically these have left by mid-Oct. Many birders saw, and some photographed, one at Mentor Lagoons on the very late date of 15 Nov. The second last was heard by George Billman at Highbanks MP, *Franklin*, on 07 Oct. Meg Glines counted 13 in Mill Creek Park, *Mahoning*, on 10 Aug. (62 counties)

**Alder Flycatcher**

Ron Sempier saw the last, at Killdeer on 07 Sep. Larry Richardson found two at Grand River WA, *Trumbull*, on both 29 and 31 Aug. *Cuyahoga*, *Lake*, *Richland*, and *Wayne* also had sightings.

**Willow Flycatcher**

Cynthia Norris saw and heard the last, at Sippo Lake, *Stark*, on 22 Sep. Killdeer produced nine for Irina Shulgina on 11 Aug. (57 counties)

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

Indeterminate birds were seen in 24 counties.

**Least Flycatcher**

Sightings came almost daily to the last, one that Harrison Ponn photographed at Dawes Arboretum, *Licking*, on 19 Oct. That's a week or so later than their historical departure date. Jelmer Poelstra spent all day at East Harbor on 03 Sep and tallied 17. Three sites each held the second highest number of six. (55 counties)

***Empidonax* sp. Flycatcher**

Scott Albaugh and Scott Pendleton saw a lingering bird at Egypt Valley WA, *Belmont*, on 26 Nov.

**Eastern Phoebe**

Many of these stayed well into Dec and probably some overwintered. Debra Patterson counted 21 along the CCET on 20 Sep. The next most were Daniel A. and Marty Stutzman's 18 along the *Wayne/Holmes/Knox* Rails to Trails on 25 Sep. (83 counties)

**Vermilion Flycatcher**

One was well photographed in *Hancock* on 28 Sep but not formally reported to the OBRC.

### White-eyed Vireo

These are usually gone by about 24 Oct, but Jean Kuns photographed one in Germantown, **Montgomery**, on 27 Nov. Linda Benner found another straggler in Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 11 Nov. The Conesville Coal Lands, **Coshocton**, produced 22 on 17 Sep for Jon Cefus and Kent Miller. Griffin Kennedy counted the second most, 17 along the Dairy Barn – Ora Anderson Trail, **Athens**, on 12 Sep. (64 counties)

### Bell's Vireo

Lee Funderburg saw the last, at the Osborn Road gravel pits, **Clark**, on 28 Aug. The rest of the sightings were also of single birds and came from two sites in **Butler** and one in each of **Marion**, **Franklin**, and **Wyandot**.

### Yellow-throated Vireo

Phil Cantino saw the last, at The Ridges, **Athens**, on 13 Oct. Six locations each held six, with all of those counts coming in mid- to late Sep. (63 counties)

### Blue-headed Vireo

One site in each of **Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, and **Lucas** had a sighting on the last date, 01 Nov. Debra Sweeney found 10 in CLNP on 30 Sep and up to nine were seen there on other dates. The most elsewhere were quartets at four sites. (63 counties)

### Philadelphia Vireo

Sarah Preston saw the first, at Headlands on 16 Aug. The second was also there, on 21 Aug for Tom Frankel. Sightings came almost daily after that until the last, by Lori Brumbaugh from 18 to 22 Oct at her **Cuyahoga** home. Jamie Cunningham counted 56 throughout Maumee Bay on 05 Sep, see Field Notes for more. The next highest count was 16. Jelmer Poelstra saw that many at East Harbor on 03 Sep as did Sean Williams at Alum Creek on 16 Sep. (64 counties)



Bruce Miller spotted this Philadelphia Vireo at Sheldon Marsh on 12 Sep.

### Warbling Vireo

Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik well described a straggler at Arcola Creek Park, **Lake**, on 14 Nov. The second last was Michael Crist's find at Blacklick Woods, **Fairfield**, on the typical last date of 16 Oct. East Harbor held 35 for Jelmer Poelstra on 03 Sep, and Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 23 at ONWR on 05 Sep. (66 counties)

### Red-eyed Vireo

Tyler McClain saw the last, at the Jones Preserve on 23 Oct. Shari Jackson's in Alliance, **Stark**, on 19 Oct was the second last. Jelmer Poelstra's long day at East Harbor on 03 Sep produced 73. Jeremy Miller found 30 in Perry Township, **Carroll**, on 21 Aug. (82 counties)

### Northern Shrike

The first date of 20 Oct produced single birds at Sandy Ridge for m. obs. and at the Chippewa Inlet Trail, **Medina**, for Steve Borgis and Barbara Ragucci. The only duo was Amy Holloway's by Veler Road, **Ottawa**, on 17 Nov. (14 counties)



A voracious predator with a strong, sharp, hooked bill, this Northern Shrike was photographed by Ed Wransky on 14 Nov in **Medina**.

### Blue Jay

Jason Hull saw about 230 in Harding Township, **Lucas**, on 04 Oct. Nathaniel Keyse saw about 200 at New Richmond, **Clermont**, on 29 Sep, and wrote “[g]roups of 10 passing over regularly”. (all 88 counties)

### American Crow

Gary Cowell counted 8100 by 100s in a “[c]ontinuous stream coming from the SW towards the Mansfield night roost for 45 minutes” at Clear Fork on 15 Nov. He saw about 4150 there on 26 Nov. The most elsewhere were Matt Mason's 2975 at Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, on 23 Nov; he wrote about a “[s]teady stream the entire time I was there”. Only **Mercer** didn't have a sighting.

### Fish Crow

Lori Brumbaugh estimated that 100 were in Garfield Heights, *Cuyahoga*, on 28 Oct and wrote, “[f]lock seems to be growing. On the roof of Fisher Auto Parts, trees of school, utility lines, all the way to the beauty supply store. Ground.” The Plaza at Chapel Hill, *Summit*, held about 75 on 24 Nov for Jon Cefus. A new location was in the city of Englewood, *Montgomery*, where Andrew O’Connor well described the sight and sound of two on 09 Aug. *Lake* also contributed sightings.

### Common Raven

Josh Yoder counted 12 along Cadiz-Flushing Road, *Harrison*, on 20 Nov. The second highest count of five came twice, from Lake Erie Bluffs on 19 Oct (Megan Hart) and Steubenville, *Jefferson*, on 30 Oct (Andrea Anderson). (12 counties)

### Carolina Chickadee

Andrew O’Connor tallied 40 at CNC’s Long Branch Farm on 16 Sep. Tom Bartlett’s banding team identified one or two by measurement on three dates at Springville Marsh SNP, *Seneca*. That’s beyond their historical northern limit, but the overlap zone is believed to be moving north. (68 counties)

### Black-capped Chickadee

The high count of 35 was shared by Bill Grant in the Ira Road area of CVNP on 13 Sep and Mike Sustin at Seiberling Nature Realm, *Summit*, on 21 Nov. James Muller well described one far south of its usual range; it stayed at Walnut Woods MP, *Franklin*, from 10 to 25 Nov. (34 counties)

### Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee

Indeterminate birds were reported in 24 counties.

### Tufted Titmouse

The high count was 28, achieved by Jon Cefus and Kent Miller at the Conesville Coal Lands, *Coshocton*, on 17 Sep and also by Alisa Gerbec at Chagrin River Park, *Lake*, on 24 Nov. Only *Fayette* and *Williams* didn’t have sightings.

### Horned Lark

Inga Schmidt saw about 300 along Soltis Road, *Geauga*, on 29 Nov, and up to 200 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Jen Brumfield’s 75 at Rocky River Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 12 Nov. (62 counties)

### Bank Swallow

Margaret Bowman saw a very late bird at the Hebron fish hatchery, *Licking*, on 18 Oct. Even the second last sighting, by Larry Richardson of two at Mosquito Lake on 27 Sep, was late, especially for so far north. (Historically they’ve been gone

by about 23 Sep.) Cynthia Norris’s 1000 along the ONWR WD on 14 Aug were the most; 400 at three sites were the second most. (46 counties)

### Tree Swallow

Courtney Brennan saw the last of the season, at Sandy Ridge on 26 Nov, but sightings continued into Dec. About 1000 were at Howard Marsh on 02 Oct for Heather Slayton and up to 800 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 500, reported from four sites. (76 counties)

### Northern Rough-winged Swallow

The last date was 12 Nov, about three weeks past their historical last date. John Kuenzli saw one at Lake Erie Bluffs that day as did John Pogacnik at nearby Perry TP. Blake Anderson saw the second last, at Lake Barber, *Hamilton*, on 07 Nov. Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw the most, 300 at Howard Marsh on 14 Aug. (60 counties)

### Purple Martin

Vicki Derr saw at least one almost daily at Beechhaven, *Perry*, between 01 and 10 Oct, with five on the last date. The last elsewhere was the one that Marc Dearnem saw at Sharon Woods MP, *Franklin*, on 03 Oct. They’re usually gone by the end of Sep. The reed beds at Nimisila hosted about 30,000 on 22 Aug (Prashant Ghimire) and 05 Sep (Kathy Mock) and up to 20,000 before, between, and after those dates. The most elsewhere were Robert Thorn’s 420 at Buckeye Lake SP, *Fairfield*, on 03 Aug. (67 counties)

### Barn Swallow

Andrea and Brad Imhoff saw the last about as expected, on 07 Nov at Buckeye Lake, *Licking*. About 600 were gathered at Wilderness Road on 06 Sep for Nicky Rosner, and up to 400 were there on other dates. Euclid Beach Park, *Cuyahoga*, also provided a flock of 400, for Lori Brumbaugh on 11 Aug. *Adams*, *Meigs*, and *Paulding* didn’t have sightings.

### Cliff Swallow

Two sightings came after their typical departure date of 30 Sep. Nate Koszycki saw one at Glass City MP, *Lucas*, on 05 Oct and David A. Brinkman one at his *Hamilton* home on 13 Oct. Cam Lee counted 176 at his *Marion* home on 11 Aug. The second most were Dean Hester’s 50 at Sandusky, *Erie*, also on 11 Aug. (51 counties)

### Ruby-crowned Kinglet

The first date of 03 Sep was shared by Michael Murray, one bird at Cleveland’s Ralph J. Perk Plaza, and Nancy Anderson, three at Meadowbrook Marsh, *Ottawa*. Joanna Sell saw about 100 throughout Cascade Valley MP, *Summit*, on 16 Oct. (82 counties)



### Golden-crowned Kinglet

Danielle Squire and Chad Wilson found about 250 at CLNP on 24 Oct and wrote, "Very conservative count...they are everywhere". Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw about 200 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 25 Oct. (83 counties)

### Cedar Waxwing

Gary Cowell counted 161 in several southbound flocks near Lucas, **Richland**, on 12 Oct. (83 counties)

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

Rachel Yurchisin saw the first, at the South Chargin Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 06 Aug. That's a probable nesting area. The first that was surely an arrival from the north was Joli Reising's at the Old Woman Creek Preserve, **Erie**, on 28 Aug. Jon Cefus and Kent Miller found 20 in four miles of travel in Woodbury WA, **Coshocton**, on 12 Nov. Two reports each had 15. (71 counties)



Rachel Shamy photographed this regular visitor Red-breasted Nuthatch on 07 Nov near home on the **Fulton/Lucas** border.

### White-breasted Nuthatch

Paul Pleiss counted 23 at the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 11 Nov. (all 88 counties)

### Brown Creeper

Danielle Squire's 20 at the Kopf Farm Reservation, **Lorain**, on 04 Oct were the most. Next were the 11 that Sandra Blease and Tammy Martin counted at Independence Dam SP, **Defiance**, on 01 Nov. (71 counties)

### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Trudy Brandenburg's at Ashville, **Pickaway**, on 01 Nov was straggling by a week or more. The second last was one that Noah Grace saw in Oxford, **Butler**, on 14 Oct. Mike Hatfield counted 12 at Buck Creek on both 21 and 23 Aug. The most elsewhere were Susan Brickner-Wren's nine at the Jackson Pike WWTP, **Franklin**, on 15 Aug. (66 counties)

### House Wren

Tracy Hammer photographed the last of the sea-

son, at the Eagle City soccer complex, **Clark**, on 10 Nov, a typical last date. However, there were also several Dec sightings. Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 41 at ONWR on 01 Aug. (81 counties)

### Winter Wren

Larry Richardson's at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 23 Aug was the season's first. Tom Franke's at Headlands on 05 Sep was the first away from a nesting area. A trio of birders counted 26 at CLNP on 26 Oct and up to 12 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were seven, a count achieved by Cindy Fath at Sheldon Marsh on 01 Oct and Sean Williams at the Medallion Club, **Franklin**, on 29 Nov. (62 counties)

### Sedge Wren

Gautam Apte saw the last, two at CLNP on 26 Oct, a typical last date but late for the north coast. Singles on 14 Oct at Wendy Park (Debra Sweeney) and Fairport Nursery Road (Josh Yoder) were the second last. Irina Shulgina found four at Killdeer on 15 Aug. (24 counties)

### Marsh Wren

As usual, a few were still in favored locations into Dec. Jonathan Strassfeld counted 35 in six miles of travel in and near Pickerel Creek on 14 Aug. Sean Williams found 15 at Darby Creek on both 15 and 18 Aug. (37 counties)

### Carolina Wren

Douglas Vogus' CVNP census team counted 15 on 02 Sep and counts of 13 came from two different areas of CVNP on other dates. The most elsewhere were Bob and Sara Crist's 11 in Buffalo Township, **Noble**, on 01 Aug. Only **Pike** and **Williams** didn't have sightings.

### Gray Catbird

Jelmer Poelstra found about 60 at East Harbor on 03 Sep, and Patrick Markee about 40 at CLNP on 04 Sep. Only **Gallia**, **Paulding**, and **Williams** didn't have sightings.

### Brown Thrasher

Alvin Miller counted eight near Berlin, **Holmes**, on 20 Aug, and three sites each hosted seven. (67 counties)

### Northern Mockingbird

Daniel King found 24 in Cincinnati's Spring Grove Cemetery on 04 Nov. (72 counties)

### European Starling

Gary Cowell estimated a flock of 51,000 was leaving a roost by Mansfield's Logan Road, **Richland**, on 23 Sep. Only (!) 32,000 were there on 30 Nov. Benjamin Miller tallied about 28,000 in two "gargantuan" flocks at Knox Lake on 14 Nov. (all 88 counties)

### Eastern Bluebird

Two parties each found about 75, a trio of birders at Sharon Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 27 Oct and David English and Bill Grant at Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, the next day. Mary Caldwell provided the second highest number, 55, from Stillwater Prairie Reserve, **Miami**, on 13 Oct. (83 counties)

### Veery

Shari Jackson and Carey Sherrill each saw one on the last date of 13 Oct, near Alliance, **Stark**, and at Hoover NP, respectively. That's about a week after their historical departure date. Jelmer Poelstra counted 22 at East Harbor on 03 Sep. The only other double-digit count was by Brian Tinker, who recorded the flight calls of at least 15 on the morning of 01 Sep over Cuyahoga Falls, **Summit**. (42 counties)

### Gray-checked Thrush

A trio staffing a banding station at Hueston Woods SP on 02 Sep processed the first, on 02 Sep. Lindsey Walters saw two at CNC's Rowe Woods on 19 Oct, about a week after they're usually gone. The most were the 70 that passed over Eli Hershberger's **Tuscarawas** home pre-dawn on 10 Sep. Andy Jones banded 15 on South Bass Island, **Ottawa**, on 14 Sep and seven there the next day. Theo Bockhorst and Toby Carlstrom counted six at CLNP on 19 Sep. (46 counties)

### Hermit Thrush

Kevin and Patty McKelvey saw the first migrant, at Cromwell Park, **Lorain**, on 29 Aug. CLNP hosted 14 on 24 Oct for James McCarty and Jeff Wert. As always, sightings continued into Dec and beyond. (57 counties)



After bird banding was completed at ONWR Navarre on 27 Oct, Rachel Shamy photographed this Hermit Thrush.

### Swainson's Thrush

The first date was 20 Aug, when Brian Tinker recorded the call of one over Cuyahoga Falls, **Summit**. Regina Schieltz saw the last, at least two weeks later than expected at Alice Bish Park,

**Darke**, on 05 Nov. But Steve Rissing saw another at Brandon Park, **Franklin**, on 04 Nov. Eli Hershberger estimated that 600 passed over his **Tuscarawas** home in the early hours of 10 Sep. Ken Lebo recorded night flight calls of about 300 over Farmersville, **Montgomery**, on 09 Sep and 350 there on 16 Sep. The most actually seen (or heard real time) were Jen Brumfield's 42 at CLNP on 15 Sep. (69 counties)

### Wood Thrush

George Coleman saw the last, in Fairview Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 20 Oct, which is about two weeks late for so far north. Terry Bronson counted 14 at Desonier SNP, **Athens**, on 17 Sep, and John Shrader's 10 at Blacklick Woods, **Fairfield**, on 05 Sep were the second most. (68 counties)

### American Robin

Reuben S. Erb saw at least 1400 pass him near Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 24 Sep. Aaron M. Yoder had seen 1300 the day before near Farmerstown, **Holmes**. Josiah Stumbo counted flyovers by 10s on 16 Oct at Olmsted Falls, **Cuyahoga**, and tallied 800. Alex Eberts saw at least 700 in Gahanna, **Franklin**, on 30 Aug; see Field Notes for more. (all 88 counties)

### House Sparrow

Renéé Dillard saw about 1000 on the outskirts of Marysville, **Union**, on 28 Nov. The next most were Randy Morgan's 250 at the Ellis Lake wetlands, **Butler**, between 01 and 04 Sep. (all 88 counties)

### House Finch

Jelmer Poelstra saw many flocks at Maumee Bay on 04 Sep; they totaled about 90 birds. Susan Bricker-Wren saw about 80 at the Jackson Pike WWTP, **Franklin**, on 17 Aug. (82 counties)

### Purple Finch

Sean Williams counted 18 at Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 18 Oct. Counts of nine came from Paul Pleiss at the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 11 Nov and from Mike Ruiz at his **Wood** home on 18 Nov. (49 counties)



A bright Purple Finch caught Bruce Miller's attention at Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 04 Nov.

### American Pipit

John Petruzzi saw five at Mill Creek on the first date of 02 Sep. Sightings continued well into winter. Jelmer Poelstra saw about 110 at Wilderness Road on 18 Oct. Eli Miller contributed the second highest number, 55 near Baltic, **Holmes**, on 19 Oct. (46 counties)

### Evening Grosbeak

A trio of birders saw one fly over Sherod Park, **Erie**, on 31 Oct. Joli Reising saw another, at Bacon Woods on 09 Nov.

### (Yellow-fronted Canary)

Nancy Anderson saw yet another escapee, this one at Great Egret Marsh, **Ottawa**, on 05 Nov.

### Common Redpoll

John Pogacnik found six at Perry TP on 12 Nov. Ed Schlabach watched five fly overhead in **Holmes** on 15 Nov. Alex Eberts and Leslie Sours saw 12 at Darby Creek on 19 Nov.

### White-winged Crossbill

One was at CLNP from 04 to 09 Sep (m. obs.). Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik counted five at Perry TP on 25 Nov. One was near Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, on 28 Nov for Lucas Weaver.



*White-winged Crossbills were not an easy find in 2021, but Bruce Miller sought this one frequenting CLNP on 06 Nov to add to his Big Year Ohio list.*

### Pine Siskin

Laura K. Brown saw the first, in Akron on 26 Sep. Sean Williams saw the most, 15 at Columbus' Green Lawn Cemetery on 01 Nov. Sarah Funnell saw eight at Farbach-Warner NP, **Hamilton**, on 23 Oct as did Bela Anand-Apte at CLNP on 08 Nov. (30 counties)

### American Goldfinch

A series of point counts in CLNP on 15 Aug yielded 510 for Henry Bloom. The next most were the 228 that Dan Enders and Nicole Freshour tallied at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 30 Sep. (all 88 counties)

### Lapland Longspur

Andrew O'Connor saw the first, along Wake

Robin on 11 Oct, rather later than they often arrive. The next was Jelmer Poelstra's at Wilderness Road on 18 Oct. Irina Shulgina saw about 25 at OSU's Waterman Farm on 12 Nov. Tom Frankel saw the second most, 11 outside Mentor, **Lake**, on 17 Nov. (16 counties)

### Chestnut-collared Longspur

Posts from **Lake** have photos and descriptions of what may prove to be Ohio's second record.



*Jerry Talkington's expertise and keen eye found what may prove to be Ohio's second Chestnut-collared Longspur, photographed on 08 Oct in Lake by Sarah Preston.*

### Snow Bunting

Dean Nolte provided a good description of a very early arrival, at Merriman Valley, **Summit**, on 10 Sep. Paul Sherwood's at Rock Spring Road, **Portage**, on 16 Oct was about as expected. Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik counted 56 at Conneaut on 20 Nov. (24 counties)



*The popular fishing pier in Lorain (city) is where Debbie Parker found this Snow Bunting on 01 Nov.*

### Grasshopper Sparrow

Joel Throckmorton saw the last, at Wendy Park on 06 Nov. That's three weeks later than their usual departure date from the south of the state. Renee Sparks saw two other stragglers, at New Lexington, **Perry**, on 03 Nov. The OSU Livestock Facility hosted 14 for Irina Shulgina on 21 Aug. The second highest count of five was shared by David Wilkins at Chudzinski-Johannsen Park, **Sandusky**, on 01 Aug and Scott Pendleton near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 10 Aug. (21 counties)

### Lark Sparrow

Jennifer Suydam saw the last, at Findlay, *Hancock*, on 03 Oct. Jeff Harvey had seen two the day before at OOPMP. But the third last sighting was much earlier, three birds by Pete Johantgen at Killdeer on 28 Aug. Two other dates at Killdeer and one at OOPMP also produced counts of three. *Butler*, *Clark*, *Delaware*, *Greene*, and *Holmes* also contributed sightings.

### Chipping Sparrow

About 100 were in CLNP for Tim Jasinski and Andy Jones on 24 Oct. Luke Thies counted the second most, 73 at Fernald on 25 Oct. Only *Crawford*, *Morgan*, and *Pike* didn't have sightings.

### Clay-colored Sparrow

Single birds were seen at:

Strouds Run SP, *Athens*, on 11 Sep (m. obs.)  
Springbrook Gardens Park, *Lake*, on 24 Sep  
(Sarah Preston and James Smallwood)  
Wake Robin on 09 Oct (Tom Frankel)  
Huffman Prairie, *Greene*, on 17 Oct (Ted Whalen)  
Chippewa Lake, *Medina*, on 23 Oct (Debbie Parker)

### Field Sparrow

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller counted 68 at Woodbury WA, *Coshocton*, on 16 Oct. The next most were 40, at the Del-Co Water Company, *Delaware*, on 08 Oct (Sean Williams) and CLNP on 25 Oct (Erin Allen and Andy Avram). (80 counties)

### Fox Sparrow

Andrew O'Connor saw the first, at CLNP on 29 Sep. Jeff Goff saw the most, 24 along about a mile of Dueber Avenue in Bolivar, *Stark*, on 24 Nov. A trio of birders saw the second most, eight at Penitentiary Glen Reservation, *Lake*, on 13 Nov. (54 counties)

### American Tree Sparrow

Ned DeLamatre and Chris Fulton saw the first, two at Cascade Valley MP, *Summit*, on 02 Oct. The Bedford Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, hosted 57 for Marty Reynard on 20 Nov. (58 counties)



Roger Friedman sharply captured this American Tree Sparrow at his home in *Cuyahoga* on 27 Nov.

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

The first sighting away from their nesting areas was by Bela Anand-Apte at Shaker Lakes, *Cuyahoga*, on 02 Aug. CLNP hosted 400 on 24 Oct (Tim Jasinski and Andy Jones) and up to 300 on other dates. Jen Brumfield's 58 at Highland Park Cemetery, *Cuyahoga*, on 27 Nov were the most elsewhere. (80 counties)

### Dark-eyed Junco (Other)

Jim Proffit photographed one of subspecies *cismontanus* on 03 Nov at Island View Park, *Wood*, and saw two there on 05 Nov. Sean Williams photographed an "Oregon" junco at Three Creeks MP, *Franklin*, on 21 Oct as did Michael L. Crouse at Indian Lake on 20 Nov.

### White-crowned Sparrow

Beth and James Sybrandy saw the first, at the Farrington Reservation, *Miami*, a week or so early on 02 Sep. The next was one at CLNP on 20 Sep (Ken Vinciguerra). Chad Wilson found about 120 at Lorain on 18 Oct, and the second most were the 62 that Alecia Gorski counted at Sandy Ridge on 23 Oct. Bob Lane and John Petruzzi photographed one of subspecies *gambelii* at Mill Creek on 08 Oct. Jelmer Poelstra photographed another at Wilderness Road on 24 Oct. (71 counties)

### Harris's Sparrow

One spent 24 to 31 Oct at CLNP for m. obs. Another made a one day stand at Walnut Woods MP, *Franklin*, on 03 Nov, but several birders got to see it.



Kisa Weeman travelled to CLNP for this Harris's Sparrow on 31 Oct.

### White-throated Sparrow

Historically these have arrived in mid-Sep, but this year's first was in downtown Cleveland on 05 Aug (Michael Murray). The next two were at Wendy Park on 20 Aug (Lenore Charnigo). A trio of birders found 325 at CLNP on 26 Oct and up to 300 were reported there on other dates. Lorain also hosted 300, for Chad Wilson on 18 Oct. (82 counties)



### Vesper Sparrow

Gautam Apte and Rachael Kaiser saw the last, at Alum Creek on 29 Nov. Stan Plante saw the most, five at Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, on 31 Oct. (29 counties)

### LeConte's Sparrow

The reports are:

One at the CVNP Coliseum site on 19 to 21 Oct (m. obs.)

One at Funk from 22 Oct to 01 Nov (m. obs.)

One at Chippewa Lake, **Medina**, on 23 Oct (Debbie Parker)



This illusive LeConte's Sparrow could not hide from Debbie Parker in **Medina** on 22 Oct.

### Nelson's Sparrow

Several birders saw the first one, at CLNP on 28 Sep. Many saw the last, which spent from 30 Oct to 06 Nov at Funk. Sean Williams saw the most, four at Darby Creek on 13 Oct. (11 counties)



Bruce Miller took advantage of this uncommonly showy Nelson's Sparrow on 01 Oct at Darby Creek.

### Henslow's Sparrow

Brad Willis saw the last, at Pickerington Ponds on 01 Nov. Matt Mason's at the CVNP Coliseum grasslands on 20 Oct was the second last. Nine miles of travel in Woodbury WA, **Coshocton**, produced 25 for Jon Cefus and Kent Miller on 13 Aug. Cynthia Norris's eight at the Fry Family

Park, **Stark**, on 04 Aug were the second most. (23 counties)

### Savannah Sparrow

Sightings continued well into Dec. Jelmer Poelstra found about 65 at Wilderness Road on 24 Oct. A trio of birders saw about 40 along a mile of Sexton Road, **Harrison**, on 02 Oct, and Leon A. Mast tied them near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 30 Oct. (48 counties)

### Song Sparrow

Lorain hosted 200 on 12 Oct and 400 on 18 Oct for Chad Wilson. Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik counted several flocks totaling 122 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 25 Oct. (all 88 counties)

### Lincoln's Sparrow

The first date of 03 Sep was a week or so earlier than usual. Adam Jackson saw one that day at Cascade Valley MP, **Summit**, as did Larry Richardson at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**. At least five lingered into Dec. Sean Williams found 16 at Darby Creek on 13 Oct. (52 counties)

### Swamp Sparrow

Sean Williams provided the two highest counts, 78 on 13 Oct and 145 on 20 Oct, both at Darby Creek. Next most were 70 at CLNP on 26 Oct (m. obs.). (73 counties)

### Green-tailed Towhee

One in **Preble** generated many posts with photos but no formal report to the OBRC.

### Eastern Towhee

The Conesville Coal Lands, **Coshocton**, produced 16 on 03 Sep and 26 on 17 Sep for Jon Cefus and Kent Miller. Rachael Price also found 16, on the outskirts of Athens on 07 Oct. (78 counties)

### Yellow-breasted Chat

Thomas Czubek saw the last, at East Fork on 01 Oct; sometimes they've stayed a week or so longer. David Factor's four at James H. Barrow Field Station, **Portage**, on 04 Aug were the most. (24 counties)

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

The reports are:

One at Howard Marsh on 07 Aug (Jeff Sailer)

One a half hour later that day along the ONWR WD (Luke Schrader)

One at Wilderness Road from 09 to 22 Aug (m. obs.) and two there on 14 Aug (Jelmer Poelstra, Randy Rowe)

One at Pickerel Creek on 01 Oct (Bill Ohlsen)

### Bobolink

Joli Reising saw the last, at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 23 Oct, a late date for the north coast. Several birders saw the second last, at Dar-



by Creek on 18 Oct. Fields along Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, produced about 140 for Sandra Keller on 10 Aug. David Wilkins found about 100 at Pickerel Creek on 23 Aug. (33 counties)

### Eastern Meadowlark

Scott Pendleton found 75 near Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 10 Aug and up to 36 there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Marc Hanneman's 31 along Stollacker Road, **Ashtabula**, on 21 Oct. (70 counties)

### Western Meadowlark

Sean Williams photographed one at the Alum Creek spillway on 31 Oct; see Field Notes for more.

### Orchard Oriole

Darrell Hance saw the last, at Maumee Bay on 10 Sep. That's about a week later than they've historically left the state. Gregory Hartman counted seven at Killdeer on 02 Aug and three locations each held five. (35 counties)

### Baltimore Oriole

These have historically stayed only until mid-Sep, but every year lately a few have lingered much later. This year's last was at Rushsylvania Farm, **Logan**, on 07 Nov (Eric Juterbock). The second last was at Hueston Woods on 28 Oct (Ryan Asbrock) and there were two other sightings earlier that month. Larry Richardson's 14 at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 11 Aug were the most, and up to 12 were there on other dates. Jelmer Poelstra's nine at Wooster Memorial Park, **Wayne**, on 21 Aug were the second most. (70 counties)

### Red-winged Blackbird

Michael Hensley saw about 25,000 at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 14 Oct. Shelley Lutz averaged counts from several photographs and arrived at 24,200 at Dawes Arboretum, **Licking**, on 14 Oct. Only **Carroll** and **Gallia** didn't have sightings.

### Brown-headed Cowbird

Rocky Fork SP, **Highland**, held about 2200 for Patrick Coy and Karin Tanquist on 07 Sep. Darby Creek hosted 1700 for Gautam Apte on 06 Sep. (71 counties)

### Rusty Blackbird

Tracy Brown saw the first, three at Columbus' Franklin Park on 15 Sep, which is a typical first date. Larry Richardson found 150 at Mosquito Lake on 06 Nov and 125 were at Killbuck on 20 Oct for Matt Mason. (50 counties)

### Common Grackle

Gautam Apte estimated that 70,000 departed the marshes at Darby Creek on 06 Sep. Sean Wil-

liams had seen about 13,700 there on 18 Aug. The third most were the 13,000 that a trio of birders saw at Caesar Creek on 30 Oct. Only **Crawford**, **Defiance**, and **Gallia** didn't have sightings.

### Blackbird sp.

Two mixed flocks of about 50,000 birds were reported. Lee Gray saw his along the Iron Horse Trail, **Stark**, on 17 Nov; see Field Notes for more. Kathy Mock saw hers at the PPG Lime Lakes, **Summit**, on 30 Nov.

### Ovenbird

These have historically been gone by the last week of Oct, but Joe Woyma saw one in downtown Cleveland on 27 Oct and Josh Davidson saw another on the OSU main campus on 01 Nov. Eric Hollins and David Russell banded seven at Hueston Woods on 02 Sep. Katheryn DiNardi and Joe Woyma found six in downtown Cleveland on 21 Sep. (60 counties)

### Worm-eating Warbler

Paul Heyde's find in Zaleski on 28 Sep was lingering only a few days. Benjamin Miller saw the second last, at Wolf Run Park, **Knox**, on 19 Sep. Jane Balbo found three at Riddle NP, **Athens**, on 02 Aug, and Jay Wright found two at Vinton Furnace SF on 03 Sep. **Fairfield**, **Hocking**, **Jackson**, **Meigs**, and **Washington** also had sightings.

### Louisiana Waterthrush

Jarrett Dickey saw the last, at Hills and Dales MP, **Montgomery**, on 17 Sep. Julie Zickefoose saw the second last, at Indigo Hill, **Washington**, on 11 Sep. Counts of two came from Waterloo SF, **Athens**, on 01 Aug (Heather Aubke) and Mill Creek Park, **Mahoning**, on 10 Aug (Meg Glines). (14 counties)

### Northern Waterthrush

Lee Funderburg saw the season's first, two at the Cemex Reserve, **Greene**, on 15 Aug. (There had been one late Jul sighting as well.) The only sightings after 29 Sep were of single birds at Inniswood MetroGardens, **Franklin**, on 05 Oct (m. obs.) and Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 09 Oct (Joe Patterson). Wendy Park hosted four on 12 Sep for Ted Auch and there were many reports of two birds. (33 counties)

### Golden-winged Warbler

Several birders got to see the first, at EcOhio Farm, **Warren**, on 24 Aug. Only Randy Morgan reported the last, at Indian Creek MP, **Butler**, on both 20 and 21 Sep. Aaron Gabbe's duo at Englewood on 15 Sep were the most. (16 counties)

### Blue-winged Warbler

Donna Breig saw the last, on the outskirts of Del-

aware on 05 Oct. Carrie Ruane saw the second last, at Grant Park, **Montgomery**, on 28 Sep. Jay Wright's four at Vinton Furnace SF on 03 Sep were the most and there were several reports of three. (36 counties)

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

Irina Shulgina photographed a "Lawrence's" warbler at Kiwanis Riverway Park, **Franklin**, on 28 Aug.

#### Black-and-white Warbler

Beth and James Sybrandy gave a good description of one at Kiser Lake SP, **Champaign**, on 02 Nov, about a month after they've usually departed. Even the second last was lingering; James Muller saw it at Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 16 Oct. Three miles of Darby Creek trails produced 20 for Sean Williams on 11 Sep. Jelmer Poelstra found seven at East Harbor on 03 Sep. (70 counties)

#### Prothonotary Warbler

Usually these have left before Sep, but sightings were fairly regular until the last; two on 25 Sep. Jennifer James saw one at Maumee Bay that day and Chad Pumpelly the other at Little Darby Preserve, **Madison**. Jelmer Poelstra counted eight at Killbuck on 28 Aug. (25 counties)

#### Tennessee Warbler

Carl Hansen saw the first two, at Orient, **Franklin**, on 13 Aug. Several birders saw the last, at Armleder Park on 07 and 08 Nov. That's about two weeks later than usual. The second last date of 31 Oct was late as well, especially for the bird that m. obs. saw far north at CLNP. Jen Molnar found another that day, at Winton Woods, **Hamilton**. Adrian Lee noted about 75 scattered about the Brown Family Environmental Center, **Knox**, on 04 Sep, and up to 45 were seen there on other dates by m. obs. A trio of birders counted 43 around Lebanon, **Warren**, on 06 Sep. (78 counties)

#### Orange-crowned Warbler

The first arrived about a week early, at CLNP on 01 Sep for Patrick Markee, and more sightings came soon after. The season's last was Scott VanValkenburg's at his home in **Medina** on 27 Nov but there were several sightings deep into Dec. Counts of three came from the Hopewell Mound Group, **Ross**, on 02 Oct (Paul and Susie Belanger) and CLNP on 24 Oct (James McCarty and Jeff Wert), (44 counties)

#### Nashville Warbler

This species adhered closely to its historical schedule. Mary Caldwell saw the first, at Stillwater Prairie Reserve, **Miami**, on 14 Aug, and Tim

Tanner the next, on the Hoover Park Connector Trail, **Stark**, on 19 Aug. Two other Nov sightings preceded the last, which was by Tom Kemp at his Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, home on 08 Nov. Lori Brumbaugh counted 31 at her **Cuyahoga** home on 20 Sep; see Field Notes for details. Jelmer Poelstra and Kisa Weeman found 21 at CLNP on 29 Sep. (70 counties)

#### Connecticut Warbler

The first date of 30 Aug was shared by Patrick Markee and Elizabeth Ratner in **Cuyahoga** and by m. obs. at Wooster Memorial Park, **Wayne**. Luke Robertson photographed one at Edgewater on 14 Oct, two to three weeks late for the north coast. (15 counties)

#### Mourning Warbler

William Hull saw the first, at his Cincinnati home on 15 Aug. That's about when they're expected to hit the northern border. McKenzie Mudge and Kevin Pietrzak saw the last, at Taylorsville Memorial Park, **Montgomery**, on 26 Oct, about a week later than usual. The second last date of 13 Oct was shared by Andrew Lodge at Shale Hollow Preserve, **Delaware**, and Benjamin Miller at Wolf Run Regional Park, **Knox**. Sameer Apte counted four at CLNP on 21 Sep. (31 counties)

#### Kentucky Warbler

Bruce Simpson saw the last, at least month later than expected at Delaware SP on 11 Oct. Carey Sherrill saw the second last, two in different parts of Blendon Woods on 16 Sep. Triples were the most; they were at Riddle NP, **Athens**, on 02 Aug (Jane Balbo) and Blackhand Gorge, **Licking**, on 22 Aug (Chance Patznick and Harrison Ponn). (14 counties)

#### American Redstart

They've usually departed by mid-Oct, but James McCarty and Jeff Wert saw one at CLNP on 24 Oct. Sean Williams counted 51 in three miles of hiking at Darby Creek on 11 Sep. He also found 26 in only two miles at Highbanks MP, **Delaware**, on 03 Sep. (79 counties)



On her home turf in Wooster, **Wayne**, Su Snyder photographed this American Redstart on 17 Sep.

### Common Yellowthroat

Several lingered as late as mid-Dec. Scott Albaugh counted 29 at Honey Run Highlands Park, **Knox**, on 16 Sep. (84 counties)

### Hooded Warbler

Robert Thorn saw the last, at Blendon Woods on 16 Oct, about a week after they've often left the state. Phil Cantino's at Waterloo SF, **Athens**, on 10 Oct was the second last. Jon Cefus and Kent Miller counted 14 at the Conesville Coal Lands, **Coshocton**, on 17 Sep and up to nine there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the seven that Anthony and Jona Schmitt found at Clear Creek during visits on both 01 Aug and 06 Sep. (46 counties)

### Cape May Warbler

Gary Cowell saw the first, one on 14 Aug and two on 15 Aug at Monroe TP, **Richland**. Meg Glines also saw one on 15 Aug, at Deer Creek Reservation, **Stark**. The last was very late when m. obs. saw it at CLNP on 14 Nov. Sandra Keller's at Fernald on 02 Nov was the second last, and still straggling by a couple of weeks. Gautam Apte saw a large but indeterminate number in the Metzger woodlot on 15 Sep; see Field Notes for details of that day. The highest count was the 36 that a trio of birders found in Lebanon, **Warren**, on 06 Sep. (71 counties)

### Cerulean Warbler

Usually these are gone by the end of Sep, but Lee Funderburg saw one at Caesar Creek on 10 Oct. Christina Stump's at Charles Mill Lake, **Ashland**, on 01 Oct was lingering in the far north. Terry Bronson found the most, four in Wayne NE, **Washington**, on 20 Aug. There were two sightings of three birds and all the rest were of solos. (13 counties)

### Northern Parula

The last was about a week later than usual for mid-state; Karl Mechem found it at Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin**, on 18 Oct. Sean Williams provided the two highest counts, 18 at Darby Creek on 11 Sep and 13 at Alum Creek on 19 Sep. (63 counties)

### Magnolia Warbler

Joel Throckmorton saw the first migrant, about as expected on 16 Aug at Mentor Lagoons. They're usually gone by mid-Oct, but on 23 Oct Tyler McClain saw one at the Jones Preserve and James Holsinger another at Hilliard Bradley High School, **Franklin**. Jelmer Poelstra counted 37 at East Harbor on 03 Sep and Sean Williams 22 at Alum Creek on 16 Sep. (79 counties)

### Bay-breasted Warbler

Paul Hillman and Holly Lynn saw the first, at

Pipe Creek on 15 Aug. Jeff Harvey saw the last, at his **Mahoning** home on 25 Oct, a couple of weeks late for so far north. Sean Williams counted 67 at Darby Creek on 11 Sep; see Field Notes for the details. Adrian Lee provided the second highest count, 35 at the Brown Family Environmental Center, **Knox**, on 04 Sep. (81 counties)

### Blackburnian Warbler

At least one of the first two might have summered in Ohio; Phil Cantino saw it in the Blue Ash Valley, **Athens**, on 14 Aug. Robert Bobel's in Liberty Park, **Summit**, that same day was probably a migrant. CLNP hosted the last, for Michael Murray on 18 Oct. Sean Williams saw the most and second most, 22 at Darby Creek on 11 Sep and 14 at Alum Creek on 10 Sep. (73 counties)

### Yellow Warbler

This species' historical departure date is about 07 Oct. But a trio of birders photographed one at Sheldon Marsh on 28 Nov and there was at least one Dec report. Joel Throckmorton saw the second last, at Mentor Lagoons on 15 Oct, and a few other sightings were also later than usual. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 56 on 01 Aug. Josh Hargrave saw about 40 at Headlands on 06 Aug. (65 counties)

### Chestnut-sided Warbler

James Muller saw the last, at Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 16 Oct, about two weeks later than usual for mid-state. Jelmer Poelstra's eight at East Harbor on 03 Sep were the most. (66 counties)

### Blackpoll Warbler

For a change, this species' sightings fell within both ends of its historical migration period. Robert Thorn saw the first, at Boyer NP, **Franklin**, on 20 Aug, and Norman Pillsbury the last, at Blackhand Gorge, **Licking**, on 26 Oct. Gautam Apte is confident that at least 100 passed through the Metzger woodlot in two hours on 15 Sep; see Field Notes for the details of that day. Chad Wilson provided the second highest number of 60, along the Sheffield Lake Recreational Trail, **Lorain**, on 06 Oct. (74 counties)



On 11 Oct Kathy Mock photographed this Blackpoll Warbler at Sheldon Marsh.

### Black-throated Blue Warbler

In contrast with the Blackpoll, this species arrived about a week early and left about two weeks late. Josh Hargrave and Sarah Preston found the first, at Headlands on 18 Aug. The last was at Nicole Freshour's Dayton home on 01 Nov and the second last at Jeff Harvey's **Mahoning** home on 25 Oct. Metzger hosted 16 on 15 Sep for Gautam Apte, and East Harbor 10 for Jelmer Poelstra on 03 Sep. (60 counties)



Debbie Parker spotted this Black-throated Blue Warbler on 05 Oct in Sheffield Lake, **Lorain**.

### Palm Warbler

Cassidy Ficker saw the first, about as expected at Blendon Woods on 28 Aug. Usually they've been gone by Nov, but this year two were seen on 23 Nov, at Fernald (Laura Dykstra and Michael Schrock) and at Killbuck (m. obs.). Even the second last was a straggler; Neill Cade saw it at Miami Whitewater Forest, **Hamilton**, on 06 Nov. Jim Crumpler saw 25 at the Conrey Road Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary, **Hamilton**, on 13 Oct. (67 counties)

### “Yellow” Palm Warbler

These are rare but fairly regular west of the Appalachians. Jacob Raber and Joe Wojnarowski each saw one in different parts of Chippewa Lake, **Medina**, on 16 and 17 Oct respectively; I suspect it was the same bird.

### Pine Warbler

As is now usual, a few remained into Dec, though historically they were gone by mid-Nov. The high count of six was shared by Ruth Stearns at Old Man's Cave, **Hocking**, on 20 Sep and Chriss Fulton and Karen Gray at Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 23 Sep. (60 counties)

### Yellow-rumped Warbler

Paul Hillman and Holly Lynn saw the first, about a week early at Pipe Creek on 15 Aug. Birders saw 100 to 150 at CLNP on 29 Sep (m. obs.) and up to 60 on other dates. Janet Hughes' 55 at Sheldon Marsh on 03 Oct were the most elsewhere. (83 counties)

### [“Myrtle” x “Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler]

Rachel Shamy saw, and Kenn Kaufman confirmed, one at the **Fulton/Lucas** border on 26 Sep.



It takes a sharp eye to pick out a hybrid Yellow-rumped Warbler among a dozen. Rachel Shamy saw this Myrtle x Audubon mix on 26 Sep near home along the **Fulton/Lucas** border.

### Yellow-throated Warbler

This species has historically been gone by Oct. However, Harrison Ponn saw one at Blackhand Gorge, **Licking**, on 17 Oct and Laura Jenkins another in West Milton, **Miami**, on 12 Oct. There were many other early Oct sightings as well. Sean Williams saw four at Prairie Oaks MP, **Franklin**, on 18 Aug, as did Karl Mechem at Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin**, on 10 Sep. (42 counties)

### Prairie Warbler

These too have usually departed by Oct, but one lingered. Renee Sparks photographed it in Pike Township, **Perry**, on 16 Oct. The last otherwise were singles at two locations on 30 Sep. The high count of four came from Tyler Ficker at the Valley View Preserve, **Clermont**, on 10 Sep. (20 counties)

### Black-throated Green Warbler

Kyle Brooks saw the season's first probable migrant, at Matamoras, **Washington**, on 04 Aug. (It might have been a local, but I'd bet it came from further north in Ohio or across the river from West Virginia.) Michael Murray saw the last, at CLNP on 31 Oct, two weeks behind schedule for the north coast. Several Birders saw 22 at the Miami University Natural Areas blind, **Butler**, on 02 Oct. (79 counties)

### Canada Warbler

David Huff saw the last, at the Great Miami WMB on 17 Oct, about a week later than usual. The second last, Marcia Brehmer's at Blacklick Woods, **Fairfield**, on 13 Oct was also straggling. Sheldon Marsh hosted five for Judi Williamson on 12 Sep. (45 counties)

**Wilson's Warbler**

These approximately followed their historical schedule. Josh Hargrave's at Chagrin River Park, **Lake**, on 19 Aug was the first and Matt Mason's at Dawes Arboretum, **Licking**, on 26 Oct was the last. The second last was lingering a bit on the north coast; Joli Reising saw it at Old Woman Creek Preserve, **Erie**, on 19 Oct. Counts of six came from three locations, all between 10 and 17 Sep. (51 counties)

**Summer Tanager**

Sightings came almost daily towards the last, which was a week or so later than usual. Brandt Schurenberg saw it (or them) at Winton Woods, **Hamilton**, on 06 and 09 Oct. Sean Williams provided the high count of four, from Highbanks MP, **Delaware**, on 17 Sep. (24 counties)

**Scarlet Tanager**

James Runkle saw the last, at Wesleyan MP, **Montgomery**, on 13 Oct. Adrian Lee counted nine at the Brown Family Environmental Center, **Knox**, on 22 Aug. (67 counties)

**Northern Cardinal**

Bela Anand-Apte counted 44 at CLNP on 23 Sep. The next most were the 38 that Douglas Vogus *et al.* tallied in CVNP on 02 Sep. (all 88 counties)

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak**

Mollie Bading saw the last, at her **Hamilton** home on 25 Oct. They've historically been here to about mid-Nov. Shawnee Lookout CP, **Hamilton**, hosted 15 on 26 Sep for Helen Wright-North. (65 counties)



*Su Snyder enjoyed seeing this Rose-breasted Grosbeak on 11 Aug along Valley Road, **Wayne**.*

**Black-headed Grosbeak**

The OBRC has a post with a photo from **Cuyahoga** and a formal report from **Lucas**.

**Blue Grosbeak**

Though these have historically departed before mid-Sep, sightings were frequent to the end of that month. In addition, Fannie Courtier saw one at CNC's Long Branch Farm on 04 Oct and David Rudemiller and Brandt Schurenberg another at Fernald on 10 Oct. Bill Stanley counted six at Old Highland Stone on 14 Aug. (30 counties)

**Indigo Bunting**

Their historical last date is about 20 Oct, but a few lingered to the second last that Sean Williams saw along the Hoover Scenic Trail, **Delaware**, on 26 Oct. The last was seriously late; Bela Anand-Apte photographed it at CLNP on 30 Nov. Only **Paulding** and **Williams** didn't have sightings.

**Dickcissel**

Linda Benner saw the last, at CLNP on 12 Oct, a bit late for so far north. Jelmer Poelstra's at Funk on 02 Oct was the second last. Carl Winstead found 10 at Delaware WA on 06 Aug and David Wilkins seven at Chudzinski-Johannsen Park, **Sandusky**, on 01 Aug. (28 counties)

**Addendum****Evening Grosbeak**

A belated report came from Jim Fry, who photographed one at his feeder in Rockbridge, **Hocking**, on 30 Jun.



## RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRDS, FALL 2021

This was another banner year for *Selasphorus* hummingbirds. The data in this table were provided by Allen Chartier, who performed the banding.

Ad = Adult, HY = Hatch Year, AHY = After Hatch Year

### Rufous Hummingbirds

Location and County	Age	Sex	First Observed	Banded	Last Observed
Gallagher Fen, <b>Clark</b>	HY	M	02 Sep	(not) (1)	03 Sep
Napolean, <b>Henry</b>	Ad	M	24 Sep	(not) (2)	05 Oct
Hamilton Twp., <b>Warren</b> (3)	AHY	F	06 Oct	10 Nov	22 Dec
Friendship, <b>Scioto</b>	Ad	M	~10 Oct	(not) (4)	25 Dec
Germanton, <b>Montgomery</b> (5)	HY	F	12 Oct	19 Oct	06 Nov
Medina, <b>Medina</b>	AHY	F	~04 Nov	08 Dec	20 Jan 2022
Fresno, <b>Coshocton</b>	AHY	F	06 Nov	16 Nov	05 Jan 2022
Toledo, <b>Lucas</b>	AHY	F	12 Nov	12 Nov	25 Jan 2022
Garfield Heights, <b>Cuyahoga</b>	AHY	F	24 Nov	16 Dec	11 Jan 2022

(1) The **Clark** bird was not banded but photographs of the spread tail confirmed the identification.

(2) The 05 Oct banding attempt failed and the bird departed that day.

(3) An AHY female Rufous was banded at this feeder in 2017.

(4) A banding attempt on 23 Dec failed when the bird did not enter the trap.

(5) A HY male Rufous was banded at this feeder in 2020.

## NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL BANDING SUMMARY

*The data in this table and the following text were assembled by Tom Bartlett as part of Project OwlNet, a continent-wide program that Ohio joined in 2016. The Cardinal is indebted to his efforts and those of the banders at all the stations reported here.*

Stations began banding in mid-October and some continued to 31 Dec. The “Nights” count includes December effort; species counts are from October and November only.

The Lake Erie Bluffs station (Ann Bugada/

Dan Donaldson) was able to operate for only two nights and caught no owls.

Bob Placier’s usual banding demonstration at Lowe-Volk Park, Crawford, was rained out.

“Foreign Recaps” are Saw-whets banded elsewhere and captured this year at the named station.

“In-season Recaps” are Saw-whets both banded and recaptured this year at the station.

“Other Banded” are species in addition to Saw-whets and Eastern Screech-Owls.

Banding Station	County	Bander-in-Charge	Nights	NSWO Banded	EASO Banded	Other Banded	Foreign Recaps	In-season Recaps
Kelleys Island	Erie	Tom Bartlett	32	120	3	3	3	19
Catawba Island	Ottawa	Bruce Buckingham	8	17	0	0	0	1
Lake Erie Island Nature & Wildlife Center	Ottawa	Tom Bartlett	2	0	1	0	0	0
Russell Drive, Bolivar	Tuscarawa	Dan Kramer	4	2	0	0	0	0
Mathys Farm	Union	Blake Mathys	30	14	3	0	2	0
Palatial Estates	Vinton	Bob Placier	33	20	0	1	0	0
Caesar Creek	Warren	Rebecca Palmer/Steve Lee	33	42	3	2	3	14
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>142</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>

### Details of foreign recaps follow.

The three at Kelleys Island (Tom Bartlett) were originally banded at Fergus, Ontario, on 11 Oct 2020, at Fergus on 29 Sep 2021, and at Hilliardton, Ontario, on 23 Oct 2021. Two of Tom’s birds were recaptured on Pelee Island, Ontario, 14 days after he banded them, and another was captured by Blake Mathys at the Mathys Farm station in Union 24 days after banding. And on 16 Nov 2021 he recaptured one that he had banded on 12 Nov 2020; it was the first owl he banded on Kelleys that he recaptured in a later year.

Blake Mathys’ Union station recaptured one banded at Observatoire D’oiseaux Tadousac in Quebec on 27 Sep 2021, and as noted above, captured another that Tom Bartlett had banded about three weeks earlier.

One of three at Caesar Creek (Rebecca Palmer/Steve Lee) was originally banded at Blake Mathys’ station on 08 Nov 2020, recaptured at Caesar Creek on 23 Nov 2020, and again recaptured at Caesar Creek on 08 Dec 2021. The second had been banded at Emmons Creek Bird Observatory and Ringing Station at Waupaca, Wisconsin, on 13 Mar 2021, and the third near Cedar Grove, Sheboygon County, Wisconsin, on 15 Oct 2021.

The three “other banded” species at Kelleys Island were Hermit Thrushes; Bob Placier’s “other” at “Palatial Estates” was a red bat, and those at Caesar Creek were a Gray Catbird and a Northern Cardinal.

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## OHIO'S PIPING PLOVERS: HISTORY IN THE MAKING

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For many, if not all of us, the absence of Piping Plover from Ohio's beaches is an unfortunate inheritance. Dwindling to a mere six breeding pairs by 1937 (Peterjohn 1989), much of Ohio's twentieth and twenty-first centuries have been devoid of these beach denizens' modest piping and their caramel-topped offspring skittering across the open sands of Lake Erie's shores. Individuals of this federally endangered population will make the occasional stop along Ohio's coast in spring to many birders' delight. But their presence during the summer has remained an elusive element in the gestalt of the beach community, remnants of a bygone era.

That is, until the summer of 2021. On the morning of 01 Jul, after eight decades and a steady recovery of the species' Great Lakes population, the first of four Piping Plover chicks emerged on the sunlit sands of Maumee Bay State Park (MBSP) in *Lucas*. A memory resurrected, for the first time in over 80 years, Ohio officially welcomed our Piping Plovers.

By the time of hatching, nearly a month of daily nest observation had already passed. Nellie and Nish (the adults of this historic family) had been spotted in

late May exhibiting courtship behavior along MBSP's Lake Erie beach. Toledo-area birders documented the sighting of the pair (as well as an additional female confirmed to be Nellie's sibling) and contacted Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) as courtship escalated. Both parents hatched in 2020, the female Nellie at Presque Isle State Park in Pennsylvania and male Nish at Montrose Beach in Chicago. As new adults in the breeding population, their lack of experience would call into question every behavior displayed and their potential breeding success.

BSBO quickly coordinated with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and Division of Wildlife (DOW), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Maumee Bay State Park, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture APHIS Wildlife Services to establish a multi-agency plan if these endangered plovers decided to take up residence at this popular state park. Sure enough, on 31 May, a nest scrape and egg were discovered on MBSP's inland swimming beach, an area slightly more protected from the elements than the nearby lakefront. Coincidentally, this location is less than three miles west of Cedar Point NWR, where in 1942 Piping Plover made its previous last known nesting attempt



*The first egg to be laid was well-camouflaged, but Kim Kaufman's protective eye spotted it, enabling her to snap this photo on 31 May.*

in Ohio (Peterjohn 1989).

With an active nest confirmed, the governmental agencies and BSBO moved in to install a predator guard over the nest and establish a roped-off buffer zone. A monitoring program began to document and report all activities and any potential nest failure or predation to USFWS. With its experience man-

aging large volunteer programs, BSBO agreed to lead the monitoring effort by recruiting and training volunteers and acting as the intermediary between onsite monitors and biologists at USFWS.

Assisted by the BSBO staff and board, nearly one hundred volunteers signed on to this colossal effort, accumulating over 6,000 hours of observation by

the time the last plover departed. From sunrise to sunset, monitors recorded every nest exchange made by the adults; every encroaching Killdeer and Ring-billed Gull; every stray raft, drone, off-leash dog, and unaware beach-goer that crossed beyond the buffer zone. In this very popular public park, the intense task of monitoring a single family of plovers was

made only more complicated by the summer tourist season.

But even with a village of monitors and coordinated support, the fate of these small plovers was still dictated by the beach they were inexorably linked to. On the day of their hatching, a storm swept in from Lake Erie, beating the lakefront with rain and wind.



*Christy Frank took this photo of Karen Zach, one of the many BSBO volunteers, as she kept a faithful eye on the activities of the Piping Plover family.*

Volunteers watched helplessly as puddles and gullies formed in and around the nest, with gusts rolling the delicate hatchlings against the wire guard put in place to protect them. The hours-old chicks were left wet and vulnerable when the storm faded, with one partially submerged in a shallow pool.

The adult plovers took turns brooding over three of the upright chicks, warming and drying their sodden feathers. The monitors watched, paced, and questioned as the fourth chick lay nearly motionless. Human intervention at that point could mean the abandonment of the whole brood. To everyone's relief, an adult plover eventually pressed itself against the stray chick, who would emerge from the warming brood patch some minutes later, dry and fluffy, ready to begin foraging.

Despite the challenges presented, the plovers and monitors persevered. With the successful hatching of four eggs, two plovers became six. Two adults and four tiny, highly mobile birds, perpetually expanding their foraging range. As the mini-plovers—dubbed Erie, Kickapoo, Maumee, and Ottawa in honor of indigenous tribes of the region—grew and meandered, their monitors also became more mobile, jockeying for optimal viewing spots and keeping hourly tabs on all six birds.

A little over two weeks following the hatching of the clutch, the female, Nellie—in typical Piping Plover fashion—departed MBSP to begin her fall migration. The male, Nish, remained with the chicks as they grew into their wings and eventually fledged near the end of Jul. Nish would last be seen at MBSP on 31 Jul, and remarkably was photographed foraging on a Florida beach on 17 Oct.

Monitors continued their vigil through Aug as the



*Along the inland beach at Maumee Bay, Christy Frank watched and photographed this active five-day old chick.*



flighted chicks now freely roamed throughout the entirety of MBSP's inland and Lake Erie beaches. Unfortunately, the realities of life in the wild would strike, and Kickapoo would be discovered on the morning of 17 Aug, having succumbed to predation.

When the official fledge date had long passed, cheerful banter began about how long the young plovers would stay in Ohio. A few volunteers continued to monitor each morning and evening, greeting the sunrise with the bittersweet realization that the three remaining chicks were still alive and well while hoping they would begin their inevitable migration. One such morning, a volunteer noticed that Erie appeared to have a potential health problem. After a few days of close observation and consulting with experts, BSBO was authorized to capture Erie for a checkup and possible treatment.



Vince Capozziello photographed baby chick Erie vigorously fluffing out its feathers to dry on 07 Sep.

For the first time in history, a wild Piping Plover chick was captured, transferred to the Toledo Zoo, treated by a fantastic veterinary team, and then kept in captivity for a short duration to heal. Even more astounding, in the two hours it took for the volunteers to transport Erie to the zoo, Ottawa and Maumee, the two remaining chicks, decided to migrate! The moment everyone was hoping to witness passed while no one was looking.

Erie was released back to the park less than two weeks later, and once again, the dedicated monitors began the daily check at sunrise. Weeks passed, and concerns grew. Theories about the bird simply needing time to heal and regain wing strength kept hope alive for a natural migration. Warm summer mornings morphed into the frosty glow of Oct. Upcoming low temperatures, a concern over dwindling food, and the uncertainty of Erie's health led to the decision to capture the young plover for a second time. Despite the tiny bird's resiliency up to this point, winter in Ohio is no place for a Piping Plover.

On 18 Oct Erie was again captured, and then transported to the Detroit Zoo. The experts there care for captive-reared Piping Plovers as part of the Great Lakes program and have the experience to navigate Erie's unique situation.

While placing a wild bird into captivity, even temporarily, is always a difficult decision to make, it turned out to be for the best. Testing revealed that Erie is a female, and she was diagnosed with health problems that would make life in the wild, especially breeding, too great a risk to allow for her release. Details of her permanent new home are still forthcoming, but there is a bright spot. Though Erie may not contribute to her species' recovery with her own chicks, she will still help in a unique way. As a Great Lakes Piping Plover ambassador, she is sure to melt the hearts of all who get the opportunity to meet her in the future and learn her story.

As winter wanes and we dream of spring migration, Nellie and Nish's hoped-for return dominates our thoughts. Although Piping Plovers have long been absent from our shores, their history on Ohio's beaches has a new beginning.

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# A REVIEW OF RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD RECORDS IN OHIO

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## Introduction

While the Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) is well known as the only breeding hummingbird species in eastern North America, other hummingbird species have been documented in the east. The Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) is a hardy species native to the western U.S. and Canada, breeding primarily in the northern Rocky Mountains and Cascades from Montana and Oregon north through Alberta and British Columbia to the Alaska panhandle and south-central Alaska (to 62°N). Most migrate to wintering grounds in central and western Mexico (Healy and Calder 2006). Rufous Hummingbirds undergo the longest-distance migration of any species of hummingbird, and they are particularly cold-hardy due to their northerly and high-elevation nesting areas, where they experience freezing temperatures at night quite frequently.

The first Rufous Hummingbird documented east of the Mississippi River was in Charleston, South Carolina, on 18 Dec 1909 (Conway and Drennan 1979). While most winter in central Mexico, a small proportion of the population, representing hundreds to perhaps a few thousand, now winters in the southeastern U.S. For example, during winter 2001-2002 alone, Newfield banded 305 Rufous Hummingbirds in Louisiana (Newfield 2002), Bassett banded 85 in southern Alabama and Florida (Bassett 2002), Sargent banded 32 in northern Alabama and 19 in Mississippi (Sargent and Sargent 2002a and 2002b), Sloan banded 12 in Tennessee (Sloan 2002), and Georgia reported a total of 46 Rufous Hummingbirds (Georgia Hummer Study Group 2002). In addition, significant numbers of birds have been reported throughout the southeastern U.S. when returning after being banded in a previous winter. Virtually every eastern U.S. state and Canadian province now has at least one record of this species (Williamson 2001, Howell 2002).

Ohio records of Rufous Hummingbird prior to 2001 have not been personally examined by the author to verify the identification, age, or sex provided by various sources, including the

Ohio Cardinal Records Committee (OCRC), its successor the Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC), papers published in the *Ohio Cardinal*, the database of Bill Whan (unpubl.), and others. The last summary of Rufous Hummingbirds in Ohio was published in 2002 (McCormac and Hammond, 2002). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not possible to arrange to view color slides/photos archived in the OBRC and/or OCRC files, or specimens held at various Ohio institutions, during the preparation of this paper. Even museum specimens occasionally have errors in age, sex, or identification as noted during a detailed review of Rufous Hummingbirds at the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, Bird Division collection (Chartier, unpubl. data; n=179 with 2 or 3 incorrect identifications and several incorrect ages and sexes). The ability to reconcile ambiguous or conflicting dates of occurrence or locations has also been limited during this time. Thus, for the purposes of this paper, it is assumed that most of these previously published designations (and identifications) are correct, which reduces the scientific rigor that has been applied previously to this kind of summary (Chartier 2002, Chartier 2006). Hopefully the gaps in the data presented here can be resolved in the near future.

## Annual Occurrence

Ohio's first Rufous Hummingbird record was an adult male visiting feeders at the Van Sickle residence in Westerville, *Franklin*, from 15 to 18 Aug 1985; it was seen by some 120 birders. Color photos were taken (Counts 1987, Peterjohn 1986, McCormac and Hammond 2002), but the published black-and-white versions do not allow its back color to be evaluated, and none of the published sources describes this color (presumed to be rufous with no green). A report of Ohio's second and third Rufous Hummingbirds (Pierce and Rosche 1988, Peterjohn 1988) indicates that the orange back color was "more prominent" than was remembered on the Westerville individual. Through 2021, a total of 126 confirmed Rufous Hummingbirds have been recorded in the state. The genus *Selasphorus* has long included Rufous, Allen's (*S. sasin*), and Broad-tailed (*S. platycercus*) hummingbirds, and with recent taxonomic revisions now also includes Calliope Hummingbird (*S. calliope*). An additional 51 hummingbirds in this genus have occurred in Ohio, not identified to species, and are often designated in publica-

tions as *Selasphorus* sp. Given that the Broad-tailed Hummingbird remains undocumented in much of Eastern North America, and that enough details of Ohio's records allow it and Calliope to be eliminated, I have opted to refer to these by the more specific designation of Rufous/Allen's (or R/A) herein. In 2006, the Rufous Hummingbird was removed from the Ohio review list by the OBRC (McCormac 2008).

From 1985 to 2000, the number of Rufous and Rufous/Allen's Hummingbirds reported annually in Ohio ranged from zero (1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, and 1994) to three (1993 and 2000).

Of these 19 records, 11 were confirmed Rufous (11 adult males, one adult female, and one "sub-adult" male) and seven were unidentified R/A. From 2002-2005, there was a clear increase in records (31 Rufous and 16 R/A), followed by a down period from 2006-2010 (11 Rufous and three R/A) that was similar to the 1985-2001 period. Another increase occurred from 2011-2013 (33 Rufous and 12 R/A), followed by another decrease from 2014-2019 (17 Rufous and eight R/A). The 2020 and 2021 data appear to be consistent with a third period of increased reports. These data are shown in Figure 1.

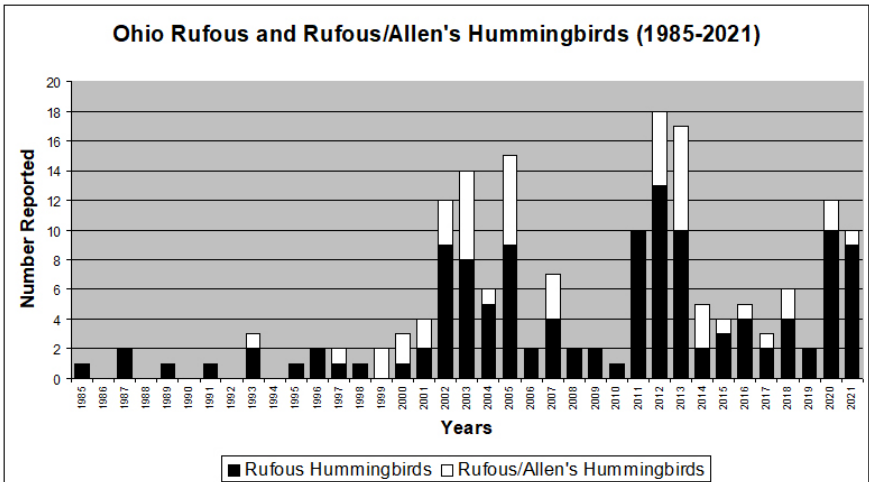


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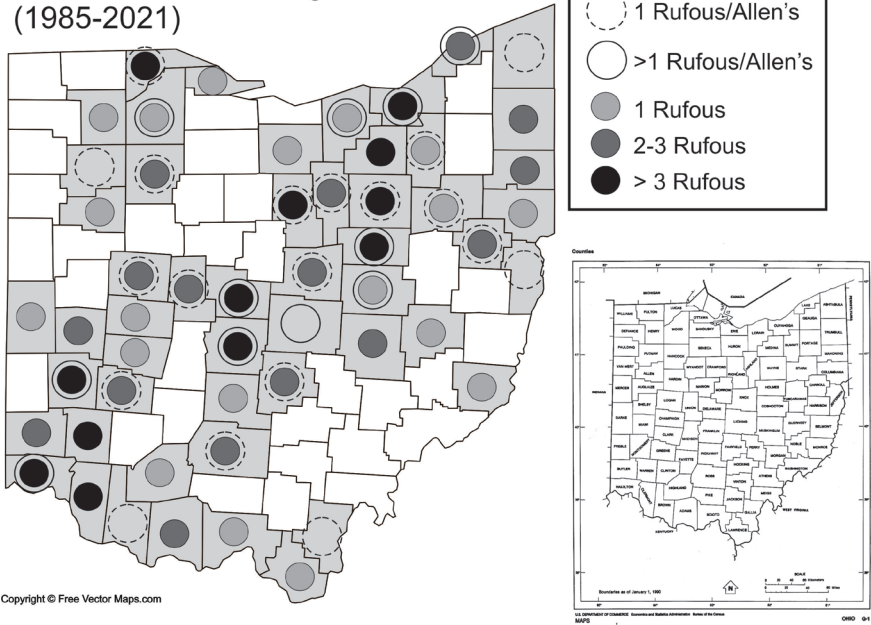
Several generalizations can be made from these data. First, the number of adult males is fairly constant throughout the 1985-2021 period. The majority (>95%) of all Rufous and R/A reports come from feeders at residences operated by hummingbird enthusiasts who might not be considered "birders" in that they are not members of a bird club, do not usually watch other bird species, do not go out on birding field trips, and the like. So, the adult males in general are most easily noticed and identified. Second, beginning around 2001, the prevalence of bird feeding stores increased, which had an effect of connecting these casual hummingbird watchers with the more active birding community. Through these stores, and other sources, they had someone to report their "late" or "orange" hummingbirds to, which got communicated to the birding community more often. Third, banding efforts that began in 2001 further contributed to connecting casual hummingbird

watchers to the birding community at large, and allowed many more females and immature Rufous and R/A, which can be difficult for non-birders to pick out among Ruby-throats, to be confirmed in the state. And fourth, there seems to be a definite pattern beginning in 2001 of three or four "up" years followed by five or six "down" years.

**Geographic Distribution**

Rufous and R/A hummingbirds have been recorded in 53 of Ohio's 88 counties (Figure 2). There are notable concentrations where human populations and availability of hummingbird feeders are highest, including areas around Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, and in Amish country. A detailed listing by county of 126 records of Rufous Hummingbird (includes returns and recaptures) and 51 R/A hummingbirds is in Table 2, with some personal annotations by the author.

## Ohio Rufous Hummingbirds (1985-2021)



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**Figure 2**

Eight sites in Ohio have each hosted two different Rufous Hummingbirds in different years:

- Oxford, **Butler**, with an adult male observed and an adult female recaptured (see “Recaptures and Returns” below), both in the same year (2013).
- Williamsburg, **Clermont**, with an immature female banded in 2012 and another adult female banded in 2013.
- Millersburg, **Holmes**, with an adult female banded in 2011 and another adult female banded in 2019.
- Germantown, **Montgomery**, with an immature male banded in 2020 and an immature female banded in 2021.
- Bellville, **Richland**, with an immature female banded in 2016 and another immature female banded in 2020.
- Hallsville, **Ross**, with a R/A observed in 2003 and an adult female Rufous banded in 2004.
- Hamilton Township, **Warren**, with an adult female banded in 2017 and an adult female banded in 2021.
- Lebanon, **Warren**, with an immature female banded in 2006 and another immature female banded in 2018.

In addition, a site in **Hamilton** where an immature male Rufous was banded in 2020 hosted

an adult female Allen’s Hummingbird (second state record) in 2021-2022 (Caldwell 2022, this issue).

### Age/Sex Classes

The 176 records of Rufous and R/A hummingbirds from Ohio allow for some interesting analyses, not only of annual trends, but also of age/sex classes. The age and sex of all banded (and recaptured) Rufous Hummingbirds in Ohio were accurately determined using the criteria in Stiles (1972), with supporting criteria from Pyle (1997). Prior to 2006 when the Rufous Hummingbird was removed from the Ohio review list, all banded and recaptured Rufous Hummingbirds were reviewed by the OCRC or its successor the OBRC.

Other than adult males, using the Stiles (1972) criteria, hummingbird banders first need to correctly determine the R/A hummingbird’s age and sex before an identification can be confirmed. Some of these criteria, such as the extent of rufous on the central rectrices (r1) and shape of the second rectrix (r2), can be helpful in the field as well as in hand. But some other characters can only be determined in hand, including the widths of the outer (r5) and central (r1) rectrices which can differ by as little as 0.1 mm between known age/sex individuals of each species. If age and sex are not correctly determined these measurements overlap, which is why



it is critical to accurately determine the bird's age and sex first. In the field, only adult males can be reliably aged and sexed. The method banders use to age hummingbirds is by examining their bill with 10x magnification to determine the presence (hatch-year) or absence (after hatch-year) of "corrugations". Sometimes, with excellent views and photos, adult females and immature males can be correctly aged and sexed in the field.

Heidcamp (1997) provides similar useful field identification information on tail feather shapes and color patterns, and along with Stiles (1972) suggests that throat pattern can be helpful. But the data on throat patterns collected in hand from Ohio's Rufous Hummingbirds makes it clear that this is of very limited use. The number of iridescent orange gorget feathers of adult female Rufous ranges from seven to more than 28, while those of immature females range from none to 21; in both they usually form an irregular blotch in the middle or bottom of the throat. Immature males often have one to seven orange throat feathers, often around the perimeter of the throat, but individuals with one or two at the bottom center of the throat could also be immature females! None of this aids identifica-

tion, however, and there are no known throat patterns that can distinguish Rufous from Allen's hummingbirds. Only an extremely good photo of the spread tail showing the shape of r2 can allow identification as Rufous, with the exception of immature females which often do not show this characteristic shape. At best the differences in shape are extremely subtle, and can only be identified by measurements. As noted, an observer's ability to perceive the width of outer rectrices as "narrow" or "broad" can be clouded by an inaccurate assessment of the bird's age/sex. Therefore, many of the records prior to 2001 are listed as R/A, and among females and immatures identified as Rufous, it is known (or presumed) that shape of r2 was clearly observed.

There are differences in the molt schedule between Rufous and Allen's hummingbirds that can be helpful (Allen's begins breeding in February while Rufous begins in April or May), but are not necessarily diagnostic and are still being studied. The term "subadult" applied to one Ohio record (Whan 2001b) is inconsistent with aging criteria and molt schedules of Rufous Hummingbirds, and it is included in the age "unknown" category in Figures 3, 4, and 5 below.

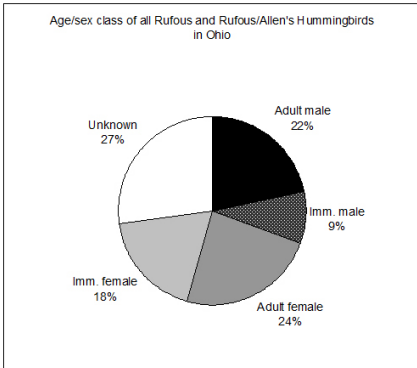


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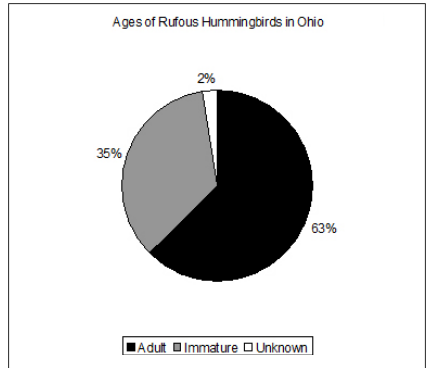


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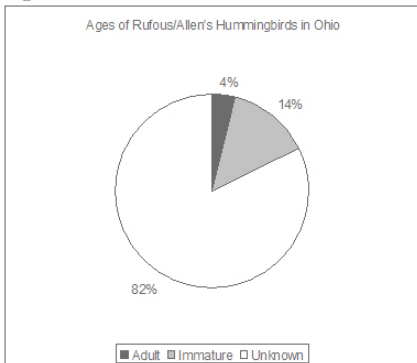


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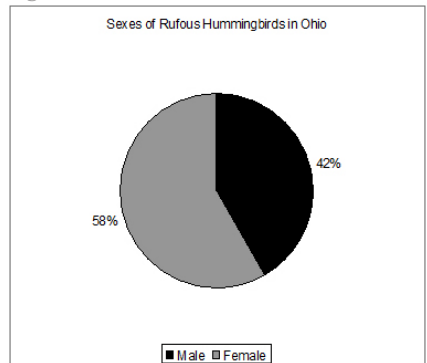


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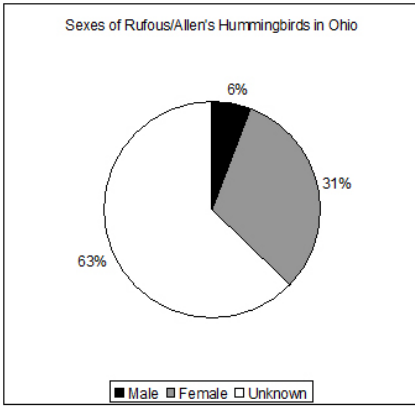


Figure 5b

**Temporal Distribution**

Adult male Rufous Hummingbirds begin departing their Pacific Northwest breeding grounds as early as Jul (Healy and Calder 2006), and some arrive on wintering grounds in the Gulf states by early Aug (their main wintering grounds are in central and southern Mexico). These earliest individuals in the Gulf, mainly adults of both sexes, tend to stay on site only for short periods, while later arriving individuals (of all age and sex classes) tend to remain on site longer (pers. obs., B. Sargent pers. comm.). In spring, Rufous Hummingbirds arrive back on the breeding grounds as early as mid-Apr even as far north as southern Alaska (Healy and Calder 2006). A compilation of the temporal distribution of most of Ohio Rufous and R/A hummingbirds is shown in Figure 6. There seems to be a clear peak of occurrence from mid-Oct to late Dec.

Overall, the average length of stay for Rufous and R/A (n=170) in Ohio is 48 days. Some records are represented by a single day, but this is believed to be mostly due to a lack of data about these individuals, not actual single-day records. The longest stay was 183 days by an adult (AHY) female in Hamilton Township, *Warren*, from 15 Oct 2016 to 15 Apr 2017. Among the confirmed Rufous Hummingbirds of known age/sex (n=123), the average length of stay for adult (AHY) males (n=36) is 35 days, for immature (HY) males (n=15) is 38 days, for adult (AHY) females (n=44) is 54 days, and for immature (HY) females (n=28) is 56 days. It appears that females stay longer than males, regardless of age (Table 1).

Arrival dates in Ohio are often difficult to pin down. Homeowners hosting these birds, about 90% of whom do not identify as “birders” (pers. obs.), may be less experienced with hummingbird identification than “birders”. They are sometimes unsure if their Rufous Hummingbird arrived before all their Ruby-throated Hummingbirds departed, especially if it is not an easily identifiable adult male. This may result in an artificial concentration of First Observed dates during early Oct. The earliest arrival in Ohio was 12 Jul 2004 by an adult (AHY) female in Hallsville, *Ross*. On average, it appears that adult males arrive nearly a month earlier than all others. A comparison of arrival dates by age and sex is shown in Table 1.

Documented departure dates are typically very accurate. In the Gulf states, banded Rufous Hummingbirds undertake movements seemingly centered around the Winter Solstice, moving from 50 to more than 200 miles to a secondary wintering site before departing northward in

**Temporal Distribution of Rufous and Rufous/Allen's Hummingbirds in Ohio**

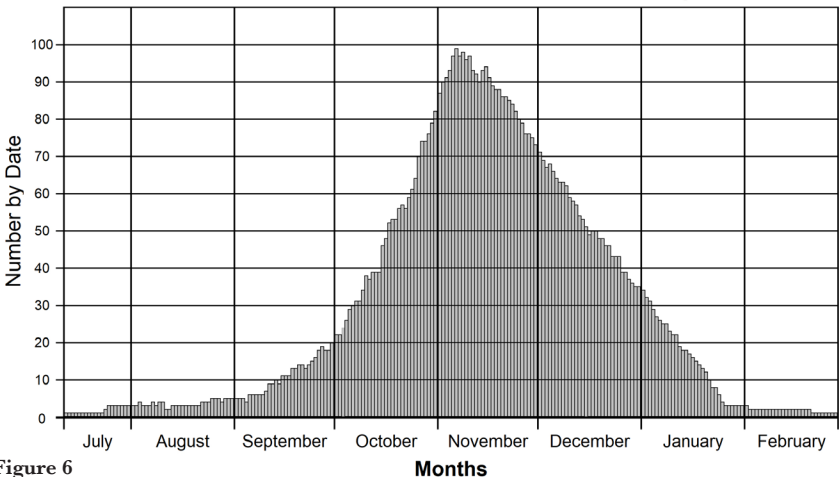


Figure 6

spring, typically in Mar (B. Sargent, N. Newfield, F. Bassett, pers. comm.). Remaining at a single site throughout the entire winter is very uncommon even in the deep south of the U.S. Winter weather conditions in the Great Lakes region might suggest a high mortality after Dec, but departures here also seem somewhat correlated with the Solstice, with many individuals departing on the first warm spell after that date (pers. obs.). Although some Rufous Hummingbirds in Ohio have survived some very cold and snowy conditions (Chartier 2004), there is only one record of an overwintering Rufous Hummingbird in Ohio, an adult (AHY) female in Hamilton

Township, **Warren**, that arrived on 15 Oct 2016 and was last observed on 15 Apr 2017. Elsewhere in the region, only one other individual has overwintered, an immature (HY) male in Fort Wayne, **Allen**, Indiana, that stayed on site from 01 Nov 2011 to 17 Apr 2012 (Chartier, 2012). Other than these unique records, the latest Ohio record was an immature (HY) female in Canfield, **Mahoning**, that stayed until 20 Feb 2012. On average, it appears that females (adults and immatures) stay on site about a month later and about two weeks longer than males. A comparison of departure dates by age and sex is shown in Table 1.

**Table 1**

	<b>Adult (AHY) Male (n=36)</b>	<b>Adult (AHY) Female (n=44)</b>	<b>Imm. (HY) Male (n=15)</b>	<b>Imm. (HY) Female (n=28)</b>
Earliest FO	24 July	12 July	15 September	25 August
Latest FO	06 November	21 November	15 November	17 December
Average FO	24 September	23 October	17 October	26 October
FO Range (days)	105	132	61	114
Earliest LO	25 July	31 October	27 September	11 November
Latest LO	21 January	15 April	10 January	20 February
Average LO	39 October	19 December	19 November	20 December
LO Range (days)	180	166	29	101
Average Stopover (days)	35	54	38	56

With most Ohio records occurring between Jul and Jan, and two records extending to Feb and one to Apr, only the month of May is without a record of Rufous Hummingbird. The single Jun record is of an adult male in North Perry, **Lake**, on 08 to 10 Jun 1987 (Fazio 1997a, McCormac 1999).

**Recaptures and Returns**

One of the core goals of banding birds is to discover information about longevity and site fidelity. This is based on recaptures of previously banded birds returning to the original banding site, or much more rarely encountered somewhere else. In their main wintering range in Mexico, recaptures of banded wintering Rufous Hummingbirds suggests winter site fidelity and seasonal residence rather than continual wandering throughout the wintering range (Healy and Calder 2006). The southeastern U.S. may be a recent expansion of the winter range of Rufous Hummingbird (Hill et al. 1998). Of the 757 Rufous Hummingbirds banded in several southeastern states during the nine years from 1998 to 2006, Bassett and Cubie (2009) recaptured 109

at the same site they were banded, a winter site fidelity rate of 14.4%. In Louisiana, Newfield and Locke (2020) documented 682 recaptured Rufous Hummingbirds from 1985 to 2020 out of a total of 3319 banded there from 1979 to 2020, an approximate “return” rate of 20.5%. With only one Rufous Hummingbird documented as staying over the entire winter, Ohio is clearly not an overwintering site, but is most likely a migration stopover area for the species. Site fidelity at migration stopover sites is much less frequently documented than site fidelity at breeding or wintering areas in any bird species, and has received very little study in hummingbirds. Bryan et al. (2021) documented 42 returning fall migrants in West Texas which may be the only study to date confirming site fidelity of migrant Rufous Hummingbirds.

With 82 Rufous Hummingbirds banded (plus five recaptured) in Ohio from 2001 to 2021, some very interesting and useful information has been obtained that may further extend our knowledge of site fidelity and movements of fall migrants. In Zanesville, **Muskingum**, an immature male banded in 2003 returned and was confirmed by

recapture in 2004 (then in adult plumage), and an adult male seen there again in 2005 that was presumed to be the same individual. The homeowner hosting this bird kept track of weather conditions each morning that the bird appeared at her feeder in 2003 and 2004, which resulted in new information being published on the cold-hardiness of Rufous Hummingbirds (Chartier 2004, 2013a). This individual survived temperatures as low as 16 °F in 2003 and as low as 6 °F in 2004. Using the standardized method for determining the minimum age of banded birds (BBL 2021), the age of this bird when it was last confirmed on site in Jan 2005 was 1 year 7 months, and if the adult male observed in Oct 2005 was this same bird, it was 2 years 4 months old. An adult female Rufous Hummingbird banded in Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, in Nov 2012 returned to the same site and was recaptured in Nov 2013, at an age of at least 2 years 5 months (BBL 2021). Another adult female had a more complicated history, being banded in Green Township, **Ashland**, in 2009, recaptured in 2010 in Pensacola, Florida (see also below), and then being recaptured in Mansfield, **Richland**, in January 2012, where it had been since Nov 2011 (Chartier 2013b).

Recaptures of banded birds from locations away from the original banding site are very rare. Out of more than 17,000 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds banded in Michigan from 2001 to 2020 (Chartier 2021), about 10 to 15% were recaptured where banded at their summer breeding sites, but only about 10 individuals (0.06%) have been reencountered more than five miles from the banding site (Chartier pers. obs.). Bird banders call these records “foreign reencounters”. The Rufous Hummingbird has been reencountered at greater distances from the banding site than any other hummingbird (Bassett and Dietrich 2014) and, based on size, migrates far-

ther than any other bird species. Remarkably, of Ohio’s 87 captured Rufous Hummingbirds, four (4.6%) were foreign reencounters that had been banded previously at a location outside of Ohio. These are:

- An adult female banded on 20 Nov 2001 near York, **York**, South Carolina (B. Hilton Jr. and BBL), was recaptured on 29 Nov 2002 in Columbus (ATC), 358 miles north-northwest of the banding site. The age of this bird when last observed in Dec 2002 was at least 2 years 6 months (BBL 2021).
- An adult female banded on 09 Jan 2003 in Americus, **Sumpter**, Georgia (I.W. Johnson and BBL), was recaptured on 28 Dec 2004 in Montgomery, **Hamilton** (ATC), 495 miles north of the banding site. The age of this bird when last observed in Jan 2005 was at least 2 years 7 months (BBL 2021).
- An adult female banded on 20 Oct 2009 in Green Township, **Ashland** (Chartier 2013b), was recaptured on 18 Dec 2010 in Pensacola, **Escambia**, Florida (F. Bassett and BBL), 758 miles south-southwest of the banding site. This bird was then recaptured again on 04 Jan 2012 in Mansfield, **Richland** (ATC), which is about 15 miles west-northwest of the original banding site. The minimum age of this bird when last observed in Jan 2012 was at least 3 years 7 months (BBL 2021).
- An adult female banded on 19 Dec 2012 near McDonough, **Henry**, Georgia (J. Elliott and BBL) was recaptured on 09 Nov 2013 in Oxford, **Butler** (ATC), 420 miles north of the banding site. The age of this bird when last observed in Nov 2013 was at least 2 years 5 months (BBL 2021).

Table 2

Species	Age	Sex	County	Location	FO Date	LO Date	Comments
Rufous	U	M	Adams	?	6-Nov-01	6-Nov-01	Whan (2001b); “subadult”; location unknown
Rufous	AHY	F	Adams	Manchester	15-Nov-02	8-Jan-03	Whan (2002c, 2003a), McCormac (2003a, 2003b); banded on 13-Dec-02 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	M	Allen	Bluffton	25-Oct-07	11-Jan-08	Whan (2007), McCormac (2008). Fazio and Wiltraut (2008a, 2008b) reported FO date as 28 Oct. Banded on 29-Oct-07 (ATC)
Rufous	Ad.	M	Ashland	Loudonville	11-Sep-95	14-Sep-95	Harlan (1995)
Rufous	Ad.	M	Ashland	Loudonville	26-Oct-96	11-Jan-97	Harlan (1996). Same feeder as in 1995, and first state Christmas Bird Count record; found dead (cat kill?)
Rufous	AHY	F	Ashland	Green Twp./ Loudonville	12-Oct-09	5-Nov-09	Caldwell (2010a), Chartier (2010, 2011). Fazio and Wiltraut (2010a) reported FO date as mid-Sep and LO date as 1 Nov. Banded on 20-Oct-09 (ATC). Recaptured on 18-Dec-10 in Pensacola, Escambia Co., FL, 758 miles SSW (F. Bassett and BBL); recaptured again on 04-Jan-12 in Mansfield, Richland Co., OH, 15 miles W of original banding location
R/A	U	U	Ashland	Ashland	10-Oct-14	15-Nov-14	Caldwell (2014c) published dates as “approximately 13-Oct to 18 Nov”, Chartier (2015). Reported to ATC by S. McKee; no photos; health issues of homeowner prevented banding attempt
R/A	U	U	Ashtabula	?	5-Oct-00	11-Oct-00	Whan (2000), McCormac (2000); location unknown
Rufous	Ad.?	F?	Brown	Lavanna	20-Nov-05	20-Nov-05	Whan (2005b); photos
Rufous	HY	F	Butler	Middletown	15-Oct-03	16-Jan-04	Whan (2003b, 2004a), Kemp (2005a). Banded on 21-Dec-03
Rufous	Ad.	M	Butler	Oxford	6-Oct-13	21-Oct-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014). Photos by homeowner



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Species	Age	Sex	County	Location	FO Date	LO Date	Comments
Rufous	AHY	F	Butler	Oxford	26-Oct-13	15-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014); banded on 19-Dec-12 as AHY-F near McDonough, Henry Co., GA, 420 miles S (J. Elliott and BBL), and was recaptured at the same home as the Ad. Male above on 09-Nov-13 (ATC)
Rufous	Ad.	M	Carroll	Carrollton	23-Oct-02	23-Oct-02	Whan (2002c)
Rufous	Ad.?	F	Carroll	Carrollton	24-Oct-02	5-Dec-02	Whan (2002c, 2003a), McCormac (2003a, 2003b) accepted as <i>Selasphorus</i> sp.
R/A	U	U	Carroll	Augusta	15-Oct-03	19-Nov-03	Whan (2003b); "probable <i>Selasphorus</i> "
Rufous	AHY	F	Carroll	Petersburg/Carrollton	29-Oct-05	26-Nov-05	Whan (2005b), Kemp (2006), Fazio and Wiltraut (2006). Banded 10-Nov-05 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	M	Champaign	Cable	27-Sep-17	14-Oct-17	Caldwell (2017c), Chartier (2018); banded 14-Oct-17 (ATC)
Rufous	Imm.	M	Clark	Gallagher Fen Nature Preserve	2-Sep-21	3-Sep-21	Diagnostic photos of spread tail were obtained by multiple observers (Caldwell 2022, this issue). Not visiting a feeder.
Rufous	AHY	F	Clermont	Batavia	31-Oct-02	28-Dec-02	Whan (2002c, 2003a), McCormac (2003b) accepted as <i>Selasphorus</i> sp.; banded on 29-Nov-02 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	F	Clermont	Williamsburg	22-Nov-12	23-Jan-13	Caldwell (2012b, 2013b), Chartier (2013c), Fazio and Johnson (2013); banded 14-Dec-12 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Clermont	Williamsburg	17-Oct-13	15-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014); banded on 09-Nov-13, at same home as the HY-F above (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Clermont	Slickrock Twp.	8-Nov-15	9-Jan-16	Caldwell (2015), Chartier (2016); Fazio and Johnson (2018) reported the LO date as 01-Jan; banded 15-Dec-15 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	M	Columbiana	Homeworth	10-Oct-11	10-Nov-11	Caldwell (2011), Chartier (2010), Fazio and Wiltraut (2012a). Banded on 02-Nov-11 (ATC)
R/A	U	F?	Coshocton	Near Coshocton	2014	2014	Chartier (2015). Photos posted to Facebook with no information; forwarded by L. McQuaid.
R/A	Ad.	M	Coshocton	Nellie	26-Oct-21	26-Nov-21	Two reports on Facebook via Patty McKelvey, on first and last dates reported. Health issues of homeowners prevented birder access. Cell phone photos never showed the back of the bird, thus species cannot be confirmed (Caldwell 2022, this issue).
Rufous	AHY	F	Coshocton	Fresno	6-Nov-21	5-Jan-22	First confirmed county record (Caldwell 2022, this issue). Banded on 16-Nov-21 (ATC).
Rufous	Ad.	M	Cuyahoga	Parma	5-Nov-87	10-Nov-87	Anderson and Kemp (1988), Pierce and Rosche (1988), McCormac and Hammond (2002). Peterjohn (1988) reported dates as 8-10 Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup> state record.
R/A	U	F	Cuyahoga	Horseshoe Lake	27-Aug-99	27-Aug-99	Whan (1999)
Rufous	Imm.	M	Cuyahoga	Strongsville	15-Sep-01	9-Nov-01	Whan (2004a). Photographs not examined.
Rufous	Ad.	M	Cuyahoga	North Olmsted	23-Sep-12	21-Jan-13	Caldwell (2012b, 2013a), Chartier (2013c), Fazio and Johnson (2013). Photos
Rufous	AHY	F	Cuyahoga	North Royalton	1-Oct-13	11-Dec-13	Caldwell (2013b, 2014a), Chartier (2014). Fazio and Johnson (2014) reported LO date as 08-Dec. Banded on 08-Dec-13 (ATC)
R/A	U	F	Cuyahoga	Cleveland	1-Nov-13	23-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014). Photos. Banding attempts on 16 & 21 Nov failed; bird was a no-show. Another feeder nearby was suspected.
R/A	Imm	F	Cuyahoga	Ben Franklin Community Gardens	4-Nov-13	4-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b); photos posted to eBird.
Rufous	HY	F	Cuyahoga	Valley View	30-Oct-18	19-Jan-19	Caldwell (2018b, 2019a), Chartier (2019); banded on 10-Nov-18 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Cuyahoga	Garfield Heights	24-Nov-21	11-Jan-22	Report via Patty McKelvey (Caldwell 2022, this issue). Banded on 16-Dec-21 (ATC).
Rufous	HY	F	Darke	Greenville	5-Sep-03	23-Jan-04	Whan (2003b, 2004a), Kemp (2005a). Banded on 15-Dec-03 (ATC)
R/A	U	F?	Delaware	Delaware	30-Sep-05	11-Nov-05	Whan (2005b), Fazio and Wiltraut (2006). Photos by T. Daniel
Rufous	AHY	F	Delaware	Genoa Twp.	26-Oct-12	22-Nov-12	Caldwell (2012b), Chartier (2013c); banded on 19-Nov-12 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Delaware	Lewis Center	21-Nov-12	4-Jan-13	Caldwell (2012b, 2013a), Chartier (2013c); banded on 25-Nov-12 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	M	Delaware	Westerville	12-Oct-13	14-Dec-13	Caldwell (2013b, 2014a), Chartier (2014) Fazio and Johnson (2014); banded on 05-Nov-13 (ATC)
R/A	Imm?	M?	Delaware	Westerville	20-Oct-13	12-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014). Photo by homeowner
Rufous	Ad.	M	Delaware	Delaware	1-Nov-13	11-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014). Photos by homeowner.
Rufous	AHY	F	Fairfield	Pickerington	2-Nov-05	13-Nov-05	Whan (2005b), Kemp (2006), Fazio and Wiltraut (2006). Banded on 10-Nov-05 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Fairfield	Canal Winchester	15-Oct-12	3-Jan-13	Caldwell (2012b, 2013a), Chartier (2013c); banded 06-Dec-12 (ATC)
R/A	Imm?	F	Fairfield	Canal Winchester	14-Nov-18	16-Nov-18	Caldwell (2018b), Chartier (2019). Good verbal description from homeowner
Rufous	Ad.	M	Franklin	Westerville	15-Aug-85	18-Aug-85	Counts, (1987), Peterjohn (1986), McCormac and Hammond (2002); First state record.
Rufous	Ad.	M	Franklin	Columbus	9-Aug-89	10-Aug-89	Peterjohn (1990), McCormac and Hammond (2002)
R/A	Imm.	F	Franklin	Dublin	27-Oct-93	27-Oct-93	Harian (1993)
R/A	U	U	Franklin	Hilliard	3-Aug-99	3-Aug-99	Whan (unpubl.)
Rufous	AHY	F	Franklin	Columbus	27-Oct-02	12-Dec-02	Whan (2002c, 2003a), McCormac (2002b). Whan (2003a) reported LO as 06-Dec. Banded on 20-Nov-01 as AHY-F near York, York Co., SC, ~358 miles SSE (B. Hilton Jr., BBL); recaptured here on 29-Nov-02 (ATC) and LO 12-Dec (homeowner, pers. comm.)
Rufous	HY	F	Franklin	Blendon Woods Metro Park	27-Oct-03	25-Dec-03	Whan (2003b, 2004a), Kemp (2005a). Banded on 14-Nov-03 (ATC)
Rufous	Ad.	M	Franklin	Columbus	5-Sep-05	5-Sep-05	Whan (unpubl.)
R/A	U	U	Franklin	?	12-Nov-05	6-Dec-05	Whan (2005b) indicated photos submitted; no location published. No OSBC review?
Rufous	AHY	F	Franklin	Bexley	17-Oct-08	12-Dec-08	Caldwell (2008), McCormac (2009), Fazio and Wiltraut (2009) reported the LO date as 16 Nov; banded on 14-Nov-08 (ATC)
R/A	U	U	Franklin	?	2012	2012	Caldwell (2012b), Chartier (2013c). Report via email; no dates or location
R/A	U	F	Franklin	Grove City	10-Nov-13	20-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014). Photos by homeowner
R/A	U	F	Franklin	Columbus/Clintonville	18-Nov-16	27-Nov-16	Caldwell (2016b), Chartier (2017). Photos from homeowner on 25-Nov-16
Rufous	HY	F	Franklin	Dublin	19-Oct-20	30-Nov-20	Caldwell (2020b), Chartier (2021); banded on 23-Oct-20 (ATC)

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R/A	Imm.	M	Gallia	?	1-Dec-15	9-Dec-15	Chartier (2016). Photos from homeowner on 12-Dec-15 shows a bird with almost no iridescent gorget feathers, rufous on the upper tail coverts and possibly up onto the back, which indicates immature male. No location.
Rufous	HY	F	Greene	Beavercreek	19-Nov-11	9-Dec-11	Caldwell (2012a), Fazio and Wiltraut (2012a, 2012b); banded on 26-Nov-11 by T. Tolford.
R/A	U	U	Greene	Fairborn	10-Nov-12	10-Nov-12	Caldwell (2012b), Chartier (2013c). Reported via email (ATC)
Rufous	Imm	M	Greene	Bellbrook	9-Oct-19	10-Oct-19	Caldwell (2019b), Chartier (2020). Report via eBird with photos that show the diagnostic shape of r2 of Rufous.
Rufous	Ad.	M	Guernsey	Salt Fork State Park	25-Jul-91	25-Jul-91	Fazio (1991), Harlan (1991), McCormac and Hammond (2002). Specimen #9001 at Ohio University, Athens, of the "green-banded variant".
Rufous	Ad.	F	Hamilton	?	31-Oct-93	31-Oct-93	Whan (unpubl.); no location; Captured for "rehabilitation"; shipped to California
R/A	Imm	U	Hamilton	?	5-Nov-00	12-Dec-00	Whan (2000, 2001a, 2002b), McCormac (2002a); no location confirmed. Whan (2001a) reported as Union Twp., Clermont Co.
R/A	U	U	Hamilton	Cincinnati	5-Dec-01	22-Dec-01	Whan (2002a)
Rufous	Ad.	M	Hamilton	Cincinnati	15-Oct-02	8-Dec-02	Whan (2002c, 2003a)
R/A	Imm.	M	Hamilton	Madeira	17-Nov-02	29-Dec-02	Whan (2002c, 2003a)
Rufous	AHY	F	Hamilton	Montgomery	5-Oct-04	15-Jan-05	Whan (2004b, 2005a). Banded on 09-Jan-03 as AHY-F in Americus, Sumpter Co., GA, 495 miles S (T.W. Johnson, BBL); recaptured here on 28-Dec-04 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Hamilton	Springfield Twp.	30-Oct-07	20-Dec-07	Whan (2007), McCormac (2008) Fazio and Wiltraut (2008a, 2008b); banded on 30-Nov-07 (TT)
Rufous	AHY	F	Hamilton	Montgomery	24-Nov-08	24-Nov-08	Caldwell (2008), Fazio and Wiltraut (2009); banded by T. Tolford on 24-Nov-08; no additional dates published; photos in eBird
Rufous	HY	M	Hamilton	Mariemont	16-Oct-20	25-Dec-20	Caldwell (2020b), Caldwell (2021), Chartier (2021); banded on 23-Oct-20 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	F	Hamilton	Cheviot	17-Dec-20	25-Dec-20	Caldwell (2021), Chartier (2021). Banded on 22-Dec-20 (ATC)
Rufous	Ad.	M	Henry	Napoleon	24-Sep-21	5-Oct-21	First county record (Caldwell 2022, this issue). Banding attempt on 05-Oct-21 failed. Rufous back clearly visible in photos, confirms the species.
Rufous	HY	M	Hancock	Findlay	29-Oct-12	1-Jan-13	Caldwell (2012b, 2013a), Chartier (2013c); banded on 21-Nov-12 (ATC)
R/A	U	U	Hancock	Findlay	5-Nov-14	25-Nov-14	Caldwell (2014c), Fazio and Johnson (2015); also reported to eBird, but no details allow species ID.
Rufous	HY	F	Hancock	Findlay	16-Nov-18	23-Nov-18	Caldwell (2018b), Chartier (2019); banded on 18-Nov-18 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	F	Highland	Leesburg	17-Oct-03	24-Jan-04	Whan (2004a), Kemp (2005a). Captured for "rehabilitation" on 24-Jan-04. Banded on 20-Mar-2004 (ATC) as a second-year, and released (in Cincinnati) on 25-Mar-2004.
R/A	Imm?	F?	Holmes	Mt. Hope	7-Oct-02	10-Nov-02	Whan (2002c)
Rufous	AHY	F	Holmes	Millersburg	14-Oct-11	2-Jan-12	Caldwell (2012a), Chartier (2012), Fazio and Wiltraut (2012a, 2012b); banded on 22-Oct-11 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Holmes	Walnut Creek Twp.	26-Oct-12	14-Nov-12	Caldwell (2012b), Chartier (2013c); banded on 07-Nov-12 (ATC)
R/A	U	U	Holmes	Mt. Hope	25-Oct-12	17-Nov-12	Caldwell (2012b), Chartier (2013c). Report via email (ATC)
Rufous	HY	F	Holmes	South of Charm	10-Sep-13	18-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014); banded on 05-Nov-13 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Holmes	Walnut Creek Twp.	27-Oct-13	24-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014); originally banded on 07-Nov-12 (ATC) at this location (see above), recaptured on 05-Nov-13 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	F	Holmes	Shreve	28-Nov-15	22-Dec-15	Caldwell (2015, 2016a), Chartier (2016); banded on 05-Dec-15 (ATC); Fazio and Johnson (2017) reported the FO date as 29-Nov, and Fazio and Johnson (2018) reported the LO date as 11-Dec. Confirmed to be the same bird reported in Mansfield, Richland Co., from 14-27 Nov 2015 (27 miles WNW) based on photos showing an identical gorget pattern and molt pattern (see below).
Rufous	AHY	F	Holmes	Lakeville	20-Oct-16	15-Dec-16	Caldwell (2016b, 2017a), Chartier (2017); banded on 08-Dec-16 (ATC).
Rufous	AHY	M	Holmes	Millersburg	23-Oct-19	18-Dec-19	Caldwell (2019b, 2020a), Chartier (2020); banded on 30-Oct-19 (ATC). Same home where an AHY-F was banded in 2011 (see above)
Rufous	Ad.	M	Holmes	Mt. Hope	21-Oct-20	6-Nov-20	Caldwell (2020b), Chartier (2021). Photos. At Time & Optics store.
Rufous	Imm.	F	Huron	Near Bellevue	26-Nov-11	26-Nov-11	Caldwell (2011), Fazio and Wiltraut (2012a); found moribund on feeder, specimen to Cleveland Museum of Natural History.
R/A	U	U	Jefferson	?	26-Aug-07	26-Aug-07	Whan (2007) indicated photos were submitted, Fazio and Wiltraut (2008a), Kemp (2007b); no location published.
Rufous	AHY	M	Knox	Milford Twp.	3-Oct-04	4-Dec-04	Whan (2004b, 2005a), Kemp (2005a), Fazio and Pulcinella (2005). Banded on 08-Oct-04 (ATC)
R/A	U	U	Knox	?	30-Sep-05	13-Oct-05	Whan (2005b) indicated photos were submitted; no OBRC review?
Rufous	AHY	F	Knox	Danville	1-Oct-17	27-Dec-17	Caldwell (2017c, 2018a), Chartier (2018); banded on 14-Oct-17 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	F	Knox	Mt. Vernon	14-Nov-20	28-Nov-20	Caldwell (2020b), Chartier (2021); banded on 16-Nov-20 (ATC)
Rufous	Ad.	M	Lake	North Perry	8-Jun-97	10-Jun-97	Fazio (1997a), McCormac (1999); claimed (erroneously?) as 2 <sup>nd</sup> spring record.
Rufous	Ad.	F	Lake	Lakeshore Metropark	24-Nov-98	2-Dec-98	Rosche (1998), Conlon (1999a, 1999b), McCormac (1999); Brock (1999a, 1999b) reported the bird was captured and measured (it may have been banded by G. Fowler), and also reported the FO date as 23 Nov.
R/A	Imm?	F?	Lake	North Perry	25-Aug-02	25-Aug-02	Whan (2002c)
R/A	U	U	Lake	Perry	7-Aug-05	7-Aug-05	Whan (2005b), Fazio and Wiltraut (2006). Report via email
Rufous	Ad.	M	Lake	Lakeshore Reservation	13-Aug-07	14-Aug-07	Whan (2007) erroneously attributed to ATC, Fazio and Wiltraut (2008a). Accepted by OBRC (Kemp 2007b).
Rufous	HY	F	Lawrence	Ironton	29-Aug-05	8-Jan-06	Whan (2005b, 2006a), Kemp (2006), Fazio and Wiltraut (2006). Banded on 13-Dec-05 (ATC)
R/A	Imm?	U	Licking	Patascala	10-Oct-97	11-Nov-97	Fazio (1997b)
R/A	U	U	Licking	?	25-Oct-05	22-Nov-05	Whan (2005b) indicated photos were submitted, no location published; no OBRC review?
R/A	Imm.	M	Licking	Johnstown	4-Oct-07	18-Oct-07	Whan (2007), Kemp (2007b); photos by M. Van Schoick appears to show much rufous on the back which could support ID as Rufous.
Rufous	AHY	F	Logan	Zane Twp.	19-Sep-02	18-Jan-03	Whan (2002c, 2003a), McCormac (2002b). Banded on 26-Sep-02 (ATC)

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Rufous	Ad.	M	Logan	Bellefontaine	6-Nov-05	19-Nov-05	Whan (2005b), Kemp (2006), Fazio and Wiltraut (2006); photos
R/A	U	U	Logan	?	3-Oct-07	30-Nov-07	Whan (2007) indicated photos were submitted, Kemp (2007b); no location published.
Rufous	U	F	Lorain	Grafton Twp.	18-Oct-03	1-Dec-03	Whan (2003b, 2004a)
R/A	U	U	Lorain	?	31-Oct-04	21-Nov-04	Kemp (2005b) indicated that there was not enough evidence for OBRC to confirm ID as Rufous. No details on location or age/sex published.
R/A	Imm?	F	Lorain	Grafton	19-Oct-18	25-Nov-18	Wransky (pers. comm.) corrected dates published by Caldwell (2018b) and Chartier (2019). Photos from homeowner
R/A	U	F	Lorain	Elyria	6-Nov-20	2-Dec-20	Caldwell (2020b, 2021), Chartier (2021). Photographs by homeowner on FO and LO dates to eBird were the only reports of this individual.
Rufous	Ad.	M	Lucas	Maumee	15-Oct-93	1-Dec-93	McCormac and Hammond (2002). Died on 30-Nov-93 or 01-Dec-93 (Bartlett 1993).
Rufous	HY	F	Lucas	Maumee	24-Nov-03	20-Dec-03	Whan (2004a), Kemp (2005a). Banded on 16-Dec-03 (ATC)
R/A	U	U	Lucas	Metzger Marsh	18-Sep-13	18-Sep-13	Caldwell (2013b); reported to eBird by K. Kaufmann.
Rufous	AHY	F	Lucas	Toledo	17-Oct-13	26-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014); banded on 10-Nov-13 (ATC); not observed from 14-20 Nov so likely visiting a different feeder
Rufous	AHY	F	Lucas	Toledo/Reynold Corners	12-Nov-21	25-Jan-22	(Caldwell 2022, this issue). Banded on 12-Nov-21 (ATC).
Rufous	AHY	F	Mahoning	Damascus	10-Nov-11	3-Jan-12	Caldwell (2012a), Chartier (2012), Fazio and Wiltraut (2012a, 2012b); banded on 22-Nov-11 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	F	Mahoning	Canfield	28-Nov-11	20-Feb-12	Caldwell (2012a), Chartier (2012), Fazio and Wiltraut (2012a, 2012b); banded on 30-Dec-11 (ATC); visiting 2 other feeders <1 mile away, and not observed where banded from 29-Nov to 6-Dec, and 10-23 Dec
Rufous	HY	F	Mahoning	New Middletown	15-Oct-20	29-Nov-20	Caldwell (2020b), Chartier (2021); banded on 21-Nov-20 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Medina	Wadsworth	9-Oct-05	7-Nov-05	Whan (2005b), Kemp (2006), Fazio and Wiltraut (2006). Banded on 14-Oct-05 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	M	Medina	Wadsworth	3-Nov-05	5-Dec-05	Whan (2005b, 2006a), Kemp (2006), Fazio and Wiltraut (2006). Banded on 14-Nov-05 (ATC); <3 miles from the AHY-F banded on 14-Oct-05
Rufous	HY	F	Medina	Wadsworth/Blake	15-Sep-11	12-Jan-12	Caldwell (2012a), Chartier (2012), Fazio and Wiltraut (2012a, 2012b); banded on 21-Dec-11 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Medina	River Styx	4-Nov-21	20-Jan-22	Only 1.5 miles north of the 2011/2012 Rufous. Report via Ed Wransky. Banded on 08-Dec-2021 (ATC)
Rufous	Imm.	M	Miami	Tipp City	15-Nov-16	13-Dec-16	Caldwell (2016b, 2017a), Chartier (2017). Photos
Rufous	Ad.	M	Miami	Troy	11-Sep-18	13-Sep-18	Caldwell (2018b), Chartier (2019). Photo from homeowner
Rufous	AHY	M	Monroe	Malaga	5-Oct-14	16-Nov-14	Caldwell (2014c), Chartier (2015), Fazio and Johnson (2015); banded on 12-Nov-14 (ATC)
R/A	U	F	Montgomery	Dayton	30-Sep-03	30-Nov-03	Whan (2003b); FO date uncertain
R/A	U	U	Montgomery	Dayton	8-Nov-03	8-Nov-03	Whan (2003b); "probable <i>Selasphorus</i> "
R/A	U	F	Montgomery	Dayton	4-Dec-03	4-Dec-03	Whan (2004a)
Rufous	HY	F	Montgomery	Kettering	26-Oct-06	23-Nov-06	Whan (2006b), Fazio and Wiltraut (2007). Banded on 10-Nov-06 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	M	Montgomery	Brookville	20-Oct-11	17-Nov-11	Caldwell (2011), Fazio and Wiltraut (2012a); banded (TT), photos in eBird.
Rufous	HY	M	Montgomery	Germantown	4-Oct-20	8-Nov-20	Caldwell (2020b), Chartier (2021); banded on 14-Oct-20 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	F	Montgomery	Germantown	12-Oct-21	6-Nov-21	At the same residence as last year's Rufous! (Caldwell 2022, this issue). Banded on 19-Oct-21 (ATC).
Rufous	HY	M	Muskingum	Salt Creek Twp.	5-Nov-03	27-Dec-03	Whan (2003b, 2004a), Kemp (2005a). Banded on 20-Nov-03 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	M	Muskingum	Salt Creek Twp.	1-Oct-04	17-Jan-05	Whan (2004b, 2005a), Kemp (2005a). Same individual as banded on 20-Nov-03 at same location; recaptured on 03-Nov-04 (ATC). LO erroneously published as 17-Dec
Rufous	Ad.	M	Muskingum	Salt Creek Twp.	9-Oct-05	18-Oct-05	Whan (2005a), Fazio and Wiltraut (2006). Same location as in 2003 and 2004; presumed to be the same individual (band seen but not read).
Rufous	HY	F	Ottawa	Black Swamp Bird Observatory	13-Sep-12	21-Jan-13	Caldwell (2012b, 2013a), Chartier (2013c), Fazio and Johnson (2013); banded on 27-Nov-12 (ATC). A 2 <sup>nd</sup> bird was reported here in late September (K. Kaufmann)
Rufous	HY	F	Pickaway	Cirdeville	27-Oct-12	1-Feb-13	Caldwell (2012b, 2013a), Chartier (2013c), Fazio and Johnson (2013); banded on 25-Nov-12 (ATC)
R/A	U	F	Putnam	Columbus Grove	24-Oct-13	23-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014). Photos from homeowner; found with tongue frozen to feeder on 14-Nov, rescued by homeowner and released on 15-Nov; banding attempt on 21-Nov was rained out.
Rufous	AHY	F	Richland	Mansfield	15-Nov-07	31-Dec-07	McCormac (2008), Kemp (2008), Fazio and Wiltraut (2008b). Banded on 19-Dec-07 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Richland	Mansfield	1-Nov-11	14-Jan-12	Caldwell (2012a), Chartier (2012), Fazio and Wiltraut (2012a, 2012b). Originally banded by ATC on 20-Oct-09 (ATC) as AHY-F at Loudonville, Ashland Co., OH, 15 miles ESE. Also recaptured on 18-Dec-10 in Pensacola, Escambia Co., FL, 758 miles SSW. Recaptured here on 4-Jan-2012 (ATC).
Rufous	AHY	M	Richland	Butler/Worthington Twp.	20-Sep-12	19-Nov-12	Caldwell (2012b), Chartier (2013c); banded on 19-Nov-12 (ATC)
Rufous	Ad.	F	Richland	Ontario	30-Oct-12	5-Nov-12	Caldwell (2012b), Chartier (2013c). Found dead at a feeder.
R/A	U	U	Richland	Lucas	2012	20-Nov-12	Caldwell (2012b), Chartier (2013c). Reported via email (ATC)
Rufous	HY	M	Richland	Mansfield	8-Nov-13	23-Nov-13	Caldwell (2013b), Chartier (2014); banded on 16-Nov-13 (ATC); coming to a feeder in a central courtyard at a mental health facility.
Rufous	Imm.	F	Richland	Mansfield	14-Nov-15	27-Nov-15	Caldwell (2015), Chartier (2016); same individual banded at Shreve, Holmes Co., on 05-Dec-15 (above), 27 miles ESE. Confirmed with photos showing an identical throat and molt pattern.
Rufous	HY	F	Richland	Bellville/Perry Twp.	26-Sep-16	11-Nov-16	Caldwell (2016b), Chartier (2017); banded on 04-Oct-16 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	F	Richland	Bellville/Perry Twp.	2-Nov-20	29-Nov-20	Caldwell (2020b), Chartier (2021); banded on 06-Nov-20 (ATC) at same home as one in 2016 (above).
Rufous	HY	M	Richland	Shiloh	28-Oct-20	15-Nov-20	Caldwell (2020b), Chartier (2021); banded on 14-Nov-20 (ATC)
R/A	Imm?	F	Ross	Hallsville	14-Sep-03	7-Nov-03	Whan (2003b)
Rufous	AHY	F	Ross	Hallsville	12-Jul-04	18-Dec-04	Whan (2004b, 2005a), Kemp (2005a). Banded on 03-Nov-04 (ATC); same location as 2003 report (above)
Rufous	HY	F	Ross	Chillicothe	1-Nov-12	5-Dec-12	Caldwell (2012b, 2013a), Chartier (2013c); banded on 25-Nov-12 (ATC)

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Rufous	Ad.	M	Scioto	Friendship	10-Oct-21	25-Dec-21	Reported on CBC by compiler, David L. Rippenhoff. Rufous back clearly visible in photos, confirming the species( Caldwell 2022, this issue). Banding attempt on 23-Dec-21 failed.
R/A	U	F	Stark	Massilon	5-Nov-03	6-Jan-04	Whan (2003b)
Rufous	AHY	F	Stark	Canton/Bethlehem Twp.	1-Nov-12	14-Dec-12	Caldwell (2012b, 2013a), Chartier (2013c); banded on 11-Dec-12 (ATC)
Rufous	Ad.	M	Summit	Bath	25-Sep-03	1-Jan-04	Whan (2003b, 2004a), Kemp (2005a)
R/A	U	F	Summit	Akron	27-Nov-20	9-Dec-20	Caldwell (2020b, 2021), Chartier (2021). Photos from homeowner; no visitors or banding allowed
Rufous	Ad.	M	Trumbull	Delightful (Southington)	22-Aug-87	1-Sep-87	Pierce and Rosche (1988), McCormac and Hammond (2002), 2 <sup>nd</sup> state record. Published by OGR (1988) as Ashabula Co. with dates of 27-29 August, and by Peterjohn (1988) as 23-28 August.
Rufous	AHY	F	Trumbull	Kinsman	16-Oct-14	18-Nov-14	Caldwell (2014c), Chartier (2015); banded on 12-Nov-14 (ATC). Fazio and Johnson (2015) reported the LO date as 15-Nov. Pennsylvania state line passes through the front yard of this property!
Rufous	Imm?	M	Union	Marysville	26-Sep-04	27-Sep-04	Whan (2004b); Fazio and Pulcinella (2005) reported the dates as 25-26 Sep.
Rufous	AHY	M	Union	Marysville	19-Aug-05	29-Sep-05	Whan (2005b), Kemp (2006), Fazio and Wiltraut (2006). Banded on 25-Aug-05 (ATC); bird was absent from this location from 26-Aug to 23-Sep, presumably at a neighboring feeder
Rufous	AHY	F	Union	Peoria	1-Nov-11	10-Dec-11	Caldwell (2012a), Chartier (2012), Fazio and Wiltraut (2012a, 2012b); banded on 10-Dec-11 (ATC)
R/A	U	U	Union	?	2012	2012	Caldwell (2012b), Chartier (2013c). Reported via email; no location
Rufous	HY	F	Warren	Lebanon	1-Nov-06	22-Nov-06	Whan (2006b), Kemp (2007a), Fazio and Wiltraut (2007). Banded on 14-Nov-06 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	F	Warren	Hamilton Twp	15-Oct-16	15-Apr-17	Caldwell (2016b, 2017a, 2017b), Chartier (2017); banded on 09-Jan-16 (ATC); only OH record of successful overwintering.
Rufous	HY	F	Warren	Lebanon	23-Oct-18	20-Jan-19	Caldwell (2018b, 2019a), Chartier (2019); banded on 09-Nov-18 (ATC); same location where one was banded on 14-Nov-06 (above)
Rufous	AHY	F	Warren	Hamilton Twp	6-Oct-21	22-Dec-21	Same residence as the 2016/2017 Rufous! (Caldwell 2022, this issue). Banded on 10-Nov-21 (ATC).
Rufous	Ad.	M	Wayne	Shreve	6-Sep-00	13-Sep-00	Whan (2000); McCormac (2000) reports dates as 6-9 September
Rufous	AHY	M	Wayne	Kidron	15-Sep-02	14-Jan-03	Whan (2002c, 2003a), McCormac (2002b, 2003b). Banded on 07-Dec-02 (ATC)
Rufous	HY	F	Wayne	Wooster	15-Oct-02	4-Jan-03	Whan (2002c, 2003a). Banded on 07-Dec-02 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	M	Wayne	Shreve/Centerville	24-Oct-09	9-Nov-09	Caldwell (2010a), Chartier (2010), Fazio and Wiltraut (2010a); banded on 29-Oct-09 (ATC)
Rufous	AHY	M	Wayne	Apple Creek	24-Jul-10	21-Sep-10	Caldwell (2010b), Chartier (2011), Fazio and Wiltraut (2011a, 2011b); banded on 13-Sep-10 (ATC)
R/A	U	U	Wayne	Rittman	26-Jul-13	10-Aug-13	Caldwell (2014b); photos fide V. Fazio III.
Rufous	AHY	F	Wayne	Wooster	19-Nov-20	24-Jan-21	Caldwell (2020b, 2021), Chartier (2021); banded on 03-Dec-20 (ATC)
Rufous	Ad.	M	Wood	Luckey	18-Sep-96	26-Oct-96	Harlan (1996); Brock (1997) reported dates as 08-Sep to 13 November
R/A	Imm.	U	Wood	?	14-Nov-01	16-Nov-01	Whan (2001b); no location
R/A	U	F	Wood	Bowling Green	23-Nov-17	15-Dec-17	Caldwell (2018b); photos posted to eBird claiming it as Rufous do not allow ID to species.

## Reports unverified and not included in this summary

After the Rufous Hummingbird was removed from the OBRC Review List in 2006 (McCormac 2008), details of some subsequent observations were not published, which prevents them from being verified or included here. Even if adult males were observed but not published in the literature, sadly they cannot be included in this analysis. Additional details of locations within counties, dates of occurrence, and even the existence of photos are also not included with some published observations. Some photos that were noted but not published can no longer be located (submitted to B. Whan and others), nor have they been posted to eBird for the historical record. Several records from 2005 do not appear to have any published OBRC review decisions. The confirmation of Ohio's first Allen's Hummingbird in Sugarcreek, **Holmes**, from mid Oct to 27 Dec 2009 (Caldwell 2010a, Chartier 2010, Keller 2010, McCormac 2010, Fazio and Wiltraut 2010a, 2010b), and a second one in 2021 (Caldwell 2022, this issue), highlights the continuing importance of documenting all of these birds as

completely as possible, and archiving any photos or notes where future researchers can easily access them. These two Ohio records of Allen's Hummingbird also challenge any assumption that they are all Rufous Hummingbirds, if details of tail feather shape are not seen well. The 16 records below, listed in chronological order, were not considered to be sufficiently documented to be included in this compilation. Hopefully, additional information can be located that would allow at least a few of them to be added to the verified ornithological record.

- R/A — **Licking**, 06 Aug 2005 (Whan 2005b). [No photos, no OBRC review?]
- R/A — **Lake**, 07 Aug 2005 (Whan 2005b). [No photos, no OBRC review?]
- R/A — **Canfield, Mahoning**, 17 Nov 2005 (Whan 2005b, indicated photos submitted). Not accepted by OBRC (Kemp 2006); could not determine species from photos or description.
- Rufous — Near Celina, **Mercer**, reported adult male 27 to 29 Aug 2007 in email to Ohio Listserv archives (*fide* T. Kemp), but not published. [No photos, no OBRC

- review?]
- Rufous — Butler, **Richland**. 14 to 18 Oct 2009 (Caldwell 2010a, Fazio and Wiltraut 2010a). No age or sex published [no photos?]
  - R/A — **Coshocton**, 18 Oct 2012 (Caldwell 2012b). No details.
  - R/A — **Delaware**, fall 2012 (Caldwell 2012b). No details.
  - R/A — **Greene**, fall 2012 (Caldwell 2012b). No details.
  - R/A — **Franklin**, fall 2012 (Caldwell 2012b). No details.
  - R/A — **Highland**, fall 2012 (Caldwell 2012b). No details.
  - R/A — **Holmes**, 03 Nov 2012 (Caldwell 2012b, eBird); was likely the Rufous banded on 07 Nov 12, not a separate record.
  - R/A — **Lucas**, fall 2012 (Caldwell 2012b). No details.
  - R/A — **Union**, fall 2012 (Caldwell 2012b). No details.
  - R/A — Litchfield, **Medina**, 12 to 13 Nov 2013 (Caldwell 2013b), Chartier (2014). Found frozen on feeder, but no further details.
  - Rufous — Barnesville, **Belmont**, 14 Oct 2014, “present for some time” per J. Lehman. (Caldwell 2014c). No age or sex published (no photos?). May pertain to the Malaga, **Monroe** bird, only 11 miles to the south that was present before and after this date.
  - R/A — Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 23 Sep 2016 (Caldwell 2016b). Report in eBird was changed to Ruby-throated Hummingbird after the sighting was published.
  - R/A — Cincinnati Zoo, **Hamilton**, on 05 Jul 2021. Brief description provided in eBird where it was submitted as Rufous. Record is for a very unusual date in Ohio, and the possibility of an escape could not be ruled out (Caldwell 2021a).

## Conclusions

Among five western Great Lakes states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin) and one Canadian province (Ontario), Ohio has had the most records of Rufous Hummingbird. The data presented here of all 176 records between 1985 and 2021 provide a good opportunity to understand trends in numbers by age and sex, as well as site fidelity and movements between sites. But there is still much more to be learned about why Ohio has more records than

surrounding states and provinces, and what causes might be behind the apparent patterns in distribution and occurrence in the Great Lakes. The Ohio birding community has been very supportive and helpful in this research, and hopefully this will continue for many years to come.

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## REGARDING THE STATUS OF TRUMPETER SWANS IN OHIO

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In Oct 2021, the nine member peer-review panel Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) voted unanimously to remove Trumpeter Swan from its list of Review Species, determining that the species is now firmly established here and is likely to remain as an Ohio resident. Details of this decision, the thought process behind it, and the current status of Trumpeter Swan in Ohio follows.

The true status of Trumpeter Swan has long perplexed naturalists in Ohio, but we are not alone...the same is true throughout much of eastern North America. Since the earliest days of journaling and record keeping, the species has been the subject of conflicting reports, but little hard evidence, across this large area. For thorough and well-researched background information, prepared in large part for this Committee years ago by the late Bill Whan, see the articles linked at the end of this review.

In short, there is no direct evidence that Trumpeter Swan ever nested in Ohio historically, although it certainly was at least a rare migrant through the 1800s.

Trumpeter Swan is already Accepted on the Ohio list (based on historical data) by the OBRC, and has likewise long been accepted by earlier authorities. This Committee recognizes the last wild Trumpeter Swan in Ohio as being shot in *Jackson* in Apr 1900. In this case, "wild" pertains to an individual emanating from a naturally occurring population. Due to its nearly 100-year absence as a wild species in Ohio, Trumpeter Swan has therefore held a place on the OBRC's Review List, and received special attention, since the Committee was formed in 1991.

In 1996, however, the Ohio Division of Wildlife (ODOW), in cooperation with other partners, and in the pattern of other state and provincial wildlife agencies nearby, introduced Trumpeter Swans into Ohio with the intention that they would become a permanent part of Ohio's avifauna. This action, of course, added a layer of complexity that affects our abilities to discern the potential "wildness" of Trumpeters seen here. As numbers of Ohio-introduced Trumpeters, their progeny, and introduced and reintroduced emigrants continue to increase here, our ability separate birds from naturally occurring populations from the introduced ones decreased to the point of becoming practically unachievable.

Nonetheless, the OBRC has retained Trumpeter Swan on the Review List until now, in hopes of gathering data on any potentially wild individuals, but also more realistically to gather information on introduced populations as they might fare locally after direct human intervention had ended. Over 25 years have now passed since introduction efforts began here in Ohio, and patterns of occurrence have emerged.

Therefore, it seemed appropriate for this Committee to reassess the data concerning the current status of Trumpeter Swan in Ohio, and to vote whether to retain or remove the species from the Review List. A vote to remove would result in the species no longer receiving special treatment by the Committee.

We have gathered data from numerous sources, including publications by the Ohio Division of Wildlife, eBird, the monthly bird census at ONWR, *The Ohio Cardinal*, and numerous knowledgeable individuals. We are especially grateful for the tireless work done by former OBRC member Dan Sanders on the Committee's behalf, with his careful determinations of nesting successes of swans across the state.

### Ohio Division of Wildlife release efforts

According to Laura Kearns, Wildlife Biologist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, 15 Trumpeter Swans were released at Magee in 1996. Additional releases from 1997 to 2003 placed birds at a total of 11 Ohio sites considered to be suitable wetlands, with approximately 150 birds being released in total. By 2003, 15 breeding pairs statewide fulfilled goals that allowed the state to end release efforts, although other licensed propagators still exist locally.

Monitoring continued, and by 2013 the population fulfilled goals (including 35 breeding pairs) that allowed Trumpeter Swan to be shifted from the state's Endangered List to its Threatened List, according to ODOW guidelines. By Jul 2014, the ODOW tallied 246 individuals statewide, with nearly 140 cygnets being produced in that year alone, and with new locations being utilized by nesting pairs.

Numbers continue to increase, according to the ODOW. By 2020, 98 pairs were surveyed statewide with 235 cygnets being raised. Over the previous five years, the state had averaged a 14.7% increase in raised cygnets, but in 2020, that number increased to 19.9%. The total population of Trumpeters in Ohio in 2020 was



estimated at 650 individuals, and in 2021, nesting pairs surpassed the 100 mark. Their nesting range has continued to increase as well, although peak numbers still reside in the northwestern Lake Erie marshes.

Also in 2020, 12 Ohio Trumpeters were fitted with GPS-tracking neck collars, and their movements, as well as the movements of over 100 other swans collared in five midwestern states and Manitoba, are now viewable online at <<https://trumpeterswan.netlify.app/locations.html>>. Although no ingress or egress of GPS-collared swans has been noted for Ohio (rather, only short-distance movements have been noted here), longer distance movements in other areas indicate that given a larger sample size, movements into and out of Ohio could certainly be occurring. (In fact, they are occurring – the ONWR monthly censuses have identified two Trumpeters, in 2019 and 2021, whose unique wing tag markings establishing their origins in Ontario, Canada).

According to the attainment of ODOW management plan goals, Trumpeter Swan is now eligible to be removed from the state's Threatened List, although this has not yet occurred.

### **Data from the ONWR Monthly Bird Census**

This census covers a prescribed route, and is run monthly year-round, through the marshes of ONWR in **Lucas** and **Ottawa**. Observers pay special attention to swan numbers of all three local species, and since 2007 have recorded any unique markings visible in the Trumpeters they see. As such, these surveys provide valuable year-round data, as compiled by the late Ed Pierce and by Douglas Vogus, who graciously has provided us with the information presented here.

One nesting pair of swans, "74M" and "1A2", has been present at ONWR since at least 2007 (and are therefore at least 15 years old), and are indicative of the nesting potential for this long-lived species in preferred habitat. Except for an outlier found in 1991, Trumpeters were first detected on the census in 1996, the first year of introduction at adjacent Magee. Since then, the species has been found in ONWR on almost every monthly survey.

We can conveniently break down the census numbers as follows: During the five year period of 1996-2000, a total of 149 swans were tallied. In the next five year period 2001-2005, 470 swans were tallied; from 2006 to 2010, 1032 were tallied; from 2011 to 2015, 1564 were tallied; and from 2016 to 2020, 6470 were tallied.

An average of 30 swans were tallied per year

during the period of 1996 to 2000; 2001 to 2005 averaged 94 per year; 2006 to 2010 averaged 206 per year; and 2011 to 2015 increased the average substantially to 313 per year. In the 2016 to 2020 period numbers skyrocketed, averaging 1294 per year.

The maximum number of Trumpeters on any date was 408 on 05 Jan 2020.

These numbers very clearly show an increase in Trumpeter Swans at ONWR, and parallel the ODOW increases noted above.

### **Data from the Ohio Cardinal and Ebird**

From information compiled by Editor Craig Caldwell from eBird and other sources, we can break down data for the years since 2011. Observers in an average of 15 Ohio counties per season submitted Trumpeter Swan reports for 2011; by 2014, the average was 23 counties per season; by 2017, the average was 26 counties per season; by 2020, the average was up to 33 counties per season. For the Winter 2020-21 and Spring 2021 seasons alone, an average of 49 counties reported Trumpeters. Although an increased number of observers may account for at least a portion of this increase, it also parallels ODOW and ONWR census trajectories, and presumably indicates expanding range necessitated by increasing numbers.

### **Comments from Voting Members**

Committee members were asked to comment on their voting decisions. The following comments are excerpts taken from the votes of various OBRC members:

- 1) "The issue of Trumpeter Swan has long been confusing for the public. It is now very well established here and should be countable without attempting to determine where it originated from."
- 2) "OBRC's initial intent of having Trumpeter Swan on the Review species list to gather info on potentially wild individuals seen in Ohio and to gather data on how introduced populations would fare after their introduction by humans was a sound policy. It seems unlikely that the OBRC could have foreseen how the numbers of Trumpeter Swans in Ohio would expand over the next 30 years from 1991 when it was added to the Committee's list of review species...We then have a responsibility to inform and educate Ohio's birding community about our decision and how it affects whether they can add Trumpeter Swan to their various lists in Ohio."
- 3) "This is about a sustained, viable, and expanding population."

- 4) "It is clear that Trumpeter Swans in Ohio are here to stay, at least for the foreseeable future. It is also clear...that it is now close to impossible to determine if any of the swans in Ohio are truly wild strays and not from the introduced population."
- 5) "I vote to remove Trumpeter Swan from the OBRC Review List...it can be hard to predict how a species' populations will change over time. But that's perfectly okay. To paraphrase a saying, you go with the data you have, not the data you wish you had. If the situation changes, the question can be revisited."
- 6) "Simply put, they have been here for more than twenty years...No longer is this species being supplemented by additional release efforts (for some time now) and they don't rely on humans to continue surviving in the wild."
- 7) "Voting [to remove the species from the Review List] is difficult for me since I never approved of the process that brought them here. So I will give the victory to the vibrant species, rather than the process. They are here to stay."

### On Countability in Ohio

The issue of countability of Trumpeter Swan in Ohio has come up frequently over the years while the species has resided on the Review List. Although it may frequently be viewed as determining countability, the OBRC does not directly serve this function. Rather, according to OBRC Bylaws, the Committee 1) endorses records it determines to be suitable, based on the strength of available evidence, to be included in the historical record; 2) provides a means by which records can gain universal acceptance as scientific data; and 3) establishes standards of observation and reporting against which observers may compare their own techniques.

So, in reality, the Committee provides guidance on which birds it considers countable, but the actual determination to count is done by birders alone.

Birders have treated the countability of Trumpeter Swan in Ohio in a variety of ways. Some have waited to count Trumpeters for their Ohio lists until the OBRC determined that the spe-

cies was established here. Others have waited to count the species based on interpretations of American Birding Association listing rules (although these rules have changed over the years and are not always easily interpreted). See for instance <[www.aba.org/aba-area-reintroduced-indigenous-species/](http://www.aba.org/aba-area-reintroduced-indigenous-species/)>, which seems to indicate that the ABA believes that Trumpeter Swan should already be countable in Ohio despite confusion over the matter of whether the species is truly indigenous here. Undoubtedly most birders using eBird to record their observations already count Trumpeter here because the platform allows them to be counted. Of course, many birders and nature enthusiasts see a Trumpeter Swan and automatically count it, without considering any background information. Others have simply counted the species using their own inclinations and judgment.

With this vote, the Committee acknowledges the establishment of Trumpeter Swan in Ohio and hopes that the decision to remove the species from the Review List will also remove any questions of countability here.

Although differences of opinion exist regarding whether introduction efforts here were appropriate, one cannot overlook the increasing presence of Trumpeter Swans in Ohio's wetlands. Further study is certainly warranted, if only to verify future population numbers, but more importantly to better establish how the presence of Trumpeters affects native species, both competing for the same limited tax dollars, and dwelling in the same precious habitats.

### For background information, see:

"Did Trumpeter Swans Ever Breed in Ohio?" by Bill Whan (2000)

<[www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrsg/nature/whan\\_essay.htm](http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrsg/nature/whan_essay.htm)> and a 2007 update

<[www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrsg/nature/WhanTS07.htm](http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrsg/nature/WhanTS07.htm)>

"Did Trumpeter Swans Ever Breed in Eastern North America?" by Bill Whan and Gerry Rising (2001?) <[www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrsg/nature/swans/html](http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrsg/nature/swans/html)>

## CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK FALL CENSUS, 2021

**By Dwight Chasar and Craig Caldwell**

This year's Fall Census in CVNP was conducted on 18 Sep. The count day was hotter than most; temperatures ranged from 70 to 79° under sunny skies. Forty-seven observers in 18 teams tallied 4542 individuals of 102 species. The number of species was close to the average of the 23 years of counting individuals, but the number of individual birds was lower than usual.

The Trumpeter Swans were the first ever for a fall census. The Virginia Rail and Least Sandpiper were the first of either since 2009 and the White-Crowned Sparrow was the first since

1991. The 49 Swainson's Thrushes doubled the previous record of 27 set in 2015. Counts of Double-crested Cormorant, Tennessee Warbler, and Hooded Warbler were higher than usual. The counts of Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, and Song Sparrow were the lowest ever and that of House Sparrow was the lowest since 2006's 24. The numbers of Wood Duck, Chimney Swift, Green Heron, American Crow, Eastern Bluebird, House Finch, and Common Grackle were lower than usual and those of Red-winged Blackbird and Northern Cardinal were much lower than usual.

Species	Count
Canada Goose	188
Trumpeter Swan	2
Wood Duck	19
Mallard	21
Common Merganser	21
Rock Pigeon	2
Mourning Dove	86
Common Nighthawk	1
Chimney Swift	57
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	4
Virginia Rail	1
Killdeer	22
Least Sandpiper	1
Spotted Sandpiper	2
Solitary Sandpiper	3
Double-crested Cormorant	44
Great Blue Heron	17
Green Heron	2
Turkey Vulture	38
Osprey	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Cooper's Hawk	2
Bald Eagle	5
Red-shouldered Hawk	9
Red-tailed Hawk	11
Barred Owl	1
Belted Kingfisher	12
Red-headed Woodpecker	12
Red-bellied Woodpecker	124
Downy Woodpecker	93
Hairy Woodpecker	17
Pileated Woodpecker	24

Species	Count
Northern Flicker	59
American Kestrel	3
Eastern Wood-Pewee	22
Acadian Flycatcher	3
Least Flycatcher	3
Eastern Phoebe	15
White-eyed Vireo	7
Yellow-throated Vireo	15
Blue-headed Vireo	2
Philadelphia Vireo	4
Warbling Vireo	17
Red-eyed Vireo	16
Blue Jay	231
American Crow	104
Black-capped Chickadee	137
Tufted Titmouse	119
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	14
White-breasted Nuthatch	96
Brown Creeper	1
House Wren	11
Carolina Wren	79
European Starling	1084
Gray Catbird	123
Eastern Bluebird	29
Veery	5
Gray-cheeked Thrush	4
Swainson's Thrush	49
Wood Thrush	1
American Robin	455
Cedar Waxwing	277

Species	Count
House Sparrow	32
House Finch	19
Purple Finch	1
American Goldfinch	223
Field Sparrow	8
Dark-eyed Junco	3
White-crowned Sparrow	2
White-throated Sparrow	1
Song Sparrow	33
Swamp Sparrow	3
Eastern Towhee	22
Eastern Meadowlark	1
Red-winged Blackbird	42
Common Grackle	11
Ovenbird	4
Blue-winged Warbler	3
Black-and-white Warbler	3
Tennessee Warbler	16
Nashville Warbler	10
Common Yellowthroat	31

Species	Count
Hooded Warbler	34
American Redstart	10
Cape May Warbler	4
Northern Parula	2
Magnolia Warbler	20
Bay-breasted Warbler	11
Blackburnian Warbler	5
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1
Blackpoll Warbler	6
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1
Palm Warbler	5
Pine Warbler	1
Black-throated Green Warbler	5
Wilson's Warbler	2
Scarlet Tanager	16
Northern Cardinal	110
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5
Indigo Bunting	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4542</b>

## FIELD NOTES

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

### **From Gautam Apte:**

[Regarding 15 Sep at the Metzger woodlot] Really nice passerine flight on light NW breeze, big migrant push post-front after over a week of persistent southerlies. Probably the longest-lasting fall flight I've ever seen in the state, still a steady stream of high sustained eastbound warblers as I left [two or more] hours after sunrise, with a few birds still coming off the lake. Tons of birds also moving through the woodlot at high speed and crossing the marsh on there, following the dike even at elevation.

### **From Lori Brumbaugh:**

[Regarding 31 Nashville Warblers at her *Cuyahoga* home on 30 Sep] Also I wondered why I didn't post it on [Facebook]. I remember I accidentally posted over six photos and it was taken down. I never reported. I know now why I should go back to written notes. It was early in the morning when I found the Nashvilles all over the veggie garden, the goldenrod and boneset that goes around the perimeter, and then another wide swath near the vineyard. Low light camera, only got a couple useable shots. They were gone in less than half hour.

### **From Jamie Cunningham:**

[Regarding 56 Philadelphia Vireos at Maumee Bay on 05 Sep] This is a conservative estimate. Noticed a fairly large number of Philadelphia Vireos the day prior (over 30 in one relatively small area), decided to return to do a PHVI big day and see how many could be found for that particular species. Walked 2.4 miles in and around the park and stopped about every 1/3 mile to eliminate risk of double counting. There were 2-1 numbers compared to Warbling AND Red-eyed. Only had 4 hours to check and still lots of the park wasn't counted in the survey. I'd be fairly confident in saying MBSP easily held 200+ Phyllis given the density.

### **From Alex Eberts:**

[Regarding 700 American Robins over Gahanna, *Franklin*, on 30 Aug] Rough estimate,

and very likely a drastic underestimate. A steady stream of birds were pouring into the corridor of vegetation surrounding the wetland behind my apartment complex the entire time I was observing, and it ranged from a handful at a time to flocks or 50-60 birds dropping from the sky to roost in the dense trees/shrubs.

### **From Lee Gray:**

[Regarding his 50,000 blackbirds in *Stark* on 17 Nov] I observed at least five "mega" flocks of blackbirds flying just above and below the tree tops; generally towards the south. The photograph is a small part of one very large flock. Based on my tiling estimates from a photo yesterday I would estimate at least ten thousand birds per flock. This is probably an underestimation.

### **From Michael Hershberger:**

[Regarding a White-crowned Sparrow in *Holmes*] [A]n individual with crippled feet showed up at our feeder on 02 Oct. We first saw this bird as an immature in Fall 2019, and have seen it every winter since.

### **From Daniel A. Stutzman:**

[Regarding 360+ Common Nighthawks on 27 Aug] All seen in less than an hour. They were flying east to southeast rarely stopping to catch insects. Sometimes there were as many as 50 visible at once so I may have been off by a dozen or more, still by far the most I've seen from home.

### **From Sean Williams:**

[Regarding 15 Ross's Geese at Alum Creek on 18 Nov] Rare. Two groups of mixed white geese flew close by overhead; the first group contained 13 Ross's and 7 Snow, and the next contained 2 Ross's and 4 Snow. These were small geese compared to the Snows, with disproportionately shorter necks and teensy bills. Study of the bills showed a lack of a grin patch on the adults and a straight vertical interface between the face and the bill. The larger flock was initially detected by call, which was a chorus of high-pitched yipping. Hybrids are always difficult to rule out, especially on flyovers, but to the best I was able to tell the characters on these individuals were consistent with the pure phenotype.



[Regarding the Cinnamon Teal x Northern Shoveler] Rare hybrid and unusual in the eastern United States. From a distance, this bird suggested either a Cinnamon Teal in eclipse plumage or a teal x Northern Shoveler hybrid. Traits that suggest Northern Shoveler include the green head, spatulate bill, and pale spot in front of the tail. Traits that suggest Cinnamon Teal include the rufescence throughout the breast and belly, as well as rusty tones on the pale spot in front of the tail and in the crescent (these two areas are pure white when Blue-winged Teal is a parent). The crescent on the face and spotting on the breast are not traits possessed by either Cinnamon Teal or Northern Shoveler, but nonetheless these characters are consistent in this pairing. Less consistent is iris color, but typically x Cinnamon Teal is orange (as in this individual), and darker in x Blue-winged Teal. This bird was smaller in body size and had a shorter bill compared to nearby Northern Shovelers. I haven't been able to locate any other records east of the Mississippi River in North America. Van Bemmelen *et al.* list 12 European records, although only one of these (from Finland) is accepted by a records committee. In eBird, there are ~50 records in the western US and one from Jamaica. Regarding origin, this bird behaved like it was wild. It fed by dipping and filter-feeding with several Northern Shovelers, and freely flew and wheeled tightly with the other shovelers. It displayed multiple times with male shovelers by head bobbing. Neither leg was banded and both halluces were intact (see better photo of the right leg in this checklist- <https://ebird.org/checklist/S98304764>). The shoveler flock, with which this bird associated, divided its time among three ponds at the north end of the golf course, which are permissibly viewed from the golf cart roadways...Thanks to Jörn Lehmus for feedback on the ID. Lit cited: van Bemmelen, RSA, J Lehmus, and SG Mlodinow. 2018. Hybrid Northern Shoveler x Blue-winged Teal on Schiermonnikoog, Netherlands, in May 2014, and identification and WP occurrence.

*Dutch Birding* 40: 71-81.

[Regarding 67 Bay-breasted Warblers at Darby Creek on 11 Sep] Accurate tally. Exceptional count of the dominant warbler in most flocks. The first flock had 20+ individuals; subsequent flocks always had 5+. Huge in body size compared to other warbler species except for Blackpoll. These were limey to olive-backed and capped warblers with bright white wing bars, and varying amounts of breast streaks (most unstreaked or only a hint of blurred streaks) and bay on the flanks. One individual had about as much bay on the flanks as would be expected in a spring male. Virtually all these individuals' feet were checked as well; none showed any hint of yellow.

[Regarding a Western Meadowlark at the Alum Creek spillway on 31 Oct] Very rare. Foraging with a large group of meadowlarks. The group spent most of their time on the slope above the rocks on the spillway side of the dam. Easily viewed with a scope. However, the group was flushed repeatedly by dogs and people, and eventually retreated to the prairie east of the spillway parking lot. Initially picked up on a pale gray-backed meadowlark that contrasted markedly with nearby reddish brown-backed birds. Further study revealed the following characteristics: A pale cold gray basal color to all dorsal feathers below the neck...Yellow washing up onto the malar from the throat...Distinctly separated barring on the tail and uppertail coverts, i.e. individual bars stretching across the central line of the feather did not widen medially and connect to adjacent bars...Pale highlight streaks in the crown..."Hollow" spotting on the flanks, i.e. spots were outlined black with a gray center...Two mostly white outer rectrices; the white in the third outer rectrix was limited along the rachis of the medial vane...These features indicate Western and are inconsistent with Eastern. That said, meadowlark identification based on plumage alone is fraught with peril so I would be happy to hear any feedback.

## YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

**10 years ago**, the Fall 2011 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 35 No. 1 (Craig Caldwell, Editor) contained these items:

The cover photo was the long-staying *Ashtabula* Black-tailed Gull.

Eurasian Collared-Doves were reported only in *Wayne*.

A Yellow Rail spent two days in Hamilton and a Black-throated Gray Warbler visited *Lucas*.

Mississippi Kites nested at Hide-a-Way Hills, *Hocking*, for the second time.

At least 10 Connecticut Warblers were seen, at sites in eight counties.

**25 years ago**, the Fall 1996 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 20 No. 1 (Rob Harlan, Editor) contained these items:

The state's only documented Long-billed Murrelet spent part of Nov in *Seneca*.

It was the "best autumn for jaegers in recent memory"; 25 were reported.

At least seven Snowy Owls visited us.

Two Dickcissels lingered to 28 Nov in *Hamilton*.

**50 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* for Summer 1971, Vol. 67 No. 3 (Aug; Annette B. Flanigan, Editor) and Autumn 1971, Vol. 67 No. 4 (Sep–Nov; Charles W. Hocevar, editor) included these items. (A reminder—the Calendar area is a circle of radius 30 miles centered at Cleveland's Public Square)

An estimated 50,000 Red-breasted Mergansers passed *Lorain* on 07 Nov.

575 Common Nighthawks passed Lakewood, *Cuyahoga*, on 05 Sep.

One Double-crested Cormorant rated special mention.

About 100 Black Terns were at Lorain on 12 Aug.

Three Northern Mockingbirds nested in the Calendar area.

**100 years ago**, The *Cleveland Bird Calendar* did not publish an issue.

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The Counties of Ohio



*Dennis Mersky was surprised to see three male Surf Scoters together and at close range on 29 Oct at Nimisila.*

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### **Back cover:**

*Kathy Mock regularly watches for Merlins at the Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, **Summit**, where she photographed this one on 17 Sep.*



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