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Roger Friedman snapped a photo of this Dark-eyed Junco just before it “attacked” a sunflower seed on 05 Feb in Westlake, Cuyahoga.

On the cover:

Jerry Talkington enjoyed seeing this Rough-legged Hawk spend several days on his survey property east of Fairport Harbor, Lake, where he took this photo on 05 Feb.

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COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Craig Caldwell

It was another “new normal” winter; that is to say it didn’t follow the long-term pattern for our state. Dec was very wet, ranking number 104 out of the 127 Decs with data. Most of a swath from the west central counties to the northeast got up to double its usual precipitation and pockets along it had triple their norm. The southeastern third of the state got somewhat less, about 150% of normal, but also had some wetter pockets. The Cincinnati area was about average and the far northwest and lakeshore were slightly wetter than usual. The month’s average temperature was the second highest on record; indeed most of the northeastern states ranked near or at their hottest.

Jan precipitation was below average, ranking at number 57 of the 127. The northwest got less than half its usual amount. Precipitation amounts increased from there to the far southeast, which got up to double its norm. Halfway, a big southwest to northeast band got between 75 and 100% of its usual amount. The month’s average temperature was also below normal, ranking at number 35 with number 127 being the hottest.

Feb precipitation was even more extreme than Dec’s; it was the fifth wettest of all time. A broad band from the Cincinnati area to Pittsburgh got between six and eight inches with pockets getting up to 10. Those numbers are up to four times their usual amounts. By contrast the far northwest got less than three inches, or up to only 125% of its norm. The far southeast had up to double its usual amount. The average temperature was somewhat above average at number 81 of the 127.

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

The 122nd Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was held during its usual 14 Dec to 04 Jan period. I am again indebted to Mike Busam for providing us with an overview and highlights to accompany the table of data. In the species accounts which follow this “Comments” section I note the highest number of a species found. Most of these values are those of single birders or parties, usually birding in a relatively small area, and often are the counts from a single route within a

CBC. However, I seldom include counts from an entire CBC, each of which is the result of many parties’ efforts in scattered locales within a 15-mile diameter circle; those data are in the table.

This issue of the *Cardinal* contains reports of 204 species, the second most for a winter trailing last year’s 209. Nine hybrids (all of them ducks or gulls) and 13 entries at the genus or family level are also listed. Three exotic species, almost surely escapees, were seen. Only Blue Jays and Dark-eyed Juncos were reported in all 88 counties but nine more were seen in 87. Twenty-three were seen in between 80 and 86 counties.

A dozen warbler species, plus an individual seen too distantly for details, were present at least some time during the season; eight of them were reported during CBCs. Other species that historically have vacated the state in fall were also seen. They included a record five Ospreys, six shore-bird species, three flycatcher species, a Red-eyed Vireo, a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and LeConte’s and Clay-colored sparrows. It was not a “finch year”, but both redpolls, Evening Grosbeak, and White-winged Crossbill were all seen. Single Calliope and Allen’s hummingbirds were present for long periods and a remarkable six Rufous Hummingbirds stayed well into the season, one of them until 20 Jan.

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) under Secretary Jon Cefus has continued to evaluate reports of Review Species. The Committee has completed two rounds of voting since their last report and the results of the first are published here.

Eight review species were reported during this season; their names are underlined. Two of them generated at least one report to the OBRC. Reports on eBird of all the others 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 “*fide*” is used in some citations; it means “in trust of” and is used where the reporter was not the observer.

Abbreviations:

Alum Creek = Alum Creek Reservoir, ***Delaware***, unless otherwise noted
 Armleder Park = a Cincinnati city park on the Little Miami River, ***Hamilton***
 Audubon = the National Audubon Society (<http://www.audubon.org>)
 Aullwood = Aullwood Audubon Farm and Sanctuary, ***Montgomery***
 Bayshore = a fishing access site near a power plant a bit east of Toledo
 Barrow FS = James H. Barrow Field Station, ***Portage***
 BBS = the North American Breeding Bird Survey, a joint project of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)
 Berlin Lake = Berlin Lake (or Reservoir), ***Ma-honing*** and ***Portage***
 Big Island = Big Island Wildlife Area, ***Marion***
 Blendon Woods = Blendon Woods Metro Park, ***Franklin***
 The Bowl = a limited-access area near the ***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**

- Pickeral Creek = Pickeral Creek Wildlife Area, **Sandusky**
- Pickerington Ponds = Pickerington Ponds Metro Park, **Fairfield** and **Franklin**
- Pipe Creek = Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, in the city of Sandusky, **Erie**
- Pleasant Hill Lake = an impoundment straddling the **Ashland/Richland** line
- Quail Hollow = Quail Hollow State Park, **Stark**
- Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, **Highland**
- Salt Fork = Salt Fork State Park, **Guernsey**
- Sandy Ridge = Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**
- Seneca Lake = most of the lake and the (non-state) Park are in **Noble**, while the dam is in **Guernsey**
- SF = State Forest
- Shawnee = Shawnee State Forest, **Scioto**, unless otherwise noted
- Shawnee Lookout = Shawnee Lookout County Park, **Hamilton**
- Sheldon Marsh = Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Erie**
- Sherod Park = a city park overlooking Lake Erie in Vermilion, **Erie**
- SNP = State Nature Preserve
- SP = State Park
- Springfield Lake = in Greater Akron, **Summit**
- Springville Marsh = Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Seneca**
- Spring Valley = Spring Valley Wildlife Area, almost entirely in **Greene** but extending into **Warren**
- Stillfork = The Nature Conservancy's Stillfork Swamp Preserve, **Carroll**
- Sunset Park = a city park overlooking Lake Erie in Willoughby, **Lake**
- SWA = State Wildlife Area
- TNC = The Nature Conservancy (<http://www.nature.org>)
- TP = Township Park
- Vinton Furnace = Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest, **Vinton**
- Villa Angela = the Villa Angela unit of Cleveland's Lakefront Reservation
- Volunteer Bay = a private neighborhood on Lake Erie in **Erie**
- WA = Wildlife Area
- Wake Robin = a trail and boardwalk in Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Lake**
- Wendy Park = a lakeshore Cleveland park, **Cuyahoga**
- Wilderness Road = a road that traverses Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area, **Wayne**, and adjoining farmland
- The Wilds = a limited-access big-mammal breeding and research facility in **Muskingum**, also used generically to include the surrounding reclaimed strip mines
- Willow Point = Willow Point Wildlife Area, **Erie**
- Winous Horseshoe = a limited-access part of Winous Point Shooting Club, **Ottawa**
- Winous Point = Winous Point Shooting Club, **Ottawa**
- Wintergarden Woods = Wintergarden Woods and Saint Johns Nature Preserve, **Wood**
- Woodman Fen = a natural area, part of Dayton's Five Rivers MetroParks system, **Montgomery**
- WRGBT = Western Reserve Greenway Bike Trail, **Trumbull**
- Wright Marsh = a hotspot in Killbuck WA north of Shreve, **Wayne**
- WWTP = Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Zaleski = Zaleski State Forest, **Vinton**

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Craig Caldwell

Snow Goose

Stefan Minnig saw the most, about 50 near Kiser Lake, **Champaign**, on 12 Dec. Next most were the 40 that overflowed Sandra Keller at Old Highland Stone on 06 Feb. (53 counties)



Ed Wransky photographed this blue Snow Goose at the New Russia Township Cemetery, **Lorain**, on 08 Dec.

Ross's Goose

Six sites each hosted six birds. (28 counties)

[Snow x Ross's Goose]

Several birders saw one that spent 06 to 08 Dec along the Kokosing Gap Trail, **Knox**. Another was in the Portage Lakes area, **Summit**, from 09 to 12 Jan. (m obs.).

Snow/Ross's Goose

Indeterminate birds were reported in seven counties.

Greater White-fronted Goose

Amy Didion counted 64 near Pickerel Creek on 06 Jan. (50 counties)

Brant

One spent 06 Dec to 09 Jan near Groveport, **Franklin** (m. obs.). John Pogacnik saw another at Lakeshore Park, **Ashtabula**, on 20 Dec.

Canada Goose

Paul Jacyk saw about 9000 off Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 29 Jan. Barry McEwen saw the next most, about 7100 from Side Cut MP, **Lucas**, on 07 Jan. Third most were two flyover streams of 3000; one was at Lost Bridge on 31 Jan (Luke Thies) and the other over Scioto Grove MP,

Franklin, on 12 Feb (Andy Brown). Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

Cackling Goose

Dan Kempf and Jeff Peters found 23 at the Osborn Road gravel pits, **Clark**, on 01 Feb. The next most were Robert Barber-Delach's 14 along the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway, **Athens**, on 16 Jan. (38 counties)



This is one of four Cackling Geese that Leslie Sours photographed at Duranceau Park, **Franklin**, on 29 Jan.

Cackling/Canada Goose

Indeterminate birds were reported in eight counties.

Mute Swan

Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, hosted 19 for Maria Titko on 16 Feb. (45 counties)

Trumpeter Swan

Alex Hamilton saw about 500 near Oak Harbor, **Ottawa**, on 14 Jan. The most inland were 69 at Mosquito WA on 06 Jan (Ethan Kister and Billi Krochuk). (52 counties)



This Greater White-fronted Goose dropped in along the Black River in **Lorain** where Debbie Parker saw it on 22 Dec.

Tundra Swan

Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw about 3500 at ONWR on 20 Feb and wrote, "Handcounting flocks as they left the refuge for the corn fields". Douglas Vogus' census team counted 3483 at ONWR on 02 Jan. The most away from Lake Erie were the 740 that John Games and Erin Padow found at Killdeer on 04 Jan. (57 counties)

Trumpeter/Tundra Swan

Barbara Schwaderer saw a flock of about 2700 at ONWR on 10 Dec. (22 counties)

Whooper Swan

One spent 17 to 23 Jan at Brookville, **Montgomery**, but its origin (wild or not) hasn't been determined.

Wood Duck

About 50 were at Farnsworth MP, **Lucas**, on 28 Feb for Brandon Brywezynski. Austin Langdon counted 39 at Spring Valley WA on 22 Feb. (61 counties)



*A Wood Duck sat tall on the ice at Duranceau Park, **Franklin**, for Leslie Sours on 26 Jan.*

Blue-winged Teal

Emma Hans saw the most, 15 at Pickerington Ponds on 29 Dec. Counts of eight came from Dawn McCoy at the Coonpath Road wetlands, **Fairfield**, on 06 Jan and from Amy Kramer near Waynesville, **Greene**, on 10 Jan. All of the other sightings were of three or fewer birds. (8 counties)

Northern Shoveler

Mike Sustin's 120 at Castalia Pond, **Erie**, on 08 Jan were the most. (56 counties)

[Blue-winged Teal x Northern Shoveler]

Joshua Eastlake photographed this hybrid at Lake Barber, **Hamilton**, on 23 Jan.

[Cinnamon Teal x Northern Shoveler]

Many birders saw and photographed one that spent 25 Jan to 20 Feb at the Hoover Dam spillway.

Gadwall

Philip Steiner saw about 1000 from the Cedar Point Chausee, **Erie**, on 09 Jan. The next highest number was Paul Sherwood's 850 at Castalia Pond, **Erie**, on 16 Jan. (67 counties)

Eurasian Wigeon

One spent 19 to 27 Feb at a quarry on Dublin Road, **Delaware**, for m. obs. Cam Lee and David Lehner saw it or another at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, on 28 Feb.

American Wigeon

Castalia Pond, **Erie**, hosted about 150 for Greg Pasek on 22 Jan and up to 125 on other dates. The most elsewhere were Rick Nirschl's 100 along Stange and Krause Roads, **Ottawa**, on 21 Feb. (60 counties)

Mallard

The ONWR census on 05 Dec tallied 7953 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Next most were 3500 in the Crane Creek Estuary at ONWR's north end; Trevor Zook saw them on 17 Dec. The most away from Lake Erie were the 1500 that George Billman and Alexander Teliak found at Killdeer on 04 Jan. Only **Pike**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

[Gadwall x Mallard]

Carl Winstead photographed one at the Alum Creek spillway on 28 Jan.

Northern Pintail

The ONWR census of 05 Dec tallied 1350 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). About 1000 were along Wilderness Road for Helen and Ken Ostermiller on 23 Feb and up to 750 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 450 at Pickerel Creek on 27 Feb (Theo Bockhorst). (67 counties)



*Content to stay to Feb at Clague Park, **Cuyahoga**, this Northern Pintail was photographed by Roger Friedman on 10 Jan.*

American Black Duck

Trevor Zook noted 250 at ONWR during his 17 Dec waterfowl survey. Tom Kemp saw the next most, 180 at CPNWR on 19 Dec. Jon Cefus and Kent Miller's 90 at Pleasant Hill Lake on 14 Jan were the most at an inland site. (75 counties)

[Mallard x American Black Duck]

These common hybrids were seen in 18 counties. Brad Imhoff found the most, six near St. Louis, *Licking*, on 10 Jan.

Green-winged Teal

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 508 along the CVNP towpath on 05 Dec. Garrett Layne saw about 250 at Headlands on 04 Dec. Larry Early's 93 at the Haley + Gleason Quarry, *Clinton*, on 06 Dec were the third most. (58 counties)

Canvasback

Gautam Apte tallied about 6000 from Edgewater on 16 Jan. Cassidy Ficker saw about 5500 passing Rocky River Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 15 Jan. Heather Aubke saw the most away from Lake Erie, about 50 on the Ohio River at Coolville, *Athens*, on 09 Feb. (55 counties)

Redhead

Several birders saw about 2500 eastbound past Rocky River Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 15 Jan. Eric Juterbock's 500 at Old Highland Stone on 21 Feb were the most at an inland site. (68 counties)

Ring-necked Duck

About 2000 were off East Sandusky Bay MP, *Erie*, on 22 Dec for Chris Krintzline and Rhonda Miller, and up to 1000 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 625 that Brian Wulker found at gravel pits along Roxanne-New Burlington Road, *Greene*, on 14 Jan. (73 counties)

Greater Scaup

The lake watch at Rocky River Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 15 Jan produced 2600 (m. obs.) and up to 1700 passed there on other dates. Susan Wynn's 30 at Portage Path WA, *Summit*, on both 24 and 25 Feb were the most away from Lake Erie. (50 counties)

Lesser Scaup

Gautam Apte's time at Edgewater on 16 Jan produced 9500; up to 9000 were reported from there on other dates. Alum Creek hosted the inland high count, 1800 for Sean Williams on 18 Dec. (63 counties)

Greater/Lesser Scaup

About 15,000 scaup were off Maumee Bay on 04 Jan for Rick Nirschl, and Paul Jacyk saw about 10,000 from Toledo's 119th Street on 17 Dec. (47 counties)

King Eider

One that spent 15 Jan to 27 Feb on the *Cuyahoga* waterfront generated many photos. A post from *Erie* included a description. But neither produced a formal report to the OBRC.



This frequently diving King Eider caught Kisa Weeman's eye on Lake Erie from Sims Park, Cuyahoga, on 24 Feb.

Harlequin Duck

Two flew past John Pogacnik at Bill Stanton Community Park, *Lake*, on 08 Dec. Karen Lakus and James McCarty found the most, five off Edgewater on 16 Jan. (7 counties)



Todd Eiben was more than happy to spot a male Harlequin Duck in the company of two females on 08 Jan at Euclid Beach, Cuyahoga. Many birders enjoyed seeing these as they stayed several days afterward.

Surf Scoter

A trio of birders counted 24 from Lake Road, *Cuyahoga*, on 26 Dec, during the Lakewood CBC. Next most were Bill Ohlsen's 12 off Huntington Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 10 Jan. All of the inland reports were of single birds. (9 counties)

White-winged Scoter

A vigil at Lakewood Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 16 Jan produced 16 (m. obs.) and up to 12 were seen from there on other dates. All of the sightings away from Lake Erie were solos. (14 counties)

Black Scoter

Dan Gesualdo counted 11 off Volunteer Bay, *Erie*, on 15 Jan. David Gourley saw the next most, five off Wildwood, *Cuyahoga*, on 22 Jan. The only inland sightings were of one at Apple Valley Lake, *Knox*, on 19 Dec (Benjamin Miller) and two at Outhwaite Reservoir, *Crawford*, from 02 to 04 Jan (m. obs.). (8 counties)

Scoter sp.

Indeterminate birds were reported from **Cuyahoga, Delaware, Knox,** and **Lorain**.

Long-tailed Duck

Dan Gesualdo counted 37 (“Groups of 9,7, 8, 11 and a couple singles”) passing Volunteer Bay, **Erie**, eastbound on 15 Jan. A trio of birders saw the second most, six at Paulding Reservoir on 27 Dec. (17 counties)



Roger Friedman was at Miller Road Park, Lorain, at the right time when these four Long-tailed Ducks appeared on 05 Feb.

Bufflehead

About 300 were at Turkeyfoot Lake, **Summit**, on 15 Jan for Brian Tinker. Counts of 200 came from Marblehead Light SP, **Ottawa**, on 14 Jan (Alex Hamilton and Davin McMullin) and from Miller Road Park, **Lorain**, on 31 Jan (Thomas Winczek). (66 counties)

Common Goldeneye

About 3600 were off Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 16 Jan for Gautam Apte; other Lake Erie viewpoints produced up to 3000 then and on other dates. Brian Wulker’s 250 along Lawrenceburg Road, **Hamilton**, on 27 Jan were the most away from the lake. (65 counties)



This Common Goldeneye lingered a short spell on the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland where Kisa Weeman saw it on 24 Feb.

Hooded Merganser

Sean Williams saw about 580 at Hoover NP on 06 Jan. Matthew Valencic counted the next most, 367, at LaDue on 09 Dec. (79 counties)

[Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser]

Many birders studied one that spent 04 to 16 Jan at Eastwood Lake, **Montgomery**. Ken Lebo saw

it or another on the Great Miami River in Dayton on 11 Jan.

Common Merganser

About 5500 passed Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 19 Jan for Kevin Pero, and up to 4000 were reported from there on other dates. Patrick Lewis tallied 595 at Evans Lake, **Mahoning**, on 30 Dec for the inland high number; see Field Notes for more. (67 counties)

Red-breasted Merganser

Marty Calabrese watched about 35,000 stream past Euclid Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 19 Dec. About 18,000 passed Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 19 Jan for Kevin Pero. Matt Mason’s 80 at Hoover NP on 18 Dec were the most at an inland site. (43 counties)

Ruddy Duck

The Wellington Upground Reservoir, **Lorain**, hosted about 600 for Helen and Ken Ostermiller on 01 Dec. John Kuenzli counted 482 at Bressler Reservoir, **Allen**, on 27 Dec. (69 counties)

Northern Bobwhite

There were 11 eBird reports from nine locations. Randy Morgan noted 10 to 14 bobwhites at Cook Farm, **Butler**, on various dates. Alvin E. Miller flushed 10 near Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 31 Dec; see Field Notes for more. (8 counties)

Wild Turkey

Kurt Garver and Carice Jameson counted 108 in cornfields near Brinkhaven, **Holmes**, on 02 Jan. Benjamin Miller’s 78 at Green Valley, **Knox**, on 25 Feb were the next most. (66 counties)

Ruffed Grouse

One was seen near Germano, **Harrison**, on 02 Jan (*vide* Scott Pendleton).

Ring-necked Pheasant

The River Drive area south of Circleville, **Pickaway**, produced 30 for Steve Borgwald on 06 Feb, and up to 28 were seen there on other dates. A trio of birders saw eight near Dover, **Tuscarawas**, on 28 Dec and decided that they were released birds. (33 counties)

(Chukar)

An ONWR CBC team found this hunt club refuge on 02 Jan (*vide* Tom Bartlett).

Pied-billed Grebe

Reanna Thomas saw about 50 at East Fork on 27 Jan. The next most were the 43 that Bill Stanley counted at Rocky Fork on 14 Dec. (63 counties)

Horned Grebe

Leslie Sours found 36 at Alum Creek on 18 Dec. Gregory Miller’s 22 near Oak Harbor, **Ottawa**, on 15 Dec were the most elsewhere. (32 counties)

Red-necked Grebe

These started arriving in Oct and sightings continued through winter into Mar. All of the sightings were of single birds, and they came from **Erie**, **Fairfield**, **Lorain**, **Montgomery**, and **Summit**.

Eared Grebe

A few fall sightings preceded this season's first, which was of a bird that stayed at Alum Creek from 17 Dec to 22 Jan for m. obs. The only other one spent 08 to 15 Jan at Apple Valley Lake, **Knox**, also for m. obs.

Rock Pigeon

Dayton's Veterans Park held about 500 on several dates (m. obs.). The most elsewhere were 400, at both the OSU Livestock Facility on 21 Dec (Marc Dearnay) and the Marietta riverfront, **Washington**, on 28 Jan (Terry Bronson). (83 counties)

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Two counts of 20 were reported from a grain coop in Weston, **Wood**. Phoebe Jackson and Trevor Zook found theirs on 20 Jan and John Durback his two days later. Several birders saw 11 at the Lagoon Deer Park, **Erie**, on 18 Dec. (17 counties; see the map)

Mourning Dove

Three miles of **Hardin** roadsides produced two flocks totaling 250 for Eric Juterbock on 17 Dec. The 03 Dec CVNP towpath census team tallied 227 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.



In a light snowfall Roger Friedman captured this Mourning Dove as it landed on an evergreen in **Cuyahoga** on 13 Feb.

Calliope Hummingbird

One was well documented during its 10-day stay in **Belmont**. Unfortunately, viewing access was limited.

Rufous Hummingbird

The remarkable 2021-22 winter for Rufous Hummingbirds continued; two remained into Dec and four into Jan. See the table at the end of the Species Accounts for their details.



Hosts Anne and Kevin Smedley and their neighbors enjoyed this Rufous Hummingbird at their **Scioto** feeder, where Dave Riepenhoff photographed it on 18 Dec.

Allen's Hummingbird

The individual that arrived at a Mariemont, **Hamilton**, feeder in Nov remained until 21 Jan. Allen Chartier banded it on 05 Dec.

Virginia Rail

The 17 Dec Wilmot CBC, **Holmes/Stark/Tuscarawas/Wayne**, produced six (*vide* Ben Morrison). Singles were seen on other dates in **Holmes**, **Richland**, and two **Stark** sites.

Common Gallinule

Many birders saw an immature bird that lingered at Boyer NP, **Franklin**, from 07 to 31 Dec.

American Coot

Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, hosted about 1200 for Kathy Smith on 31 Dec and up to 1000 on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 720 that Sandra Keller tallied at Old Highland Stone on 22 Dec. (48 counties)

Sandhill Crane

Clet Herman found 600 near Edgerton, **Defiance**, on 22 Dec. Ina and Markus Legzdins counted 305 at Defiance Reservoir on 02 Jan. (60 counties)



It's always good to see Sandhill Cranes, as Su Snyder did on 21 Feb at Killbuck.

Killdeer

Chuck McClaugherty saw about 170 near Sugar-creek, **Holmes**, on 17 Dec; see Field Notes for

more. Larry Early's 89 at Caesar Creek on 01 Dec were the second most. (76 counties)

Sanderling

One was at Headlands on 04 Dec (Tim Wyar). Another was seen at Maumee Bay on 09 Dec (Jeff Sailer) and 12 Dec (Christy Frank and Mandy Roberts).

Dunlin

The reports are:

Three at Madison, **Lake**, on 02 Dec (John Pogacnik)

Two at Maumee Bay on 12 Dec (Christy Frank and Mandy Roberts)

One at the Shreve Fish Pond, **Wayne**, on 01 Jan (Susan Evanoff and Su Snyder)

One at the Ellis Lake wetlands, **Butler**, on 05 Jan (Marianne Gorman, Steven Yockey)

One or two at Alum Creek between 10 Jan and 05 Feb (m. obs.)

Purple Sandpiper

The reports are:

One at The Wilds on 05 Dec (m. obs.)

One at Conneaut on 01 Jan (Marc Hanneman)

One at Euclid Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Jan (m. obs.)

One at Headlands on 25 Jan (Sarah Preston)

One at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 26 Jan (Laurie Koerber)

Least Sandpiper

Zachary Arnold and Amanda Clune found six at the Ellis Lake wetlands, **Butler**, on 22 Dec. Steven Yockey saw the last, by the Great Miami River in downtown Hamilton, **Butler**, on 09 Feb. Other reports came from **Clermont**, **Lucas**, and **Wayne**.

Pectoral Sandpiper

Paul Sherwood found one at Wilderness Road on 27 Feb.

American Woodcock

There were a few reports in Dec, several in Jan, and many in Feb. Madeline Wellman provided the high count of eight, from Sharon Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 21 Feb. (23 counties)

Wilson's Snipe

Bryan Smith saw about 35 total in two flocks that were calling as they passed overhead; he was in the Anderson Meadows section of Wayne NF, **Lawrence**, on 04 Jan. Matt Mason's eight near McConnellsville, **Morgan**, on 22 Dec were the second most. (18 counties)

Spotted Sandpiper

One was at the Archbold Reservoir, **Fulton**, on 01 Dec (Sandra Blease and Tammy Martin). Another was at LaDue on 01 Jan (John Kolar) and 04 Jan (Brad Goodner).

Greater Yellowlegs

James Runkle saw one at Killdeer on 02 Dec and it was still there on 05 Dec for Ron Marek.

Shorebird sp.

The reports of indeterminate birds are:

A Spotted or Solitary Sandpiper at Fernald on 07 Jan (Levi Parker)

A probable Purple Sandpiper at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Jan (Adam McInerney)

Two Wilson's Snipe or American Woodcock at Hoover NP on 25 Feb (Gavin Nupp)

Pomarine/Parasitic Jaeger

One flew past John Pogacnik at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 07 Dec.

Black-legged Kittiwake

Many birders saw one on 02 and 03 Dec at Alum Creek, and many more saw it or another between 04 and 10 Dec along the Cleveland waterfront.

Bonaparte's Gull

Reports came throughout the season but were thinner in February. Tyler McClain and Kevin Pero provided the high count of about 1000, at Hoover NP on 15 Dec, and up to 700 were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Josh Yoder's 400 at Pleasant Hill Lake on 12 Dec. (47 counties)

Little Gull

One spent from 09 to 25 Jan at Hoover Reservoir (m. obs.).

Franklin's Gull

Several birders enjoyed one at Pipe Creek on 21 Feb.

Ring-billed Gull

Dave Chase estimated that 30,000 thronged Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 06 Jan. Paul Jacyk saw the next most, 16,000 off Dry Tree Point, **Lucas**, on 29 Dec. Reanna Thomas provided the inland high number of 5000, at East Fork on both 09 and 13 Feb. (76 counties)



Chuck Slusarczyk Jr refound the oldest known Ring-billed Gull on 14 Jan at Wendy Park, **Cuyahoga**. (See Field Notes)

Herring Gull

About 8000 were visible from Wendy Park for Gautam Apte on 15 Jan. The Bolivar landfill, **Stark**, hosted the inland high count of 3500 on 03 Dec (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller). (61 counties)

Iceland Gull

Eleven were off Wendy Park for Tim Jasinski and Anthony Rodgers on 02 Jan. Jory Teltser's eight at Oberlin Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 07 Jan were the second most. (16 counties)



A good gull season resulted in this photo by Ed Wransky of an Iceland Gull at the Lorain (city) hot waters on 05 Dec.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

John Herman saw the most, 68 at Outhwaite Reservoir, **Crawford**, on 03 Dec, and up to 60 were there on other dates. Phoebe Jackson and Trevor Zook counted 55 at the Bayshore fishing access point, **Lucas**, on 30 Jan for the second highest number. (34 counties)

[Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull]

Sean Williams saw one at Meyers Lake, **Stark**, on 16 Dec. It or another spent 16 to 20 Dec several miles south of there at the Bolivar landfill, **Stark** (m. obs.).

Glaucous Gull

Jelmer Poelstra saw four at Lorain on 13 Feb. (17 counties)



Later in the season on 23 Feb, Ed Wransky spotted this Glaucous Gull on the fishing pier in Lorain (city).

[Herring x Glaucous Gull]

One spent from 03 to 24 Dec at the Bolivar landfill, **Stark** (m. obs.).

Great Black-backed Gull

The high count was the 129 that Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw from the Lorain (city) fishing pier on 16 Jan; up to 100 were reported there on other dates. Jeff Goff's 25 near Ravenna, **Portage**, on 29 Jan were the most at an inland site. (14 counties)

[Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]

Singles were at Kelleys Island on 18 Dec (Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik), at Wendy Park on 28 Dec (m. obs.), and at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 12 Jan (Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik).

Tern sp.

A party of birders saw a straggler in the Boston area of CVNP on 02 Dec.

Red-throated Loon

The last of the season was at Apple Valley Lake, **Knox**, between 08 and 19 Jan (m. obs.), though one mid-Mar bird followed it. Five were seen from Perry TP on 05 Dec (m. obs.). There were three duos reported and the rest were singles; sightings came from three sites in **Cuyahoga**, five in **Lake**, and the one in **Knox**.

Common Loon

Several birders enjoyed seeing 220 from Perry TP on 05 Dec. Theo Bockhorst and Toby Carlstrom saw the second most, about 85 off Lake-wood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 04 Dec. (37 counties)

Double-crested Cormorant

High counts of 500 came from Cleveland harbor on both 23 Dec (Dave Hartman) and 23 Feb (Andy Sewell). The most away from **Cuyahoga** were 100 at Headlands on 04 Dec (Patrick Coy and Karin Tanquist) and another 100 along the Ohio River bank at Gallipolis Locks, **Gallia**, on 07 Jan (Bryan Smith). (52 counties)

American White Pelican

Though many were seen in fall, this season's first were a flyby flock of nine that a trio of birders saw at Metzger on 26 Dec. Mandy Roberts saw about 135 at Grand Lake SP on 26 Feb, and about 75 were visible from Mercer WA at the other end of the lake. (See Field Notes for more.) Janet Hughes saw the most elsewhere, 65 over Stange Road, **Ottawa**, on 06 Jan. (10 counties)

Great Blue Heron

Medusa hosted 68 for Paul Sherwood on 06 Jan. Chris Crook's 33 at Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, on 05 Dec were the most at a site away from Lake Erie. (80 counties)

Great Egret

Reports started strong but trickled down to only two in Feb. David Wilkins provided the high count of six, from **Sandusky** west of Pickering Creek on 05 Dec. (14 counties)



*Su Snyder saw two of the few reported Great Egrets at Butler Spring in **Holmes** on 15 Jan.*

Cattle Egret

One hung around the OSU Livestock Facility from fall until 08 Jan (m. obs.).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Madeleine and Philip Steiner counted 31 at the mouth of Cold Creek, **Erie**, near dusk on 26 Jan. (10 counties)

Glossy/White-faced Ibis

An indeterminate bird spent from 30 Nov to 10 Dec at Lorain (m. obs.).



The Glossy/White-faced Ibis was photographed by Ed Wransky at the docks in Lorain (city) on 05 Dec.

Black Vulture

Matt Mason counted 173 at a Hoover Reservoir roost on 02 Dec. Bill Stanley saw about 150 at Meldahl Dam, **Clermont**, on 04 Dec; they were crossing into Ohio from a roost on the Kentucky shore. (60 counties all the way to Lake Erie)

Turkey Vulture

Sites in **Athens**, **Hamilton**, and **Holmes** each hosted about 150. (82 counties)

Osprey

This winter had to set a record for well-documented Osprey sightings. They were:

At Gibsonburg, **Sandusky**, on 01 and 02 Dec (David Wilkins)

At East Fork on 06 Dec (Anthony Stoffolano)
Along the Tuscarawas River in that county on 10 Dec (Dan Kramer)

At Caesar Creek on 16 Dec (m. obs.)

At Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, on 18 Dec (Kurt Garver)

Golden Eagle

Irina Shulgina saw the season's first, at Killdeer on 12 Dec. Several birders saw two near Greer, **Knox**, on both 18 and 26 Feb. (12 counties)



*Golden Eagles were sought by many and Debbie Parker managed this photo on 20 Jan in **Erie**.*

Northern Harrier

Gautam Apte and Will Babb counted 22 throughout Killdeer on 25 Feb and up to 20 were seen there on other dates. Cam Lee's 20 at Big Island on 13 Jan were the most elsewhere. (80 counties)

Sharp-shinned Hawk

There were 10 reports of duos. (65 counties)

Cooper's Hawk

David Kelly saw the most, five at Swan Creek Preserve MP, **Lucas**, on 18 Jan. (83 counties)



After a morning of mixed precipitation, Darylene Anstaett captured this Cooper's Hawk drying out in Dayton on 17 Feb.

Northern Goshawk

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

Bald Eagle

The high count of 31 was shared by Tom Kemp in and near CPNWR on 19 Dec and Dan Gesualdo along the Cedar Point Chausee, **Erie**, on 13 Jan. The most away from Lake Erie were the 25 that Jennifer White saw at Berlin Lake on 26 Feb. Only **Vinton** didn't have a sighting.

Red-shouldered Hawk

A trio of birds found six at Lake Grant WA, **Brown**, on 02 Jan. (77 counties)



While visiting Bath NP, **Summit**, on 15 Jan, Kathy Mock photographed this Red-shouldered Hawk.

Rough-legged Hawk

Josh Yoder counted eight along Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, on 27 Feb. The second highest count of five was shared by Hayes Road, **Geauga**, on 09 Jan (Kelly Kozlowski and Matthew Valencic) and Patch Road, also **Geauga**, on 09 Feb (Ethan Maynard). (51 counties)



Leslie Sours spotted this high flying Rough-legged Hawk above Panhandle Road, **Delaware**, on 11 Feb.

Red-tailed Hawk

Killdeer hosted 23 for a septet of birders on 20

Feb. Individuals of subspecies *abieticola* were reported from several sites. A dark western “Kridler’s” morph spent 05 to 08 Feb in **Licking** and another one 06 and 07 Feb in southwestern **Franklin** (both by m. obs.). Only **Paulding** didn't have a sighting.

Barn Owl

Michael Hershberger reported watching a clutch of young being fed near Mt. Hope, **Holmes**, in mid-Jan. Duos were reported near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on two dates (m. obs.). Three separate single birds were also reported from **Holmes** and **Wayne**.

Great Horned Owl

There were eight reports of three birds. (62 counties)



Ed Wransky got a clear shot of this Great Horned Owl in La-Grange Township, **Lorain**, on 27 Feb.

Snowy Owl

Mitchell Pence saw the season's last, near Greenville, **Darke**, on 25 Feb. (A report on 01 Mar elsewhere followed.) A BSBO boat trip in Cleveland harbor on 04 Dec produced five. (25 counties; see the map)



In this good season for Snowy Owls, Debbie Parker saw this one by the fishing pier in Lorain (city) on 02 Jan.

Eastern Screech-Owl

Brandon Brywczyński and Greg Links traded vocalizations with 14 as they scoured Maumee Bay before dawn on 19 Dec. The next most were four, seen twice on 01 Jan in **Ottawa**. Tom Bartlett's were at East Harbor SP and Eric Mullholand's at Meadowbrook Marsh. (43 counties)

Barred Owl

Michael Crist found six at Poland Municipal Forest, **Mahoning**, on 01 Feb and up to five were reported there on other dates. Two pairs were heard at each of Inniswood Metro Gardens, **Franklin**, on 30 Jan (Andy Brown and Laura Nein) and The Rookery, **Geauga**, on 27 Feb (John Kolar). (58 counties)

Long-eared Owl

A trio of birders saw three at the Norma Johnson Center, **Tuscarawas**, on 28 Dec, and Dan Kramer saw them again on 03 Jan. (8 counties; see the map)

Short-eared Owl

Craig Caldwell saw 10 at Killdeer on 29 Jan and wrote, "At least 6 on CH-108 at 5 pm, 4 on CH-71 a few minutes later". (45 counties; see the map)



*This is one of several Short-eared Owls that Jerry Talkington enjoyed on his survey property east of Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 01 Feb.*

Northern Saw-whet Owl

All of the sightings were of single birds. See the map for the 12 counties that hosted them.

Belted Kingfisher

The high count of five was shared by Eric Mullholand at Alum Creek on 27 Dec and Debra Sweeney at the Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 31 Dec. (83 counties)

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 27 at CVNP on 03 Dec. Forty miles of travel in **Lucas** yielded 24 for Brandon Brywczyński on 18 Dec. Only **Fayette** didn't have a sighting.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Michael Schramm counted five at the Beis-

er Field Station, **Washington**, on 31 Dec. (70 counties)

Red-headed Woodpecker

Brandon Brywczyński and Michael Linkster spent two hours at OOPMP on 31 Dec and found 15. (67 counties)



Always looking for Red-headed Woodpeckers at Killbuck, Su Snyder spotted this one on 01 Dec.

Downy Woodpecker

The 03 Dec CVNP towpath census yielded 31 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). David Carr counted 27 along his CBC route in eastern **Hamilton** on 26 Dec. Only **Fayette** didn't have a sighting.

Hairy Woodpecker

There were two counts of 11. Douglas Vogus *et al.* found theirs at CVNP on 03 Dec and Lee Gray saw them along the Iron Horse Trail, **Stark**, on 03 Jan. **Fayette**, **Meigs**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

Northern Flicker

Ten miles of travel around Killdeer yielded 17 for Irina Shulgina on 12 Dec. Only **Van Wert** and **Williams** didn't have sightings.

Pileated Woodpecker

Alvin Miller counted six along his 35-mile CBC route in **Tuscarawas** on 28 Dec. Justin Martin needed only three miles to also find six in Mt. Gilead SP, **Morrow**, on 15 Jan. (76 counties)

American Kestrel

Denyse Carone and Tom Hissong found 10 at Killdeer on 12 Jan. Only **Carroll** and **Henry** didn't have sightings.

Prairie Falcon

Single posts from **Clark** and **Greene** had photos.

Peregrine Falcon

Cathy and Michael Gordon saw three on the University of Toledo campus on 04 Jan. So did Terry Bronson on the Marietta riverfront, **Washington**, on 28 Feb. (38 counties)



*Kisa Weeman was thrilled to receive USGS confirmation of this female named Epione, hatched in Canada in 2020. She spotted it near Marshallville, **Wayne**, on 21 Dec.*

Merlin

Kathy Mock counted eight in Akron's Greenlawn Memorial Park on both 25 Jan and 21 Feb; others saw up to seven there. Bill Zimmerman's four at New Saint Joseph Cemetery in Cincinnati were the most elsewhere. (51 counties; see the map)



During the Columbus CBC, Shauna Skinner photographed this Merlin at the Anheuser Busch Sports Park on 18 Dec.

(Parrot sp.)

John Carlson's feeder in **Franklin** briefly hosted a pair of green parrots or parakeets in early Dec. Who lost their pets?

Great Crested Flycatcher

Robert Rybczynski found one at the Black Swamp Preserve, **Wood**, on 31 Dec and wrote a detailed description of the encounter. (See Field Notes). James Muller and Kori Sedmak photographed it the next day.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Mary Dresbach photographed one along the CCE Trail on 19 Dec; Isabella and Tony Hintz photographed it two days later.

Least Flycatcher

Chance Patznick and Harrison Ponn photographed one at Dawes Arboretum, **Licking**, on 02 and 03 Jan, respectively.

Eastern Phoebe

These hardy flycatchers were seen throughout the season. Lucas Weaver found three in nine miles of travel in Killbuck Township, **Holmes**, on 31 Dec. (40 counties)

Red-eyed Vireo

Terry Bronson documented the one he found in Wayne NE, **Washington**, on 03 Dec; see Field Notes. Aaron Miller and Andy R. Troyer also found and described one, in **Wayne** on 03 Dec.

Northern Shrike

All of the sightings were of single birds. See the map for the 27 counties with sightings.



*Kisa Weeman captured a sharp image on 26 Jan of the Northern Shrike that stayed a while at the Bath NP, **Summit**.*

Blue Jay

Gary Cowell has a 35-mile CBC route in **Knox**; he counted 58 jays along it on 19 Dec. (All 88 counties)

American Crow

Four locations each had roosts of about 5000 birds. Only **Putnam** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

Fish Crow

The Plaza at Chapel Hill, **Summit**, is the hopping spot for Fish Crows. Tom Bartlett counted 27 there on 24 Jan and up to 20 were tallied on other dates. The most elsewhere were the five that Tim Tobin found at Cascade Valley MP, **Summit**, on 14 Jan. Two were calling as they flew over Robert Thorn at Jeffrey Park, **Franklin**, on 13 Dec. The rest of the reports came from **Cuyahoga**, **Lorain**, and other sites in **Summit**.

Common Raven

Josh Yoder counted 45 along Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, on 05 Dec, and up to 42 were reported there on other dates. (See Field Notes for more.) The most elsewhere were quintets at three locations. (22 counties)

Carolina Chickadee

Mollie Bading reported 100 at Cincinnati's Spring Grove Cemetery on 08 Jan but admitted there were "too many to count". Up to 87 were noted there on other dates. Mollie's 47 on 05 Jan were the most elsewhere; 21 miles of travel in eastern **Hamilton** produced them. (64 counties)

Black-capped Chickadee

Kevin Ruegg spent 90 minutes in Firestone MP, **Summit**, and tallied 55. Single birds out of range were well documented in **Franklin** (m. obs.) and **Hocking** (Shane Brown). (40 counties)

Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee

Indeterminate birds were reported in 27 counties.

Tufted Titmouse

Three miles of Shawnee Lookout trails produced about 50 for Reanna Thomas on 18 Dec. Only **Putnam** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

Horned Lark

Victoria Blakey and Caleb Short saw about 600 near Bowling Green, **Wood**, on 29 Jan. Soltis Road, **Geauga**, hosted up to 500 on various dates (m. obs.). (71 counties)



This Horned Lark gave Su Snyder a look at Killbuck on 12 Jan.

Tree Swallow

About 25 were swirling above the Marblehead Peninsula, **Ottawa**, on 01 Jan (m. obs.); see Field Notes for more. Up to 14 were seen in the Pickrel Creek area between 13 Dec and 09 Jan (m. obs.). (9 counties)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Birders saw and photographed up to four at the Riverside Natural Area, **Butler**, between 03 Jan and 01 Feb.

Swallow sp.

A group of five was photographed during the Hamilton-Fairfield CBC, **Butler**, on 18 Dec; unfortunately, no consensus could be reached on their identity. Both Tree and Northern Rough-winged swallows were mooted. (*fide* Mike Busam)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

At least 10 sites hosted duos. (35 counties)



Pausing in icy water at the Hoover Reservoir spillway, this Ruby-crowned Kinglet was spotted by Leslie Sours on 17 Jan.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Nyle Simpson counted 16 at Blendon Woods on 31 Dec. (79 counties)

Bohemian Waxwing

A post from **Erie** has photos.

Cedar Waxwing

JW Rettig saw at least 250 at the Camp Dennison gravel pits, **Hamilton**, on 05 Jan. John Mark and Robert Hershberger counted 218 at Lake Buckhorn, **Holmes**, on 31 Dec. (73 counties)

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Ben Morrison found 22 at Camp Buckeye, **Tuscarawas**, on 17 Dec; see Field Notes for more. A trio of birders counted 16 at the Johnny Appleseed Heritage Center, **Ashland**, that same day. (72 counties)



*Su Snyder saw one of the many Red-breasted Nuthatches reported throughout the state in Wooster, **Wayne**, on 25 Feb.*

White-breasted Nuthatch

Bluffton University NP, **Allen**, held 34 for Linda

Houshower on 30 Jan. Only *Pike* and *Van Wert* didn't have sightings.

Brown Creeper

Esther Yoder Strahan and Isaac Strahan counted eight at Bluffton University NP, *Allen*, on 22 Dec. (73 counties)



Kathy Mock managed a crisp image of this Brown Creeper on 29 Jan at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Summit.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Singles were seen at Quarry Trails MP, *Franklin*, on 19 Dec (Darrell McGrath), at Hoover NP on 23 Dec (Donna Braig), and near Proctorville, *Lawrence*, on 02 Jan (m. obs.).

House Wren

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At Prairie Oaks MP, *Franklin*, on 03 Dec (Susan Brauning)

At Hoover NP on 05 Dec (Carl Winstead)

At West State Street Park, *Athens*, on 10 Dec (Heather Aubke and Stefan Gleissberg), on 20 Jan (Rich Pendlebury), and on 21 Jan (Heather Aubke)

At East Sandusky Bay MP, *Erie*, on 31 Dec (Amy Didion and Dan Gesualdo)

Near Cadiz, *Harrison*, on 02 Jan (Larry Helgerman)

Winter Wren

Counts of four came from three locations. (57 counties)

Marsh Wren

There was one duo, in Delaware WA on 13 Dec (Sean Williams). (8 counties)

Carolina Wren

Nyle Simpson counted 23 at Blendon Woods on 21 Dec. Only *Van Wert* and *Williams* didn't have sightings.

Gray Catbird

Five sites each hosted duos. (40 counties)

Brown Thrasher

All of the sightings, which came from 19 counties, were of single birds.

Northern Mockingbird

The most were 12; Alvin Miller saw them along his CBC route in *Holmes* on 31 Dec. Gary Cowell's CBC route in *Knox* produced eight on 19 Dec. (76 counties)



This Northern Mockingbird struck a pose for Su Snyder on 18 Dec in Wayne.

European Starling

Brian Wulker estimated that 425,000 were at the Whitewater Township Senior Center, *Hamilton*, on 27 Jan; see Field Notes for how he calculated that number. Gary Cowell estimated that 17,000 were at the Logan Road roost, Mansfield, *Richland*, on 18 Dec. Only *Carroll* didn't have a sighting.

Eastern Bluebird

Brian and Gale Wulker found about 60 at Fernald on 22 Jan. (81 counties)



This Eastern Bluebird posed nicely for Kathy Mock at Rose Hill Burial Park, Summit, on 31 Jan.

Hermit Thrush

Bryan Smith found 16 at Crown City WA, *Lawrence*, on 08 Jan. James Muller's 12 at Walnut Woods MP, *Franklin*, on 05 Dec were the second most. (67 counties)

Varied Thrush

Joli Reising saw one at Milan Towpath MP, **Erie**, on 18 Dec. One spent from 03 to 27 Feb visiting a feeder in Richfield, **Summit** (m. obs.). Bennie Saylor saw one at Wooster Memorial Park, **Wayne**, on 19 Feb and Lucas Weaver refound it there on 26 Feb.

American Robin

Leroy E. Yoder estimated the 7800 passed over him during the course of 20 Feb near Walthonding, **Coshocton**. About 1000 were on the Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus on 03 Jan for Lori Brumbaugh and Lou Gardella. Dale Bailey also saw about 1000; his were in West Union, **Adams**, on 08 Jan. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.



*This snacking American Robin was photographed by Kathy Mock on 29 Jan at PPG Lime Lakes, **Summit**.*

House Sparrow

Matt Mason found about 800 at the Hebron fish hatchery, **Licking**, on 14 Jan. Ryan Smylie's 300 in Garfield Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Jan were the second most. (83 counties)

American Pipit

Ken Lebo and Chris Zacharias separately reported 35 outside West Carrollton, **Montgomery**, on 28 Jan. The most elsewhere were Russell Simpson's 20 at Killdeer on 12 Jan. (33 counties)

Evening Grosbeak

One was found during the Lancaster, **Fairfield**, CBC (*vide* David Goslin). Douglas Vogus *et al.* watched one fly over the ONWR Grimm Prairie, **Ottawa**, on 06 Feb.

House Finch

Brandon Bryuczynski saw about 140 in his Whitehouse, **Lucas**, neighborhood on 30 Jan. Monica Hosler found about 100 on the Wittenburg University campus, **Clark**, on 22 Jan. Only **Fayette**, **Gallia**, **Van Wert**, and **Vinton** didn't have sightings.

Purple Finch

Bryan Smith counted 13 in the Anderson Meadows section of Wayne NF, **Lawrence**, on 04 Jan. (51 counties)

Common Redpoll

Matt Anderson saw about 240 near Toledo Airport, **Lucas**, on 02 Dec, and there were only two other Dec sightings. About 100 were at Willow Point WA, **Erie**, on several dates, and also in Toledo's Woodlawn Cemetery on 29 Jan (both m. obs.). (25 counties; see the map)



*This is just one of a couple dozen Common Redpolls that Tom Fishburn saw at the Columbia Reservation, **Lorain**, on 15 Feb.*

Hoary Redpoll

Dan Gesualdo provided the only two sightings, one bird at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, on 25 Jan and the other at Willow Point WA, **Erie**, on 07 Feb.

White-winged Crossbill

Dave Chase saw three along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 04 Dec. Geoff Malosh found one in his **Lucas** neighborhood on 29 Dec, and several other birders got to see it through 04 Jan.

(European Goldfinch)

One visited Jonathan Oliveras' **Cuyahoga** feeders with American Goldfinches on 12 Jan. Its origin is not known.

Pine Siskin

The high count of 14 was shared by Bill Schieffman in New Burlington, **Greene**, on 02 Jan and Philip Steiner at Beulah Beach, **Erie**, on 06 Feb. (34 counties)

American Goldfinch

Cam Lee found about 200 at Delaware SP on 09 Jan; it was the "[m]inimum count of a huge flock feeding on the sweetgum". Flocks of 150 were seen at Soltis Road, **Geauga**, on both 08 Dec (Inga Schmidt) and 14 Jan (Chris Schmid). Only **Fayette** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

Lapland Longspur

Matt Anderson tallied 1100 throughout western **Lucas** on 23 Jan. Traci Gentry found about 200 outside Bowling Green, **Wood**, on 23 Jan. (43 counties; see the map)



Near home in **Medina**, Debbie Parker spotted this Lapland Longspur on 28 Jan.

Snow Bunting

Matt Anderson found about 180 near Hartford, **Licking**, on 03 Feb. Three other locations each hosted about 100. (39 counties; see the map)

Chipping Sparrow

Leslie Sours counted 11 at OSU Waterman Farm on 02 Jan, and Stephanie Malinich found 10 there on 20 Jan. The rest of the sightings were of six or fewer birds. (36 counties)

Clay-colored Sparrow

One was well photographed between 25 and 26 Jan in Baltic, **Tuscarawas** (m. obs.).

Field Sparrow

Shawnee SP hosted about 50 for Daniel Smith on 28 Jan. Counts of 42 came from near Portsmouth, **Scioto**, on 15 Dec (Sean Williams) and Pierce Prairie Preserve, **Clermont**, on 26 Dec (Michael Gertz). (62 counties)

Fox Sparrow

Reanna Thomas counted 13 throughout Shawnee Lookout on 18 Dec. Jim Crumpler's nine at the Conrey Road Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary, **Hamilton**, on 04 Dec were the second most. (52 counties)

American Tree Sparrow

Henry Trimpe saw two flocks totaling about 125 birds at Chippewa Lake, **Medina**, on 22 Jan. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 217 on 06 Feb. (81 counties)

Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)

Gary Cowell counted 101 on his **Knox** CBC route on 19 Dec. (All 88 counties)

Dark-eyed Junco (Other)

All sightings were of single birds, and many were

photographed. **Cuyahoga**, **Franklin**, **Lucas**, **Summit**, and **Wayne** had individuals of subspecies *cismontanus*. "Oregon" juncos were reported in **Cuyahoga**, **Huron**, **Lucas**, and **Wayne**.

White-crowned Sparrow

Marvin Yoder's feeders at Fredericksburg, **Wayne**, hosted about 85 on 18 Jan. Sean Williams counted 55 at McDermott, **Scioto**, on 15 Dec. Cory Gratz was visited by 37 at his **Knox** home on 08 Jan. (69 counties)

Harris's Sparrow

Many birders got to see one that spent from 30 Jan to 19 Feb in Glenmont, **Holmes**.

White-throated Sparrow

Brian Wulker counted 86 at Shawnee Lookout on 04 Dec. (83 counties)

LeConte's Sparrow

A trio of birders found one at Killbuck's Wright Marsh, **Wayne**, on 18 Dec. It (or another?) wasn't seen again until 06 Feb but it stayed to 16 Feb for many birders to enjoy.

Savannah Sparrow

Jeff Goff saw about 25 in Paris, **Stark**, on 25 Jan. The next most were Sean Williams' 12 outside Sunbury, **Delaware**, on 18 Dec. (28 counties)



Debbie Parker was surprised to see this Savannah Sparrow in **Medina** on 28 Jan.

Song Sparrow

Three locations each hosted about 75 birds. Only **Fayette** and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

Lincoln's Sparrow

One spent from fall until 22 Jan at Firestone MP, **Summit**, for many to enjoy. The latest otherwise was Kathy Jakischa's find at Margaret Peak NP, **Lorain**, on 01 Jan. Kathryn DiNardi and Joe Woyma found two in downtown Cleveland on 01 Dec and another two on the city's East Ninth Street pier on 09 Dec. Sightings also came from **Franklin** and **Logan**.

Swamp Sparrow

Sean Williams counted 47 at McDermott, **Scioto**, on 15 Dec; he had found 30 there on 04

Dec. Reanna Thomas also found 30, at Shawnee Lookout on 18 Dec. (63 counties)

Eastern Towhee

About 4.5 miles of travel in Shawnee SF on 21 Feb produced 25 for Dale Bailey. (68 counties)

Yellow-headed Blackbird

David Wilkins found two at Bellevue, *Sandusky*, on 11 Jan. Singles were seen at three *Summit* locations and one in each of *Crawford*, *Erie*, and *Wood*; their dates were between 04 Jan and 21 Feb.

Eastern Meadowlark

Fernald hosted 35 for Emilee Weir on 29 Jan. Bryan Smith saw the next most, 26 near Proctorville, *Lawrence*, on 08 Jan. (56 counties)

Baltimore Oriole

An immature male spent from 06 Jan at least into mid-Apr at Kent Miller's Hartville, *Stark*, home; many birders have enjoyed seeing it.



This juvenile Baltimore Oriole appeared at Kent Miller's home feeders, Stark, on 06 Jan.

Red-winged Blackbird

Gautam Apte calculated that more than 39,000 were at a Darby Creek roost on 27 Feb. He had seen about 16,000 there a week earlier. The next highest number was 5000. Kaden Katanic saw that many outside Rittman, *Wayne*, on 17 Jan; so did Jennifer Allison as they left a roost at PPG Lime Lakes, *Summit*, on 22 Feb. Only *Carroll*, *Fulton*, and *Van Wert* didn't have sightings.

Brown-headed Cowbird

Tom Kemp saw about 4000 at CPNWR on 19 Dec. Chris Zacharias' 2500 outside German town, *Montgomery*, on 21 Jan were the second most. (71 counties)

Common Grackle

Matt Mason found about 30,000 along six miles of Chapel Drive, *Noble*, on 21 Dec. Gautam Apte estimated about 16,800 were at Darby Creek on 27 Feb. (80 counties)

Brewer's Blackbird

A Toledo CBC team found one on 29 Dec (*vide* Matt Anderson).

Rusty Blackbird

About 300 were at the CVNP Hunt Farm on 04 Jan (Alex Eisengart) and 05 Jan (Adam Jackson). Next most were 220 at McDermott, *Scioto*, on 15 Dec (Sean Williams) (51 counties)



This Rusty Blackbird stood out for Kathy Mock on 27 Feb along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath in Summit.

Blackbird sp.

Birders reported a mixed flock of 30,000 at Pickercreek Creek on several dates.

Black-and-white Warbler

James Muller and Kori Sedmak photographed one at the Black Swamp Preserve, *Wood*, on 01 Jan.

Orange-crowned Warbler

These were seen throughout most of the season. One spent 16 to 29 Jan at a feeder in Sharon Woods MP, *Franklin* (m. obs.). Other sightings came from at least seven *Delaware* locations, three in each of *Butler* and *Montgomery*, and one in each of *Hamilton*, *Lawrence*, and *Summit*.

Nashville Warbler

Kate McFarland found a straggler near the OSU main campus on 10 Dec. Many birders saw the one that spent 15 to 21 Jan at the Hoover Reservoir dam.



Kate McFarland had a surprise encounter seeing a winter Nashville Warbler along the Olen tangy River in Franklin on 09 Dec.

Common Yellowthroat

The last sightings were at the Oberlin Preserve, **Lorain**, on 22 and 23 Jan (m. obs.). The other reports came from two sites in each of **Delaware**, **Lucas**, and **Wayne** and one in each of **Belmont**, **Erie**, **Tuscarawas**, and **Washington**.

American Redstart

Lots of birders got to see a one-day wonder at Hoover NP on 18 Dec.

Cape May Warbler

Kevin Hershberger discovered one in **Tuscarawas** on 08 Jan.

Yellow Warbler

Sheryl Young saw one at Sheldon Marsh on 18 Dec.

Palm Warbler

Sightings were fairly steady to the second last, at OSU Waterman Farm on 18 and 19 Jan (m. obs.). The very last was Karen Mammon's at The Ridges, **Athens**, on 28 Feb. (Or was it the first of spring?) Bryan Smith counted 14 to 16 at Swan Creek Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, **Gallia**, on 12 Dec; see Field Notes for more. The only other multiple sightings were of duos at three locations. In addition to the three counties noted above, **Hamilton**, **Holmes**, **Lawrence**, **Lucas**, and **Tuscarawas** also contributed sightings.

Yellow-rumped "Myrtle" Warbler

Marvin Yoder counted 62 along the **Holmes** Rails to Trails on 12 Feb. Next most were the 40 that Gary Cowell found at Charles Mill Lake, **Richland**, on 17 Dec. (71 counties)



Debbie Parker got a good look at this "Myrtle" Warbler in **Medina** on 09 Jan.

Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" Warbler

Several birders got to see one at Funk on 05 Dec. Susan Carpenter was alone when she discovered one at Brust Park, **Summit**, on 14 Feb. See Field Notes for more on both sightings.

Pine Warbler

These were seen throughout the season, at nine locations in total, and all were singles. One spent 05 Dec to 16 Feb at Columbus' Green Lawn Cemetery (m. obs.). Another spent from 23 Jan into Mar at the Arnold/Husman farm, **Ottawa** (m. obs.). Two **Richland** sites and one in each of **Ashland**, **Lake**, **Perry**, **Summit**, and **Tuscarawas** hosted the others.

Wilson's Warbler

One spent 28 Dec to 02 Jan at the Hebron hatchery, **Licking**, to the delight of several birders.

Warbler sp.

Individuals that couldn't be identified to species were reported from two sites in each of **Butler**, **Hamilton**, and **Montgomery** and one in each of **Athens** and **Hancock**.

Summer Tanager

Virginia Beecher photographed one in Columbus on 29 Dec. George Billman saw another at Inniswood Metro Gardens, **Franklin**, on 15 Feb, and wrote a Field Note about it.

Scarlet Tanager

Linda Benner and Kelly Miller photographed one at Woodbury WA, **Coshocton**, on 22 Dec.

Northern Cardinal

Reanna Thomas found about 100 throughout Shawnee Lookout on 18 Dec. On 23 Jan at home in **Stark**, Shari Jackson "spent most of this time, until dark, trying to accurately count the Cardinals. We counted and recounted many times and finally came up with what we think is pretty accurate." They tallied a remarkable 76. Only **Van Wert** didn't have a sighting.

Indigo Bunting

Samuel Kramer photographed one in Springfield, **Clark**, on 26 Jan.

Painted Bunting

Jaden and Sharon Miller had one visit their Baltic, **Tuscarawas**, feeder on 05 Feb. Another was seen on and off between 07 and 19 Feb at a Fresno, **Coshocton**, home (m. obs.)

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRDS, WINTER 2021–22

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

Ad = Adult, AHY = After Hatch Year

Rufous Hummingbirds

Location and County	Age	Sex	First Observed	Banded	Last Observed
Hamilton Twp., <i>Warren</i> (1)	AHY	F	06 Oct	10 Nov	22 Dec 2021
Friendship, <i>Scioto</i>	Ad	M	~10 Oct	(not) (2)	25 Dec 2021
Medina, <i>Medina</i>	AHY	F	~04 Nov	08 Dec	20 Jan 2022
Fresno, <i>Coshocton</i>	AHY	F	06 Nov	16 Nov	05 Jan 2022
Toledo, <i>Lucas</i>	AHY	F	12 Nov	12 Nov	25 Jan 2022
Garfield Heights, <i>Cuyahoga</i>	AHY	F	24 Nov	16 Dec	11 Jan 2022

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

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

WINTER 2020–21 OCCURRENCE MAPS FOR SELECTED SPECIES

Courtesy of Craig Caldwell

Snowy Owl



Long-eared Owl



Short-eared Owl



Northern saw-whet Owl



Merlin



Eastern Phoebe



Northern Shrike



Common Redpoll



Lapland Longspur



Snow Bunting



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RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE, September 2021

By Jon Cefus

Your Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) has continued to vote on records submitted to or otherwise obtained by the committee. Twenty-six records were chosen for review. Twenty-five of the twenty-six records were accepted by the committee unanimously (9–0). One record was not accepted (4–5).

Two species reached the threshold as defined by OBRC bylaws to be removed from the list of review species in Ohio: Brown Pelican and Varied Thrush. Both received the needed votes to be removed from the review species list with a tally of 9-0 to remove both species. Reports of these species from before September 2021 remain eligible for review.

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

The official Ohio checklist stands at 443 species and a species pair as of August 2021. The checklist follows the nomenclature and taxonomic sequence of the American Ornithological Society's *Check-List of North and Middle American Birds* through the Sixty-second Supplement (July 2021). The Ohio checklist can be found at the Ohio Ornithological Society's (OOS) website at: <https://ohiobirds.org/resources/official-ohio-ornithological-society-bird-checklist/>.

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

The following list of records accepted by the OBRC is presented in taxonomic sequence and chronologically within a given species. They pertain to the sighting of a single bird unless otherwise noted. The sequence and common and scientific names of species follow the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-List of North and Middle American Birds* through the Sixty-second Supplement (July 2021) regardless of the date of the sighting. These documents are produced by the

North American Classification Committee of the American Ornithological Society and are available at <http://checklist.americanornithology.org/>. The following 25 records were accepted during their first circulation:

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) - **Clermont** (Ohio River at Crooked Run Nature Preserve), 02-10 Dec 2017. Internet sources.

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*)—**Lorain** (Lorain Impoundment at Lakeside Landing), 18-23 Oct 2019. Internet sources.

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus*)—**Ashtabula** (Conneaut Harbor), 02 Jun 2012. Internet sources.

Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*)—**Logan** (Indian Lake SP), 09-10 May 2018. Internet sources.

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)—**Warren** (Caesar Creek SP), 29 Sep–07 Oct 2020. Internet sources.

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)—**Delaware** (Alum Creek SP), 28 May 2020. Internet sources.

Short-billed Gull (*Larus canus*)—**Franklin** (Greenlawn Dam), 28 Dec 2017–02 Jan 2018. Internet sources.

Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*)—**Wayne** (Wilderness Road), 10 Aug 2021. Internet sources.

Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*)—**Cuyahoga** (Cleveland lakefront), 19–21 Dec 2017. Internet sources.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) #1—**Cuyahoga** (Cleveland lakefront), 16 Aug–09 Oct 2020. Internet sources.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) #2—**Washington** (Bull Creek), 12 Sep 2020. Internet sources.

Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) #1—**Ashtabula** (Malek Park), 01 May 2018. Internet sources.

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*)—**Wood** (Weston area), 06 Dec 2019–06 Jan 2020. Internet sources.

Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*)—**Delaware** (Columbus Upground Reservoir), 13–15 Jun 2020. Internet sources.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*)
—**Cuyahoga** (Wendy Park), 23 May 2020.
Internet sources.

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*)—**Wayne** (Mt. Eaton), 18–29 Dec 2020. Internet sources.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)—**Wayne** (Prairie Lane), 25 Oct–06 Nov 2019. Internet sources.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*)—**Franklin** (Prairie Oaks MP), 21 Apr 2019. Internet sources.

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) #1—**Cuyahoga** (Shaker Lakes Horseshoe Lake), 15–17 Feb 2020. Internet sources.

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) #2—**Holmes** (Walnut Creek), 27 Nov–23 Dec 2020. Internet sources.

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) #3—**Franklin** (Gahanna), 09–20 Dec 2020. Internet sources.

Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*)—**Lake** (Holden Arboretum), 11–16 Jan 2013. Internet sources.

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*)—**Lake** (Chagrin River Park), 13–23 Nov 2020. Internet sources.

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*)—**Cuyahoga** (North Olmsted), 24 May 2020. Internet sources.

Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*)—**Lucas** (Magee Boardwalk), 13–14 May 2018. Internet sources.

One record was not accepted (4 accept to 5 not-accept) in this round of review species:

Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) #2—**Lake** (Lake Erie Bluffs), 02 Dec 2018. Internet sources.

OHIO'S WINTER WARBLERS REVISITED

By Rob Harlan

Somehow, 30 years have passed since I wrote an article for *The Ohio Cardinal* entitled “Ohio’s Winter Warblers.” The article appeared in the *Cardinal* 15(2): 30–31, the Winter 1991–92 issue, in case you want to read it online (<https://ohio-birds.org/the-ohio-cardinal-archived-issues-by-volume/>). If you, like me, happen to have a hard copy original of that issue, then I’m sorry to say you might be a hoarder. Don’t feel bad; I have three copies.

For that article, I very meticulously scoured every source of Ohio birding information that I could find in search of Ohio winter warbler records. Every back issue of every journal, every Christmas Bird Count (CBC), every book, anything that I could lay my hands on in my personal library and in the library at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, including publications dating back into the 1800s. Seriously. There was no Internet at the time and all research was done by hand. Apparently, I had plenty of free time back in those days.

Then, I tallied all the published reports of warblers seen somewhere in Ohio between 01 Dec and 29 Feb, for every winter through that of 1991–92. I skimmed off a few extreme records that seemed highly dubious to me, but accepted almost every record that I came across. I then ordered the species according to the total number of records for each and published the list. It was scintillating.

Now, 30 years later, it seems appropriate to revisit the idea to see how the status of Ohio winter warblers might have changed over the years. I no longer have the inclination to meticulously scour every source of Ohio birding information; today, my searches are more exhausting than exhaustive. So, for this update, I only used one source, eBird, and searched for winter warbler records from the past 10 winters only, from 2012–13 through 2021–22.

Obviously, at only 10 years in length, this period under review is much shorter than the original study which covered well over a century. Combine that with my drastically smaller search effort, and one can hardly say we are comparing apples with apples. Even so, when one takes into consideration the almost unbelievable increase in birders and birding effort over the past 10 years and compares the number of warblers found during these 10 recent years with numbers found

during all past decades combined, the results are actually quite remarkable.

For this update, I will start by using the same order as used in the 1991–92 article. For comparison, I will also list the number of recent records, as found on eBird, for the past 10 years. Not wanting to ignore the intervening period of winters 1992–93 through 2011–12, I will also include a smattering of notable records from this span.

The List

Yellow-rumped Warbler: By far our most common winter warbler; then, as now, too numerous to count. Thousands undoubtedly reside in Ohio most winters.

Common Yellowthroat: At least 75 records, involving approximately 98 birds, through winter 1991–92. Of the 98 birds, 45 were found in northwestern Ohio. In just the 10 most recent winters, however, 51 records involving 56 birds were tallied, distributed over 25 counties. Counties with the most records were *Franklin* and *Wayne* with seven each and *Delaware* with six.

Palm Warbler: There were 48 records involving approximately 68 birds through winter 1991–92. Central and southwestern Ohio combined for 31 of these records. In the 10 winters from 2012–13 to 2021–22, 34 records involving 46 birds were found, distributed over 17 counties. *Hamilton* topped the list with six records and *Wayne* had four.

Pine Warbler: Thirty records involving 32 birds through winter 1991–92. In the most recent 10 winters, 47 records were found, involving 49 birds. These 47 records were spread over 22 counties, topped by *Cuyahoga* with seven and *Franklin* with six. Keep in mind that a few Pine Warblers can be found singing on territory by very late Feb, but most of the above did not fall into this category.

Orange-crowned Warbler: Only 14 records were found through winter 1991–92, 12 of which were from northern Ohio. One in *Franklin* remained for most of winter 1926–1927. In contrast, an amazing 45 records were generated from the most recent 10 winters, including at least three that we can safely say

wintered successfully. In all, 21 counties recorded this species, led by *Franklin* with nine and *Montgomery* with five. Increasing numbers are being found at feeders.

Cape May Warbler: Eleven records through winter 1991–92, including one that wintered. Interestingly, only one record was found in the recent period, a female in *Clark* on 09 Dec 2018. Craig Caldwell alerts me to another from *Tuscarawas* in January 2022, which was not reported on eBird. Another was found between study periods in *Holmes* in Jan 2008.

Ovenbird: Nine records through winter 1991–92, including three that wintered. In the most recent 10 winters, seven were found, including one winterer in *Cuyahoga*. At least three additional records were discovered between study periods. Some of these are being found under, not on, feeders.

Northern Waterthrush: Six records through 1991–92, all on CBCs, and all apparently well-described. No winter records were found between 2012–13 and 2021–22, but one was found in *Tuscarawas* between study periods, being seen through 15 Feb 1998.

Yellow-throated Warbler: Three records through winter 1991–92. One was in *Summit* during our second study period on 26 to 28 Dec 2017. Between study periods, a white-lored bird (presumably our expected subspecies *Setophaga dominica albilora*), fed at a *Geauga* feeder on 19 Dec 2009, but a yellow-lored bird, suggestive of *S. d. dominica*, a subspecies far more expected to the east and south of us, was closely studied in *Holmes* between 10 Jan and 14 Mar 1993.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Three records were tallied through winter 1991–92, but as of 2017 the authorities decided that we should no longer consider this a wood-warbler. I know it's wrong, terribly wrong, but I still like to think of chats as warblers; I checked just to be sure but found no records from our recent period.

Nashville Warbler: Just two records through winter 1991–92, but seven recently. Oddly, four of these were in *Franklin* with the latest being there 15 to 21 Jan 2022. Between study periods, an apparent adult male was seen between 03 and 10 Dec 2006 in *Hamilton*; interestingly, this bird bobbed its tail continuously, a trait more often expected in the western subspecies *Leiothlypis ruficapilla ridgwayi*. Our

subspecies, *L. r. ruficapilla*, bobs its tail only rarely. Even so, we can't be sure of the subspecies of the *Hamilton* bird.

Black-and-white Warbler: One female-type was in *Portage* on 16 Dec 1979. Four have been found recently, at least three of which were also female-types, with the latest being in *Erie* through 18 Jan 2019. Add one more bird found between study periods.

Yellow Warbler: A female-type bravely faced a 07 Dec 1983 snow squall in *Cuyahoga*. Recently, two even later singles were in *Wayne* on 14 Dec 2018 and in *Holmes* on 14 Dec 2019. Craig Caldwell alerts me to another non-eBird report from Sheldon Marsh on 18 December 2021. Between study periods, a bright male fed at a snowy *Holmes* feeder 06 Dec 2003. I wish I had seen that.

American Redstart: *Lake* held an immature through 08 Dec 1973. More recently, one was in *Summit* on 16 Dec 2012, and female-types were in *Franklin* on 02 Dec 2015 and in *Delaware* on 18 Dec 2021.

Black-throated Gray Warbler: Yes, Black-throated Gray. One was at an *Athens* feeder through 16 Dec 1969, but none were found here during our most recent 10 winters. Amazingly, we can add two more birds between study periods, both at feeders. One was in *Brown* from 25 Nov 1992 through 16 Feb 1993, while the other was in *Cuyahoga* between 11 and 18 Dec 1993.

That accounts for all the warbler species that I felt confident in listing through winter 1991–92; also published, but inspiring low levels of confidence at that point (based on lack of evidence) were Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, and Wilson's Warbler. Several of these species have now been confirmed (see below), while others, ever elusive, still await confirmation.

Louisiana Waterthrush: Between our study periods, a weakened but grimly determined individual was carefully observed and photographed in snowy *Summit* on 29 Dec 2001. Another, during our second study period, was photographed in *Geauga* on 31 Dec 2016.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: Also confirmed between our study periods, singles were in *Cuyahoga* on 04 and 05 Dec 1993, again in *Cuyahoga* between 03 and 10 Dec 2000, and in *Mahoning* from 10 to 23 Dec 2008.

Two more have been found during our most recent 10-winter period, namely, a female in **Wayne** on 23 Jan 2014 and a male in **Franklin** from 14 to 31 Jan 2021.

Wilson's Warbler: Another confirmation between study periods, a male was found in 16-degree **Butler** weather on 02 Jan 2010 near a wastewater treatment plant discharge, undoubtedly taking advantage of a slightly warmer microclimate. Again between periods, a female was in **Wood** from 02 to 08 Jan 2012. During our second study period, one was in **Cuyahoga** from 02 to 08 Dec 2016, and a male was in **Licking** for 28 Dec 2021 through 02 Jan 2022.

Other warbler species were added to the list only during our recent 2012–13 through 2021–22 study period:

Tennessee Warbler: Two recent records, both in **Cuyahoga**, on 02 Jan 2019 and on 16 Jan 2021. Like the Wilson's Warbler record above, this latter bird took advantage of the slightly warmer temperatures near a sewer outflow.

Magnolia Warbler: One, probably an immature male, was on Kelleys Island on 06 Jan 2016.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: Observers videoed a female-type, possibly the most tenacious and resolute Chestnut-sided Warbler in the world, as it fed on the ground along Alum Creek in snowy **Franklin** on 24 Dec 2020.

Black-throated Green Warbler: An adult male was photographed, again while feeding on the ground, near the Scioto River in **Franklin** on 19 Dec 2021.

To date, that gives Ohio 21 winter warblers, of which seven have been confirmed only after my original article was published in 1992. There is no doubt that more individual warblers are being reported in recent winters as compared to years past; we can speculate about how much climate change might be allowing more birds (and not just warblers) to survive here longer, but at the same time, we also have to consider that we have far more observers in the field than ever before, all eager to locate and confirm these versatile and undaunted winter waifs. An increase in bird feeders also likely offers a life-saving refuge for many individuals. As the saying goes, any port in a storm.

We don't yet have all the answers. But we need to continue asking the questions.

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THE 122ND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT REPORT

By Mike Busam

Welcome to a review of Ohio's participation in the 122nd National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. We have historical data for a total of 74 Ohio counts. During the 2021-2022 count period, Ohio observers participated in 70 CBCs.

The weather recap portion of the CBC review is almost unnecessary to write anymore. But to honor protocol, we had another warm December. Temperatures across the Lower 48 were the warmest in the 127-year record and surpassed the prior warmest December of 2015. Daily average temperatures for the Midwest were 5.8 degrees above the normal average from 1991 to 2020 (NOAA). No Ohio count reported totally frozen still or moving water. And there was next to no measurable snow on most counts in the state. The National Climate Report for December 2021 noted that "snowfall across northeast Ohio was 10-25 inches below normal." Wellington, The Brown Family Environmental Center, Rudolph, Trumbull County, and Cuyahoga Falls were the only counts that reported having measurable snow on the ground. A climatic treat almost every count shared this year was clouds. As the dysthymic donkey Eeyore is prone to say, "Looks like rain." And it did. Almost all day on almost every Ohio CBC. Nearly every count reported morning and afternoon cloud cover. A few changed things up and enjoyed fog; some compilers took the glass-half-full approach and reported partly cloudy or partly clear skies. Just four of seventy counts reported clear skies during a portion of the count day: Ashtabula and Clark County started out with clear skies, ending partly cloudy and cloudy, respectively. Cincinnati and Beaver Creek went from partly cloudy to clear.

A total of 1997 counters took to the field in Ohio CBCs this season. Participant numbers ranged from two to 115. The median number of field counters in Ohio was 21. Cuyahoga Falls led with the 115 participants. Columbus (88) and Wilmot (81) followed. Lakewood reached 79. Cincinnati (78) and Millersburg (77) also reached the 70s. Other participation highlights include Hocking Hills (64), Western Hamilton County (52), Lancaster (52), Cleveland (51), and four counts in the 40s. Ohio counters walked 2644 miles; drove 18,914 miles; traveled three miles by air; biked 153 miles; and covered 14 miles by motorized boat. Thank you everyone for your efforts!

Ohio counters tallied nearly a million individual birds during the 122nd CBC period. Cumulatively, Ohio CBCs reported 997,737 birds representing 167 different species. 219,110 of them were European Starlings. 93,942 were Ring-billed Gulls. 81,735 Mallards, 60,727 Canada Geese, and 45,597 American Robins round out the top five. American Crow is a respectable sixth at 45,202. This Top Five list is probably to be expected. However, and you read it here first, the motorboating efforts of Toledo counters on Lake Erie seem poised to push Greater/Lesser Scaup counts into top five contention! (Maybe DraftKings will sponsor Ohio CBCs next year?) More on Toledo's scaup counts, below. Count day totals, which exclude count week birds, ranged from 30 to 96 species. Toledo recorded the high for the state with 96 species; Wilmot had 92. Fourteen counts were in the 80s, with Hoover Reservoir (88), Columbus (86), and Lakewood (85) in the upper half. Eleven counts were in the 70s, 23 in the 60s, 13 in the 50s, 4 in the 40s, and 3 in the 30s.

Of course, everyone participates in Christmas Bird Counts primarily to contribute to science. So for no scientific reason at all, let's start with some interesting "singleton" records. The lone birds of any count or state CBC list are probably the first thing that we birders look for, anyway, as we prepare ourselves to delve into the "science-y" aspect of the CBC experience. The following birds, including two hybrids, were one-off finds for Ohio's CBCs this season: Blue-winged Teal (New Lexington), Harlequin Duck (Elyria; Hoover Reservoir did have a CW, though), Mallard x Black Duck (Cleveland), Red-necked Grebe (Lake Erie Islands), Allen's Hummingbird (Cincinnati), Little Gull (Hoover Reservoir), Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (Lake Erie Islands), Golden Eagle (Indian Lake), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (Columbus), House Wren (Cadiz), Swainson's Thrush (Grand Rapids-Waterville), Varied Thrush (Firelands), Evening Grosbeak (Lancaster), LeConte's Sparrow (Wooster), Brewer's Blackbird (Toledo), American Redstart (Hoover Reservoir), Yellow Warbler (Firelands), Black-throated Green Warbler (Columbus), and Painting Bunting (Ragersville).

We encourage you to look through the accompanying list and see what strikes you as interesting, but here are a few observations to start. Depending on the count, waterfowl numbers and variety can vary significantly. Toledo has been

covering a portion of Lake Erie by motorboat, and their scaup records are fascinating. Toledo reported 31,600 of 38,373 total Greater/Lesser Scaup reported in Ohio. Compare that to the 2,011 Greater Scaup and the 6,392 Lesser Scaup Ohio birders were comfortable identifying to species. That's a lot of scaup hiding out there in the lake! Red-breasted Merganser was the next most common diving duck at 21,147, but these numbers are spread out among the counts, with counts adjacent to Lake Erie providing the thousand-plus reports. By contrast, just two counts reported Long-tailed Duck: two on count day at Lakewood and one CW at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

I am dating myself, but the Eurasian Colared-Dove invasion that we anticipated in the early 2000s just didn't happen. Nonetheless 10 EUCOs were at Gypsum, two at Wilmot, and one at Grand Lake St. Mary's. I seem to remember the Grand Lake St. Mary's site hosting much more than that a few years back. Single Rufous Hummingbirds were treats at Portsmouth and Quail Hollow, where they were both first count records. Least Sandpiper showed up at two counts: Hamilton-Fairfield had four and East Fork had one for their first count record. Canton had four Iceland Gulls, Bucyrus one (a first for their count), and Lakewood one. Looking at the results, Bucyrus had a really good gull day for an inland count with Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous Gull on their list. And Canton had 17 Lesser Black-backed, and they're not too close to Lake Erie, as I recall. Those are the kinds of finds that make it worthwhile to spend a day in the cold, damp and gray "Ohio of the Soul" that is often typical of our count days.

Continuing to loons, Mentor and Lakewood reported single Red-throated Loons. Great Egrets appeared at Millersburg (two), and Elyria-Lorain and Ragersville (one each), where they were first count records. Ohio reported 36 Black-crowned Night-Herons. Toledo had 33, Hamilton-Fairfield two, and Columbus one. Vultures are fairly well spread around Ohio these days, particularly in southern counts. There were 1852 Black Vultures and 999 Turkey Vultures tallied this year. Toledo and Caesar Creek-Spring Valley reported individual Ospreys, a surprising/not-so surprising trend?

Owls are an interesting group of birds for CBCs, since these are often staked-out in advance or purposely searched for as birders wait at dusk at a local Short-eared spot or wander through tree groves while looking for Long-eared or Northern Saw-whet Owls. I have to think that most of the 19 Barn Owls were found in advance

of count day. Wilmot had 11, Ragersville four, Millersburg three, and Mohican had two, which were the first records for that count. The "Owli-est of All the Owls" as a friend's daughter would say (or Owli-est of them Owl), the Snowy Owl, was found on four counts. Lakewood had two, Big and Little Darby Creek-Darbydale had one (a first for their circle), and Elyria-Lorain and Rudolph had enticing but ultimately annoying CWs. Still nice finds, though. Rather disappointing are the relatively low numbers of both Long-eared and Short-eared Owls. Either we aren't finding their favored roosts anymore or something is off with their preferred habitats. Another possibility is that people know where they are, but they're not talking! Birders do not always share information or coexist affably. (Nor do they participate in CBCs as they once did, but that's a discussion for another day). Of eight Long-eared Owls reported by Ohio CBCs, three were in Chandlersville, three at Ragersville, one at Fremont, and one at Ottawa NWR, where they set or tied an all-time low count for the species in their circle. And we know that wasn't for a lack of effort! There were more Short-eared Owls found, though. Out of a total of 29, Ragersville had nine, Cadiz five, Paint Creek four, Lakewood three, and Ottawa NWR one, which was also a low count for that circle.

Merlins came in at a strong 60. This species is being found regularly and in greater numbers in winter in Ohio than any time in our history, I would bet. Six Northern Shrikes were found, each on a different count. Mentor had five of Ohio's 12 Common Ravens. Seven counts set or tied all-time lows of Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and Ohio as a whole tallied 41. Nineteen Common Redpolls were split between two counts: Ashtabula had 12 and Mentor seven. Indian Lake and Columbus both had surprising Lincoln's Sparrows. Maybe it's the weather or maybe just our skills as birders, but Ohio reported a respectable eight warbler species this year: Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, and Orange-crowned, Yellow, Palm, Yellow-rumped, and Black-throated Green warblers. Found at Columbus, the Black-throated Green was one of four warbler species found near our state capital.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 122nd National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. The CBC season is important to the birding community and is arguably our longest-running community tradition. Let's hope for good health and good birds for everyone in 2022!

We would like to thank the National Audubon Society for making their compilation of CBC data available to us. Visit the Christmas

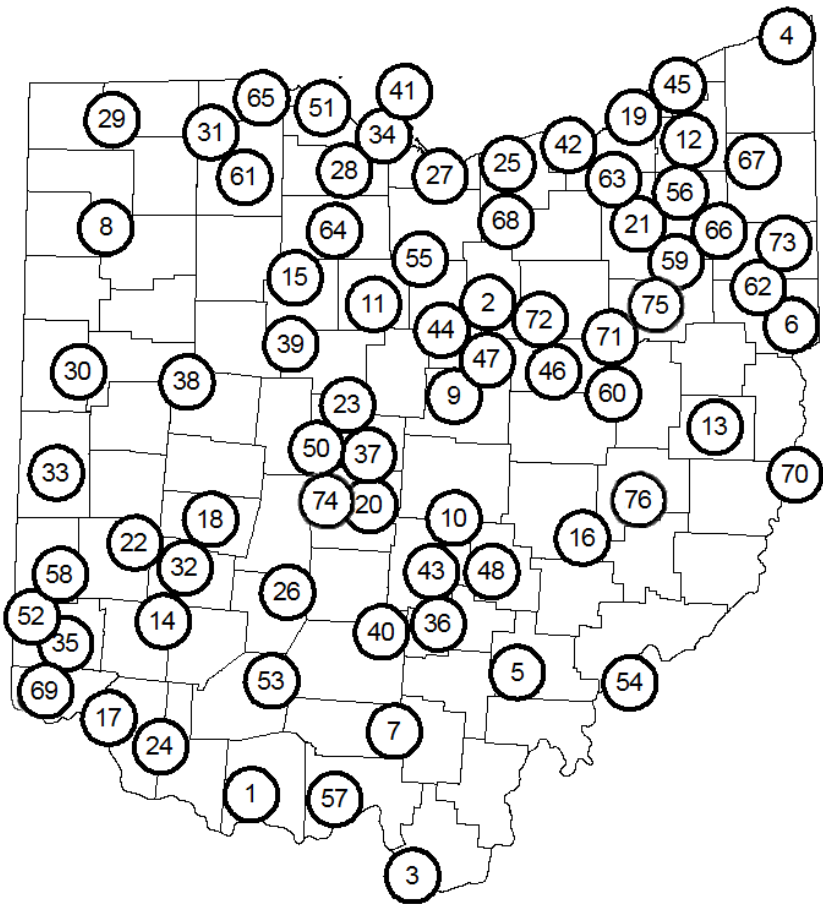
Bird Count web site at <http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>. All the data, including historical data, are available online at <http://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/>.

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CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	8	9	10
COUNT DATE	18-Dec	17-Dec	4-Jan	2-Jan	26-Dec	18-Dec	1-Jan	15-Dec	19-Dec	17-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Greater White-fronted Goose										
Show Goose									2	
Ross's Goose										
Cackling Goose										
Canada Goose	387	715	1,465	510	453	44	579	269	1,841	224
Mute Swan		4								
Trumpeter Swan										
Tundra Swan			12				3	CW		
Swan species										
Muscovy Duck (Domestic type)										
Wood Duck	6	2					1		2	
Gadwall			4				8		1	
American Wigeon							17			
American Black Duck	6	2	26				6		16	9
Mallard	63	57	426	85	22	2	363	160	144	115
Mallard (Domestic type)		2					6			
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)										
American Black Duck/Mallard										
Blue-winged Teal										
Northern Shoveler									CW	1
Northern Pintail			CW		499			1		
Green-winged Teal	19		1					CW		
Canvasback										
Redhead			1				1			
Ring-necked Duck	100						5		4	
Greater Scaup										
Lesser Scaup	70				3	19		1	CW	
Greater/Lesser Scaup										
Harlequin Duck										
Surf Scoter										
White-winged Scoter			8							
Black Scoter										
Long-tailed Duck										
Bufflehead	1		29			8		1	15	5
Common Goldeneye			74							
Hooded Merganser	18	25	22		6	3	13		51	16
Common Merganser			198		15					
Red-breasted Merganser			8,437						6	
Merganser species										
Ruddy Duck	1								CW	4
Duck species			10				18			
Waterfowl species										
Northern Bobwhite										
Wild Turkey	5	32				27		45	11	
Ring-necked Pheasant	2									
Chukar										
Pied-billed Grebe			1	6		3	CW		1	2
Horned Grebe										
Red-necked Grebe										
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	132	37	265	80	347	63	78	166	340	22
Eurasian Collared-Dove										
Mourning Dove	555	51	136	189	327	256	176	104	367	174
Rufous Hummingbird										
Allen's Hummingbird										
Virginia Rail										

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Bucyrus (OHBY)	Burton (OHBU)	Cadiz (OHCA)	Casson Creek, Spring Valley (OHCS)	Cambon (OHCT)	Carey (OHCY)	Chandlerstown (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDR)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
2-Jan	2-Jan	2-Jan	16-Dec	16-Dec	31-Dec	18-Dec	26-Dec	17-Dec	28-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec
	4				33								
	6		3		2		1					2	
	5	6		4			1					2	
				4			1						1
220	2,805	652	204	1,961	1,427	471	1,341	538	788	1,312	2,440	1,831	593
	1			4			4			13	4	2	
	1					37				7			11
	2				138						2		
		3	1	2						7			7
	CW	11		12			177	28		33			
	CW						3			3			
	29	8	12		9	1			14	24	38	4	
11	300	58	5	411	47	24	203	101	307	935	527	339	91
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										1			
	CW							4		3			
	2	3			2						2	9	
		7									10		
	CW		CW				3	4	1				
	CW	6	CW			252	62	250		5	36	10	
			CW										
	CW		CW					1			2		1
2													
	13	2	22			65	78	1		2	1	19	9
	CW		5				3	4					
	61	17	16	31		27	45	263		228	12	91	23
	48	13	1	4				3			6		
	5		CW						726				
	CW		CW				1			CW			
			CW										
	21	18	CW	19	3		38		8	107		1	
			2		1								
			8	1		5	13	1		10	4	2	
			CW			2		8	1				
101	261	184	131	326	50	94	408	105	105	662	919	698	217
113	240	243	220	295	418	203	663	72	87	645	544	70	600
								1					

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SPECIES NAME										
American Coot	6									
Sandhill Crane		3						2		6
Killdeer	6	32		8		2	CW	CW		
Spotted Sandpiper										
Purple Sandpiper			CW							
Least Sandpiper										
Wilson's Snipe	1									
American Woodcock	4									
Bonaparte's Gull		1	447					CW		
Little Gull										
Ring-billed Gull		32	4,180		32		CW		121	861
Herring Gull			525							23
Iceland Gull										
Lesser Black-backed Gull										
Glaucous Gull										
Great Black-backed Gull			6							
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid)										
Gull species			36							
Red-throated Loon										
Common Loon								1	1	15
Double-crested Cormorant			9							
Great Blue Heron	9	19	4	6	3		5	2	6	10
Great Egret										
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture	218	20		127		44	2		75	1
Turkey Vulture	71	4		154		38			6	2
Osprey										
Golden Eagle										
Northern Harrier	5		2	1	1	2	5	2	3	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2		CW	1	3			CW		
Cooper's Hawk	6	2	8	6	4	5	7	1	3	5
Accipiter species			1							
Bald Eagle	6	9	26	3	2	9	1	5	29	9
Red-shouldered Hawk	38	5	10	15	9	14	1		16	4
Red-tailed Hawk	27	19	28	18	33	25	9	18	75	23
Rough-legged Hawk		1							2	
Buteo species										
Hawk species										
Barn Owl										
Eastern Screech-Owl	6	1			3	1	1	1	2	2
Great Horned Owl	2							1	2	
Snowy Owl							1			
Barred Owl	3				1				2	1
Long-eared Owl										
Short-eared Owl			CW		1					
Northern Saw-whet Owl										
Owl species										
Belted Kingfisher	13	6	2	6	5	4	7	2	11	4
Red-headed Woodpecker	2	18		4		2		12	15	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	86	77	39	64	53	49	30	35	99	41
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	8	6	3	3		4	1	1	3	4
Downy Woodpecker	52	57	46	63	48	26	30	18	77	18
Hairy Woodpecker	18	17	15	18	11	25	5	2	18	2
Downy/Hairy Woodpecker										
Northern Flicker	32	16	13	22	11	25	15	9	20	14

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	CW	7	CW				76		1	1			
	3		CW									97	3
	CW	5	CW				3	17	2	1			
	CW												
									5				
	CW	59	127	4				2		1			93
88	71	2,757	1,469	2,563	1,365		15	499	484	527	852	47	45
1,279	6	2	52	2,530	25			6	10	1	1	1	1
1				4									
1			CW	17									
2													
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		27											116
	1		4					1					
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	4	7	10	15	3	5	26	8	11	34	18	9	34
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5	CW	8		3	2	10	1	2				2	1
1	3	1	3	2	2	2	3			1	2	1	3
1	8	1	3	12	4	2	12	2	4	20	26	5	10
		3											1
8	17	6	13	5	17	5	5	2	3	14	13	12	17
1	17	2	8	7	1	9	44	4	5	15	33	2	9
5	30	96	16	56	41	30	77	15	14	47	93	13	66
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		2											1
		2	2	CW	9		3	3			5		3
	CW	2	1	1	4		7		3	3	5	4	5
			1	1	4		3		1	3	5	2	4
						3							
	1	5											
	4	12	7	11	3	10	31	10	6	15	15	9	14
6	3	2	35		7		8		1	7	2		5
14	161	143	53	68	23	42	311	57	67	207	372	67	95
		7	6	3		4	15	4	1	8	1	3	2
14	137	83	53	102	41	30	256	35	62	232	353	58	104
3	38	24	21	22	1	3	35	9	22	16	82	8	26
7	47	43	56	29	55	51	89	17	18	61	83	19	57

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SPECIES NAME										
Pileated Woodpecker	17	15	8	18	31	14	1		10	4
Woodpecker species										
American Kestrel	41	5	11	12	5	14	6	20	37	5
Merlin	2					2			1	
Peregrine Falcon							1			
Eastern Phoebe	1			2	2	1				1
Northern Shrike										
Blue Jay	226	163	115	158	234	112	118	95	290	162
American Crow	236	495	314	226	472	169	50	28	509	193
Common Raven					2					
Carolina Chickadee	166	54		175	14	97	82		125	38
Black-capped Chickadee		3	126		47			25		
Chickadee species		17			47					
Tufted Titmouse	74	70	64	88	101	63	49	16	116	16
Horned Lark								173		20
Tree Swallow										
Swallow species										
Golden-crowned Kinglet	31	24	5	28	30	70	19	2	23	7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	2		1					1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	25		12	3	34	3		14	8
Cedar Waxwing	311	4	13	163	2	208		42	32	4
White-breasted Nuthatch	70	66	41	79	49	44	28	28	104	30
Brown Creeper	4	9	3	5	5	14	5	6	5	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher										
House Wren										
Winter Wren	3	5		2		4				
Marsh Wren										
Carolina Wren	40	29	21	88	52	41	12	3	34	12
Gray Catbird	1			1						
Brown Thrasher	1			1						
Northern Mockingbird	15	1	2	23	14	19	4	2	30	22
European Starling	5,804	487	3,191	1,430	1,304	777	5,136	1,853	2,735	1,076
Eastern Bluebird	116	66	29	74	51	62	11	8	137	54
Swainson's Thrush										
Hermit Thrush	11		1	16		10	1		3	1
American Robin	4,046	41	153	909	125	192	655	8	165	635
Varied Thrush										
House Sparrow	51	246	206	94	499	17	100	378	434	203
American Pipit										
House Finch	32	52	131	62	42	5	57	65	113	84
Purple Finch	57		1							
Common Redpoll			12							
Pine Siskin										
American Goldfinch	177	93	67	60	100	81	80	24	120	23
Evening Grosbeak										
Lapland Longspur								7		
Snow Bunting			CW							
Chipping Sparrow										
Field Sparrow	30			16		9	5		6	3
Fox Sparrow	9			1		3	1			2
American Tree Sparrow	6	90	33	3	4	32	68	33	77	24
Dark-eyed Junco	80	85	406	108	61	229	532	69	253	48
White-crowned Sparrow	10		1	2		20	6		34	12
White-throated Sparrow	234	48	54	194	17	47	124	1	63	22
LeConte's Sparrow										

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Bucyrus (OHBY)	Burton (OHBU)	Cadiz (OHCA)	Cassara Creek, Spring Valley (OHCS)	Cambon (OHCT)	Carey (OHCY)	Chandleresville (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDR)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
2-Jan	2-Jan	2-Jan	16-Dec	16-Dec	31-Dec	18-Dec	26-Dec	17-Dec	28-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec
3	15	17	18	4	1	10	33	2	6	10	37	18	8
12	12	16	8	16	64	29	8	14		4		10	32
1				4			1	2		5		3	
				2	1		1	1	1				
							4						
													1
44	307	259	113	222	209	154	399	71	275	382	908	46	377
90	255	310	214	310	27	301	432	5,400	71	430	2,417	94	154
		4				1							
12		145	170	27	3	80	798	74		396		127	198
	348	8		206	15				59		590		
													14
17	135	99	77	140	10	40	468	37	64	151	348	72	75
256		6	23	28	309	36		9		10			218
9	44	55	46	67	1	36	77	20	5	83		33	27
				1			1	CW	1	1		2	
	13	16	5	39	1	1	1	10	3	16	32		5
	99	235	70	68	45	177	352	12		138	403	4	250
17	135	107	75	99	44	36	214	47	55	190	305	82	100
2	6	3	8	28		3	20	6	8	37		16	24
										1			
		1											
1		6		8	18	1	3	2		2		2	3
6	28	36	18	84	13	24	353	31	16	138	216	43	52
	1		3	1		1			1	1	3		1
1	2	12	7	7	4	17	117	4	5	17	1	2	6
577	3,947	2,973	1,178	3,961	1,550	1,431	6,324	686	542	9,179	44,315	2,748	6,729
7	184	107	38	65	12	66	136	2	45	142	180	45	118
		10	10	1		6	19	19		9		13	2
4	699	1,564	236	926	85	3,180	4,153	286	387	2,768	165	1,761	1,551
134	731	121	58	592	1,203	147	1,286	109	256	855	1,092	197	790
													1
28	133	33	47	191	46	1	223	21	37	455	390	130	247
			4		2		3				8		
						1				2			
19	199	137	97	284	38	68	313	114	125	353	493	54	364
			15		42								
			7	1	3								
		5	2	25	1		97	2		2	1	1	13
		4		1			9	1	2	4		3	1
22	115	63	12	31	215	43	62	19	111	17	235	11	169
82	386	292	78	277	59	380	168	83	337	315	668	62	267
7		4	9	5	9	10	55			37	15		7
13	32	235	53	162	12	83	412	243	66	525	385	149	213

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	Adams County (OHAC)	Ashland (OHAD)	Ashtabula (OHAA)	Athens (OHAT)	Beaver Creek (OHBC)	Beaver Valley (OHBV)	Big and Little Darby and Darbydale (OHDC)	Black Swamp (OHBS)	The Brown Family Commercial Center (OHBF)	Buckeye Lake (OHBL)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	8	9	10
COUNT DATE	18-Dec	17-Dec	4-Jan	2-Jan	26-Dec	18-Dec	1-Jan	15-Dec	19-Dec	17-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Savannah Sparrow									1	
Song Sparrow	119	52	29	130	61	110	45	9	146	55
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow	20	9	1	9		5	15		3	9
Eastern Towhee	19	1	1	49	1	6	1		1	8
Sparrow species							26			
Eastern Meadowlark	45							2	6	
Red-winged Blackbird	613	9	20	6			1			4
Brown-headed Cowbird	1		1	1	2			2		435
Rusty Blackbird	1	CW		10						11
Brewer's Blackbird										
Common Grackle	538	23			15		7	2		76
Blackbird species		1	1				1,733			
Orange-crowned Warbler										
Common Yellowthroat										
American Redstart										
Yellow Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Pine Warbler		1								
Yellow-rumped Warbler	159	54		27	4	41	1	1	6	
Black-throated Green Warbler										
Northern Cardinal	186	120	101	305	163	111	111	15	292	107
Painted Bunting										
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	15,593	3,737	21,677	5,977	5,451	3,363	10,488	3,776	9,313	5,033
TOTAL SPECIES (COUNT DAY)	80	62	64	61	55	59	60	52	69	66

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Bucyrus (OHBY)	Burton (OHBU)	Cadiz (OHCA)	Cassius Creek, Spring Valley (OHCS)	Cambon (OHCT)	Carey (OHCY)	Chandlerstown (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDR)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
2-Jan	2-Jan	2-Jan	16-Dec	16-Dec	31-Dec	18-Dec	26-Dec	17-Dec	28-Dec	19-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec
			2	1									
23	42	158	23	106	84	50	508	64	53	169	137	37	79
										1			
3	3	19	16	17	2	4	18	5	1	7		3	4
1	CW	37	28	3		17	104	4	1	10		22	1
1		1		9		13	6						
1		646	7	24	2	4	7	6	25	101	1,562	1	1
	2	2		1	3	25	10		2	338	1		5
	20			3						16			2
1	1	101		64		15	1	2		280	10,700		
													1
							CW			1			1
										2			
	5	23	61	35		7	89	18		49	18	35	10
										1			
32	297	323	153	305	114	151	1,124	153	117	597	739	173	272
3,310	12,553	12,746	5,600	16,981	7,984	8,041	22,677	9,657	5,437	23,467	72,922	9,454	14,667
53	65	80	73	78	66	64	83	71	60	86	65	67	73

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	East Fork Lake S.P. (OHF)	Elyria-Lorain (OHEL)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Firelands (OHFT)	Fremont (OHFR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL)	Grand Rapids- Waterville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)
CIRCLE NUMBER	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
COUNT DATE	2-Jan	18-Dec	15-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Greater White-fronted Goose										
Snow Goose	50		1		5		2	1		
Ross's Goose	6	1						CW		
Cackling Goose								1		
Canada Goose	158	2,153	437	441	889	77	756	991	314	157
Mute Swan				4						
Trumpeter Swan				8	23					
Tundra Swan		1		196	2,628			3		
Swan species										
Muscovy Duck (Domestic type)										
Wood Duck				CW						
Gadwall				414	2,307		27		2	
American Wigeon				7	30					
American Black Duck		12		CW	9,824	CW				
Mallard	55	179	136	127	60,715	31	162	108	71	131
Mallard (Domestic type)										
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)										
American Black Duck/Mallard										
Blue-winged Teal										
Northern Shoveler			20	51	421		9			
Northern Pintail				2	11,113				6	
Green-winged Teal		8			1,207			15	1	
Canvasback				CW	120					
Redhead										
Ring-necked Duck			9		720			8	2	
Greater Scaup										
Lesser Scaup		7			1,384					
Greater/Lesser Scaup										
Harlequin Duck		1								
Surf Scoter										
White-winged Scoter		2								
Black Scoter										
Long-tailed Duck										
Bufflehead		30	26	CW	2			9		
Common Goldeneye				CW						
Hooded Merganser	2	4		120	2	1	4	1		
Common Merganser		7		CW	1	1				
Red-breasted Merganser		69		80						
Merganser species										
Ruddy Duck		51	7	CW	19					
Duck species							2			
Waterfowl species										
Northern Bobwhite										
Wild Turkey	2	71		CW	17	CW				
Ring-necked Pheasant		1				CW				
Chukar										
Pied-billed Grebe	27			2			1	1		1
Horned Grebe										
Red-necked Grebe										
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	66	318	142	186	190	76	8	431	50	118
Eurasian Collared-Dove							1			
Mourning Dove	321	271	217	99	296	233	74	367	60	57
Rufous Hummingbird										
Allen's Hummingbird										
Virginia Rail										

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Guernsey County (OHGU)	Gypsum (OHGY)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHHF)	Hocking Hills (OHHH)	Hoover Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHIL)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Membr. (OHMT)	Millsburg (OHMD)	Mohican State Forest (OHMO)
76	34	35	36	37	38	39	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
19-Dec	1-Jan	18-Dec	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	26-Dec	26-Dec	18-Dec	26-Dec	31-Dec	1-Jan
	CW												
		CW				1							
310	1,532	1,406	110	177	864	565	449	1,111	189	1,730	855	780	351
	5	5				1	6		9				
	39			4		50	2					21	
	652					170						9	
							1						
14								3			1	1	
13	144	2	2	52	73	30	148		2	34	3	1	
	47			1					2				
1	74			11		CW	8	3		8	23	2	
57	1,818	114	11	264	526	48	687	384	32	330	530	95	25
2													
9	78	6		41	102				4		2		
	144			7	44	32	2	28		14	4	26	
1	2			2			5		3	1			
	1			7									
	8			174	80			3		49			
				13			4	1		163	4		
	400			12			1,079	16					
	971			2,657			387	42		80	15		2
	800					1	5,931						
				CW									
				1				26					
3								16					
							CW	5					
								2					
	34			130	24		1,390	47		35	5		
	21	4		78			591	2,161		3	14		
14	214	17	3	371	4		3	5	3	29	2	6	CW
	3,935						12	4		15	14		
	4,864			201	5		2,924	1,848		4	1,364		
	27			37	15					13			
					20		417		2				
	6,400												
			2									10	
12	12	18	30	8			241	11	6	26		4	230
							4						1
		1	2	13						11			
				46			82	16			2		
							1						
117	105	358	139	67	60	CW		360	56	539	150	1,164	237
	10												
44	111	150	372	97	397	46	173	230	510	169	55	1,762	324
										2		2	

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	East Fork Lake S.P. (OHF)	Elyria-Lorain (OHEL)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Firelands (OHFT)	Fremont (OHFR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL)	Grand Rapids- Waterville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)
CIRCLE NUMBER	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
COUNT DATE	2-Jan	18-Dec	15-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
American Coot		1		26						
Sandhill Crane		3			3	CW				70
Killdeer	1									
Spotted Sandpiper										
Purple Sandpiper										
Least Sandpiper	1									
Wilson's Snipe										
American Woodcock										
Bonaparte's Gull		8		7	13		14			
Little Gull										
Ring-billed Gull	133	17,733	112	4,795	9,036		402	76	2	
Herring Gull		787		11	31		44	3		
Iceland Gull										
Lesser Black-backed Gull										
Glaucous Gull		14								
Great Black-backed Gull		10		CW						
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid)										
Gull species										
Red-throated Loon										
Common Loon	1	2		CW						
Double-crested Cormorant		2		3	4		1			
Great Blue Heron	8	11	12	22	38	2	17	15	3	1
Great Egret		1								
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture	428		4		3				9	
Turkey Vulture	158		6		1					
Osprey										
Golden Eagle										
Northern Harrier			1		4	3	1	CW		2
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1		CW	3		1	2		
Cooper's Hawk	3	5	2	3	9		1	11		CW
Accipiter species										
Bald Eagle	12	9	5	13	99	2	12	14		1
Red-shouldered Hawk	36	10	1					5	7	
Red-tailed Hawk	12	15	21	5	65	11	4	39	5	10
Rough-legged Hawk					1					
Buteo species										
Hawk species										
Barn Owl										
Eastern Screech-Owl	2			1	1	2		9		1
Great Horned Owl	3			2	2	2		2		CW
Snowy Owl		CW								
Barred Owl		1				CW				
Long-eared Owl					1					
Short-eared Owl				1						
Northern Saw-whet Owl										
Owl species										
Belted Kingfisher	4	4	5	3	7		3	2	10	2
Red-headed Woodpecker				1	1	5	1	13		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	57	58	2	27	58	19	13	141	90	24
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2								1	1
Downy Woodpecker	60	51	17	36	74	11	6	103	65	12
Hairy Woodpecker	6	4	3	4	9		3	35	5	1
Downy/Hairy Woodpecker									4	
Northern Flicker	30	8		3	43	3	4	39	25	6

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Guernsey County (OHGU)	Gypsum (OHGY)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHHF)	Hocking Hills (OHHH)	Hoover Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHIL)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Membr. (OHMT)	Milersburg (OHMD)	Mohican State Forest (OHMK)	
76	34	35	36	37	38	39	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	
19-Dec	1-Jan	18-Dec	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	26-Dec	26-Dec	18-Dec	26-Dec	31-Dec	1-Jan	
	2			36	800			1		14				
	1		CW	10		26						115		
						CW		2		6	1	37	CW	
		4									1	9		
	9			113				10		17	1		112	
				1										
58	2,556	15	1	340	677	7	479	6,858		746	5,542		2	
4	434			5	4	1	340	2,033		83	2,609			
							CW	1						
	1				5			1		3				
	1						7	4			17			
							1							
							52							
								1			1			
		9		29			4	3					1	
	60				2		6	50		4	7			
4	55	17	6	7	7	2	1	13	4	13	41	19	23	
												2		
		2												
12		73	46	13	2			2	9	49		50	CW	
101			35					5	11	2		109		
					1									
1	3		1		1	15			1		2	2	1	
	2		2					5	1	5	1	1	2	6
3	6	3	6	4	2	3	11	9	6	3	5	25	4	
1	90	5	6	9	3	19	28	10	4	10	9	30	19	
8		3	24	4		1		4	6	9	13	23	6	
5	24	6	37	15	12	21	12	40	61	27	19	199	50	
			3		1	CW		1	1			2	10	
							1							
													1	
												3	2	
	8	1				4	11	CW		2	3	4	8	
	2	1	1		2		20	3	1	1		4		
								2						
1			1	2		1		4		1	6	15	3	
								3			1			
							4							
					1									
4	4	15	6	9	1		2	14	5	18	3	42	13	
5				10		17		2	6	9	6	204	11	
21	20	32	148	73	22	22	43	96	61	79	39	592	50	
4	1	2	4	3			5	2	6	2	1	11	3	
26	49	39	110	101	34	13	132	111	81	81	67	591	61	
3	2	5	41	21	9	1	1	23	17	20	11	130	10	
7	9	7	48	42	10	5	76	11	25	17	34	262	5	

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CIRCLE NUMBER	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
COUNT DATE	2-Jan	18-Dec	15-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Pileated Woodpecker	14				2	1	1	8	10	1
Woodpecker species										
American Kestrel	13	8	9	2	25	12	7	9	1	22
Merlin	1			1			1	2		
Peregrine Falcon					3					
Eastern Phoebe	1									
Northern Shrike					1					
Blue Jay	116	185	12	114	122	72	34	496	62	39
American Crow	279	56	54	30	52	43	3	190	46	97
Common Raven										
Carolina Chickadee	147		13				9		101	23
Black-capped Chickadee		65		26	20	37		228		
Chickadee species										
Tufted Titmouse	99	82	5	18	13	17	11	137	76	9
Horned Lark					118	200		62		11
Tree Swallow					3					
Swallow species										
Golden-crowned Kinglet	35	7		6	44	3	2	45	39	3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1							3		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		4		2	5	3		18	2	
Cedar Waxwing	266	213			13			189	16	CW
White-breasted Nuthatch	45	46	1	31	54	28	17	124	66	12
Brown Creeper	3	4		4	16	2	1	35	8	CW
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher										
House Wren										
Winter Wren				1	4	1	1	1	5	
Marsh Wren		1								
Carolina Wren	40	4		5	17	2	4	21	29	4
Gray Catbird								3	1	
Brown Thrasher	1									
Northern Mockingbird	12	1						5	2	CW
European Starling	1,871	5,228	559	2,225	11,581	700	783	2,989	466	2,174
Eastern Bluebird	34	55		78	37	3		90	28	
Swainson's Thrush								1		
Hermit Thrush	1			1	1			3	8	
American Robin	447	765	52	405	55	5		66	392	2
Varied Thrush				1						
House Sparrow	43	270	3	123	652	225	125	557	41	136
American Pipit										
House Finch	53	141	8	15	151	22	3	232	27	21
Purple Finch								2	1	
Common Redpoll										
Pine Siskin		2						2		
American Goldfinch	183	125	3	26	238	6	8	277	43	38
Evening Grosbeak										
Lapland Longspur								25		
Snow Bunting					8	5				
Chipping Sparrow		1						1		
Field Sparrow	48	2						3	1	
Fox Sparrow		1								
American Tree Sparrow	12	317		53	52	8	71	175	37	2
Dark-eyed Junco	80	248	8	151	209	39	15	925	43	26
White-crowned Sparrow	1	2	9			CW		34	2	
White-throated Sparrow	97	176		79	71	CW		95	69	6
LeConte's Sparrow										

122ND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

Glenssey County (OHGU)	Gypsum (OHGY)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHHF)	Hocking Hills (OHHH)	Hoover Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHIL)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Memor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHMD)	Mohican State Forest (OHMO)
76	34	35	36	37	38	39	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
19-Dec	1-Jan	18-Dec	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	26-Dec	26-Dec	18-Dec	26-Dec	31-Dec	1-Jan
2		2	34	15	1			5	14	9	11	85	7
					1				3				
3	4	7	13	1	36	39		2	13	5	2	75	6
	3	2		1	1		1	2		4	2		1
		1						5			1		
1		CW		1			1						
	1					1					1		
129	73	36	290	191	52	77	90	331	239	343	199	1,171	236
102	26	18	602	199	24	4	141	98	264	20,702	131	606	481
											5		
40		151	328	225	7				171	81		784	44
6	47				2		253	213		11	68	11	6
9					23	26				33		2	18
41	9	43	201	128	14	2	3	112	108	100	63	648	53
	CW	1			23	85	2		27	10		95	
	26												
		5											
8	10	42	107	37			41	4	18	23	9	202	19
		3	5	2		1	1					1	
3	4		49	3			7	6	11	17	2	46	6
35		3	188	166		6	217	4	115	81	59	743	116
25	46	27	158	84	33	31	35	128	75	105	67	598	47
4	10	8	13	13	4		18	10	9	2	9	64	
		1	3	5			5	2	1	1		16	
	3											1	
31	12	33	73	58	5	3	25	22	47	30	29	574	30
			1						1		1		
											1		
12		15	10	4		1		10	18	6	1	157	9
54	11,795	6,339	1,542	2,645	1,514	299	873	1,013	646	1,676	1,378	4,509	1,361
29	21	15	157	111	1	8	27	16	65	77	91	846	82
2	1	2	20	7			37		4	1		8	
115	1,649	2,001	457	651	84	66	541	1,132	280	72	750	2,796	269
12	1,081	103	29	182	346	89	456	1,157	251	380	214	2,347	153
												41	
15	36	66	127	109	21	CW	257	136	129	163	98	828	82
			10				8	2	19			3	
	CW										7		
1			2						12				
26	112	44	373	162	9	50	90	154	55	131	65	702	81
										1			
				1									
				1		5							
													1
7		1	27	4					14		1	41	11
				4								9	
34	74	54	114	68	28	19	80	55	12	63	65	424	62
9	149	25	397	123	102	39	237	190	75	311	207	839	172
2	6	10	5	37	1	CW	2		2	16	5	538	20
38	67	193	244	220	1	1	308	50	77	71	34	639	66

122ND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

	East Fork Lake S.P. (OHF)	Elyria-Lorain (OHEL)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Firelands (OHFT)	Fremont (OHFR)	Golf Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL)	Grand Rapids- Waterville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)
CIRCLE NUMBER	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
COUNT DATE	2-Jan	18-Dec	15-Dec	18-Dec	15-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Savannah Sparrow										
Song Sparrow	84	49	1	13	35	7	50	122	51	11
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow	1	8		3	3			28	2	CW
Eastern Towhee	7			2	1				13	1
Sparrow species										
Eastern Meadowlark						CW				
Red-winged Blackbird	3	3	5	183	869			14		
Brown-headed Cowbird					2,018			37	2	12
Rusty Blackbird				1	27					
Brewer's Blackbird										
Common Grackle	CW	9			54			3		
Blackbird species										
Orange-crowned Warbler										
Common Yellowthroat										
American Redstart										
Yellow Warbler				1						
Palm Warbler										
Pine Warbler										
Yellow-rumped Warbler	146	2		3	8	2		16	1	CW
Black-throated Green Warbler										
Northern Cardinal	1,229	223	25	84	125	21	35	350	147	58
Painted Bunting										
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	7,057	30,227	1,953	10,387	118,126	1,943	2,754	10,068	2,570	3,303
TOTAL SPECIES (COUNT DAY)	62	73	37	63	82	41	46	70	53	39

122ND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

Glenssey County (OHGU)	Gypsum (OHGY)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHHF)	Hocking Hills (OHHH)	Hoover Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHLI)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Mansfield (OHMA)	Membr. (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHMD)	Mohican State Forest (OHMO)
76	34	35	36	37	38	39	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
19-Dec	1-Jan	18-Dec	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	26-Dec	26-Dec	18-Dec	26-Dec	31-Dec	1-Jan
				12								2	
22	30	105	212	161	19	12	4	57	100	54	29	1,198	95
					1								
3	16	7	4	27	2	1	1	4	3	9	1	37	2
8		3	60	11					16	3		146	2
10						2			4				
											1	31	5
	3,415	1	3	1		CW	CW	83	1	1	25	682	2
	751	1		2	7	45			1	2		413	
								2			1		
	1,306	1	7				1	2	28	48	1	13	6
		CW											
				CW									
				1									
												1	
31	1	10	35	42			32		25	14		76	4
62	106	112	395	193	51	61	216	147	217	311	96	1,497	127
1,796	46,761	11,811	7,492	11,228	6,223	2,075	19,803	20,802	4,288	29,438	15,214	30,910	5,253
63	80	68	65	88	58	51	73	85	67	81	81	83	62

122ND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ontario N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOX)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPO)	Preble County (OHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartsville (OHQH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	54	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	2-Jan	31-Dec	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	1-Jan	18-Dec	15-Dec	5-Jan	18-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Greater White-fronted Goose			50							
Show Goose			CW							
Ross's Goose										
Cackling Goose										
Canada Goose	22	136	4,434	148	118	214	445	169	261	2,147
Mute Swan										3
Trumpeter Swan			274				2			
Tundra Swan			5,130		3					6
Swan species			8							
Muscovy Duck (Domestic type)										
Wood Duck	1		2		2		1			
Gadwall			325		30		3			148
American Wigeon			5							4
American Black Duck			171					2		15
Mallard		56	5,872	61	16	4	187	11	19	735
Mallard (Domestic type)										
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)										
American Black Duck/Mallard							CW			
Blue-winged Teal										
Northern Shoveler			88	1	10		5	10		1
Northern Pintail			749				5			2
Green-winged Teal			11		1					2
Canvasback			48					1		
Redhead			25					7		
Ring-necked Duck			1					2		61
Greater Scaup										2
Lesser Scaup			48			5				
Greater/Lesser Scaup			40					1		
Harlequin Duck										
Surf Scoter										
White-winged Scoter			8							
Black Scoter										
Long-tailed Duck			CW							
Bufflehead			16	1	11	1	1	4		4
Common Goldeneye			463			1				1
Hooded Merganser			31		58	7	62	3		72
Common Merganser			1,366	2			47	10		3
Red-breasted Merganser			76							
Merganser species										
Ruddy Duck					404	16				36
Duck species			220				6			
Waterfowl species										
Northern Bobwhite				24						
Wild Turkey				7	3	1		12	20	31
Ring-necked Pheasant	1		1						1	
Chukar			3							
Pied-billed Grebe	1		1	5	71			2		
Horned Grebe			CW		7		1			
Red-necked Grebe										
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	45		20	40	110	38	120	242	9	342
Eurasian Collared-Dove										
Mourning Dove	94	39	227	97	72	65	117	80	20	472
Rufous Hummingbird								1		
Allen's Hummingbird										
Virginia Rail										

122ND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

Ragersville (OHRA)	Rudolph (OHRLU)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTT)	Toledo (OHTO)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Wimot (OHWT)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHTO)	TOTALS BY SPECIES (COUNT DAY)
60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
28-Dec	2-Jan	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	29-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	
												111
	10			1				13				79
				CW				3				31
	6											15
	6			2								60,727
387	3,130	470	375	2,474	864	397	320	708	1,619	1,074	943	83
				5		3		4	2		4	638
				53		77				29		11,963
	2		6	2,459		487				51	3	86
					6	71						14
								6	6			56
		2		83	5	92		223	CW	75	43	4,557
					6			71		14	1	211
		9		200	6	44		50	8	40	39	10,754
21	297	153	70	1,066	150	460	65	389	90	276	305	81,735
												10
												1
												0
												1
				42		30		71		51		1,060
2	5			64		4		1	4	163	93	13,032
		1		5				65		13		1,380
				5		2						184
				93	CW	4		20				473
	2			50	1			179		53	28	2,031
				502								2,011
				683	2		5	3		4		6,392
				31,600								38,373
												1
				1								28
				CW								37
												7
												2
				199	31	54	23	62			38	2,448
				2,690	44	106						6,263
		71		29	390	25	4	88	4	1	108	2,726
				61	27						104	5,897
				337	1	12					188	21,147
15												15
		3		163	CW	15	450	1		1	50	1,314
												695
												6,400
												36
123	6	3	80		84		1	8	21	2	12	1,437
	2											16
												3
				2	2	2	2	7	1	2	9	223
				1	2	2	2					170
												1
857	68	215	170	205	193	10	44	1,149	1,759	145	450	16,959
									2			13
2,118	195	82	238	456	239	71	41	341	2,134	417	35	20,833
1												2
												1
									6			10

122ND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Sbaughneasy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ohava N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOX)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPO)	Preble County (OHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartsville (OHQH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	54	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	2-Jan	31-Dec	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	1-Jan	18-Dec	15-Dec	5-Jan	18-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
American Coot				3	520	1				36
Sandhill Crane			48	140					27	
Killdeer					30				12	
Spotted Sandpiper										
Purple Sandpiper										
Least Sandpiper										
Wilson's Snipe										
American Woodcock										
Bonaparte's Gull			1		260					8
Little Gull										
Ring-billed Gull			1,743	54	455	236	7		1	56
Herring Gull			238							50
Iceland Gull										
Lesser Black-backed Gull										
Glaucous Gull										
Great Black-backed Gull			1							
Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid)										
Gull species							3			6
Red-throated Loon										
Common Loon					1					
Double-crested Cormorant			7	6	2					3
Great Blue Heron			53	14	37	1	2	8	1	5
Great Egret										
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture	4			2	364				9	
Turkey Vulture	12				45				1	
Osprey										
Golden Eagle										
Northern Harrier	5		27	2	22	CW		4		1
Sharp-shinned Hawk				2				2	1	2
Cooper's Hawk	2	1	6	3	2		4	3	2	5
Accipiter species										
Bald Eagle			98	3	17	8	2	7	3	6
Red-shouldered Hawk	7	2		2	9		7	7	1	7
Red-tailed Hawk	13		43	8	27	5	8	11	11	36
Rough-legged Hawk	1		2					1		
Buteo species										
Hawk species										2
Barn Owl										
Eastern Screech-Owl			2			4				
Great Horned Owl			5	5		3				3
Snowy Owl										
Barred Owl	1			1		2				CW
Long-eared Owl			1							
Short-eared Owl			1		4					
Northern Saw-whet Owl										
Owl species										
Belted Kingfisher	3		3	12	11	2	5	11	6	11
Red-headed Woodpecker	2				10	1		1		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	21	6	17	85	25	12	53	34	24	87
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1				2	1	1	3	2	2
Downy Woodpecker	24	9	39	64	14	19	59	55	5	71
Hairy Woodpecker	5		1	10	7	4	17	6	1	7
Downy/Hairy Woodpecker										
Northern Flicker	7	11	5	21	19	6	13	21	4	29

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Regersville (OHRA)	Rudolph (OHRLU)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTI)	Toledo (OHTO)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Wimot (OHWI)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	TOTALS BY SPECIES (COUNT DAY)
60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
28-Dec	2-Jan	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	29-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	
				16		749	1	3			2	2,302
				10		101		136	6	132		932
2					CW			1	157	24		359
												0
												0
												5
4									11			31
									1			5
					123	4						1,434
												1
845	100	236	2	21,336	1,317	224	101	472	22	23	1,134	93,942
9	21	5		1,425	10	10	25	50	114	6	1,000	13,814
												6
				170				1				199
												16
				8	1							56
												1
	5				1	500			2			748
												2
		1			2	1	1		117			195
				7	1				14			238
13	1	2	4	82	1	3		31	32	12	2	893
1				CW						CW		4
				33								36
54								47	2			1,852
75				7				38	18			999
				1								2
												1
2	17		2	2		2			12			192
2	1	2	1	2	1	2			3	CW		83
19	4	4	5	8		1	2	15	35	12		414
						2						7
7	11	5	33	73	6	21	3	9	11	10	8	987
7		6	2		14	6		17	16	4	6	549
187	30	27	20	42	22	8	5	41	196	39	10	2,378
1					1				7	1		50
								3	1			8
					1							4
4									11			20
7	13	2	4	17				1	7			158
15	2		1	4				CW	10	3	1	138
	CW											3
7		2	1			2	2	1	19	2	1	107
3												8
9				1					2			29
				1								5
									1			2
19	1	4	CW	5	15	3	1	14	34	15	5	563
61	6	5	4		12	3			71	11	3	610
543	34	44	47	66	112	17	13	143	633	136	29	6,221
11				CW		1	1	12	9			181
442	47	46	44	140	134	19	7	118	581	116	12	5,991
129	5	11	5	17	18	8		7	133	29	4	1,229
												4
219	19	6	18	38	40	2	5	17	170	62	4	2,264

122ND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ontava N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOX)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPO)	Preble County (OHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartsville (OHQH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	54	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	2-Jan	31-Dec	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	1-Jan	18-Dec	15-Dec	5-Jan	18-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Pileated Woodpecker	3			19	6	1	9	21	4	2
Woodpecker species										
American Kestrel	10		32	5	15	16	1	4	9	4
Merlin		1		1	2					
Peregrine Falcon										
Eastern Phoebe								1		
Northern Shrike			CW							
Blue Jay	62	70	67	82	36	21	179	83	19	395
American Crow	362	9		81	135	22	76	164	65	418
Common Raven										
Carolina Chickadee	30	30		205	29			164	36	
Black-capped Chickadee			15			10	110			197
Chickadee species										
Tufted Titmouse	12	10	12	126	25	16	52	69	19	82
Horned Lark			246			42		3	34	
Tree Swallow					2					
Swallow species										
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3		6	19	4	5	12	47	14	32
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								1		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	1	4	2		2	4	2	2	9
Cedar Waxwing	55			117			257	161		128
White-breasted Nuthatch	14	7	14	92	22	14	53	59	32	64
Brown Creeper	1		3	5	3	CW	4	5	6	9
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher										
House Wren										
Winter Wren			4	2	3			6		2
Marsh Wren										
Carolina Wren	10	7	4	47	19	4	24	43	8	37
Gray Catbird								2		1
Brown Thrasher		1								
Northern Mockingbird	15		1	15	13		1	16		13
European Starling	498	745	1,807	1,424	954	135	378	733	779	2,742
Eastern Bluebird	55	15		95	74	7	24	123	25	76
Swainson's Thrush										
Hermit Thrush				5	1	1		2		3
American Robin	147	639	3	558	341	13	114	297	482	96
Varied Thrush										
House Sparrow	79	256	518	77	38	106	26	83	95	701
American Pipit								18		
House Finch	48	53	155	92	8	9	46	136	2	71
Purple Finch				2				1	2	
Common Redpoll										
Pine Siskin				1				8		
American Goldfinch	28	21	119	160	9	22	137	38	11	126
Evening Grosbeak										
Lapland Longspur			161							
Snow Bunting			22							
Chipping Sparrow	3						4	3		
Field Sparrow				15			15	51		1
Fox Sparrow				4					1	1
American Tree Sparrow		1	230	36	2	7	137	79	26	105
Dark-eyed Junco	91	64	145	142	21	16	88	128	33	228
White-crowned Sparrow		65			2	6	1	61		11
White-throated Sparrow	14		7	96	45	10	45	57	16	42
LeConte's Sparrow										

122ND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

Regensburg (OHRA)	Rudolph (OHRLU)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHRT)	Toledo (OHTO)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Wimot (OHWT)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	TOTALS BY SPECIES (COUNT DAY)
60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
28-Dec	2-Jan	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	29-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	
63	2	5	1	2	16	3	2	13	67	11	4	776
												4
66	39	19	30	17	2	4	14	13	76	19	3	1,093
1	2			1				7	2			60
	1			1				1				20
									2			18
					1							6
888	118	164	131	229	341	140	53	170	1,129	307	77	14,909
1,322	77	369	117	11	185	111	19	857	531	73	2,753	45,202
												12
623			3					491	445	76		7,037
14	34	52	17	91	330	63	14		61	26	54	3,508
		18	6						108	41		362
590	37	38	22	20	151	18	7	202	581	122	23	6,616
250	554	12	2	8					186	18		3,077
										2		33
												5
174	7	7	16	8	22	10		50	194	68	10	2,154
2				1	1			1	5	2		41
80	10	3	3	16	9	1	1	17	88	14	5	706
351	1		17	26	279	5	12	49	215	47	CW	6,782
576	35	48	31	77	127	25	10	98	595	122	27	6,070
51	3	2	4	7	5	1		15	74	26	2	681
												1
												1
12				11		2			15	22	1	187
				1						1		7
443	5	28	1	19	53	11	2	116	383	104	18	3,874
2				1						1		28
			1									6
116	5	16	CW	14	3			66	268	29	3	1,191
5,038	1,961	1,816	2,196	6,726	2,338	403	870	2,507	8,166	2,423	318	219,110
590	16	54	18	22	103	55	11	55	842	82	5	5,973
												1
28								14	12	7	1	302
2,119	43	14	20	780	89	22	20	1,362	436	180	76	45,597
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1,240	250	477	301	598	934	148	109	1,074	1,972	240	91	28,187
3									6			69
771	112	82	25	229	93	79	22	152	771	63	20	8,404
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516	116	30	60	224	98	158	12	160	695	100	56	9,380
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	692								41			984
	2			25			2					158
12									4			40
105	2							23	75	4		669
9								5	5	1		81
344	153	4	79	457	143	68	12	169	604	465	15	6,510
1,122	283	138	260	471	273	123	97	225	901	218	54	15,065
563	2	1	2	1	1	4	4	34	730	44		2,462
986	1	16	18	95	30	10	4	291	1,254	193	8	9,227
										1		1

122ND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Staughnesky Reservoir (OHOS)	Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOX)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPO)	Preble County (OHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartsville (OHQH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	54	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	2-Jan	31-Dec	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	1-Jan	18-Dec	15-Dec	5-Jan	18-Dec
SPECIES NAME										
Savannah Sparrow								2		
Song Sparrow	14	14	14	55	22	9	16	181	19	80
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow			14	9		2		48		22
Eastern Towhee	9			4			6	11	8	11
Sparrow species			1							
Eastern Meadowlark			3	11	1			2		
Red-winged Blackbird		1	748	155	98		3	128		54
Brown-headed Cowbird	12	9	1,230	1		1		24		162
Rusty Blackbird			5					221		2
Brewer's Blackbird										
Common Grackle	16		40	650				39		58
Blackbird species										24
Orange-crowned Warbler										
Common Yellowthroat										
American Redstart										
Yellow Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Pine Warbler										
Yellow-rumped Warbler	15			12	4	1	8	121	7	17
Black-throated Green Warbler										
Northern Cardinal	85	75	196	162	54	32	130	131	42	382
Painted Bunting										
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1,964	2,354	27,880	5,407	4,787	1,187	3,143	4,308	2,237	10,928
TOTAL SPECIES (COUNT DAY)	49	30	77	67	67	52	55	76	50	76

122ND AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

Regensburg (OHRA)	Rudolph (OHRLU)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTT)	Toledo (OHTO)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTRS)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Wimot (OHWT)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	TOTALS BY SPECIES (COUNT DAY)
60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
28-Dec	2-Jan	2-Jan	18-Dec	19-Dec	29-Dec	19-Dec	2-Jan	19-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec	18-Dec	
4									3	1		28
1,560	12	44	15	67	90	27	8	256	1,565	341	32	9,251
												2
15		6	1	33	9	1	2	10	97	94	1	699
140	2	3	1	1	5			48	107	10		954
												43
38	2							1	38			216
25				3,800	626	136		34	256	24		14,419
39	25	20		4,038	5			30	1,418	133		11,269
1				46	15				87	15		486
				1								1
25				138	603		17	1	3,010	4		17,906
9					40				1,008			2,817
				2				1		2		3
												5
												1
CW				1				1				5
1												2
33	5	CW	2	2	17		1	23	62	67		1,488
												1
1,455	74	126	183	184	308	119	32	504	1,613	385	66	18,287
1												1
28,638	8,727	5,030	4,714	85,545	11,232	5,406	2,479	13,790	38,922	9,276	8,397	997,737
84	61	55	52	96	72	68	49	84	92	81	59	167

FIELD NOTES

[Lightly edited to correct obvious misspellings and to conform to the Cardinal's style sheet.]

From Carole Babyak:

[Regarding *Trumbull* observations] 09 Feb —Female Red-shouldered Hawk on sycamore branch, watched it drop down under beef suet basket and pick in the snow as if picking up suet that had dropped, then it hopped over to feeder boxes on stumps at the base of the sycamore. It looked between, around, and behind the boxes then flew back up on the branch, ruffled feathers, stayed for some time. then flew to back woods. Two birds have been vocal.

Entire Winter Season—Red-breasted Nuthatches. At first I saw a bright, intensely colored male, then a very pale male. On 01 Jan I saw a female. At least three RBNU eating peanut pieces, sunflower seeds, and suet.

From Tom Bartlett and Andy Jones:

[Regarding Tree Swallows on the Marblehead Peninsula, *Ottawa*, on 01 Jan] A group was found here earlier in the day, and was consisting of 22 birds at that point. We found the group at exactly 1:00 o'clock, and they departed to the southeast across the road and we were able to individually count the birds and see 24 individuals. It appeared that all of them had clear white breasts and throat, with no other species of swallow present.

From George Billman:

[Regarding a Summer Tanager at Inniswood Metro Gardens, *Franklin*] Quite a surprise! Seen in trees along the creek near marker 22. Great close views for about two minutes, unmistakable, male, rounded head [as compared the crest of a Northern Cardinal] and body red with slightly darker red wings, small pale beak [as opposed to the larger orange bill of Northern Cardinals], dark eyes [with no black eye mask]; perhaps this is the same bird that was seen last winter

From Terry Bronson:

[Regarding a Red-eyed Vireo on 03 Dec]] Extremely late migrant. Only other Dec eBird record in Ohio was 09 Dec 2018. Seen through binoculars in shrubs at waist level less than 20 feet away. Greenish upperparts, white underparts. About six inches long. Head with medium gray cap bordered by charcoal border, then white supercilium, then another charcoal line through eye, which was indeed red. Similar species eliminated are Philadelphia Vireo and breeding-plumage Tennessee Warbler, which have only one and no dark eye stripes, respectively.

From Susan Carpenter:

[Regarding an "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler in *Summit*] Stunningly yellow throat as opposed to the white of a "Myrtle". Seen well in bright sun as it crawled around the base of bushes about five feet away. Also had the bright yellow "butter butt" of both subspecies. Gorgeous surprise since I have only seen them outside of Ohio. I made a quick stop on my way home and had already taken the card out of my camera.

From Eli Hershberger:

[Regarding two Common Ravens in *Tuscarawas*] Seen on road-killed deer near home. Crows chased them off.

From Patrick Lewis:

[Regarding 595 Common Mergansers at Evans Lake, *Mahoning*] *High. Counted by 10s and fives...There was one group of about 100 birds, counted individually, on the south end of the lake. The remainder were in a long spread-out raft on the north end. These were counted by fives and 10s. They were clearly viewed through a scope. HOMEs were nearby for easy comparison and RBMEs weren't present at all; the birds were close enough to clearly see the slicker

heads and more uniform coloring on the wings and backs that separate COME from RBME.

From Chuck McClaugherty:

[Regarding 170 Killdeer in *Holmes*] Large number on both sides of road All three observers counted using scopes and this is our best estimate of this large number of Killdeer feeding on very recently applied manure.

From Alvin E. Miller:

[Regarding Northern Bobwhites on 31 Dec] A covey of 10 exploded from in front of us while walking along a creek edge with brush and corn. Most likely some escaped or released birds, but habitat was good and 10 in a bunch was pretty neat regardless.

From Ben Morrison:

[Regarding 22 Red-breasted Nuthatches] Conservative number, walked a five acre mature white pine stand with RBNU's throughout. At one point there were six birds feeding in the cones of the same tree.

From Isoo O'Brien:

[Regarding an "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler at Funk] ***Very rare, picked out among a mixed passerine flock along the entrance road. A female bird, similar to MYWA ["Myrtle"] but with drabber head lacking facial highlights and eye stripe. Bird showed warmer brown tones overall, lighter breast streaking, completely yellow throat and more striking yellow on upper flanks. Roughly a 30 second encounter, bird viewed decently well by both Adrian and [me] before we lost it in a swarm of MYWAs. Both of us are quite familiar with this subspecies, with Adrian coming from Seattle and myself having done a good amount of birding out west.

From Mandy Roberts:

[Regarding 135 American White Pelicans at Grand Lake SP] Approximately 60 Pelicans came and went from the beach area and west of the beach in any open water around. There was a large group of at least 75 flying extremely high and floating across the lake in and out of clouds. Later in the day, I watched them feed in small groups. They would swim swiftly along the break wall and then all submerge their heads into the water at the same time.

From Robert Rybczynski:

[Regarding a Great Crested Flycatcher on 31 Dec] The bird was first observed flying to a branch about 30 feet above ground and 60 feet away. The bird landed with its back to me but at an angle so that I could clearly see the color of the flanks and a bit of the breast, which were fairly bright yellow. The bird was somewhat smaller than a Robin and presented a slimmer profile. The back was olive brownish and two wing bars were clearly visible. The tail was bright rufous and the head showed a hint of a crest. I could see that the bill was flattened and that there was a small but obvious hook at the end of the upper mandible. No sounds were heard and the bird flew further into the swamp before I could photograph it and where I couldn't pursue it. The larger size and brighter yellow underparts and very rufous tail rule out, I believe, Ash-throated Flycatcher. Also this bird was at a upper level within a swampy forest, very different from the habitats I've seen Ash-throated Flycatchers in the winter in North Carolina. The habitat it was in would be breeding habit for Great Crested Flycatchers, in my experience. I am very familiar with this species having grown up in western New York and lived in central NY and Connecticut. It's a backyard bird for me in central North Carolina where I currently live. The bird was seen through Zeiss 10x42 Victory FL binoculars. I am well aware this bird is a seasonal rarity but I had a good look at it and my immediate surprised identification was that I was looking at a Great Crested Flycatcher that shouldn't be here.

From Chuck Slusarczyk Jr.

[Regarding the record of the oldest Ring-billed Gull—see the *Cardinal* 44:2 Winter 2020–21 for the initial report] It was confirmed by the BBL (Bird Banding Laboratory) in Jan 2021 as the oldest on record at the time at 28 years old. Earlier this winter I found the gull again and it was again confirmed as 29 years of age. It will turn 30 this spring, hopefully! Full band is 0785-64995, and all sightings were from the old Coast Guard Station at Wendy Park, but the one accepted as the record and on the certificate was from 09 Jan 2021.

From Bryan Smith:

[Regarding 14 to 16 Palm Warblers] Brown overall, obvious pale eyebrow, some faint brown streaking on breast, yellow undertail coverts, constant tail-bobbing action. I saw multiple PAWA, at close range, working a fenceline. I went to the furthest point that I could looking through my binoculars, and worked my way back. I started counting as soon as I could make out birds were PAWA. I did this multiple times. The first time I counted 14, the second time 16. To be honest, if I had to put money on it, I'd say there were more than 16 down that fenceline.

From Douglas Vogus:

[Regarding the 05 Feb CVNP monthly census] Neither of the resident Peregrine Falcons was found under or around the Ohio Turnpike bridge, which probably had less to do with the time of the season and more to do with someone flying an extremely fast, small black drone under the bridge and around the bridge abutments. I could not see who was piloting this annoyance, whether on the ground below (due to the trail conditions I was one of the few out there) or up on Riverview Road high above the trail. I called the CVNP Ranger headquarters to inform them of this, as drones are not permitted in the Park. They said they would send an officer out. Those of us in and around the Cuyahoga Valley that have enjoyed these resident falcons know how fleeting this could be,

as there is no actual nesting platform under the bridge, they have done this all on their own, and it could end at any time. Having a speeding black nemesis buzzing around their aeris is the last thing we need.

Since the inception of this monthly census in 2010 there have been two males and three females that have bred, or attempted to breed here. “Rocky” and “Lara” were here from before 2010 to sometime around 2016, when Lara moved north up into the Cleveland area. A new immature female named “Gatewood” showed up in 2017, but young have been few and far between due to inexperience, I assume. In 2018 a new male showed up and looked to take over the territory. This younger, fit, and fierce-looking male named “Trailblazer” was no match for the aging Rocky. Rocky was found and rescued under the bridge, badly injured from the melee. Rocky was taken to a raptor rehab center for an injured eye that had to be removed. He eventually succumbed to infection and, sadly, had to be euthanized. The inexperienced Gatewood then left in 2019 and was replaced by a new female. Unfortunately, with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources ending their falcon banding program due to the continued success of the species, “naming” falcons is over with and future resident Ohio falcon identification is cloudy, at best. Check out “C & C’s Ohio Peregrine Page” (<https://www.facebook.com/ChadandChrisOhioPeregrinePage>) for more info. Not exactly looking at different “whale tails” to find different falcons, but their phenomenal photography shows differences for identification. Chad and Chris Saladin’s commitment, attention to detail, awesome photography and exceptional fieldwork really is unparalleled.

If anyone witnesses the drone pilot, the CVNP Rangers can be reached at (440) 546-5945. Thank you!

From Brian Wulker:

[Regarding 425,000 European Starlings] Incredible flock roosting in trees and covering nearly the *entire* front half of the back field. I used a maps area tool to estimate the

field flock at about 90,000 sq ft in size, and used a conservative estimate of about 2.5 starlings/sq ft. In addition to these birds, there was easily another 100,000 in the air and in the trees to the south of the field, and another 100,000 in the trees along the gravel pit, front yard, and in the front yard grass. After a bit, part of the flock moved down to the ice on the gravel pit.

From Josh Yoder:

[Regarding 45 Common Ravens] I know this sounds somewhat ridiculous but this is the number I came up with. At around 3:30 a group I had been watching for some time to the south all picked up and flew east where I counted 33 all in a strung out group which

made counting easy. A half hour before that four birds in the same area flew east, earlier three closer to me flew southeast, one loner stayed in the distance to the northeast most of the time I was there, and finally four birds came in from the north after 3:30 and joined the large group. Not once did I see any birds flying north or west so I counted all birds that came in from the north after 3:30 as new ones (only four were seen coming from the north after 3:30). Also no birds flew in from the east after the first four left the big group. All birds were ID'd either by call or in most cases large size (and) flight style and I made sure all had a wedge shaped tail. Photos show 12 birds in a group in the area where the 33 flew out of.

YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

10 years ago, the Winter 2011-12 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 35 No. 2 (Craig Caldwell, Editor) contained these items:

- This was the first issue with a “Years Ago in Ohio” section.
- Sixty-five CBCs were run.
- Six Rufous Hummingbirds were documented; four of them remained into Jan.
- The *Ashtabula* Black-tailed Gull that had arrived 16 Nov remained through the season.
- Though five Ospreys were reported, only two were documented.
- Twenty Snowy Owls were reported, from 15 counties.
- Ten warbler species were reported.

25 years ago, the Winter 1996-97 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 20 No. 2 (Victor Fazio III, Editor) contained these items:

- Victor Fazio III began his tenure as Editor with this issue.
- Fifty-five counties produced reports—remember, everything was mailed in back then...
- Fifty-eight CBCs were run.
- At least 40 Greater White-fronted Geese, “unprecedented numbers”, were reported, but only two Ross’s Geese.
- One Rufous Hummingbird remained into Jan and was possibly killed by a cat.
- Thirteen Snowy Owls visited nine counties.
- Three warbler species were reported.

50 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* for Winter 1971-72, Vol. 68 No. 1 (Charles W. Hoyer, editor) included these items. (A reminder—the Calendar area is a circle of radius 30 miles centered at Cleveland’s Public Square)

- Lorain Harbor hosted 130,000 to 200,000 gulls on 08 Jan; they mostly segregated by species. The flocks included 156 Great Black-backed Gulls.
- Though it wasn’t a finch invasion year, Evening Grosbeaks were abundant: “Hundreds of observations tallied thousands of birds.”
- One each Double-crested Cormorant and Northern Mockingbird rated special notice

100 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* did not publish an issue, but its spring coverage began in Feb and included nothing noteworthy.

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The Counties of Ohio



Debbie Parker captured this Black-legged Kittiwake beautifully on 03 Dec at Alum Creek.

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Back cover:

Todd Eiben was happy to spot this beautiful male Harlequin Duck on 03 Jan at Euclid Beach, Cuyahoga.

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