

THE

# OHIO CARDINAL

DEVOTED TO THE STUDY AND APPRECIATION OF OHIO'S BIRDLIFE • VOL. 46, NO. 1, FALL 2022





*Found and photographed by Brad Imhoff on 21 Oct in **Licking**, this colorful Scissor-tailed Flycatcher stayed over the weekend for others to enjoy.*

**On the cover:**

*A highlight of this season delighting many was the discovery of a Black-bellied Whistling-Duck family at the Henry Miller farm in **Wayne**, where Gus Lanese photographed them on 13 Sep.*

THE  **OHIO CARDINAL**

*Devoted to the Study and Appreciation of Ohio's Birdlife*

**EDITOR**

Ron Canterbury  
1585 Summit Hills Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 45255  
513-237-7791  
Cardinal@ohiobirds.org

**PHOTO EDITOR**

Tom Fishburn  
tom.fishburn@ohiobirds.org

**LAYOUT**

Roger Lau  
rognceleste@gmail.com

**CONSULTANTS**

Tim Colborn  
Rob Harlan  
Su Snyder  
And the 25+ eBird county reviewers

**OHIO BIRD RECORDS  
COMMITTEE**

Jon Cefus  
*Secretary*  
6699 Wales Crossing St. NW, Apt. A  
North Canton, OH 44720  
birdbrains4u@gmail.com

Rob Harlan  
*Vice-Secretary*  
greenjaytex@yahoo.com

**PAST PUBLISHERS**

John Herman (1978–1980)  
Edwin C. Pierce (1980–2008)

**PAST EDITORS**

John Herman (1978–1980)  
Edwin C. Pierce (1980–1991)  
Thomas Kemp (1987–1991)  
Robert Harlan (1991–1996)  
Victor W. Fazio III (1996–1997)  
Bill Whan (1997–2008)  
Andy Jones (2008–2010)  
Jill M. Russell (2010–2012)  
Craig Caldwell (2012–2022)





## COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Ron Canterbury

As I write my first comments on the season for the *Cardinal*, I can't help reflecting on studying birds for more than five decades throughout the Americas, especially banding birds during nearly the last 30 years and predicting whether migration looked timely, early, or late for the passerines. The fall 2022 passerine flight indicated to me that migration was earlier than average. Sometimes this may be due to drought and shortage of food in the northern Boreal Forest. Each passing year seems to bring more weather extremes and sometimes unpredictable weather, which may affect bird populations.

Aug had above average temperature and ranked at number 93 with number 128 being the hottest ever. Temperatures started above normal for the month of Aug and were above normal near the end of the month, but had extended cool periods during the middle of the month. Aug rainfall varied significantly across the state. Southern and eastern Ohio had near average or well above average rainfall, while north and west locations typically had below average rainfall. Cincinnati, for example, had 7.91 inches of rainfall in Aug, whereas, Dayton had only 1.59 inches of cumulative rainfall in Aug. Overall, Aug precipitation was above average statewide and ranked 90 of the 129.

Sep also had near average temperature and ranked 77. The first half of the month had slightly above average temperatures, but the last two weeks of Sep were cooler than average. Sep was relatively dry, most of the monthly rainfall fell during the first week, while the last three weeks of the month received less than an inch of rainfall. Overall, Sep had near average precipitation and ranked 72.

Oct was below average in temperature and ranked 42. Oct was relatively dry and had below average precipitation and ranked 17. Nov was above average in temperature and ranked 105 and had near average precipitation that ranked 68.

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

This issue of the *Cardinal* contains reports of 319 species, six less than last fall. Five hybrids and 15 other categories, including those either indeterminate to species and genus or family level are

also listed. The Species Accounts also include 10 exotic species not native to Ohio, though most of them are established here. Eleven species were reported in all 88 counties. And seven more were seen in 87. Thirty-nine were seen in between 80 to 86 counties.

The excitement of seeing a Black-bellied Whistling-Duck with ducklings in Wooster carried over into fall. As is usually the case, some waterfowl that breed to our north were noted early in the season. The number of swans of several species continues to impress birders who visit ONWR, as are some duck species, such as Northern Pintail. Both teal species were in good numbers. As with many northern plains and Arctic breeding ducks, which typically increase in flock abundance in late October and early November in Ohio, larger flocks of Ring-necked Duck started appearing in late October and early November.

This season had several Rufous/Allen's hummingbirds, which is becoming more common, and a Broad-billed Hummingbird was observed in Hickley, *Medina*. Records such as Black-bellied Plover extending into Nov, at least three separate locations held Red Knots, two Pacific Loons, several Eared Grebes, a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, and an Ash-throated Flycatcher made for an excitable fall season. Shorebirds and gulls were timely and seemed to be in good numbers. Some southern affinity species, such as the Neotropical Cormorant, Little Blue Heron, Mississippi Kite, and Merlin continue to expand. Others, including the night-herons, American Kestrel, and Olive-sided Flycatcher continue to retract and disappear. Yet, others, such as no fall records of Long-eared Owls, leave us puzzled. Moreover, Ohio birders continue to contribute data that allows us to assess species that may linger longer than expected in the northern latitudes, such as the Purple Martin and other swallow species.

As you read the species accounts, note that I have added in some places expected arrival and departure times based on my many years of avian migration research and, with your data, I have added comments such as species that were low in numbers for this fall, including the Gray-checked Thrush. Data collected by contributors to this medium also verified some of my observations, while collecting mortalities at glass windows on the University of Cincinnati campuses, where, for example, my staff and I had much lower numbers of Gray-checked Thrushes. While the



causal reason(s) may be unknown at this time on why that thrush species was low in number during this fall, your future data and my research may collectively provide testable hypotheses in the near future.

The data Ohio birders collect also help us understand species in which we have limited fall data and no full picture of their migration ecology, such as the Clay-colored and Fox sparrows. Moreover, data collected by Ohio birders help us to monitor highly declining species, such as the Rusty Blackbird.

Like last year, this issue is fairly large. The fall Species Accounts always has the largest number of species of any season because most nesters are still here, non-nesting migrants are traveling through, and overwintering species are arriving. Other regular features for the fall Cardinal include reports of the CVNP fall census and details of Northern Saw-whet Owl banding efforts and western hummingbird occurrences. In addition, you will find articles on nesting Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Smith's Longspur, and Ohio's first officially documented Ash-throated Flycatcher, as well as some Field Notes.

A total of 12 review species were reported during this season; their names are underlined. (The Review List continues to get smaller as what were rarities become more common.) Removed from the Review List were Swallow-tailed Kite and Western Kingbird. Also, the Long-tailed Jaeger came off the Review List, but is still underlined in this issue, as the OBRC continues to evaluate records. All of the reports came through eBird and most have enough information for the Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) to evaluate them. The OBRC under Secretary Jon Cefus continues to work hard to evaluate reports of Review Species. The Committee has completed two rounds of voting since their last report and has combined both rounds in the one article. Another round of votes is slated for the next issue. Rob Harlan continues to provide important updates to the OBRC Annotated Checklist (published in 2022), which reflects the continuing work of the OBRC through August 15, 2023.

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 from eBird (<http://ebird.org/content/ebird>). Data from *The Bobolink* area reports were not available.

Taxonomic sequence and nomenclature follow the *Check-List of North and Middle American Birds*, 7th Edition (1998) as updated through the 63rd Supplement (2023). 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  
 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**

Loramie = 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**
- Pickrel Creek = Pickrel Creek Wildlife Area, **Sandusky**
- Pickerington Ponds = Pickerington Ponds Metro Park, **Fairfield** and **Franklin**
- Pipe Creek = Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, in the city of Sandusky, **Erie**
- Pleasant Hill Lake = an impoundment straddling the **Ashland/Richland** line
- Quail Hollow = Quail Hollow State Park, **Stark**
- Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, **Highland**
- Salt Fork = Salt Fork State Park, **Guernsey**
- Sandy Ridge = Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**
- Sandhill Crane = Sandhill Crane Wetlands, a newly-designated area within The Nature Conservancy's Kitty Todd Preserve, **Lucas**
- 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**



*The Ohio Cardinal, Fall 2022*

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 Ron Canterbury and Craig Caldwell

### Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

The excellent summer season for this species carried over into fall. A single duck in flight was photographed at Funk on 07 Aug (Matt Mason). Leslie Sours saw three at Prairie Lane, **Wayne**, on 09 Aug. A trio of birders observed one at Deer Creek from 17 to 31 Aug. Atlee Yoder observed seven adults along Madison Road, **Wayne**, on 03 Sep. Many birders saw the adult with ducklings from 10 Sep until 28 Nov in Wooster, **Wayne**. For more information on that family group, see the enclosed article.



*The Millers graciously hosted many visitors to their farm in Wayne to see the Black-bellied Whistling-Duck family. Kathy Mock visited on 24 Sep.*

### Snow Goose

Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw the first, at Perry TP on 02 Oct. Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker saw the most, 11 at Buck Creek on 23 Nov. (14 counties)

### Ross's Goose

The first was noted in Gibsonburg, **Sandusky**, by David Wilkins, on 11 Oct. All records were of one or two birds, but in a few cases there may have been as many as three birds. (12 counties)

### Snow/Ross's Goose

An indeterminate bird was reported only from **Wood** on 28 Nov (Joe Wujcik).

### Greater White-fronted Goose

Jeffrey Roth saw the first, five at the Coonpath Road Wetland, **Fairfield**, on 13 Oct. Those geese were seen later the same day by a trio of birders. The first sighting on 13 Oct was also shared with m. obs. who saw four at the Hebron Fish Hatchery and Wetlands, **Licking**. Ethan Maynard saw the most, 71 at LaDue on 17 Nov. The counts varied from 30 to 17 geese at LaDue

on 17 to 18 Nov, so the second most outside LaDue were 12 at Fernald on 23 to 26 Nov (m. obs.) (12 counties)

### Brant

A trio of birders saw one at Grand Lake on 11 Oct. Two were at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, **Lake**, on 13 Nov (Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik). Dave Chase and Sean Williams saw one at Perry TP on 20 Nov.

### Cackling Goose

All records were of single birds. Joel Throckmorton found the first, along Heisley Road in Mentor, **Lake**, on 26 Oct. That bird was later seen by m. obs. on 26 to 27 Oct. (6 counties)

### Canada Goose

Tyler McClain saw the most, about 1200 at Sandy Ridge on 31 Oct. (all 88 counties)

### [Greater White-fronted x Canada Goose]

Jeffrey Roth reported a hybrid goose at Cenci Lake Park, **Fairfield**, on 16 Oct.

### Cackling/Canada Goose

Indeterminate birds were reported from **Lawrence** and **Madison**.

### Mute Swan

Both Chris Pierce and the Douglas Vogus' census team counted 15 at ONWR on 06 Nov. At least 11 were reported there on 28 Oct (Sandra Blease). Groups of eight were reported from **Franklin**, **Hamilton**, and **Hocking**. (35 counties)

### Trumpeter Swan

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census tallied 332 on 06 Nov. Up to 198 were reported there on other dates. The most not in **Lucas** or **Ottawa** were Larry Richardson's 34 near Bristolville, **Trumbull**, on 14 Nov. (38 counties)

### Tundra Swan

Amy Didion saw the first, at Castalia Pond, **Erie** on 09 Oct. Kathy Jakischa saw the next, four and eight birds, respectively, at two ONWR locations on 16 Oct. Mike Wielgopolski found 1600 at ONWR on 23 Nov, and 964 to 1000 were reported there on other dates. (39 counties)

### Trumpeter/Tundra Swan

Indeterminate birds were reported from 15 counties.

### Wood Duck

The 01 Oct ONWR census tallied 238 and up to 230 were reported there on other dates (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Don Niece reported 173 at Indian

Lake on 29 Sep. Ron Sempier counted the next most, 126 at Killdeer on 13 Aug. (84 counties)



This Wood Duck was sharply photographed by Kathy Mock on 17 Sep along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail in Summit.

#### Blue-winged Teal

Cynthia Beans counted 200 at Howard Marsh 09 Oct. The next most not in **Lucas** were 115 at Killdeer on 01 Sep for Cam Lee. (62 counties)

#### Northern Shoveler

Lindsey Scott reported the earliest on 02 Aug at Sandy Ridge. By end of Aug, 10 counties had records. Seventeen counties added the species in Nov, as migrant birds moved south. Trevor Zook reported 500 at CPNWR on 04 Nov. John Petruzzi's 162 were the second most, and were noted at Pine Lake, **Mahoning**, on 12 Nov. (56 counties)

#### Gadwall

Lisa Cellura reported the first, at Lorain on 01 Aug. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 2229 on 06 Nov. Trevor Zook tallied 2100 at CPNWR on 04 Nov. Larry Richardson's 350 at Mosquito WA, **Trumbull**, on 12 Nov, were the most away from the lakefront. (61 counties)

#### American Wigeon

Hunter Collins observed the first, at Winous Point on 01 Aug. Larry Richardson counted 350 at Mosquito Lake on both 27 Oct and 10 Nov. The 06 Nov ONWR census tallied 192 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (51 counties)

#### Mallard

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 2008 on 06 Nov. Up to 1500 were found there on 16 Oct (Dennis Mersky). Outside ONWR, Darrell Hance noted 400 at Seward Road Industrial Park, **Butler**, on 27 Nov. Only **Crawford**, **Monroe**, **Pike**, and **Putnam** didn't have sightings.

#### American Black Duck

Trevor Zook reported 110 at CPNWR on 04 Nov. John Pogacnik saw the second most, 57 at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, **Lake**, on 21

Nov. After the first three months of fall, the species was added by birders across fourteen additional counties. (50 counties)

#### [Mallard x American Black Duck]

Bill Ohlsen saw the first, a single bird at the Westlake Retention Basin, **Cuyahoga**, on 07 Aug. Sixteen counties reported hybrids.

#### Northern Pintail

Hunter Collins saw the first, two at Winous Point, on 09 Aug. Trevor Zook found 1300 at CPNWR on 04 Nov. The 06 Nov ONWR census counted 1198 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (33 counties)

#### Green-winged Teal

The most were about 500 at the CPNWR on 04 Nov (Trevor Zook). Next most were 250 at Mosquito Lake for William Jones on 23 Oct. (62 counties)

#### Canvasback

Five birders saw the first, a single bird at ONWR on 07 Aug. Outside ONWR, Dan Gesualdo saw the next at Volunteer Bay, two birds on 18 Oct and three on 19 Oct. Likewise, Jason Hull saw five at Wellington Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 19 Oct. Barbara Jacobs found the most, 25 at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, **Lake**, on 22 Nov. (18 counties)

#### Redhead

A party of five birders saw the first, a single bird at Lorain Harbor on 25 Aug. The second was reported by Evan Brywczyński at Mentor Lagoons on 31 Aug. Emerson Lisboa counted 132 at Darby Creek on 14 Nov. Levi Parker's 70 at Caesar Creek on 28 Nov were second most. (43 counties)

#### Ring-necked Duck

Brian Wulker reported the first, a single bird at Mercer Wildlife Area, **Mercer**, on 07 Aug. Thirty-four counties had no eBird records until Nov. Gary Cowell saw the most, 380 at Richland B&O Trail of Lexington Community Park, **Richland**, on 28 Nov. (65 counties)



This Ring-necked Duck was along Prairie Lane in Wayne on 22 Nov when Su Snyder spotted it.



### Greater Scaup

Atlee and Josh Yoder found the first, a single bird at Wilderness Road on 23 Sep. Twelve ducks arrived for a trio of birders at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, **Lake**, on 20 Oct. (18 counties)

### Lesser Scaup

Paul Jacyk found the first, a bird at Cullen Park, **Lucas**, on 01 Aug. Eileen and Karen Zimlich had a close second, a single bird found at Margaret Peak NP, **Lorain**, on 02 Aug. Paul Jacyk counted the most, 3500 at Dry Tree Point, **Lucas**, on 21 Oct. Paul Jacyk also had about 3000 at Cullen Park, **Lucas**, on 20 Oct. Away from **Lucas**, the next most were Nancy Anderson's 895 at East Harbor on 28 Nov. (50 counties)

### Scaup sp.

Paul Jacyk saw a mixed flock of about 4000 off 119th Street in Toledo on 25 Nov. (18 Counties)

### Harlequin Duck

A trio of birders saw two at Perry TP on 13 Nov.

### Surf Scoter

Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw the first at Perry TP on 28 Sep. Five birders counted the most, 39 at Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 07 Oct. (22 counties)

### White-winged Scoter

Sean Williams saw the first, a single bird at Headlands on 02 Oct. He also had the highest count of 22 at Perry TP on 15 Oct. Willem Meintjes photographed the most, seven at Alum Creek on 23 Nov. (15 counties)



*This White-winged Scoter had been keeping a Black Scoter company at Portage Lakes SP, **Summit**, where Kathy Mock photographed it on 13 Nov.*

### Black Scoter

Eight birders reported one to six birds at Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 07 Oct. Joel Throckmorton reported the most, 22 at Edgewater on 23 Oct. Michael Schramm's five birds at Willow Island Lock and Dam, **Washington**, on 20 Nov, were the most inland. (19 counties)

### Surf/Black Scoter

Birders reported from five counties, including 35 flying pass Huron, **Erie**, on 07 Oct for Dennis Troyer.

### Long-tailed Duck

Three birders reported the first, a single bird at CLNP on 09 Oct. Both Greg Cornett, at Alum Creek, and Vanessa Rimer, at Findlay Reservoirs, **Hancock**, had the next on 07 Nov. Laura Balascio saw the most, five at Lake View Park, **Ashtabula**, on 22 Nov. (10 counties)

### Bufflehead

Brian Wulker saw the first, one at **Fernald** on 02 Aug. Next was Hunter Collins' single at Winous Horseshoe on 23 Aug. Henry Trimpe's 200 at Portage Lakes SP, **Summit**, on 19 Nov, were the most. (58 counties)

### Common Goldeneye

Bob Swindaman saw the first, a single at Side Cut MP, **Lucas**, on 06 Oct. Ed Wransky found the next, at Lorain Harbor, **Lorain**, on 20 Oct. Nicky Rosner's 200 at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 27 Nov, were the most. The 16 found by John Petruzzi at Lake Milton SP, **Mahoning**, on 23 Nov, were the most inland. There were only three records, all of single birds prior to Nov. (27 counties)

### Hooded Merganser

Jordan Parrott reported 600 from Hoover NP on 23 Nov. Matt Valencic's 500 at LaDue, on 21 Nov, were the most elsewhere. (69 counties)

### Common Merganser

An observation of 58 ducks by four birders at Lorain Harbor, **Lorain**, on 25 Aug was noteworthy. Lake Rockwell, **Portage**, hosted the high count of 240 on 26 Nov (Patrick Coy). Next most were 153 at LaDue on 11 Nov (Inga Schmidt). (36 counties)

### Red-breasted Merganser

Ed Wransky saw the first, a single at Lorain Harbor, **Lorain**, on 04 Aug. An estimated 27,500 were off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 21 Nov for Bill Ohlsen. Next most were 26,558 off Bill Stanton Community Park, **Lake**, on 29 Nov, for John Pogacnik. The inland high count was Gary Cowell's 37 at Clear Fork on 20 Nov. (31 counties)

### Ruddy Duck

David Wilkins counted 1700 at Pickerel Creek on 02 Nov. Outside of **Sandusky**, 500 at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, **Allen**, on 24 Oct, for Rebecca Pescosolido, were the second most. (58 counties)

### Northern Bobwhite

There were scattered reports throughout the season, mostly Aug, with usually one or two birds. Jon Costanzo flushed a covey of 14 at Quail Ridge Conservation area, **Preble**, on 02 Oct.

The second highest number of four was found by Randy Morgan along Dunwoody Road, **Butler**, on 29 Sep. (18 counties)

#### Wild Turkey

The largest flock observed was Kim Napier's 60 near Matamoras, **Monroe**, on 03 Nov. Next most were 57 in East Canton, **Stark**, for Jeff Goff, on 22 Nov. (71 counties)

#### Ruffed Grouse

The only records were of three single birds in **Athens**. They were Phil Cantino's sighting at Strouds Run SP on 27 Oct, Heather Aubke's record at Blair Preserve on 28 Oct, and Raymond Rosselot and Natalie Carusillo's Strouds Run SP sighting on 29 Oct.

#### Ring-necked Pheasant

The most were 28, along River Drive, **Pickaway**, on 26 Nov (Rodney McCollum). Next most also came from **Pickaway**, 12 found by Susie Shetterly near Circleville on 21 Nov. Two observers reported seven, including Madeline Wellman's along State Route 725 in Germantown, **Montgomery**, and Linda Carstensen's in **Lucas** on 13 Nov. (31 counties)

#### Chukar

Single birds, likely escapes, were observed in **Jefferson** and **Ottawa**.

#### Pied-billed Grebe

Big Island hosted the most, 65 on 25 Oct, for Ron Sempier. Clear Fork hosted the next most of 51 on 21 Nov (Gary Cowell). (75 counties)

#### Horned Grebe

Howard Gratz reported the first, a single at Ackerman NP, **Knox**, on 11 Sep. The next record was Carl Winstead's single at Alum Creek on 05 Oct. Dennis Troyer found the most, 170 off Perry TP on 25 Nov. Several other counts of 60 to 80 were noted in Nov. Julie Karlson's 40 at Buck Creek on 23 Nov were the most inland. (49 counties)

#### Red-necked Grebe

John Landon saw two and Cynthia Norris saw one and both shared the first sighting on 21 Oct. Landon's were at East Fork and Norris' was at Hoover NP. Four birds were reported by Sean Williams at Headlands on 26 Nov. (10 counties)

#### Eared Grebe

Bruce and Kelly Miller found one at a retention pond along US 40 in West Jefferson, **Madison**, on 28 Aug that was an exceptionally early arrival, and was later observed by numerous birders. Another was seen at Lorain from 02 to 13 Sep (m. obs.). Lorain Harbor, **Lorain**, held one from 17 to 24 Oct (m. obs.), which may have been the

same as the previous **Lorain** bird noted in Sep. A trio of birders noted one at Perry TP on 18 Nov.



An early migrating Eared Grebe was photographed by Bruce Miller on 28 Aug in **Franklin**.

#### Rock Pigeon

A trio of birders estimated 630 at the Great Miami WMB on 11 Sep. Only **Brown**, **Harrison**, **Mercer**, **Monroe**, and **Vinton** didn't have sightings.

#### Eurasian Collared-Dove

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker observed 20 along the South Charleston bike trail, **Clark**, on 26 Nov. Up to 10 were observed at that site on other dates. The next most were four in Port William, **Clinton**, on 31 Oct (Darrell Hance). (11 counties)

#### White-winged Dove

One was present from late July until 02 Aug in Georgetown, **Brown** (Fide Joel Greenberg). Josh Yoder observed and photographed one that was seen in both **Holmes** and **Wayne** on 05 Sep. Duane Miller photographed one along Abraham Road in Fredericksburg, **Wayne**, on 05 Sep, where it was perched with a flock of Mourning Doves. These two records were probably the same dove, as coordinates were very close in proximity and the bird was seen nearby during the next day by Michael Hochstetler and Atlee Yoder.

#### Mourning Dove

Brad Imhoff saw the most, 826 along Palmer Road, **Licking**, on 14 Nov. Next most were Scott Myer's 300 along County Road B in Deshler, **Henry**, on 21 Aug. (all 88 counties)

#### Yellow-billed Cuckoo

The most were six, at Burton Wetlands, **Geauga**, on 03 Aug (Ethan Maynard). Alexa and Jaap Veenema saw the last, a single at ONWR on 24 Oct. (81 counties)

#### Black-billed Cuckoo

Atlee Yoder reported the last, a single along Salt Creek Road in Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 08 Oct. Benjamin Miller found four at Wolf Run Regional Park, **Knox**, on 31 Aug. (36 counties)

**Cuckoo sp.**

Fannie Courtier saw a cuckoo at the CNC Long Branch Farm on 29 Oct, but couldn't confirm the species.

**Common Nighthawk**

Alex Smearman saw the last, a single in Middleburg Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 23 Oct. Alex Eberts saw the most, 118 at OSU, on 03 Sep. (70 counties)

**Eastern Whip-poor-will**

A single spent 16 to 27 Aug along Blue Valley Road in Lancaster, **Fairfield** (Dawn McCoy). Zachary Allen reported one from Allen's Mountain Farm, **Scioto**, on 22 Aug. One was also found along Skinner Road, **Logan**, on 25 Aug (Renee Frederick). Jeffrey Cohen found one at West Portsmouth, **Scioto**, on 02 Sep. Matt Anderson had two calling birds at OOPMP on 16 Sep. (4 counties)

**Chimney Swift**

Brad Goodner saw the last, two at Hiram College, **Portage**, on 02 Nov. There were numerous records of 500 or more birds. Robert Thorn saw the most, 1830 at Hanby Park in Westerville, **Franklin**, on 22 Aug. Matt Anderson estimated 1575 at Sandhill Crane Wetlands, **Lucas**, on 16 Oct. Only **Carroll**, **Gallia**, **Monroe**, **Pike**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird**

Jim Proffitt saw the last, a single at Albe's Park, **Lucas**, on 27 Oct. The most were 37 in **Muskingum** on 06 Aug (John Mahon). The 07 Aug ONWR census tallied 22 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Only **Harrison**, **Meigs**, **Mercer**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.



*Sparring Ruby-throated Hummingbirds kept Roger Friedman entertained at his home in Cuyahoga on 06 Sep.*

**Rufous Hummingbird**

Allen Chartier banded three during the fall season and confirmed a bird that was previously banded in 2021. Some stayed into late Nov and

Dec. See the summary table later in this issue for additional details.

**Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird**

Four females were reported during this fall season. Two of these were photographed by either Corrie Carswell, Mollie Bading, or Virginia Wilson. See the summary table later in this issue for additional details.

**Broad-billed Hummingbird**

Allen Chartier had planned to band an immature female on 21 Nov in Hinckley, **Medina**, that had been present since at least 04 Nov, but the bird succumbed to adverse weather on 20 Nov. The specimen will be deposited for mounted display at BSBO. The OBRC accepted the record in Feb 2023.

**King Rail**

The only record was a single bird that was seen by many birders at Darby Bend Lakes in Prairie Oaks MP, **Franklin**, from 01 to 24 Aug.



*Usually elusive, this King Rail was seen and photographed by Jenny Bowman at Darby Creek on 24 Aug.*

**Virginia Rail**

Daniel King reported the last, a single at Fernald, on 23 Nov. The highest count of eight came from Mentor Lagoons on 02 Aug (Roger Beuck and Jim Smallwood). This latter observation included a photograph of an adult with three young. (17 counties)

**Sora**

Meg Glines saw the last, at Mill Creek, on 29 Nov. David Wilkins provided the high count of 19, at Pickerel Creek on 15 Sep. This was followed by 18 at Killbuck on 08 Oct that were observed by five birders. Third most were 12 at Lorain on 16 Sep (Tom Frankel). (35 counties)

**Common Gallinule**

Ruby Mast saw the last, a single at Killbuck, on 30 Oct. Paul and Rebecca Caryl and Robert Rosin saw the next to last at Howard Marsh on 23 Oct. Howard Marsh also hosted the most, 28 on 22



Aug. (Jason Hull). Three other records throughout the fall produced 16 each. (20 counties)



*This sweet moment between an adult and young Common Gallinule was captured by Su Snyder on 06 Aug along Clark Road at Killbuck.*

### American Coot

Don Niece reported 1200 at Indian Lake on 28 Oct. Next most were 1000 at Howard Marsh for Ken Limmer on 29 and 30 Oct. There were numerous other records of flocks from 400 to 850. (68 counties)

### Purple Gallinule

Ann and Ken Shelton and Tom Bartlett photographed a bird at Middle Bass Island, **Ottawa**, 24 to 25 Sep. The bird stayed for about a week. The OBRC has details.

### Yellow Rail

One was reported, but without details.

### Limpkin

One spent from 12 to 28 Sep at Sippo Lake Park in northwest Canton, **Stark** (m. obs.).



*After several days this elusive Limpkin was refound near Sippo Lake, **Stark**, where it posed for Jim Smaltwood on 18 Sep.*

### Sandhill Crane

Kevin White and Stephen Mitten found 150 at Funk on 13 Aug. Josh Yoder also reported 150 at

Wilderness Road on 15 Oct. The next most, outside of **Wayne**, were 65 at Killdeer on 12 Nov (Donna Kuhn and Lisa Phelps). (45 counties)

### Black-necked Stilt

The last of the season were three of the Howard Marsh birds, seen on 05 Sep by Paul Jacyk. The next to last were up to four there on 21 Aug (m. obs.) and one at next door Metzger the same day (Robert Rosin). Howard Marsh also hosted the most, 21 on 11 Aug (John Troth) and up to 12 on other dates. All of the reports were from **Lucas**.

### American Avocet

Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw the last, at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 12 Nov. Several birders saw the second last, four at East Fork on 01 Nov. The only double-digit counts were of 13 at Maumee Bay on 13 Sep (Jeremy Dominguez) and 16 at Buck Creek on 18 Aug (m. obs.). (25 counties)

### American Golden-Plover

Marc Hanneman saw the first, two that flew past Conneaut on 07 Aug. Next were the two that Jeff Sailer saw at the Findlay Reservoirs on 20 Aug. Paul Sherwood's single bird in the Turtle Creek estuary, **Ottawa**, on 26 Nov was the last. The mudflats at the Columbus Upground Reservoir, **Delaware**, hosted 21 on 27 Oct for Corinna Honscheid. Several birders saw the next most, 17 at Wilderness Road on both 30 Oct and 01 Nov. (28 counties)



*An American Golden-Plover with some bright plumage still intact was photographed by Kevin McKelvey on 28 Aug at Lorain.*

### Black-bellied Plover

The last sightings were on 06 Nov, when Kenn Kaufman saw one in the Crane Creek estuary from the CCET and m. obs. saw four elsewhere in ONWR. Trevor Zook counted 13 at CPNWR on 04 Nov. The next most were Dan Kramer's 11 at Wilderness Road on 14 Aug (17 counties)

### Killdeer

Rick Asamoto saw about 550 at Englewood on 18 Aug, and up to 510 were reported there on

other dates. The most elsewhere were 250, at Grand Lake SP on 07 Aug (Brian Wulker) and the Darby Dan Sod Farm, **Franklin**, on 06 Sep (Alex Eberts and Leslie Sours). Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Piping Plover

Several birders enjoyed one at Headlands on 06 and 07 Sep.



*With band data photographed on 07 Sep at Headlands, Jim Smallwood learned this juvenile Piping Plover fledged from Whitefish Point in Michigan, the only one from its brood of two to fledge.*

### Semipalmated Plover

Up to three were seen at William J. Robertson NP, **Wayne**, from 25 Oct to 07 Nov; they were the last (m. obs.). The last elsewhere were at Wilderness Road on 06 Nov; Josh Yoder saw one and Michael Hochstetler saw two there. The 45 at Funk on 07 Aug were the most (Josh Yoder) and up to 40 were seen there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 20 at two sites. At Huron, Pete Shen saw that many on 31 Aug and Michael Hochstetler the same number on 03 Sep. Michael Hochstetler saw another 20 at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, also on 03 Sep. (43 counties)

### Upland Sandpiper

Scott Pendleton found one in Athens Township, **Harrison**, on 17 Aug. Lucas Schrader recorded a flight call on the evening of 07 Oct at his **Franklin** home.

### Whimbrel

A survey by BSBO staffers found the last, at Howard Marsh, on 20 Sep. It probably wasn't the same bird that spent 11 to 13 Sep there for m. obs. All of the observations were of single birds, except for five at Conneaut on 13 Aug (m. obs.) and another five at Huron on 05 Sep (Atlee and Josh Yoder). The sightings came from two **Ashtabula** sites and one in each of **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, and **Lucas**.

### Hudsonian Godwit

Hunter Collins saw the first two, at Winous Point

on 28 Sep. Charlton Schooley's single bird seen from the CCET on 11 Nov was the last. Warren Leow saw the most, three in the **Lucas** section of Magee on 25 Oct. **Erie**, **Ottawa**, **Sandusky**, and **Wayne** also contributed reports.

### Marbled Godwit

One was seen almost daily at Huron from 02 Aug to 03 Sep (m. obs.). Was it one bird or a series of them? It or they were the first. Next was one that Stefan Minnick found at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, on 25 Sep. Karli Naglick's two by the CCET on 25 Oct were the last. Hunter Collins' five at Winous Point on 28 Sep were the most. All of the sightings came from **Erie**, **Logan**, **Lucas**, and **Sandusky**.

### Ruddy Turnstone

Dan Gesualdo saw the last, two at Volunteer Bay on 18 Oct. The second last was rather earlier; Dawn Pietrykowski saw it at Maumee Bay on 08 Oct. Several birders saw the high number of 10 at Headlands on 04 Sep, and up to five were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were four, a count shared by Marsha Lewis at Maumee Bay on 22 Aug and by the duo of Bela Anand-Apte and Kim Pastrick on the Cleveland harbor breakwall on 17 Sep. The most inland were two at Buck Creek from 03 to 07 Aug (m. obs.). (16 counties)

### Red Knot

The reports are:

One at Huron on 26 Aug (Dan Gesualdo and Jonathan Strassfeld), on 01 Sep (Elizabeth Thomas), and 02 Sep (Bill Ohlsen)

One or two at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, from 03 to 14 Sep (m. obs.)

Three at Lakeview Park, **Lorain**, on 03 Sep (Ed Wransky)

### Ruff

One spent 27 Aug to 02 Sep at Wilderness Road for birders to enjoy. It or another was at nearby Funk on 28 to 30 Aug for Jethro Raber and Josh Yoder. Brandt Schurenberg photographed one at Lost Bridge on 21 Sep.

### Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

There's little doubt about the identity of the bird that many saw at ONWR on 27 Nov.

### Sanderling

Sean Williams saw the last one, at Headlands on 04 Nov. Jen Brumfield saw 13 at Wendy Park on 21 Oct, the second last date. Maumee Bay hosted the most, 38 for Warren Leow on 04 Sep, and the next most were Kurt Wray's 21 at Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on 20 Sep. The inland high count of five was shared by Indian Lake SP on 03 Sep

(Troy Shively and Leslie Sours) and Wilderness Road on 05 Sep (Michael Hochstetler and Nick Komar). (22 counties)

### Stilt Sandpiper

The last spent 06 to 12 Nov at Darby Creek (m. obs.). The second last were a trio that Cam Lee found at Big Island on 01 Nov. Atlee and Josh Yoder counted 25 at Wilderness Road on 04 Sep, and up to 22 were seen there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Jason Hull's 14 at Huron on 26 Aug. (34 counties)



This Stilt Sandpiper was sharply photographed by Ed Wransky on 18 Aug at Lorain.

### Dunlin

Carrie Rasik saw the first one since Jun, at Maumee Bay on 07 Aug. Dana Bollin saw the last of the season, 15 at the Zenser/Benton-Carroll Road intersection, **Ottawa**, on 28 Nov. (Sightings continued into Dec.) About 200 were at ONWR on 04 Nov for Trevor Zook and similar numbers were at other **Lucas** and **Ottawa** sites. The most not in those counties were Dan Gesualdo's 179 at Volunteer Bay on 18 Oct, and the most at an inland site were Michael Hochstetler's 75 at Wilderness Road on 06 Nov. (43 counties)

### Purple Sandpiper

One spent 19 to 23 Nov at Fairport Harbor, **Lake** (m. obs.). It or another flew past Sean Williams at Perry TP on 20 Nov.



Jim Smallwood got a great look at this Purple Sandpiper on 19 Nov at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, **Lake**.

### Baird's Sandpiper

One late Jul arrival preceded this season's first sighting, which was at Conneaut on 02 Aug by John Pogacnik. Several birders saw the last, which spent 22 to 24 Oct at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**. The high count of three was shared at four locations. (26 counties)

### Least Sandpiper

Irina Shulgina provided the season's last sighting, two birds along the Hoover Scenic Trail, **Delaware**, on 15 Nov; one Dec sighting elsewhere followed it. Funk hosted about 80 for Josh Yoder on 04 Aug. (61 counties)

### White-rumped Sandpiper

The last sightings came on 30 Oct. One bird was at LaDue that day (m. obs.) and another was at Walborn Reservoir; **Stark**, on 29 and 30 Oct. (m. obs.). Josh Yoder counted 13 at Wilderness Road on 15 Oct. (27 counties)

### Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Several birders saw the first, at Alum Creek on 26 Aug. Lucas Weaver saw the last, near Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 28 Sep. Most sightings were confined to a single day, but one spent 27 to 31 Aug at Funk and it or another at next door Wilderness Road from 31 Aug to 04 Sep (m. obs.). The high count of three was shared by Leslie Sours at Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on 27 Aug, and Shane Myers at the Findlay Reservoirs on 18 Sep. **Franklin**, **Hamilton**, **Hancock**, and **Knox** also contributed reports.

### Pectoral Sandpiper

Mollie Langdon and Tyler Ficker saw the last, at Caesar Creek on 27 Nov. About 100 were at the Joint Watershed Management Project, **Williams**, on 03 Aug for Paul Miller. Isoo O'Brien counted 94 at Wilderness Road on 24 Aug. (57 counties)



Jethro Raber caught two Pectoral Sandpipers interacting along Wilderness Road on 02 Sep.



### Semipalmated Sandpiper

Darby Creek hosted the last, for Chad Pumpelly on 31 Oct. Tim Lenz saw about 150 at Huron on 01 Sep and up to 130 were there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 45, a number shared by Josh Yoder at Funk on 04 Aug and Jim Smallwood at Mentor Lagoons on 27 Aug. (56 counties)

### Western Sandpiper

Single birds were at Indian Lake SP, *Logan*, on 03 Sep (Troy Shively and Leslie Sours), at Lost Bridge on 11 and 12 Sep (m. obs.), and at Metzger on 20 Nov (Paul Jacyk).

### Short-billed Dowitcher

David De Armev saw the last, at Big Island on 02 Oct. Howard Marsh held the most, 59 on 05 Sep for Paul Jacyk and up to 56 on other dates. Dave Chase's 45 at Mentor Lagoons on 20 Aug were the most elsewhere; 42 at Wilderness Road on 04 Sep were the most at an inland site (Atlee and Josh Yoder). (31 counties)

### Long-billed Dowitcher

A few arrived in late Jul, but this season's first sighting didn't come until John Brikmanis' at ONWR on 06 Aug. John Kuenzli saw the last, along the Hoover Scenic Trail, *Delaware*, on 23 Nov. Paul Miller's 33 at Howard Marsh on 14 Oct were the most. David Wilkins saw the most away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa*, eight in Riley Township, *Sandusky*, on 28 Oct. Daniel Beechy's six at Wilderness Road on 03 Nov were the most away from the Lake Erie counties. (15 counties)



*Kevin McKelvey snapped this image of three Long-billed Dowitchers when they dropped in at Lorain on 20 Aug.*

### American Woodcock

The high count was four. Joseph Lautenbach saw that many at Crown City WA, *Gallia*, on 25 Oct. Michael Murray found four in downtown Cleveland on 09 Nov during a Lights Out sweep; unfortunately, two were dead. The third went to rehab at LENS and the fourth flew away. (34 counties)

### Wilson's Snipe

Cam Lee provided the high count, 28 at Big Island on 26 Oct. (60 counties)

### Spotted Sandpiper

Several birders saw the season's last, at Alum Creek on 26 Nov; two others were seen in Dec. About 25 were along the Cleveland harbor breakwall on 19 Aug (m. obs.) and up to 15 were seen there on other dates. The most inland were Adam Webster's 15 at Mill Creek on 15 Aug. (71 counties)

### Solitary Sandpiper

David English saw the last, at LaDue on 27 Oct. Josh Yoder saw the most, 21 near Loudonville, *Holmes*, on 04 Aug. (62 counties)

### Lesser Yellowlegs

David Wilkins saw the last, a group of five near Fremont, *Sandusky*, on 28 Nov. Kisa Weeman "carefully counted" 155 at Wilderness Road on 10 Sep. Benjamin Miller found about 120 near Fredericktown, *Knox*, on 04 Sep for the second highest number. (62 counties)

### Willet

Allen Rand saw the last, on 13 Sep when one was at Maumee Bay and what was probably another at Howard Marsh 90 minutes later. Craig Holt's 10 at Conneaut on 04 Aug were the most. All of the inland sightings were of single birds. (9 counties)

### Greater Yellowlegs

The last date was 19 Nov. That day Jacob Raber and James Stammen saw one at the Hinckley Reservation, *Medina*, and Jack Leow saw two at Caesar Creek. Randy Morgan counted 39 near Middletown, *Butler*, on 30 Oct. (62 counties)

### Wilson's Phalarope

Kurt Wray saw the last, at Bay Point, *Ottawa*, on 20 Sep. Several birders saw five each at Wilderness Road and Funk on 07 Aug; they were surely the same birds. (12 counties)



*A Wilson's Phalarope wading in shallow waters at Lorain was photographed by Ed Wransky on 08 Aug.*

### Red-necked Phalarope

Kristina Fulkerson and Matthew Rice saw the season's first, at Big Island on 05 Aug. (One had spent several Jul days at Huron.) Jon Cefus and Jeff Goff saw the last, at Walborn Reservoir,

**Stark**, on 02 Oct. Jen Brumfield *et al.* counted 32 some miles off the **Erie** shore on a pelagic trip, and another group found 25 out there the next day. Several birders saw two while birding the Erie shore at several locations, and all of the inland sightings were of single birds. (11 counties as far south as **Montgomery**)

### Red Phalarope

The reports are:

One at Howard Marsh on 05 and 06 Oct (m. obs.)

One at Perry TP on 20 Oct (Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik)

One at Mill Creek on 21 and 22 Oct (m. obs.)

One, a flyby off Sheffield Lake, **Lorain**, on 12 Nov (Kevin and Patty McKelvey)

### Parasitic Jaeger

The first and most were nine flybys past Huron on 05 Sep for Atlee and Josh Yoder. Next most were three off Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 07 Oct (m. obs.). Pelagic participants saw the last two, off Lorain on 04 Nov. **Lake** and **Ottawa** also had sightings.

### Pomarine/Parasitic Jaeger

Austin Rice saw one too far out to identify from Columbia Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 13 Nov.

### Long-tailed Jaeger

This species came off the review list, but a sighting off Huron on 05 Sep remains eligible for the OBRC, and the committee has the posted photos and description.

### Jaeger sp.

Indeterminate birds were seen over Lake Erie in **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, and **Lucas**.

### Black-legged Kittiwake

The first sightings were on 11 Nov. Sean Williams saw one at Headlands that day, as did Austin Langdon and Leslie Sours at Caesar Creek. One (the Headlands bird?) roamed the **Lake** shore between 12 and 15 Nov; two were off Perry TP on 12 Nov for Atlee Yoder. Several birders saw one off Lorain on 16 Nov. Albert Jackson saw the season's last, off CLNP on 20 Nov, but sightings resumed in Dec. All were immature birds.

### Bonaparte's Gull

Atlee and Josh Yoder provided the high number of 15,000, at Perry TP on 08 Nov. Up to 12,000 were there or nearby on other dates. The most not in **Lake** were 8500 at Edgewater on 28 Nov for the same pair of birders. Cassidy and Tyler Ficker saw the most away from Lake Erie, 1013 at East Fork on 22 Nov and wrote, "1x1 clicker count of steady stream from east side of lake; none counted heading back east". (60 counties)

### Sabine's Gull

The 17 Sep pelagic trip off Erie produced the first (m. obs.). The last was seen at Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on several dates between 12 and 26 Nov, where Matt Mason was the last of the many viewers to see that bird. Two birders each saw three on 22 Sep, Dan Gesualdo at Volunteer Bay and Dennis Troyer at Huron. The sightings were separated by five miles and about a half hour. **Lucas** and **Ottawa** also had sightings.



On an early 17 Sep Lake Erie pelagic trip, Joshua Vardous photographed a Sabine's Gull eleven miles offshore in **Erie**.

### Black-headed Gull

One roamed the Cleveland shore from 25 Nov well into Dec (m. obs.).

### Little Gull

The reports, all of single birds, are:

Off Lorain on 17 Oct (Janice Farral)

Roaming the Headlands to Fairport Harbor area from 04 Nov into Dec (m. obs.)

At Conneaut on 08 Nov (Craig Holt)

Roaming from Bradstreet's Landing, **Cuyahoga**, on the morning of 28 Nov, to Cleveland harbor that afternoon and into Dec (m. obs.)



Sarah Preston snapped this image of a Little Gull as it fluttered down to the water for a fish on 23 Nov at the Fairport Harbor pier in **Lake**.

### Laughing Gull

Several birders enjoyed the first; it spent 05 to 12 Aug at Caesar Creek. Several birders also saw the last, at East Fork on 09 Oct. The most were three off Lakeview Park, **Lorain**, on 29 Aug for Janice Farral and Joshua Vardous. (11 counties)

### Franklin's Gull

Bob Krajeski saw the first, at Conneaut on 21 Aug. The next was at Huron on 02 Sep; Tim Lenz and Bob Ohlsen saw it about three hours apart. One at the Findlay Reservoirs on 11 Nov was the last (Shane Myers). Alum Creek hosted the most, 10 on 16 Nov (m. obs.). (23 counties)

### Ring-billed Gull

The most were the 12,000 of Wendy Park for Jen Brumfield on 21 Nov. Richard Dolbeer saw 10,000 at the mouth of the Huron River, **Erie**, on 31 Oct. The most not on Lake Erie were Jeff Goff's 4000 at the American Landfill, **Stark**, on 26 Nov. (74 counties)

### Herring Gull

Kiehl Smith saw about 4000 from Wendy Park on 27 Nov, and up to 3400 were tallied there on other dates. A trio of birders saw the inland high number of 2500, at the American Landfill, **Stark**, on 18 Nov. (62 counties)

### Iceland Gull

The reports are:

One off Cullen Park, **Lucas**, on 04 Nov (Andrew Simon), and it or another there on 21 Nov (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller)

One at the American Landfill, **Stark**, on 12 Nov (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller) and three there on 28 Nov (Kent Miller)

One at Wendy Park on 21 Nov (Helen Butts)

Two at the Kimble Landfill, **Tuscarawas**, on 23 Nov (Dan Kramer)

### Lesser Black-backed Gull

Two Jul sightings preceded this season's first, which was by Janice Farral at Lakeview Park, **Lorain**, on 04 Aug. John Herman counted 63 at Outhwaite Reservoir, **Crawford**, on 16 Nov. Next most were Shane Myers' 53 at the Findlay Reservoirs on 20 Oct. (29 counties)

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

One was sighted three times between 11 and 15 Nov at the American Landfill, **Stark** (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller). Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw one at Fairport Harbor, **Erie**, on 20 Nov.

### Great Black-backed Gull

Nancy Anderson counted 27 at Lakeside, **Ottawa**, on 18 Nov. The next most were seven, at both the Ottawa River Interpretive Trail, **Lucas**,

on 28 Oct (Mark Faust) and Wendy Park on 30 Nov (m. obs.). (9 counties)

### Caspian Tern

Joli Reising saw the last, at Kelleys Island SP on 04 Nov. Pickerel Creek hosted 42 for David Wilkins on 15 Sep, while the most inland were 39 at LaDue on 18 Aug (m. obs.). (47 counties)



*A Caspian Tern flying over the wetlands at Wilderness Road was photographed by Su Snyder on 20 Aug.*

### Black Tern

Bruce and Kelly Miller and saw the last two, at Hoover NP on 09 Oct. The second last was Marcia O'Bara's at Howard Marsh on 28 Sep. Isoo O'Brien saw about 50 at Indian Lake SP, **Logan**, on 04 Sep and wrote, "Mainly distant and studied well—small, dainty, buoyant terns with acrobatic feeding style, smoky colored upperparts, pale underparts, black bill, dark ear patch and nape." The 17 Sep pelagic cruise tallied 30 off **Erie** (m. obs.). (29 counties)

### Common Tern

Henry Trimpe saw two off Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on the last date of 13 Nov. The second last were two at East Harbor on 08 Nov for Claudia Souders. Gregory Miller saw about 235 at the Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve, **Ottawa**, on 17 Sep. Next most were Leslie Sours' 150 at Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on 27 Aug. The most away from **Lucas** and **Ottawa** were about 100 at Huron on 04 Sep (Michaela and Stan Plante). The inland high count of 30 was shared by Gregory Miller at the Findlay Reservoirs on 04 Sep and Jacob Raber at Wilderness Road that same day. (32 counties)

### Forster's Tern

Sightings were fairly steady until the last, three that Phillip Daw saw at East Harbor on 30 Nov. Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve, **Ottawa**, hosted 229 for Scott Kinzey on 04 Oct. As was the case with Common Terns, the most away from **Lucas** and **Ottawa** were about 100 at Huron on 04 Sep (Michaela and Stan Plante). Robin

Densmore and Heather McFerren counted 61 at Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, on 11 Sep. (36 counties)

### Red-throated Loon

Isoo O'Brien, Carl Winstead, and Josh Yoder weren't together, but they all saw the season's first, a single at Alum Creek on 30 Oct. A trio of birders saw the next, at Buck Creek on 07 Nov. John Pogacnik counted 88 off Madison, **Lake**, on 29 Nov. (15 counties)

### Pacific Loon

There were two records this fall. Seven birders saw one at Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 12 Nov. Possibly the same bird was seen the next day off Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga** (Henry Trimpe).

### Common Loon

Jon Benedetti and Terry Bronson observed a fallout at Seneca Lake and estimated 665 on 17 Nov. The next most were 456 during a fallout at Buckeye Lake, **Fairfield**, on 17 Nov (Brad Imhoff and Matt Mason). In addition to these fallouts, 26 counties added the species in Nov indicating widespread influx during that month. (52 counties)

### Double-crested Cormorant

Tyler McClain estimated 54,300 at Kelly's Island on 05 Nov. Other reported 31,000 at the same location on that same day, and 27,300 in Oct. Noteworthy, as well, were 3000 at East Harbor on 01 Oct (Charles Crawford). Only **Miami**, **Monroe**, **Pike**, **Scioto**, and **Vinton** didn't have sightings.

### Neotropic Cormorant

The first spent from 01 Aug to 03 Oct at East Fork (m. obs.). One showed up at Big Island on 04 Aug and a second joined it about a week later; the two were seen until 18 Aug (m. obs.). David Wilkins reported one at Fremont, **Sandusky**, on 06 Sep.

### American White Pelican

Tajinder Singh reported 550 at ONWR on 23 Oct. Up to 523 were reported there on other dates (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). The next most were 500 that Trevor Zook saw at CPNWR on 04 Nov. (9 counties)

### American Bittern

Eric Wright photographed the last, at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 24 Nov. Two days before that, one was seen in Shaker Heights, **Cuyahoga** (Christi Carlson). Except for individual records of two birds in both **Columbiana** and **Lucas**, all other records were of single birds. (14 counties)

### Least Bittern

Tyler Hershberger and Larry Imhoff pho-

tographed the last, along Clay Plant Road, **Wayne**, on 15 Oct. Marianne Gorman found five at Gilmore on 19 Aug. (10 counties)

### Great Blue Heron

Daniel King reported 160 at Lost Bridge on 11 Aug. Rick Luehrs tallied 141 at Englewood on 15 Aug. Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Great Egret

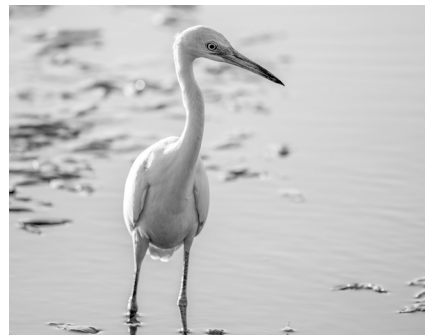
The most, 226, were inland along North Gilmore Road in Hamilton, **Butler**, on 19 Aug (Sue Parks). A trio of birders reported 200 at this same location on that same day. Next most were Brian Wulker's 162 at Lost Bridge on 27 Aug. At least 160 remained at Lost Bridge until at least 16 Sep (Daniel King). (77 counties)

### Snowy Egret

Patricia Aitken's sighting at Magee shared the last date with Monica and TK Pham at Port Clinton, **Ottawa**, on 07 Oct. Three counts shared the most, nine birds, at different locations of the ONWR. These were potentially the same nine birds moving around, and included John Brikmanis' count on 20 Aug, Bruce and Kelly Miller's on 27 Aug, and Tim Colborn and Lucas Schrader's observation on 27 Aug. (9 counties)

### Little Blue Heron

The first were seen by birders in **Auglaize** and **Franklin** on 01 Aug. Of these, Troy Shively saw two at the Saint Mary's Hatchery and multiple observers saw a single at Heritage Preserve. The most were seven on Big Island, where from two to seven birds were seen throughout Aug (m. obs.). Larry Early reported four from Cowan Lake, **Clinton**, on 15 Aug, which also represented from one to several seen throughout by m. obs. during Aug. (12 counties)



Of many Little Blue Heron sightings this year, Bruce Miller photographed this one on 01 Aug in **Franklin**.

### Cattle Egret

Several birds lingered well into the first week of

Nov. All records were of one to two birds. The last were seen by Marc Hanneman in Dorset, *Ashtabula*, and at East Fork (m. obs.), both on 07 Nov. (11 counties)

### Green Heron

Terri Pouliot saw the last, at CVNP on 10 Nov. Mark Shaver found the most, 27 at Lucia S. Nash Preserve, *Geauga*, on 25 Aug. (75 counties)

### Black-crowned Night-Heron

A trio of birders found the most, 38 at Howard Marsh on 27 Aug. The next most were Mary Anne Romito's 25 in Oak Harbor, *Ottawa*, on 30 Aug. The most away from *Lucas* and *Ottawa* were 10 that Josh Yoder saw along Wilderness Road on 17 Sep. (27 counties)

### Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Records of one or two birds came from only *Butler* and *Cuyahoga*. The Euclid Creek Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, bird was seen by m. obs. from 04 Aug to 11 Sep. The Gilmore, *Butler*, bird lingered until 29 Oct (Steven Yockey).

### White Ibis

In Aug, several birders reported one at Big Island and another at Funk. The OBRB has the eBird records, but no one filed a formal report.



*A special sighting of a White Ibis drew many to Blachleyville Road in Wayne including Jim Smallwood on 07 Aug*

### Glossy Ibis

One was reported and photographed at Mentor Lagoons from 01 to 03 Sep (m. obs.). David Wilkins found one at Pickerel Creek on 27 Oct that stayed until at least 03 Nov.

### Glossy/White-faced Ibis

Indeterminate birds were seen at Lorain on 23 Aug by Mark Sweeney and Ed Wransky. At least nine observers viewed the Fernald bird on 17 Oct. One was seen at Ackerman NP, *Knox*,

on 01 and 02 Oct (m. obs.). Pickerel Creek held from two to seven from 21 to 31 Oct (Jeff Lamson and David Wilkins), and three birds until 03 Nov. Five birders confirmed at least one at Prairie Lane Wetlands, *Wayne*, from 15 to 24 Oct.

### Black Vulture

Matt Mason saw the most, 187 at Hoover Reservoir on 29 Nov. The next most were 143 at Heston Woods on 22 Aug (David Russell). Both *Athens* and *Clark* had sightings of 100 to 120. Refer to the Field Notes for additional information on this species. (66 counties)

### Turkey Vulture

John Durback tallied a streaming, soaring flock estimated at 1200 in Toledo on 28 Oct. Jeremy Dominguez and Alex Damiano also reported 325 in Toledo on 14 Oct. Outside *Lucas*, the next most were Michael Hochstetler's 250 at Charles Mill Lake Park, *Ashland*, on 14 Oct. (all 88 counties)

### Osprey

Kenda Lentz photographed the season's last, along Poe Road, *Wood*, on 18 Nov. There were many fall records of six throughout the state, especially in Aug. Barbara Snyder found the most, 13 at Alum Creek on 18 Aug. (76 counties)

### Swallow-tailed Kite

The reports are:

One in Deshler, *Henry*, and was also seen in *Wood*, on 21 Aug.

Up to three were seen by many birders throughout Aug in Somerset, *Perry*.

One in *Richland* from 21 to 27 Aug.



*Many birders flocked to Hancock to see this Swallow-tailed Kite. Bruce Miller photographed it on 27 Aug.*

### Golden Eagle

The reports, all of single birds, are:

At Rocky River, *Cuyahoga*, on 24 Oct (Jen Brumfield)

At Toledo Botanical Garden on 29 Oct (Paul Jacyk)

At Lucia S. Nash Preserve, *Geauga*, on 10 Nov (Ethan Maynard)



In **Clark** on 14 Nov (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker)

In Fremont, **Sandusky**, on 19 Nov (Elizabeth McQuaid)

### Northern Harrier

Josh Yoder found 12 along Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, on 19 Nov. Next most were nine at both ONWR during the 06 Nov census (Douglas Vogus *et al.*) and Darby Creek on 27 Nov (Mariola Castrejon). (70 counties)

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

Tyler McClain noted seven at Kelleys Island on 24 Oct. Second most were Jon Zabowski's six in **Lucas** on 17 Sep and same number for Roz Holt at Oak Harbor, **Ottawa**, on 08 Oct. (69 counties)

### Cooper's Hawk

As is typical for this species, most of the fall records were of one or two birds, but four sites held four birds. Only **Highland**, **Putnam**, and **Vinton** didn't have sightings.

### Bald Eagle

Craig Holt counted 25 at Conneaut on 09 Sep. Away from the lake, Daniel King reported 20 at Lost Bridge on 26 Aug. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Mississippi Kite

The reports are:

Two at Nimisila on 12 Aug (Stephen Mitten and Kevin White)

One in Chillicothe, **Ross**, on 15 Aug (Darrell Hance)

One at Eli Miller's residence in **Holmes** on 04 Sep.

### Red-shouldered Hawk

Paul Jacyk saw eight at the Toledo Botanical Garden, **Lucas**, on 29 Oct and Nate Koszycki reported the same number at this location on 07 Nov. Four sites held from five to seven birds. (81 counties)

### Broad-winged Hawk

Ken Lebo saw the last, a single at Great Miami WMB on 29 Oct. Matt Anderson counted 3108 soaring over Birch Pointe Drive, **Lucas**, on 17 Sep. He noted it was the highest number he had ever seen in **Lucas**, and reported 1135 two days later at the same site. Ken Lebo's 1125 at Great Miami WMB on 24 Sep were second most. (63 counties)

### Swainson's Hawk

One was photographed at Metzger on 24 Oct.

### Red-tailed Hawk

The most were 20 reported at three different locations. Those included Mindy Withrow's observation of a thermal of about 20 birds in Perysburg, **Wood**, on 22 Sep, Alvin Miller's during

his big sit at Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 08 Oct, and John Durback's observation in Toledo on 28 Oct. Nate Koszycki reported 18 at the Toledo Botanical Garden, **Lucas**, on 07 Nov. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Rough-legged Hawk

Andrea Anderson saw the first in Wayne Township, **Jefferson**, on 16 Oct. Jon Kurtz found the second along Patch Road, **Geauga**, on 27 Oct. Scott Pendleton counted 10 along Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, on 25 Nov. (13 counties)

### Barn Owl

The reports are:

One at White Star Park, **Sandusky**, on 08 Aug (David Wilkins)

One near Winesburg, **Holmes**, on 14 Aug (Cory Jones)

One at Big Island on 16 Aug (Cam Lee)

Two in Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 01 Sep (Johnathan Strassfeld and Josh Yoder)

One at Killbuck on 08 Oct (seen by five birders)

One along County Route 135 in Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 24 Oct (David Miller)

One at the wetlands along Kuhlwein Road in Darby Creek on 30 Oct was an exciting sight for a trio of birders

One heard in the evening along County Route 144 in Sugarcreek, **Holmes**, on 03 Nov (Gabe Troyer)

### Eastern Screech-Owl

The numerous records throughout the fall were mainly one or two birds, as typically expected for this species. The 05 Nov CVNP Towpath Trail census tallied four (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Both Andrew O'Connor at Kelley NP, **Clermont**, on 04 Sep and Eric Mullholand at Springfield Marsh on 24 and 26 Nov observed three. (63 counties)

### Great Horned Owl

The high count of six came from Sean Williams, who reported three pairs countersinging (calling) at dawn at Middle Bass Island, **Ottawa**, on 23 Oct. (64 counties)

### Snowy Owl

Kenda Lentz photographed one along State Route 235 on 28 Nov, and Chuck Anderson potentially saw the same bird in **Wood** on 30 Nov.

### Barred Owl

Larry Richardson heard six calling at predawn along Hoffman Norton Road in the Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 09 Oct. (66 counties)

### Short-eared Owl

Linda Carstensen saw the first, in Bono, **Lucas**, on 21 Oct. Wes Hoyer saw the most, 12 at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 19 Nov. At least six were seen at that site from 25 to 29 Nov. A trio of

birders observed five along River Drive, **Pickaway**, on 29 Nov. (18 counties)



A Short-eared Owl perched for Ed Wransky on 17 Nov at Margaret Peak NP, **Lorain**.

### Northern Saw-whet Owl

The earliest report was of a bird heard in Whipple, **Washington**, by Julie Zickefoose on 07 Oct. She commented that was her earliest record in 30 years of birding. A trio of birders had at least five, and maybe more, that responded to song playback at Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 04 Nov. Tom Bartlett captured 20 during banding at Kelleys Island on 21 Nov. See the separate write-up of the season's banding efforts for additional details. (11 counties)

### Belted Kingfisher

The high count of seven was shared by Dan Pastel in the CVNP on 26 Aug and Don Niece at Indian Lake on 02 Sep. Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

A trio of birders found 18 at CLNP on 30 Sep. Twelve were seen there on 23 Sep (Josh Yoder). Outside **Cuyahoga**, next most were seven seen at both Mentor Lagoons on 23 Sep (Josh Hargrave) and Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati on 13 Oct (Mollie Bading). (73 counties)



An immature Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was spotted by Kathy Mock along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath in **Summit** on 29 Oct.

### Red-headed Woodpecker

Jeff and Shawn Kurtzman counted 20 at Killdeer on 23 Nov. The most elsewhere were 18 found

at two locations, which included Matt Anderson's in the OOPMP on 20 Aug and Brenda McPherson's in Lawrence Woods SNP, **Hardin**, on 24 Nov. (80 counties)

### Red-bellied Woodpecker

Ken Andrews tallied 19 in Big Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 27 Sep. (all 88 counties)

### Downy Woodpecker

The 06 Nov ONWR census team tallied 25 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (all 88 counties)

### Hairy Woodpecker

Three birders found seven at CNC's Rowe Woods at different times on 12 Nov. There were numerous records of five and six birds throughout the fall. Only **Paulding**, **Pike**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.

### Northern Flicker

Jen Brumfield tallied the most, 32 at CLNP on 01 Oct. (all 88 counties)

### Pileated Woodpecker

Eight were the most. These included Matt Anderson's where he had five at one location in the OOPMP on 27 Aug and Hope Orr's with a group of birders covering a three-mile trail from Boston to Redlock, **Summit**, on 17 Sep. Only **Fayette**, **Mercer**, **Ottawa**, **Pike**, **Putnam**, and **Van Wert** didn't have sightings.

### American Kestrel

Kent Miller and Jon Cefus counted seven at the American Landfill, **Stark**, on 26 Aug. Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Merlin

Seven were counted at the Akron Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery by Kathy Mock during several visits from 20 to 24 Nov. (53 counties)

### Peregrine Falcon

There were no records of more than two during any single observation. (40 counties)



Out in a kayak at Mentor Marsh on 30 Sep, Jim Smallwood photographed this attentive Peregrine Falcon.

### Ash-throated Flycatcher

A well-documented bird was observed by nu-

merous birders on 07 Nov at CLNP. See the full article later in this issue.

### Great Crested Flycatcher

Tara Hutson saw the last, in Carroll, **Fairfield**, on 08 Oct. Three different observers shared the high of five birds. That number was noted by Emerson Lisboa at Reynolds Municipal Park, **Franklin**, on 01 Aug, James Tomko at Aurora Audubon Sanctuary, **Portage**, on 05 Aug, and William Hull in Cincinnati on 09 Aug. (71 counties)

### Western Kingbird

Three observers saw the Teegarden Road, **Columbiana**, bird on 30 Aug. Numerous birders studied the Wendy Park bird from 22 to 24 Aug. A third fall report came from the OSU livestock facility on 03 and 04 Sep and the bird at the OSU Airport on 04 Sep was likely the same bird.

### Eastern Kingbird

Magee hosted the last, two birds on 03 Oct (John Brikmanis). Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 70 on 07 Aug. Jo Ann Kubicki and Marty Reynard tallied 32 during observations of multiple family groups at ONWR WD on 14 Aug. Next most were 20 at Pipe Creek on 07 Aug for Morgan Skaff, and Dale Kennedy had 18 at Magee on 19 Aug. (81 counties)

### Olive-sided Flycatcher

Robert Thorn saw the first at Dillon Reservoir, **Muskingum**, on 03 Aug. The second was seen by Benjamin Miller at Kokosing NP, **Knox**, on 07 Aug. The last were singles at two locations on 26 Sep. Those included Michael Hensley's observation at East Sandusky Bay MP, **Erie**, and Alexia Witcombe and Parks Marion's record at Calamus Swamp, **Pickaway**. (42 counties)



This Olive-sided Flycatcher enjoyed a meal at Kisa Weeman's home in **Wayne** on 15 Sep.

### Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

One was reported in Pataskala, **Licking**. There was no additional information about this bird submitted to eBird, however, the bird was photographed and video recorded by many birders.

### Eastern Wood-Pewee

Five birders, with three of them together, found the last at Avian Acres Farm Park, **Ashland**, on 23 Oct. Alecia Gorski saw the most, 18 at Carlisle Reservation, **Lorain**, on 20 Aug. Only **Mercer** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Lissa Ramos saw the first, at ONWR WD on 07 Aug. Monica and TK Pham found the last at CLNP on 04 Oct, a date which they shared with Darrell Hance's observation at Pine Hills Lake Park, **Warren**. Jeremy Dominguez found five at Magee on 09 Sep. (47 counties)

### Acadian Flycatcher

Typically, this species may linger into early Oct, but there was only one Oct record from eBird this fall: Heather Aubke found one in **Athens** on 03 Oct. A trio of birders counted 13 singing/calling at Holden on 07 Aug. This was followed by Heather Aubke's estimate of 10 along Parker Road, **Athens**, on 28 Sep. (65 counties)

### Alder Flycatcher

Don Keffer saw the last along Peck Leach Road, **Trumbull**, on 05 Sep. This fall, all records were of single birds. **Allen**, **Lucas**, **Richland**, **Summit**, **Trumbull**, and **Wayne** had sightings.

### Willow Flycatcher

There were several records on 16 Sep, the last date for birds identified to species. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team tallied 13 on 07 Aug. Second most were Nancy Howell's eight at CLNP on 14 Aug. (51 counties)

### Alder/Willow Flycatcher

Indeterminate birds were seen in 26 counties as late as 01 Oct.

### Least Flycatcher

Christopher Lyden found the last, at OSU on 11 Oct. The next last was Sean Williams' observation at Kelleys Island on 09 Oct. Fifteen counties had birds into early Oct. Sean Williams' reported 14 from Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Aug. Next most were eight noted by Josh Yoder at CLNP on 23 Sep. (66 counties)

### Eastern Phoebe

As typical for this species, some stayed into Dec and probably overwintered. George Dziuk and Cam Lee counted 15 at Killdeer on 28 Aug. The 01 Oct ONWR census team tallied 14 and up to 12 were seen there on other dates (Douglas Vogus

*et al.*). Next most were Daniel Beechy's 11 along the Holmes County Trail in Millersburg on 01 Oct. Only **Mercer** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

#### White-eyed Vireo

Alexander Teliak found a lingering bird at Kelleys Island on 08 Nov. Sam Mason heard another straggler along Dairy Lane in Athens on 30 Oct. Duane Miller found the most, 14 at the Wilderness Center, **Stark**, on 02 Sep. Next most, were Jack Stenger's 13 at Shawnee Lookout on 04 Sep. (70 counties)

#### Bell's Vireo

Randy Morgan saw the last, at a private property in **Butler**, on 04 Sep. All records were of one or two birds, except for Austin Rice's observation. He reported at least four, maybe more, of potentially a family group at Big Island on 06 Aug. Records came from **Butler**, **Darke**, **Franklin**, and **Marion**.

#### Yellow-throated Vireo

The last sightings were shared at three locations on 11 Oct. They were at CLNP (Vicki Ramirez), Friendship Park, **Jefferson** (Scott Albaugh), and at Sandy Ridge (Eileen Zimlich). Adrian Lee's 12 at the Brown Family Environmental Center, **Knox**, were the most on 20 Sep. (64 counties)

#### Blue-headed Vireo

The last was found on 05 Nov at Myerah NP, **Logan** (Kori Sedmak). Karla Allan tallied eight at John A. Wannemacher Nature Reserve, **Miami**, on 20 Oct. (65 counties)

#### Philadelphia Vireo

A trio of birders found the earliest at Spring Valley on 08 Aug. There were numerous records into the third week of Oct, but Lisa Benjamin found the last at M.L. Red Trabue Nature Reserve, **Franklin**, on 25 Oct. Sean Williams' report of 18 was by far the highest; it came from Lake Erie Bluffs on 17 Sep. The second most of six were from several records scattered throughout Ohio in Sep. (53 counties)



At his home in **Lawrence**, Bryan Smith photographed this Philadelphia Vireo on 17 Sep.

#### Warbling Vireo

Barbara Ballard saw the last, at Gilmore on 16 Oct. Birds were seen steadily until that date. David Richardson counted 30 at Magee on 01 Sep. Next most were Sean Williams' 23 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Aug and 23 from 04 Sep ONWR census tally (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (71 counties)

#### Red-eyed Vireo

Sean Williams observed the last, at Mentor Lagoons on 06 Nov. Jim Smallwood had seen one a few days prior at Headlands on 02 Nov. Sean Williams also reported the most, 26 during a count of a wave of migrants with several scattered flocks at Lake Erie Bluffs on 17 Sep. There were several other fall records of 20 to 25 birds. Only **Gallia**, **Mercer**, **Monroe**, **Pike**, and **Williams** didn't have sightings.

#### Loggerhead Shrike

One was observed at Lorain on 14 Oct (m. obs.)

#### Northern Shrike

The reports, all of single birds, are: Station Road Towpath Trail of the CVNP on 15 Oct (Noah Butas) Chippewa Lake Park, **Medina**, on 01 Nov (Barbara Ragucci) At private residence in **Wyandot** on 09 Nov (Eric Mullholand) Lucia S. Nash Preserve, **Geauga**, on 10 Nov (seen separately by David English and Ethan Maynard) Aurora, **Portage**, on 12 Nov (Christine Moore) Ridge Township, **Van Wert**, on 25 Nov (Rob and Sandy Harlan) Caesar Creek on 26 and 27 Nov (m. obs.) ONWR WD on 27 Nov (m. obs.)



This Northern Shrike posed for John Shrader at Caesar Creek on 26 Nov.

#### Blue Jay

Jelmer Poelstra estimated 400 by counting flyovers at CLNP on 29 Sep. Peter Blank counted about 300 at Sandhill Crane Wetlands, **Lucas**, on 24 Sep. (all 88 counties)

#### American Crow

As typical for communal roosting crows in our

area and throughout the eastern U.S. in late fall/early winter, numerous streaming flocks with 500 or more birds are often counted. Ned DeLamatre counted 3500 and then stopped, so probably were more in a roost south of Akron, **Summit**, on 21 Nov. (all 88 counties)

#### **Fish Crow**

The reports were not as numerous as last fall. Lori Brumbaugh had a minimum estimate of 59 in Garfield Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Aug. Records also came from **Franklin, Lake, Lorain**, and **Summit**.

#### **Common Raven**

Josh Yoder estimated about 30 along Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, on 19 Nov. Scott Albaugh found five at Friendship Park, **Jefferson**, on 20 Nov. (14 counties)

#### **Carolina Chickadee**

This species continues to expand north. Andrew O'Connor estimated 40 at CNC Long Branch Farm on 26 Sep. Second most were 38 near Glenford, **Licking**, on 28 Oct for Charlotte Ashcraft. (67 counties)

#### **Black-capped Chickadee**

Lindsey Scott reported 75 at CLNP on 06 Nov. Tom Frankel counted 28 at that same locality on 29 Oct. The most elsewhere were 25 in **Stark**, 24 in **Summit**, 23 in **Geauga**, and 22 in **Erie**. There were numerous records of 20 or more. (40 counties)

#### **Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee**

Indeterminate birds were reported in 22 counties.

#### **Tufted Titmouse**

Andrew O'Connor's count of 50 at CNC Rowe Woods on 24 Oct was the highest. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

#### **Horned Lark**

Larry Early found the most, 90 along Hilling Road in Wilmington, **Clinton**, on 14 Sep. Next most were Leslie Sours' 80 along Cattail Road in Pleasantville, **Fairfield**, on 20 Oct. (71 counties)

#### **Bank Swallow**

Three birds lingered until 08 Oct at Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin** (Erin Odor) and a single was at Funk the same day (Wyatt Flood). Sue Parks conservatively estimated 1000 at Hueston Woods on 13 Aug. Next most were Colin Danch's 450 at Howard Marsh on 06 Aug. (48 counties)

#### **Tree Swallow**

Some lingered into Dec. Larry Early estimated 150 in Wilmington, **Clinton**, on 03 Nov and Brad Imhoff's three at Buckeye Lake SP, **Licking**, on 19 Nov were the last for the fall season.

Buckeye Lake also had the season's highest with 3100 on 30 Sep (Matt Mason). (73 counties)

#### **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**

A trio of birders found the last at Delaware WA on 15 Nov; it stayed into the next day (James Holsinger). John Brikmanis saw the second last, at Turtle Creek marina, **Ottawa**, on 11 Nov. Anthony Marino estimated 500 perched on a telephone wire at Maumee Bay on 26 Sep. (60 counties)

#### **Purple Martin**

This species is usually gone by the end of Sep. The colony at the University of Cincinnati Field Station in Harrison, **Hamilton**, was still nesting into late Aug (Editor's observation). Many start congregating at communal roosts in late Jul and early Aug. Vicki Derr saw two in Beechhaven, **Perry**, on 11 Oct. Several were still present in **Miami, Stark** and **Summit** until 10 Oct. The most were 4000 noted by Joe Kollar at Nimisila on 23 Aug. (65 counties)

#### **Barn Swallow**

Laura Jenkins saw the last, at Englewood on 01 Nov. A trio of birders estimated 1200 at Nimisila on 21 Aug. Only **Pike** and **Scioto** didn't have sightings.

#### **Cliff Swallow**

James Runkle saw the last, at Spring Valley on 20 Oct. The next last was also a single at Carlisle Marsh, **Lorain**, on 05 Oct (Jory Teltser). Cam Lee hosted the most, an estimated 170 to 200 at his personal property in **Marion** on 04 Aug. (48 counties)

#### **Cave Swallow**

One was reported from Huron harbor impoundment on 06 Nov. The OBRC has the details.

#### **Cliff/Cave Swallow**

Indeterminate birds were reported from **Franklin, Hamilton**, and **Portage**.

#### **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**

The first date of 02 Sep was shared by Caitlin Ambrose, one at Chagrin River Park, **Lake**, and Tammy Varilek's two at Magee. The 01 Oct ONWR census tallied 154 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Sean Williams counted 95 at Kelleys Island on 09 Oct. Next most were Henry and Jim Trimpe's 90 at CLNP on 23 Sep. (82 counties)

#### **Golden-crowned Kinglet**

Observers reported 100 to 200 at CLNP at various times on 27 Oct. The 01 Oct ONWR census tallied 112 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). The most elsewhere were 55 noted by Dana Bollin at Magee on 11 Oct. (81 counties)



### Bohemian Waxwing

A single was photographed at Lorain on 10 Nov.



Late in the evening on 10 Nov, Chris Saladin spotted her lifer Bohemian Waxwing at Lorain.

### Cedar Waxwing

Lori Brumbaugh conservatively estimated 300 feeding on pokeweed berries and wild grape in Carrollton, **Carroll**, on 30 Sep. There were numerous records of flocks of 100 or more. Only **Fayette**, **Monroe**, **Pike**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

Birds started appearing outside of their northeastern Ohio breeding areas as early as 13 Aug. The influx was prevalent by last week of Aug as birds were noted in some central and southern counties, such as **Delaware**, **Greene**, and **Hamilton**. This season, records were steady throughout much of the state with one to eight birds per observation. Sean Williams saw the most, 12 at Kelleys Island, on 09 Oct. He had 11 there a day earlier. Elsewhere, the second most were 11 along Joliet Drive, **Lucas**, for Brian Tomko on 10 Nov. Only **Fayette**, **Noble**, **Pike**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.

### White-breasted Nuthatch

The 05 Nov CVNP Towpath Trail census counted 24 and up to 19 were seen there on other days (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Jim Trimpe saw the second most, 21 in the CVNP on 17 Sep. Fred Losi also had 20 at a different part of the CVNP on the same day. Elsewhere, Charlotte Ashcraft saw the next most, 17 along Midland Oil Road in Glenford, **Licking**, on 28 Oct. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Brown Creeper

James Kerner noted 12 in a mixed species foraging flock in Avon Lake, **Lorain**, on 24 Sep.

Martha Burrows and Heather Hodges saw eight at Erie Street Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, on 13 Oct. (78 counties)

### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Ellie Chappie reported the last, a single at Huffman MP, **Greene**, on 23 Oct. The second last was one that Barb Fath saw along Achterman Road, **Warren**, on 22 Oct. There were also several records scattered throughout the state from 09 to 16 Oct. Nine were the most, shared by Larry Richardson at Mosquito Lake on 01 Aug and Sean Williams at Headlands on 02 Aug. (68 counties)

### Carolina Wren

Scott Albaugh noted 24 at Friendship Park, **Jefferson**, on 10 Nov. The 09 Sep CVNP Towpath Trail census tallied 21 and up to 19 on other days (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Jeff Goff counted 17 at Craig Pittman Memorial Park, **Stark**, on 08 Nov. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### House Wren

As noted during Christmas Bird Counts, this species continues into Dec. Sandra Keller reported the last of this season, from call only, at Lost Bridge on 09 Nov. The 07 Aug ONWR census counted 41 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Bill Jirousek counted the second high of 21, including 15 nestlings, at Squire Valleeve Farm, **Cuyahoga**, on 04 Aug. (80 counties).

### Winter Wren

Outside local northern Ohio breeding areas, the first of the season was at Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 07 Sep (James Muller). That was significantly early. Bela Anand-Apte found the most, 10 at CLNP on 20 Oct. Counts of seven came from East Harbor on 01 Oct (Nancy Anderson) and Middle Bass Island on 14 and 23 Oct (Sean Williams). (71 counties)

### Marsh Wren

As with most fall seasons, a few lingered into Dec. Roman Lanno estimated at least 16 at Battelle Darby Creek MP, **Franklin**, on 17 Aug. (32 counties)



Su Snyder checked Force Road West in **Wayne** on 03 Oct and was rewarded to see this Marsh Wren.

### Sedge Wren

Lori Brumbaugh saw the last, a single at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, **Cuyahoga**, on 03 Nov. The second last was a single at Siebenthaler Fen, **Greene**, on 26 Oct. Three high counts of five were reported. Those included Kenn Kaufman's along Mud Creek Road, **Ottawa**, on 06 Aug, Bryan Sharp's at Darby Creek on 08 Aug, and Isaiah Craft's at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 10 Aug. (20 counties)

### Gray Catbird

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller tallied 65 at Sippo Lake, **Stark**, on 16 Sep. Only **Monroe**, **Pike**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.

### Brown Thrasher

Jelmer Poelstra's 12 at Killbuck on 12 Sep were the most. Josh Yoder saw the second most, eight at CLNP on 23 Sep. (70 counties)

### Northern Mockingbird

Scott Pendleton had the high count of 17 along Route 519, **Harrison**, on 17 Aug. (79 counties)

### European Starling

MiMi Hoffmaster estimated 20,000 at Lorain on 05 Nov. Only **Monroe** didn't have a sighting.

### Eastern Bluebird

Alvin Miller's count of 80 during the Walnut Creek Big Sit, **Holmes**, on 08 Oct was the most. Stan Plante provided the second highest number, 60 at Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, on 30 Oct. Only **Auglaize**, **Fayette**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Townsend's Solitaire

A well-documented bird at Magee spent 10 to 12 Oct being seen by many birders.



This rare Townsend's Solitaire was a big surprise at Magee where Bruce Miller photographed it on 12 Oct.

### Veery

Usually gone by mid-Oct, two locations each held a single bird on 08 Oct. Those included Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga** (Kym

Gopp), and Paul Sherwood's observation at Turtle Creek, **Ottawa**. (37 counties)

### Gray-cheeked Thrush

Rebecca Parkes found one during Cleveland Lights Out surveys at the Cleveland Public Square on 27 Aug and shared the first on that date with James Kerner at Kopf Family Reservation, **Lorain**. There were three records, all of single birds, from **Adams**, **Cuyahoga**, and **Franklin** on 21 Oct for the last. Josh Yoder saw the most, eight along the Buckeye Trail, **Harrison**, on 24 Sep. Numbers were very low this season. (50 counties)

### Swainson's Thrush

The first date was 13 Aug, where Stephen Mitten and Kevin White observed a bird at Killbuck. A late migrant was present at Kris-Mar Woods, **Washington**, on 21 Nov (Terry Bronson). Matt Anderson estimated that 457 passed over Birch Pointe Drive, **Lucas**, during a predawn flight on 14 Sep. Other than estimation from nocturnal and predawn flight calls, the most heard or seen were 40 in both **Hamilton** (Shawnee Lookout) on 13 Sep (Neill Cade) and Ken Lebo's property in **Montgomery** on 01 Oct. (74 counties)

### Hermit Thrush

As is typical for this species, sightings continued into Dec. Billi Krochuk saw the earliest, a single in the CVNP on 31 Aug. Adam Mitchell found 13, the most, at Mentor Marsh, on 14 Oct. (72 counties)

### Wood Thrush

Molly McDermott and Matt Shumar banded a late migrant at their private property east of Zaleski on 23 Oct. A bird was still present as far north as Cromwell Park, **Lorain**, on 21 Oct (Danielle Squire and Chad Wilson). Jane Balbo reported the most, 10 at Riddle SNP, **Athens**, on 21 Sep. (67 counties)

### American Robin

Mark Shaver estimated 1442 at Lucia S. Nash Preserve, **Geauga**, on 25 Aug. Next most were an estimated 1153 flying southbound for Josh Davidson at OSU's Olentangy River Drake Center on 30 Nov. (all 88 counties)

### House Sparrow

Coen Kliever had 504 at Cincinnati Zoological Gardens on 10 Aug. Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### American Pipit

Three observers shared the first on 15 Sep. Of these, Bill Ohlsen reported one at Iris Court, **Cuyahoga**, another single was at Edgewater Marina, **Cuyahoga** (Tom Frankel), and Adam

Mitchell saw a third single along Dickerson Church Road, **Harrison**. As expected, the influx was heavier in Oct. Tyler Ficker and Levi Parker saw the most, a count of 107 birds flying west at East Fork on 26 Nov. (55 counties)

### Evening Grosbeak

This fall/winter had a small to moderate influx of this species. Toby Carlstrom counted 102, then Jen Brumfield and Tim Jasinski, independent of Carlstrom's, made a similar count of 104 less than one hour later at Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 12 Nov. Next most were 14 for a trio of observers at Perry TP on 09 Nov. (29 counties)



*Nothing like an Evening Grosbeak stopping by, where Ed Wran-sky had the pleasure of photographing on 03 Nov in Lorain.*

### House Finch

Randy Morgan noted the most, 89 on private property in **Butler**. Nancy Howell saw the second most, 70 at CLNP on 14 Aug. Only **Fayette**, **Pike**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.

### Purple Finch

Sean Williams reported 28 at Middle Bass Island, **Ottawa**, on 23 Oct. Counts of 10 to 18 came from seven other counties. (67 counties)

### Common Redpoll

Roger Beuck saw six at Mentor Lagoons on 29 Nov.

### Red Crossbill

Gary Cowell reported a single with a flock of American Goldfinches at Malabar Farm SP, **Richland**, on 03 Oct. He first heard the type I flight call of the bird. Will Babb also identified one by flight call at Mayapple Farm, **Coshocton**, on 12 Nov. A potential Lorain record identified using the Merlin app could not be confirmed.

### Pine Siskin

Influx into Ohio during this fall was sparse. Many observations were of fewer than seven birds, and the majority of the records were of only one or two birds. Larry Richardson saw the first, a single at Mosquito Lake on 30 Aug. Kari Warner Mats-

ko and John Pogacnik saw the most, 55 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 13 Nov, the only record with more than seven birds. (39 counties)

### American Goldfinch

Debbie Parker's 213 at Chippewa Lake Park, **Medina**, on 09 Oct were the most. The CVNP Towpath Trail census tallied 111, a new census high for that count, on 01 Oct (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (all 88 counties)

### Island Canary

An escaped, banded bird was photographed and noted at a private property in **Lucas** on 11 Sep to 01 Oct (Dave Rodriguez).

### Lapland Longspur

The season's first was identified by its rattle call and then photographed on the beach at Headlands on 16 Sep (Sarah Preston). Hunter Collins saw the next, at Winous Point on 23 Sep. Nathan Mast saw the most, 40 at Newcastle Farm, **Coshocton**, on 25 Nov. Sandra Blease and Tammy Martin saw the next most, 38 at Wauseon, **Fulton**, on 18 Nov. (28 counties)

### Smith's Longspur

This species is an exceptionally rare fall migrant in Ohio. Jerry Talkington photographed one along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 03 Oct. The bird was also seen by Jim Smallwood and Sarah Preston. See additional article later in this issue.

### Snow Bunting

The first date of 20 Oct was shared by Gneal Cammock and Rick Luehrs together at Darby Creek, where two to three birds were seen and photographed, and by James Kerner at Lorain Harbor. Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw the most, 200 at Conneaut on 12 Nov. (29 counties)

### Grasshopper Sparrow

Renee Sparks saw and photographed the last, a single along Clayton Township Route 208, **Perry**, on 02 Nov. The most were six reported by Margaret Bowman along Yoker Valley Road, **Muskingum**, on 04 Aug. (30 counties)

### Lark Sparrow

Craig Holt provided a good description of the last, a single at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 02 Nov. There were no Oct sightings. **Lucas**, **Perry**, and **Washington** also contributed sightings.

### Chipping Sparrow

Sean Williams's tally of 92 at Kelleys Island on 09 Oct was the most. Michael Hochstetler counted the second most, 80 at Wooster Cemetery, **Wayne**, on 20 Sep. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Clay-colored Sparrow

The reports, all of single birds, except where noted, are:

One or two birds at Poland TP, **Mahoning**, from 01 to 11 Aug (m. obs.)

Erie Street Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, on 28 Sep and to at least 03 Oct (m. obs.)

Headlands on 28 Sep (m. obs.)

At Ottawa-Lucas Road during the 01 Oct ONWR census (Douglas Vogus *et al.*)

Along North Bender Avenue in Akron on 15 Oct (Greg and Jamey Emmert)

Kelleys Island on 24 Oct (Tyler McClain)

### Field Sparrow

Rick Luehrs's saw the most, 45 at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 20 Oct. The next most were 38, at Valley View Preserve, **Clermont**, on 14 Sep (Tyler Ficker). Only **Auglaize**, **Fayette**, **Mercer**, **Monroe**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Fox Sparrow

Paul Jacyk saw the earliest, at Detwiler Marsh, **Lucas**, on 23 Sep. This was about a week before the typical earliest arrival. The second was seen on 30 Sep at CLNP by Cynthia Norris. For a species that typically migrates south in Oct and Nov in our area, 22 counties added the species in Nov. Jon Kurtz saw the most, 19 in Burton Wetlands, **Geauga**, on 29 Oct. Kenn Kaufman had 15, the second most, at ONWR on 02 Nov. (63 counties)



A Fox Sparrow went out on a limb for Su Snyder on 08 Nov along Valley Road South in **Wayne**.

### American Tree Sparrow

Several locations held the earliest on 03 Oct. These were:

Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula** (Kim Nordquest) CLNP (Debra and Mark Sweeney)

Erie Street Cemetery, **Cuyahoga** (Debra and Mark Sweeney)

Wendy Park (Toby Carlstrom)

A trio of observers saw the most, 74 at Mentor Marsh, on 27 Nov. (72 counties)

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

The first sighting away from their nesting locations was difficult to discern with several records

from **Cuyahoga** on 02 Aug. There were several sightings from 02 to 14 Aug from northeastern Ohio, where breeding birds may still have been on nesting territories. Bela Anand-Apte had the high count of 120 at CLNP on 27 Nov. Two other birders also estimated 100 at that site on the same day. Only **Fayette** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### White-crowned Sparrow

Bob and Sara Crist found the earliest, a single at Blendon Woods on 15 Sep. The most were 150 at Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 21 Oct (Debra Sweeney). Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik saw the second most, 112 at Lake Erie Bluffs, on 23 Oct. (74 counties)

### Harris's Sparrow

One spent 20 to 26 Oct at Huffman Prairie, **Greene** (m. obs.).

### White-throated Sparrow

Will Brooks and Justine Jones saw the first at Magee on 14 Aug. There were no other Aug records, and the typical flight across the lake in mid-Sep was timely. The second earliest record was of a single bird seen by Theo Bockhorst and Toby Carlstrom at CLNP on 01 Sep. The median arrival date was 23 Sep. Jen Brumfield reported the most, 340 at Wendy Park on 24 Oct. Second most, 260, were reported from Kelleys Island by Sean Williams on 09 Oct. Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Vesper Sparrow

A late Vesper was noted in Washington Township, **Scioto**, on 25 Nov (Scott Leeth). Both **Clermont** and **Wayne** had lingering birds until 09 Nov. These included Andrew O'Connor's observation of two at CNC Rowe Woods and Thomas Stevenson's at William J. Robertson NP, **Wayne**. Matt Anderson saw the most, 14 at Sandhill Crane Wetlands, **Lucas**, on 07 Aug. Outside **Lucas**, the next most were five for Mandy Roberts at Bellevue Reservoir, **Huron**, on 21 Oct and for Irina Shulgina along Liberty West Road in Raymond, **Union**, on 06 Nov. (37 counties)

### LeConte's Sparrow

The reports are:

One during the 01 Oct and 06 Nov ONWR censuses (Douglas Vogus *et al.*)

One along Wilderness Road on 15 Oct (Josh Yoder)

One at Cleveland Memorial Gardens Cemetery on 22 Oct (m. obs.)

One at Lorain on 23 Oct (m. obs.)

### Nelson's Sparrow

Dave Chase saw the first, at Mentor Lagoons on 24 Sep. Ed Wransky saw the last, a single at Lo-

rain on 06 Nov. Alecia Gorski and Austin Rice noted three at Lorain on 26 Oct. Within an hour later, James Kerner photographed one of the Lorain birds and reported there may have been as many as four. (12 counties)



*Gus Lanese got a clear view of this Nelson's Sparrow from his kayak on 12 Oct at Mentor Marsh.*

### Henslow's Sparrow

The last was at Lorain on 05 Nov for Austin Rice. A trio of birders saw the most, 12 in a reclaimed grassland near Route 519, **Harrison**, on 20 Aug. Heather Aubke saw the second most, nine at Tri-Valley WA, **Muskingum**, on 04 Aug. (20 counties)

### Savannah Sparrow

Sightings extended into Dec. Matt Anderson saw the most, 73, which included numerous family groups throughout a field of 113 hectares in Sandhill Crane Wetlands, **Lucas**, on 07 Aug. (67 counties)

### Song Sparrow

Henry Trimpe found the most, 105 at Cleveland Memorial Gardens Cemetery, on 25 Oct. The 90 found nearby at Edgewater by Jen Brumfield on 24 Oct were a close second. Outside of **Cuyahoga**, John Pogacnik found the next most, 61 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 24 Oct. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Lincoln's Sparrow

An early migrant was along Olentangy River Road, **Delaware**, on 30 Aug (Donna Braig). Theo Bockhorst and Toby Carlstrom observed one the following day at CLNP. For most of the lake counties and some of the northern counties, such as **Mahoning**, birds had arrived by 07 Sep. Several lingered into Dec. Sean Williams reported the most, 32 at Lake Erie Bluffs, on 16 Oct. The next most, 19, were noted by Barb Lindemuth at CLNP on 30 Sep. (64 counties)

### Swamp Sparrow

Jen Brumfield's tally of 90 at Cleveland Memo-

rial Gardens Cemetery, on 21 Oct, was the most. Next most were Jack Stenger's 80 at the Shaker Trace Wetlands of the Miami Whitewater Forest, **Hamilton**, on 09 Oct. (79 counties)

### Eastern Towhee

David Factor saw the most, 21 at the Barrow FS on 10 Oct. (82 counties)

### Yellow-breasted Chat

A very late migrant was reported from private property in **Ashland** on 22 Oct (Michael Hochstetler). All observations were of single birds, except for Carey Sherrill's two at Hoover NP on 24 Aug. (24 counties)

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

The reports are:

A female with potentially two young at Howard Marsh from 02 to 05 Aug

(Gustino Lanese, Laura Frazier, and Geoffrey Williamson). One continued until 11 Sep (Paul Jacyk)

One photographed in Morrow, **Warren**, on 10 Aug (Patti Swope)

### Bobolink

Chad Pumpelly saw the last, a single at Darby Creek on 28 Oct. On the previous day, one was at Lorain (m. obs.). The high count, 735, came from Rick Nelson at Mosquito WA on 22 Aug. Also, at the Mosquito WA wetland mitigation project site, m. obs. tallied from 100 to 400 birds staging on 21 to 30 Aug. Daniel Beechy estimated a flock of 150 flying out of a weedy field along Wilderness Road on 02 Sep. (38 counties)

### Eastern Meadowlark

A trio of birders reported the most, 50, in a reclaimed grassland near Route 519, **Harrison**, on 20 Aug. Up to 45 were also found there on other dates. The most elsewhere were Tyler Ficker and Austin Langdon's 27 at Caesar Creek on 27 Nov. (75 counties)

### Orchard Oriole

Fall data were relatively sparse, since this species is an early migrant and often gone by end of Aug and usually by 05 Sep. Andrew O'Connor saw the last, a single at Kelley NP, **Clermont**, on 05 Sep. Michael Hochstetler noted six at Prairie Oaks MP, **Franklin**, on 04 Aug, and, therefore, shared the most with Jon Cefus and Kent Miller at the American Landfill, **Stark**, on 12 Aug. (33 counties)

### Baltimore Oriole

A species that usually departs relatively early and typically is gone by mid-Sep, but is increasingly sighted into Dec, especially during the past several decades. Benjamin Miller had an adult



male lingering at his feeder from 08 to 15 Nov at Ridgeland Circle, **Knox**. There were also records of lingering birds on 06 Nov as far north as **Summit** and **Wayne**. Sean Williams provided the high count of 20 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Aug. Mandy Roberts' 14 at Norwalk Memorial Reservoir, **Huron**, on 22 Aug were the second most. (73 counties)

### Red-winged Blackbird

The most, an estimated 50,000, were noted along the Huron River, **Erie** (Richard Dolbeer). Josh Davidson's estimate of 16,000 at Darby Creek on 07 Nov was the next most. Only **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

### Brown-headed Cowbird

Josh Davidson's estimate of 1500 at Darby Creek on 07 Nov shared the high with Tracy Hammer's 1500 in West Jefferson, **Madison**, on 29 Aug. (80 counties)



This Brown-headed Cowbird fluffed its feathers during Bruce Miller's photography on 21 Aug in **Sandusky**.

### Rusty Blackbird

This species is rare even beginning in mid-Sep. There were a few reports of sightings before mid-Sep, but their details don't allow their confirmation. The earliest certain sighting was on 18 Sep at Conneaut for Cheryl and Michael Saylor. The 06 Nov ONWR census team tallied 473 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Matt Anderson saw the second most, 350 along Obee Road near Route 295 in Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on 13 Nov. Paul Jacyk had a closely similar count of 300 along that same road later that day. Another count of 290 also came from ONWR on 09 Nov (Jeremy Dominguez). Don Keffer saw 181 at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 31 Oct, and Larry Richardson noted 180 at Mosquito Creek WA on 29 Oct. Mosquito WA still held 180 on 06 Nov for Don Keffer. (60 counties)

### Brewer's Blackbird

Rodney McCollum found a female Brewer's along Cattail Road in Pleasantville, **Fairfield**, on 18 Oct. Bird was seen by m. obs. on 18 and 19

Oct. Matt Anderson found three feeding with a mixed species blackbird flock in a corn stubble field along Obee Road near Route 295 in Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on 13 Nov. Matt's description indicated there may have been more than three Brewer's in the flock, but the flock flew off and he was not able to observe it long enough.

### Common Grackle

Ethan Maynard saw the most, 12,000 at Burton Wetlands, **Geauga**, on 26 Oct. Nearly 11,300 were estimated two days prior at that same location (David English). Four locations held at least 5000, but the second most were 8000 at both Sandhill Crane Wetlands, **Lucas**, on 20 Aug (Matt Anderson) and in **Stark** on 15 Nov (Jeff Goff). Only **Carroll**, **Gallia**, **Monroe**, **Pike**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.

### Blackbird sp.

David Wilkins estimated a flock of 100,000 at the private Green Creek Woods, **Sandusky**, on 02 Nov. Another large mixed species flock of 75,000 was noted by Kathy Mock at PPG Lime Lakes, **Summit**, on 02 Nov. Flocks of 10,000 were in **Medina** and **Sandusky**.

### Ovenbird

One spent from 04 to 21 Nov on private property in **Hamilton** (Greg McCormick). While the species is usually gone by late Oct, another bird was noted at the Norma Johnson Center, **Tuscarawas**, on 05 Nov (Atlee Yoder). Both these latter two Ovenbirds were photographed and images submitted on eBird. David Russell reported the most, eight during banding at Hueston Woods on 20 Sep. At least six counties had locations with four birds. (58 counties)

### Worm-eating Warbler

Mollie Bading saw the last, at Magrish Riverlands Preserve, **Hamilton**, on 09 Sep. The second last were four seen by Bryan Smith on 08 Sep, which included three at Howard Ridge and one along Township Road 41, both in Wayne NF, **Lawrence**, **Athens**, **Fairfield**, **Marion**, **Perry**, and **Wyandot** also had sightings.

### Louisiana Waterthrush

Phil Cantino saw the last, at Strouds Run SP, **Athens**, on 19 Sep. As this species is a very early fall migrant, the second last was seen on 02 Sep by Deanna Baker-Ferrell at East Fork. A trio of birders saw the most, three at Holden on 07 Aug (16 counties)

### Northern Waterthrush

Mark Tomecko saw the first, at Mill Stream Run Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 05 Aug. Renee Frederick saw a relatively late migrant at Wahkeena NP, **Fairfield**, on 22 Oct. Locations in

*Cuyahoga*, *Lake*, and *Lucas* held three each. (33 counties)

### Golden-winged Warbler

Stefan Minnig saw the earliest, at McCarthy Park, *Union*, on 22 Aug. George Billman saw the last, at Alum Creek on 28 Sep. Five counties had records from 23 to 27 Sep. Maureen MacIntyre's found three, the most, at CLNP, on 05 Sep. In Ohio, that is exceptionally rare. (17 counties)

### Blue-winged Warbler

Matt Mason saw the last, a late migrant at Dawes Arboretum, *Licking*, on 07 Oct. Karen Mammone and Melissa Wales saw one in *Athens* on 03 Oct. *Hooking*, *Laurence*, and *Trumbull* each had locations with three. (43 counties)

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

Rodney McCollum saw a "Brewster's" Warbler in Clear Creek on 04 Sep. Phil Cantino saw a male "Lawrence's" in *Athens* on 04 Sep.

### Black-and-white Warbler

Inga Schmidt saw the last, a late migrant along Chagrin River Road, *Geauga*, on 04 Nov. Even Sharon McNutt's observation of the second last was also of a relatively late migrant at Maumee Bay on 23 Oct, as was Brian O'Rourke's lingering migrant that he photographed at OSU's Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens on 22 Oct. There were three counts of seven, from *Franklin*, *Lawrence* and *Lucas*, which represented the most. (67 counties)

### Prothonotary Warbler

Most Prothonotaries leave by end of Aug, but some may linger into early Sep. Sandra Keller saw a lingering migrant at Armleder Park on 23 Sep. Jeff and Pierce Werrmann also noted a very late bird at CLNP on 19 Sep, an especially late date for northern Ohio. Brian Tsuru's 12 at Hoover SP on 02 Aug were the most. (31 counties)

### Tennessee Warbler

By end of Aug, this species had dispersed through at least 40 counties with the high count of 12 for Aug. The earliest birds were noted on 13 Aug. Those included Euclid Creek Reservation, *Cuyahoga* (Tom Frankel), Huntington Reservation, *Cuyahoga* (Bill Ohlsen), and Kopf Family Reservation, *Lorain* (Austin Rice). Two lingered into Nov, one at William J. Robertson NP, *Wayne*, on 06 Nov (Roni Leatherman), and the second last at Bramble Park, *Hamilton*, on 02 Nov (Mollie Bading). Tyler Ficker reported the most, 81 at Valley View Preserve, *Clermont*, on 23 Sep. Both *Hamilton* and *Knox* had locations with 45. (76 counties)

### Orange-crowned Warbler

While this species typically does not come across the lake before mid-Sep. This season, there were three records on 31 Aug, but the report details did not allow species specific confirmation. Irina Shulgina noted one at Kiwanis Park on 12 Nov and shared that last date with Nicky Rosner, who found one at Tam O'Shanter Park, *Stark*. The most were four noted by Roger Beuck at Headlands on 28 Sep. (40 counties)

### Nashville Warbler

Michael Hensley saw the first, at East Sandusky Bay MP, *Erie*, on 14 Aug. Most had moved through by late Oct, which is rather typical for this species, but Lynn Hartsough saw the last on 04 Nov, at Sharon Woods, *Hamilton*. Roger Beuck counted 45 at Headlands on 28 Sep. Next most were Henry Trimpe's 35 at CLNP on 23 Sep. (73 counties)

### Connecticut Warbler

Jen Brumfield reported the earliest, at Wendy Park on 27 Aug. Mark Ruane reported seeing the last, in Grant Park, *Montgomery*, on 22 Oct, which was exceptionally late. Second last was a bird at the Barrow FS on 16 Oct (David Factor). As expected with this relatively rare migrant, all observations were of single birds. (18 counties)

### Mourning Warbler

Nancy Howell noted the first, at CLNP on 14 Aug. At least four observers saw the last, which was at a marsh along Ira Road in the CVNP on 17 Oct. The high count of five came from *Cuyahoga* both on 30 Aug (Luke Robertson) and 05 Sep (Bill Deininger) at CLNP. (29 counties)

### Kentucky Warbler

A very early fall migrant that is often gone by end of Aug, Rene, Andy, and Bill McGill saw the last, at Valley View Preserve, *Clermont*, on 26 Sep. Given this species prefers a specific forest understory cover with thick vegetation, it is not common in much of the state, so all fall reports were of one or two birds. (11 counties)

### Common Yellowthroat

Several lingered into early Dec. Your editor reported the most, 25 at the University of Cincinnati Center for Field Studies in Harrison, *Hamilton*, on 25 Sep. His team banded 18 of them that day. (82 counties)

### Hooded Warbler

This species is typically gone by end of the first week of Oct. Harrison Ponn saw one at Blackhand Gorge, *Licking*, on 05 Oct and shared the last date with two records from *Washington*. These latter two were Julie Zickefoose's obser-

vation in Whipple and Terry Bronson's at Beiser Field Station. George Novosel counted the most, eight within the CVNP on 17 Sep. Four other counties had counts of five to seven birds. (47 counties)

### American Redstart

Ivy Ciaburri and Brian Tsuru saw the last, at Inniswood Metro Gardens, **Franklin**, on 30 Oct. Troy Herrel saw one at OSU on 27 Oct. Five other counties had locations with lingering birds from 23 to 25 Oct. The high count was 20 at three different locations: CLNP on 14 Sep (Allen Rand), Wedgewood Hills Park in Dublin, **Franklin**, on 09 Sep (Caroline Savage), and Marsh Lewis' observation at Magee on 14 Sep. (79 counties)

### Cape May Warbler

Larry Richardson saw the first at Mosquito Lake on 12 Aug. Starting the next day, there were many reports throughout Ohio. Brad Goodner's observation at Barrow FS on 04 Nov was the season's last. Sean Williams counted the most, 66 at Mentor Lagoons, on 20 Aug. (78 counties)



A Cape May Warbler passed by the Ora Anderson Trail in Athens where Phil Cantino spotted it on 09 Sep.

### Cerulean Warbler

Most move south in Aug and have usually departed by the end of Sep. Unlike last fall, there were no Oct records during the Fall 2022 season. There were also very few records at all this fall. This species is very secretive and difficult to study during fall migration. Kristina Fulkerson saw the last, along Wyandot-Marion Road in Morral, **Marion**, on 17 Sep. (9 counties)

### Northern Parula

The last was photographed at Kiwanis Park on 30 Oct (Becki Guy). Tyler Ficker noted the high count of 16 at Valley View Park, **Clermont**, on

23 Sep. Second most, were Judi Williamson's 10 at Sheldon Marsh on 26 Sep. (67 counties)

### Magnolia Warbler

One as far south as Beechhaven, **Perry**, on 03 Aug was impressively early (Vicki Derr). The next earliest was Linda Benner's at Slate Run MP, **Pickaway**, on 12 Aug. The season's last was noted at Headlands on 25 Oct (Roger Beuck and Jim Smallwood) and a date shared with Gregory Bennett at Judith Bear Isroff Park, **Summit**. Don Keffer tallied the high count, 14 at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 12 Sep (77 counties)



This Magnolia Warbler visited Jethro Raber's home in Wayne on 19 Sep.

### Bay-breasted Warbler

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker saw the first, at Buck Creek on 12 Aug. Dakota Swisher noted the last, along Somerville Road in Oxford, **Butler**, on 24 Oct. Jeremy Dominguez found the most, 52 at Magee, on 09 Sep. (79 counties)

### Blackburnian Warbler

With this species, it is often difficult to discern potential breeders from early migrants, especially in areas with spruce and conifers in the lakeside counties. An early migrant was at Alum Creek on 11 Aug (Carl Winstead). At least 12 counties had reports as early as 12 to 14 Aug. Holly Erickson reported the last, at OSU on 26 Oct. Neill Cade saw the most, 12 at Shawnee Lookout on 28 Sep. A count of 10 came from **Washington** in Whipple on 12 Sep (Julie Zickefoose) and 11 from **Lake** at Mentor Lagoons on 20 Aug. (Sean Williams). (75 counties)

### Yellow Warbler

Patricia Hannington saw the last, a late migrant along Turnbury Drive in Madison, **Lake**, on 23 Oct. Sean Williams counted 43 at Headlands on 02 Aug. (60 counties)

### Chestnut-sided Warbler

This species typically departs by early Oct. However, Marianne Gorman saw one at her residence in **Butler** and shared that last date with

Bryan Smith, who noted one at his residence in **Lawrence** on 16 Oct. Tyler Ficker observed six at Valley View Preserve, **Clermont**, on 23 Sep, and shared the most with Bryan Smith's count at Wayne National Forest in Pedro, **Lawrence**, on 08 Sep. (64 counties)

#### **Blackpoll Warbler**

Alecia Gorski noted the earliest, at Avondale Avenue, **Lorain**, on 13 Aug. This record preceded Andy Brown's observation at Lorain by three hours. Michael Onel saw the last, at OSU's Mirror Lake and Browning Amphitheatre, on 02 Nov, and potentially the same bird or a second was also seen two hours later by Troy Herrel on OSU's main campus. Josiah Stumbo saw one at CLNP on 28 Oct. Jelmer Poelstra observed 32 at East Harbor on 24 Sep. Both **Lake** and **Lucas** had counts of 28. (72 counties)

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

While this species migrates primarily in Sep during the fall, migrants were timely on the north coast with the first reported from the lakeside counties at Headlands by a trio of birders on 19 Aug. It was the season's earliest, but one was in **Delaware**, at Hoover NP, on 20 Aug (Brian Tsuru). Sep is a good time to find this species in Ohio and a few may remain into Oct. This fall, there were numerous records even during the last few days of Oct. The season's last was extremely late and was seen in Cincinnati on 27 Nov by Trudy Flowers. Judi Williamson saw the most, nine at Sheldon Marsh on 03 Oct. (57 counties)

#### **Palm Warbler**

The influx of this species usually starts during the last week of Aug, and almost all have departed by the first few days of Nov. Steve Meisky and Alexander Teliak saw the first, at Blendon Woods, on 25 Aug. The last was noted at Byers Woods, **Ashland**, on 26 Nov (m. obs.). Danielle Square and Chad Wilson counted 48 at Petersen Woods and Kuehnl WA of Middle Bass Island, **Ottawa**, on 25 Sep. Second most, were Sean Williams' 32 at Kelleys Island on 08 Oct. (68 counties)

#### **"Yellow" Palm Warbler**

As many experienced birders may know and new birders will learn, this race of the Palm Warbler typically occurs east of the Appalachian Mountains. James Muller noted one at Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 23 Oct, Allen Rand saw one at Rocky River Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 24 Oct, and Adam and Sarah Preston found one at North Chagrin Reservation, **Lake**, on 30 Oct.

#### **Pine Warbler**

A few lingered into Dec. However, only one was reported during Nov, a single at the Camp

Dennison gravel pits, **Hamilton**, on 22 Nov (JW Rettig). A trio of birders saw the most, five, at Waterloo SE, **Athens**, on 08 Sep. (54 counties)

#### **Yellow-rumped Warbler**

Gregory Miller saw the first, at Harrison Lake SP, **Fulton**, on 04 Aug, which was extremely early. Second earliest was Larry Richardson's at Mosquito Lake on 11 Aug. The high count of 1100 came from Edgewater on 23 Oct (Joel Throckmorton). He commented that may have been several thousand that day in the forest along the beach. At least 630 were there the next day (Jen Brumfield). Outside **Cuyahoga**, Sean Williams counted 563 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 16 Oct. Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

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

Often a difficult species to find during the fall and has usually departed by early Oct. Carlton Schooley saw the last, at Shawnee Prairie Preserve, **Darke**, on 15 Oct. Bryan Smith saw the most, five along Howard Ridge of Wayne NF in Pedro, **Lawrence**, on 08 Sep. (44 counties)

#### **Prairie Warbler**

This species usually has departed by end of Sep, but there were reports of two late migrants. Jen Moore and Jason Parrish saw one along Hartsough Road in Laurelville, **Hocking**, on 01 Oct. An exceptionally late bird was also seen by some members of the Mountwood Bird Club along Hatchery Road, **Guernsey** (Jon Benedetti and Terry Bronson) on 17 Nov. The high count of three came from Renee Sparks along Clayton Township Road 208, **Perry**, from 27 to 31 Aug. (22 counties)

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

With this species, it is difficult to discern local breeders and post-breeding dispersal birds from northern migrants. What was perhaps the earliest migrant was in Delphos, **Van Wert**, on 21 Aug (Mark Humpert). The last was at Headlands on 02 Nov (Kathy Pinchot). The most were 13 noted at CLNP on 23 Sep (Henry and Jim Trimpe). (76 counties)

#### **Canada Warbler**

A trio of birders saw the last, at CLNP on 02 Oct. Daniel Beechy reported the most, five along Township Road 122, **Holmes**, on 27 Aug. (50 counties)

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

Historically, this species starts across Lake Erie by the third or fourth week of Aug. Emily Wynn saw the first, at Magee on 13 Aug. Of the 21 counties with Aug records, 11 had a first fall record on 27 Aug or later. Austin Rice found an exceptionally

late migrant at Lorain on 07 Nov. Likewise, one was noted at CLNP on 23 Oct, which is quite late for the north coast (Bill Deiningner). Sean Williams counted the most, 11 at Mentor Lagoons on 10 Sep. (51 counties)

#### Summer Tanager

A very late male was noted at Inniswood Metro Gardens, **Franklin**, by David Pugsley on 23 Nov. The second last was Jen Molnar's single at Winton Woods, **Hamilton**, on 05 Oct, which is a typical departure date for this species. Jason and Neill Cade provided the high count, four at Chaparral Prairie SNP, **Adams**, on 01 Sep. (29 counties)

#### Scarlet Tanager

Bryan Smith saw the last, at his residence in **Lawrence** on 16 Oct. **Mahoning**, **Portage**, and **Summit** each had reports of eight birds in Sep. (68 counties)

#### Northern Cardinal

Bela Anand-Apte provided the most, 99 at CLNP on 12 Sep. Andrew O'Connor counted the second most, 40 at CNC on 26 Sep. (all 88 counties)

#### Rose-breasted Grosbeak

This fall there were no Nov records. Eric Holmes noted the last, along Laverne Avenue in Rocky River, **Cuyahoga**, on 27 Oct. Neill Cade saw the most, 16 at Shawnee Lookout on 28 Sep. (75 counties)

#### Blue Grosbeak

This species typically moves south throughout Aug and until mid-Sep. Renee Sparks photographed two females along Clayton Township Road 208, **Perry**, on 15 Oct. One lingered at Fernald until at least 07 Oct (m. obs.) and two in **Warren** on 03 Oct (Laura Stanton). Jon Cefus and Kent Miller provided the high count, 12 at the American Landfill, **Stark**, on 12 and 26 Aug. (33 counties)

#### Dickcissel

David Clippinger photographed an exceptionally late bird on 02 Nov in **Preble** and reported that the bird had lingered since 24 Oct. David Factor saw one at the Barrow FS on 30 Oct. There were birds lingering as late as 28 Oct in **Cuyahoga** and as late as 22 Oct in **Ashland**. Matt Anderson saw the most, 16 at Sandhill Crane Wetlands, **Lucas**, on 07 Aug. Kori Sedmak reported the second most, eight at Myeerah NP, **Logan**, on 16 Sep. While a relatively uncommon species in Ohio, Rob Harlan disclosed that the species was in unusually above average number into Oct. (35 counties)

#### Indigo Bunting

Sean Williams saw the last, at Cuyahoga Community College Eastern Campus in Highland Hills, **Cuyahoga**, on 26 Oct. There were also several records in the state as late as 23 to 24 Oct. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 51 on 07 Aug. Tyler Ficker saw the second most, 31 at Valley View Preserve, **Clermont**, on 23 Sep. (83 counties)



Roger Friedman took advantage of late afternoon light to photograph this molting male Indigo Bunting in **Cuyahoga** on 30 Aug

#### Addendum to Summer 2022 Species Account by Craig Caldwell

The following are additions to the summer 2022 species accounts from reports to *The Bobolink* provided to the *Cardinal* by Robert Hershberger.

#### Eurasian Collared-Dove

Increase the county count to nine.

#### Eastern Whip-poor-will

An additional count of seven (the second-highest) was provided by Benjamin H. Yoder from Wills Creek WA, **Coshocton/Tuscarawas**, on 29 Jun, raising the county count to 15.

#### Sandhill Crane

The reported high count of 156 by Matt Anderson was approximately equaled by Philip A. Hershberger's "150+" at Funk on 21 Jul.

#### Killdeer

Philip A. Hershberger roamed Funk and its vicinity on 29 Jul; his 660 Killdeer eclipsed the previous high count of 300.



**Pectoral Sandpiper**

Philip A. Hershberger counted 46 at Wilderness Road on 29 Jul for a new second highest number.

**Red-necked Phalarope**

John Mark Hershberger photographed a fly-over flock of six in *Holmes* on 03 Jun.

**American Bittern**

Increase the county count to 11.

**Black Vulture**

Increase the county count to 57.

**Turkey Vulture**

Reuben S. Erb provided a new second highest count of 143, from near Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 21 Jun.

**Eastern Screech-Owl**

Increase the county count to 38.

**Acadian Flycatcher**

Marvin Yoder's 40 in the Killbuck area on 11 Jun is the new high count for the season.

**Alder Flycatcher**

Increase the county count to 23.

**Red-eyed Vireo**

Reuben S. Erb's 57 throughout Mohican on 13 Jul is the new second highest count.

**Veery**

Elias A. Raber found 21 during a long day at Mohican on 18 Jun for the new high count.

**Lark Sparrow**

Add one sighting in *Tuscarawas* to the "also" list.

**Dark-eyed Junco**

Kevin Hershberger's find of one east of Sugar-creek, *Tuscarawas*, on 19 Jun was probably a northbound straggler.

**Kentucky Warbler**

Reuben S. Erb counted nine around Glenmont, *Holmes*, on 04 Jun for the new highest number.

**Cerulean Warbler**

Marvin Yoder provided a third count of six, from the Killbuck area on 11 Jun.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler**

Increase the county count to 20.

**Black-throated Green Warbler**

Reuben S. Erb's 16 at Mohican on 13 Jul were the most of the season.

**Blue Grosbeak**

Increase the county count to 47.

These individuals provided reports to *The Bobolink* and were not previously listed as contributors in the summer *Cardinal*:

Reuben S. Erb, James R. Hershberger, John Mark Hershberger, Kevin Hershberger, Philip A. Hershberger, Robert Hershberger, Nathan Mast, Daniel Miller, Eli M. Miller, Jeffrey A. Miller, Ray L. Miller, Elias A. Raber, Ed Schlabach, Norman D. Schlabach, Aaron M. Yoder, Benjamin H. Yoder, Ervin A. Yoder, and Marvin Yoder

**Erratum Summer 2022**

**Volume 45, No. 4, Summer 2022, p. 193**

The 200 Wood Ducks reported by Douglas Vodus *et al.* should have been listed as ONWR and not the CVNP.

## RUFIOUS AND RUFIOUS/ALLEN HUMMINGBIRDS, FALL 2022

This was another good year for *Selasphorus* hummingbirds. Unless noted otherwise, the data in these tables were provided by Allen Chartier, who performed the banding. Allen has provided exceedingly outstanding research on Ohio's hummingbirds. Data are sorted by first observation date. Ad = Adult, HY = Hatch Year, AHY = After Hatch Year

<b>Rufous Hummingbirds</b>					
Location and County	Age	Sex	First Observed	Banded	Last Observed
Friendship, <i>Scioto</i>	Ad	M	18 Aug	(1)	27 Dec
Hamilton Twp., <i>Warren</i>	Ad	F	~09 Oct	(2)	23 Dec
Barnesville, <i>Belmont</i>	HY	F	26 Oct	06 Nov	08 Nov
Blue Ash, <i>Hamilton</i>	AHY	F	04 Nov	22 Nov	22 Dec
Westfield Center, <i>Medina</i>	AHY	M	13 Nov	02 Dec	22 Dec

- (1) Photographed. An adult male evaded capture last year at this location.
- (2) Two capture attempts failed. An AHY female was banded at this location in 2017 and another after AHY female was banded there in 2021. This year's had a band and it almost surely the one banded last year based on reading the band number from photographs.

<b>Rufous/Allen's Hummingbirds</b>				
Location and County	Sex	First Observed	Banded	Last Observed
Near Urbana, <i>Champaign</i>	F	21 Oct	(1)	~13 Nov
Wooster, <i>Wayne</i>	F	~22 Oct	(2)	18 Nov
Cheviot, <i>Hamilton</i>	F	09 Nov	(3)	12 Dec
Wyoming, <i>Hamilton</i>	F	12 Nov	(4)	

- (1) Photographed.
- (2) Photographed. Visited flowers but never a feeder. Per Allen, "Another photo of a very similar-appearing bird, perched in a shrub in the snow, was posted to Facebook on 18 Nov [at] a condo complex ~0.6 miles ENE of the first location."
- (3) Photographed. *Fide* Virginia Wilson and Mollie Bading.
- (4) Photographed; present one day only. *Fide* Mollie Bading and Corrie Carswell.

# NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL BANDING SUMMARY

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

Stations began banding in mid-October and some continued to 31 Dec. The “Nights” and species counts include December effort.

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

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

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

Available details follow.

The single bird at Catawba Island, *Ottawa*,

(Bruce Buckingham) was captured on 16 Nov 2022 and had been banded on 21 Sep 2021 near St. Ignace, MI.

The Mathys Farm, *Union*, (Blake Mathys) bird was a second-year female captured on 13 Nov 2022; it had been banded at Long Point Bird Observatory, Ontario, Canada, on 28 Oct 2022. Two of Blake’s initial captures were recaptured elsewhere. One he banded on 06 Nov 2020 was recaptured on 07 Nov 2022 in Rockingham County, VA. He banded the other on 22 Nov 2021; it was recaptured on 05 Oct 2022 at Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre, Ontario, Canada.

The four foreign recaptures at Kelleys Island (Tom Bartlett) were:

Captured 28 Oct 2022, banded 24 May 2020 at Whitefish Point, MI.

Banding Station	County	Bander-in-Charge	Nights	NSWO Banded	EASO Banded	Other Banded	Foreign Recaps	In-season Recaps
Fernald Preserve	Hamilton	Ron Canterbury	4	2	0	0	0	0
Lake Erie Bluffs	Lake	Ann Bugeda/Dan Donaldson	16	36	0	0	3	
Catawba Island	Ottawa	Bruce Buckingham	8	5	2	0	1	0
Lake Erie Island Nature & Wildlife Center	Ottawa	Tom Bartlett	2	0	1	0	0	0
Russell Drive, Bolivar	Tuscarawas	Dan Kramer	10	12	0	0	0	0
Mathys Farm	Union	Blake Mathys	29	34	0	0	1	0
Palatial Estates	Vinton	Bob Scott Placier	33	45	0	0	3	2
Caesar Creek	Warren	Rebecca Palmer/Steve Lee	29	58	1	0	3	7
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>131</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>

## Details of foreign recaps follow.

Captured 30 Oct 2022 and again 13 Nov 2022, banded 27 Oct 2022 at Cayuga, Ontario, Canada.

Captured 21 Nov 2022, banded 09 Oct 2020 at St. Williams, Ontario, Canada.

Captured 10 Dec 2022, banded 22 Nov 2022 at Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada.

Seven of the Saw-whets that Tom Bartlett banded on Kelleys Island in previous years were recaptured elsewhere:

Banded 24 Oct 2018, recaptured 14 Nov 2022 by Bob Scott Placier in *Vinton*.

Banded 15 Nov 2019, recaptured 05 Oct 2022 at St. Ignace, MI.

Banded 16 Oct 2020, recaptured 20 Oct 2022 at St. Ignace, MI.

Banded 21 Oct 2021, recaptured 29 Oct 2022 at Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada.

Banded 22 Oct 2021, recaptured 06 Nov 2022 at Long Point Bird Observatory, Ontario, Canada.

Banded 03 Nov 2021, recaptured 30 Oct 2022 at Sandy Hook, NJ.

Banded 03 Nov 2021, recaptured 01 Nov 2022 at St. Ignace, MI.

## CONTRIBUTORS

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

Patricia Aitken	Linda Benner	Gneal Cammock
Scott Albaugh	Gregory Bennett	Ron Canterbury
Karla Allan	Mike Bernhardt	Phil Cantino
Zachary Allen	Roger Beuck	Christi Carlson
Caitlin Ambrose	George Billman	Toby Carlstrom
Bela Anand-Apte	Peter Blank	Linda Carstensen
Andrea Anderson	Sandra Blease	Corrie Carswell
Chuck Anderson	Theo Bockhorst	Natalie Carusillo
Matt Anderson	Dana Bollin	Paul Caryl
Nancy Anderson	Jenny Bowman	Rebecca Caryl
Ken Andrews	Margaret Bowman	Mariola Castrejon
Rick Asamoto	Donna Braig	Jon Cefus
Charlotte Ashcraft	John Brikmanis	Lisa Cellura
Heather Aubke	Terry Bronson	Ellie Chappie
Will Babb	Will Brooks	Allen Chartier
Mollie Bading	Andy Brown	Ann Chasar
Deanna Baker-Ferrell	Lori Brumbaugh	Dwight Chasar
Laura Balascio	Jen Brumfield	Dave Chase
Jane Balbo	Evan Brywczyński	Ivy Ciaburri
Barbara Ballard	Martha Burrows	Kathryn Clark
Tom Bartlett	Noah Butas	David Clippinger
Cynthia Beans	Helen Butts	Jeffrey Cohen
Daniel Beechy	Jason Cade	Tim Collborn
Jon Benedetti	Neill Cade	Hunter Collins
Lisa Benjamin	Craig Caldwell	Clara Conroy

Greg Cornett	David Factor	Rob Harlan
Jon Costanzo	Janice Farral	Sandy Harlan
Fannie Courtier	Barb Fath	Lynn Hartsough
Gary Cowell	Mark Faust	Michael Hensley
Patrick Coy	Leslie Ferree	John Herman
Isaiah Craft	Cassidy Ficker	Troy Herrel
Charles Crawford	Tyler Ficker	Tyler Hershberger
Bob Crist	Katy Fitzpatrick	Michael Hochstetler
Sara Crist	Wyatt Flood	Heather Hodges
Alex Damiano	Trudy Flowers	MiMi Hoffmaster
Colin Danch	Tom Frankel	Eric Holmes
Josh Davidson	Laura Frazier	James Holsinger
Phillip Daw	Renee Frederick	Craig Holt
David De Armye	Roger Friedman	Roz Holt
Bill Deininger	Kristina Fulkerson	Corinna Honscheid
Ned DeLamatre	Dan Gesualdo	Nancy Howell
Robin Densmore	Meg Glines	Wes Hoyer
Vicki Derr	Jeff Goff	Jason Hull
Amy Didion	Brad Goodner	William Hull
Richard Dolbeer	Kym Gopp	Mark Humpert
Jeremy Dominguez	Marianne Gorman	Tara Hutson
Pat Dooley	Alecia Gorski	Brad Imhoff
John Durbach	Howard Gratz	Larry Imhoff
George Dziuk	Joel Greenberg	Albert Jackson
Larry Early	Becki Guy	Barbara Jacobs
Alex Eberts	Tracy Hammer	Paul Jacyk
Greg Emmert	Darrell Hance	Kathy Jakischa
Jamey Emmert	Marc Hanneman	Tim Jasinski
David English	Patricia Hannington	Laura Jenkins
Holly Erickson	Josh Hargrave	Bill Jirousek



*The Ohio Cardinal, Fall 2022*

Cory Jones	Austin Langdon	Nathan Mast
Justine Jones	Mollie Langdon	Ruby Mast
William Jones	Roman Lanno	Kari Warner Matsko
Julie Karlson	Joseph Lautenbach	Ethan Maynard
Kenn Kaufman	Roni Leatherman	Tyler McClain
Don Keffer	Ken Lebo	Rodney McCollum
Sandra Keller	Adrian Lee	Greg McCormick
Dale Kennedy	Cam Lee	Dawn McCoy
James Kerner	Scott Leeth	Molly McDermott
Daniel King	Beth Lenoble	Heather McFerren
Scott Kinzey	Kenda Lentz	Andy McGill
Coen Kliewer	Tim Lenz	Bill McGill
Joe Kollar	Jack Leow	Rene McGill
Nick Komar	Warren Leow	Kevin McKelvey
Nate Koszycki	Marsha Lewis	Patty McKelvey
Bob Krajewski	Ken Limmer	Sharon McNutt
Dan Kramer	Barb Lindenmuth	Brenda McPheron
Billi Krochuk	Emerson Lisboa	Elizabeth McQuaid
Jo Ann Kubicki	Fred Losi	Willem Meintjes
John Kuenzli	Rick Luehrs	Steve Meisky
Donna Kuhn	Christopher Lyden	Dennis Mersky
Jennifer Kuhn	Lydia Machczynski	Alvin Miller
Lindsey Kunkel	Maureen MacIntyre	Benjamin Miller
Jon Kurtz	John Mahon	Bruce Miller
Jeff Kurtzman	Karen Mammone	Duane Miller
Shawn Kurtzman	Anthony Marino	Eli Miller
Jeff Lamson	Parks Marion	Gregory Miller
John Landon	Tammy Martin	Kelly Miller
Bob Lane	Matt Mason	Kent Miller
Gustino Lanese	Sam Mason	Paul Miller

Stefan Minnig	Levi Parker	Barbara Ragucci
Adam Mitchell	Rebecca Parkes	Vicki Ramirez
Stephen Mitten	Sue Parks	Lissa Ramos
Kathy Mock	Jason Parrish	Allen Rand
Jen Molnar	Jordan Parrott	Carrie Rasik
Christine Moore	Dan Pastel	Joli Reising
Jen Moore	Kim Pastrick	JW Rettig
Randy Morgan	Richard Payne	Marty Reynard
James Muller	Scott Pendleton	Austin Rice
Eric Mullholand	Rebecca Pescosolido	Matthew Rice
Michael Murray	John Petruzzi	David Richardson
Scott Myers	Monica Pham	Larry Richardson
Shane Myers	TK Pham	Vanessa Rimer
Karli Naglick	Lisa Phelps	Mandy Roberts
Kim Napier	Chris Pierce	Luke Robertson
Rick Nelson	Dawn Pietrykowski	Anthony Rodgers
Don Niece	Kathy Pinchot	Dave Rodriguez
Kim Nordquest	Michaela Plante	Mary Anne Romito
Cynthia Norris	Stan Plante	Robert Rosin
George Novosel	Jelmer Poelstra	Nicky Rosner
Marcia OBara	John Pogacnik	Raymond Rosselot
Isoo O'Brien	Harrison Ponn	Jeffrey Roth
Andrew O'Connor	Terri Pouliot	Mark Ruane
Erin Odor	Adam Preston	James Runkle
Bill Ohlsen	Sarah Preston	David Russell
Michael Onel	Jim Proffitt	Jeff Sailer
Brian O'Rourke	David Pugsley	Chris Saladin
Hope Orr	Chad Pumpelly	Caroline Savage
Doug Overacker	Jacob Raber	Cheryl Saylor
Debbie Parker	Jethro Raber	Michael Saylor

*The Ohio Cardinal, Fall 2022*

Inga Schmidt	Su Snyder	Brian Tsuru
Charlton Schooley	Claudia Souders	Matt Valencic
Lucas Schrader	Leslie Sours	Matthew Valiga
Michael Schramm	Renee Sparks	Joshua Vardous
Brandt Schurenberg	Danielle Squire	Tammy Varilek
Judy Schuster	James Stammen	Alexa Veenema
Lindsey Scott	Laura Stanton	Jaap Veenema
Kori Sedmak	Jack Stenger	Douglas Vogus
Ron Sempier	Thomas Stevenson	Melissa Wales
Bryan Sharp	Jonathan Strassfeld	Sarah Walker
Mark Shaver	Josiah Stumbo	Peggy Wang
Ann Shelton	Debra Sweeney	Lucas Weaver
Ken Shelton	Mark Sweeney	Adam Webster
Pete Shen	Bob Swindaman	Kisa Weeman
Carey Sherrill	Dakota Swisher	Madeline Wellman
Paul Sherwood	Patti Swope	Jeff Werrmann
Susie Shetterly	Jerry Talkington	Pierce Werrmann
Troy Shively	Alexander Teliak	Kevin White
John Shrader	Jory Teltser	Mike Wielgopolski
Irina Shulgina	Elizabeth Thomas	David Wilkins
Matt Shumar	Robert Thorn	Sean Williams
Andrew Simon	Joel Throckmorton	Geoffrey Williamson
Tajinder Singh	Mark Tomecko	Judi Williamson
Morgan Skaff	Brian Tomko	Chad Wilson
Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr.	James Tomko	Virginia Wilson
Jim Smallwood	Henry Trimpe	Carl Winstead
Alex Smearman	Jim Trimpe	Alexa Witcombe
Bryan Smith	John Troth	Mindy Withrow
Kiehl Smith	Dennis Troyer	Ed Wransky
Barbara Snyder	Gabe Troyer	Kurt Wray

Eric Wright

Joe Wujcik

Brian Wulker

Emily Wynn

Steven Yockey

Aden Yoder

Atlee Yoder

Josh Yoder

Jon Zabowski

Julie Zickefoose

Eileen Zimlich

Karen Zimlich

Trevor Zook

## BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: FIRST OHIO NESTING RECORD

By **Jim McCormac**

*Dendrocygna autumnalis* was long known as the Black-bellied Tree Duck, an apt name for this goose-like cavity-nester. The 6th edition of the American Ornithologists' Union checklist (1983) unveiled a new English name by which the bird has formally been called ever since: Black-bellied Whistling-Duck.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck is primarily a species of tropical climates, and until about the 1950's the U.S. population epicenter of the northern subspecies *D. autumnalis fulgens* was in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. From there it ranged south through Central America to western Panama. The markedly different nominate subspecies, *D. autumnalis autumnalis*, occurs from eastern Panama south through a broad swath of South America. It differs from the northern subspecies by a broad gray breast band and a narrow gray collar around the base of the neck, in addition to its smaller average size. As a curious aside, the type locality (place of original collection) is the West Indies, but Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks occur there only as vagrants. It has relatively recently become established but remains rare on Cuba.

Beginning in the mid-1900's a notable expansion of Black-bellied Whistling-Duck began. From its south Texas stronghold birds began pushing outwards, especially along the Gulf Coast and to the north. The state of Louisiana hastened the process by release programs in the latter half of the 20th century. These efforts blurred the ability to discern wild colonizers from intentional releases. Along the same lines, it should be noted that Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks are commonly kept by aviculturists. A mixed sex pair can be had for as little as \$100.00. Escapes from captivity surely occur, and such renegades are the bane of diagnosing truly wild vagrant waterfowl in many cases. But with the Black-bellied Whistling-Duck and their remarkable expansion the evidence seems overwhelming that is a largely unassisted phenomenon.

Cut to the present day and Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks have turned up in every state east of the Mississippi River (and at least 14 states to the west) and do so in ever-increasing numbers. In Louisiana—the state that launched the ambitious introduction scheme decades ago—the ducks have skyrocketed in numbers. The Louisiana Wildlife Federation, in making a

case to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for an expansion of the Black-bellied Whistling-Duck hunting season, state: "...the Black-Bellied Whistling Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*), also called the Black-Bellied Tree Duck, once rare in Louisiana, has become a common sight, expanding its home range with ever increasing numbers of local birds throughout many southern and central parishes of our state, and... Black-Bellies are somewhat similar to native Wood Ducks and share the same habitat needs for food, shelter and most importantly wooden caverns such as natural tree hollows, abandoned woodpecker holes, and especially, manmade nesting boxes..." (Submitted 10 Feb 2010). Similar population spikes as described here have occurred in other southern states.

For now, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck remains a rare vagrant in northern states but records steadily accrue. Ducks have turned up as far north as Bar Harbor, Maine, Lake Champlain in Vermont, Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and northernmost Minnesota. There have been a few dozen records north of the U.S. border, mostly in southernmost Canada. The Eskimo award goes to 11 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks that appeared in Birchy Bay, Newfoundland on 14 May 2022. Birchy Bay (population 550) is about 1,500 miles northeast of Columbus, Ohio, and a remarkable 2,800 miles northeast of the original U.S. whistling-duck hotbed, the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

Ohio's first Black-bellied Whistling-Duck record dates to 30 May 2004 in *Hamilton*. It was photographed but did not linger. By then, this species had been recorded in every surrounding state and the province of Ontario, Canada, so it was overdue. This bird remained Ohio's lone record until 2010, when single birds appeared in *Erie* on 13 Aug, and Allen on 27 Oct. The whistling-duck invasion was slow in getting started, with no records in 2011, two apparently different



*A juvenile Black-bellied Whistling-Duck extends its wings on 13 Sep 2022. The juveniles disappeared six days later.*





*The 0.4 acre farm pond that was the site of Ohio's first Black-bellied Whistling-Duck nesting.*

birds in **Knox** in 2012, and none in 2013. From 2014 to the present, there have been records every year. In 2014, there were at least 27 ducks reported from four counties. The ensuing four years were sluggish with only one report each in 2015 and 2016, and two reports in both 2017 and 2018. The floodgates opened in 2019 with at least 49 birds reported from nine counties. Numbers dropped in 2020 with 25 ducks reported in 7 counties. There was a major spike in both 2021 and 2022: 50 birds in 11 counties, and 84 ducks in 14 counties, respectively. Conspicuous, nomadic whistling-ducks are easily spotted and identified and thus may occasionally get double-counted when they wander to new locales. Still, there is no question that there has been an enormous increase in total birds since the inaugural 2004 record. I amassed reports totaling 263 ducks from 31 counties, and may have missed some records. But the pattern is quite clear and is largely mirrored in many Midwest states. As might be expected, Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks began to breed north of their core range. Missouri has had at least 10 nesting records since 2010, and Wisconsin recorded its first breeding record in 2020. Small numbers now nest in Illinois and Indiana as the whistling-ducks continue their expansion into the Midwest.

An Ohio breeding record was predictable and finally happened in 2022. Perhaps unsurprisingly, it occurred in **Wayne**, in which there were at least 12 separate records of 46 birds in 2022. On

September 8, Henry Miller glanced at his small pond on his Wooster-area farm and spotted a fowl unfamiliar to him. His birding neighbor Harry Swartrubler recognized the Black-bellied Whistling-Duck and friend Joe Rabor quickly got word out. This wasn't any run of the mill record—the bird was tending 10 young ducklings! The Millers went to great lengths to accommodate visitors to their sheep farm by opening fences to birders, setting up a log-in registry, and creating a parking area.

As far as I know, the nest was not discovered. Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks normally nest in cavities, preferably natural tree holes, but they also take readily to nest boxes. They are also known to use barns, old chimneys and other structures. When need be, they'll nest on the ground in thick vegetation and that may have been the case here. Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks mate for life, and both care for their young from egg until several months of age. Only one adult has been seen at the Miller's pond, so some ill fate probably befell its mate. The surviving bird—males and females are nearly identical so the sex is unknown—seemed to cope well and the youngsters mostly thrived. Over time, two ducklings vanished, possibly victims of a large snapping turtle that apparently occupies the pond. The pond, which covers about 0.4 acres, is a typical artificial farm pond in a region dominated by agriculture, although the Miller property lies adjacent to the upper reaches of the large



Adult Black-bellied Whistling-Duck with 5-day old chicks, Miller Farm, **Wayne**, 12 Sep 2022.

Killbuck Marsh complex. Lesser Duckweed (*Lemna minor*), an abundant and widespread aquatic plant, covered much of the pond's surface and was heavily fed upon by the ducklings and adult.

For reasons unknown this brood got a very late start. The young were not able to fly until mid-November. By then, Wayne had experienced freezing temperatures. The last report of the ducklings that I am aware of is from 19 Nov. Hopefully they made it south to warmer climes. The adult, surprisingly, remained and the last report I could find of it dates from 19 Dec. There are photos of it standing on the iced-over pond.

Why the relatively abrupt and monumental northward range expansion of Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks? I think there are at least four major factors. One, this species is a strong flyer and highly nomadic, so scouts (vagrants) can quickly locate and exploit new suitable regions. Two, shifting upward temperatures wrought by climate change may be facilitating a northward push by this mostly tropical species. Three, Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks are quite tolerant of people and various forms of our development. In this regard, they behave much like the semi-domesticated southern introduced populations of Canada Geese (and Trumpeter Swans), inhabiting golf courses, busy parks, urban areas and the like. Finally, they are adaptable in the extreme, taking readily to manmade nest boxes and arti-

cial food sources. The adult whistling-duck at the Miller farm was even seen entering the nearby barn to scavenge grain. A small group of avian species are versatile generalists; the "winners" of sorts. Other examples include Black Vulture, Cooper's and Red-tailed hawks, Killdeer, Mallard, Ring-billed Gull, and Song Sparrow. Unfortunately, the vast majority of bird species are far more specialized and not faring nearly as well as the relative handful of highly adaptive generalists like the Black-bellied Whistling-Duck.

I'll go out on a sturdy limb and predict more nestings to come. Breeding whistling-ducks may eventually become a regular occurrence in Ohio, especially if people start placing appropriate nest boxes for them. Thanks to the Miller family for their gracious hospitality and making extraordinary efforts to open their property to birders.

*Jim McCormac was the inaugural Ohio Ornithological Society president, author of *Birds of Ohio* (Lone Pine Publishing, 2004), and a coauthor of the *Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in Ohio* (Penn State Press, 2016). He has authored or coauthored six books, including *Birds of Ohio* (Lone Pine, 2004). His latest book, coauthored with Chelsea Gottfried, is *Gardening for Moths* (Ohio University Press, 2023). Jim is an avid photographer, shooting a range of natural history subjects. He has had hundreds of photos published in various forums. His photography can be sampled at <https://www.jimmccormac.com/>*

## FIRST LAKE COUNTY RECORD OF A SMITH'S LONGSPUR

By Jim Smallwood



*Chestnut-collared Longspur, photographed by Jerry Talkington in spring 2018, Lake.*

This story begins to unfold on 28 Sep 2022, when I received a text message from my birthing pal Jerry Talkington asking me to call him. Given that my communication with Jerry is mainly through text, this piqued my interest, so I called immediately. Jerry informed me that while conducting his wildlife survey at The Ranch, he was almost 100% sure that he saw a Smith's Longspur. He described it as lighter overall, with more extensive white on the sides of the tail than the

Lapland Longspur it was feeding next to, and that it was definitely not a Chestnut-collared Longspur.

For those who don't know "The Ranch," it is the local name for the old Diamond Shamrock Corporation property, that is now one of the largest Brownfield cleanup sites in the nation. This property is located just east of the Village of Fairport Harbor, and it consists of 960 acres of which over 500 acres are grasslands. This property abuts Lake Erie to the north and the Grand River to the south, with Fairport Nursery Road running almost dead center through the middle of the property. The Ranch is off-limits due to the ongoing clean up, with a couple exceptions. Fairport Nursery Road is an eBird hotspot with 159 species noted, and you can bird from the roadway with caution. The other exception is the Glen Springs Holdings office trailer on the south side of Fairport Nursery Road, which has an observation deck on the north side of the trailer that is open to birders to scope the grasslands.

A Smith's Longspur would be a first sighting record for *Lake*, therefore, a mega rarity. Jerry has great eyesight, so I didn't doubt for a second he believed he saw this bird, but he wasn't able to get a photograph (always worth a thousand words). Jerry said that he would keep me posted if it reappeared, and if I was lucky, I might just get a chance to see it.

The Smith's Longspur is a long talked about



*The Ranch, at Fairport Harbor, Lake.*



bird within the county. Back in the spring of 2018, the first state record of the Chestnut-colored Longspur was discovered on the ranch and seen from Fairport Nursery Road. Then in the fall of 2021, the second state record of the Chestnut-collared Longspur was located on the north side of the ranch along the same grass covered gravel road as the first documented record, and was seen foraging with Lapland Longspurs. It was after the second sighting of the Chestnut-colored Longspur that we started talking about what may appear next and that the Smith's was way more likely than the Thick-billed Longspur. We call these type of predictions conjurings. Well less than a year later this possible Smith's Longspur shows up, but in order to make it count, we needed to document it with a photograph.

On 30 Sep, Jerry managed to take and send me a photo of the Smith's Longspur, but then, it once again disappeared. The Smith's was feeding with a Lapland in the short grass on the gravel road, in the same location as the Chestnut-colored Longspur had been the previous fall. The bird at times would get spooked by raptors, and flush into the taller grass. At that point, Jerry at least had a documented photograph.

When Jerry had me call him on 03 Oct and asked what I was doing, my response was simple: "What do you have?" and "I can be there in fifteen minutes." Jerry advised me that the Smith's

was still there, but often hiding in the tall grass along the roadway. I arrived, and off we went to try to find and photograph the bird. After a couple of trips driving up and down the gravel road, the bird did not appear. Jerry suggested that I walk along the roadway in the taller grass and see if it would come out. Sure enough, after walking only 20 feet or so, the bird flew to the gravel road, but stayed low and walked through the grass. I made my way back to Jerry's car and photographed from there. The Smith's Longspur was a lifer for me, and it's documentation in eBird the first county record. Unfortunately, the Smith's Longspur stayed but one more day and was only documented twice in eBird by locals.

While chatting with Jerry, we theorized on what unique birds might show up next at The Ranch, and made two specific guesses. One was the Thick-billed Longspur and the other (of all things) the Long-billed Curlew. Can't wait to see what the spring brings!

*Jim Smallwood started birding in the 1980s after taking an ornithology course at Hocking College. He was amazed at the identification skills of his instructor Bill Perine, which inspired him to pursue birding. After college, Jim went on to bird with Doug Overacker and the Clark County Audubon Society. He moved to Lake County in 1989, where he spent the next 32 years as a park ranger for Lake Metroparks, before retiring in 2021.*



*Smith's Longspur photographed at Fairport Harbor, Lake, on 03 Oct by Jim Smallwood.*

## OHIO'S FIRST DOCUMENTED RECORD OF ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

By Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr.

Well, something happened today, 07 Nov 2022 that was totally unexpected, but amazingly awesome. I found the first-ever confirmed sighting of an Ash-throated Flycatcher for the state of Ohio! The Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) is primarily a bird of the southwestern U.S. and a rare, but well-known autumn vagrant. I got to be the lucky one to find, and ultimately, share this species with a lot of other birders. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that another possible sighting occurred in Fairport Harbor, **Lake** in 1998, but that sighting was never formally confirmed and, as such, does not appear on the records even though it was believed to have been more likely the correct identification.

The day started out boring enough, I went to Cleveland's Scranton Flats first but there wasn't much going on there, so I was even taking pictures of House Sparrows! The best bird there was a Nashville Warbler, which was a pleasure to see, but I wanted more. I got back in my car and sat there a minute thinking: Where to now? I decided to head to the lakefront, specifically to Gordon Park, where the boat launch ramps are and to check the fenceline bordering Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve. Knowing it's "vagrant season" and with a long-ago conversation with Jen Brumfield in my head telling me to check the fencelines, off I went.

I parked at Gordon Park near the restrooms and fish-cleaning station and headed towards the fence closest to the harbor. Saw a couple Song Sparrows and a Tree Sparrow, nice. I continued around to the other side where two pickup trucks were parked by maintenance workers somewhere inside the preserve. As I was about to pass between the trucks I saw movement in the vines beyond and I was on high alert, as this wasn't a junco or a kinglet, instead it was a flycatcher, and not just a flycatcher, but a good one. It was a *Myiarchus* flycatcher! I could tell right away it wasn't a Great Crested, the one *Myiarchus* flycatcher we have here in summer. It was too small and slim and just a bit off for that. My mind went: flycatcher, *Myiarchus*, not Great Crested, Ash-throated?

I watched in my binoculars and snapped some shots as my excitement was building. Nearly any flycatcher, other than Eastern Phoebe, at this time of year is unusual, so I did what I rarely do these days, at least in Ohio, and got out my old Sibley's field guide! I hurriedly paged to the flycatchers, while trying to keep an eye on the bird. What I



saw in the book matched what was in my mind and in front of me, an Ash-throated! If it wasn't that, then it was something even rarer! It was at that point that I tried to take a back-of-the-camera shot to post to our local bird messaging group and when I did, the first shot came out upside down. So, while still trying to keep an eye on the bird I took another shot that came out right and hastily sent a voice message along with the photo to the group. Using voice-to-text and not proofreading, the message read: I've got an ass-throated flycatcher at Cleveland lakefront Nature preserve right now! Didn't matter, local birders knew what I meant and the alert went out statewide. Before long, the birders started coming, numerous birders, some from as far away as Columbus and pretty much everyone got good looks at it. This was a life bird for many (myself included) and a state first for many of the others. It brought nearly every birder I think I've ever known to come see it, and it was great to see so many friends that I never get to spend enough time with. It was awesome to share my find with so many birders!

*Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. attended his first birdwalk 1975 and has been a birder ever since. He uses his photography to document sightings and to share with others online, or through his presentations. He can often be found at The Old Coast Guard Station at Wendy Park in Cleveland during the winter where he joins other hard core birders to enjoy the exceptional gulling to be found on the lake.*

[Editor's note: The sighting record was confirmed by the Ohio Bird Records Committee in Feb 2023.]



## CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK FALL CENSUS, 2022

### By Dwight Chasar and Craig Caldwell

This year's Fall Census in CVNP was conducted on 17 Sep. The count day started mild and heated up: Temperatures ranged from 62 to 78° under sunny skies. Eighteen teams fielded 40 observers who tallied 3785 individuals of 94 species. The counts of both species and individuals were the second lowest ever; 2013's 78 species and 3395 individuals were the lowest. (From 1981 to 1998 we counted only species.)

No species was new for the season. The 39 Pileated Woodpeckers and the nine Acadian Flycatchers were the most ever. By contrast, the counts of Great Blue Heron and European Starling were the lowest ever and the 137 Black-capped Chickadees tied their previous low. The 11 Eastern Towhees and 19 Common Yellowthroats were their second lowest counts. The Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird, and Red-winged Blackbird counts were on the low side.

Species	Count
Canada Goose	145
Wood Duck	18
Mallard	27
Wild Turkey	9
Mourning Dove	43
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2
Chimney Swift	123
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1
Killdeer	22
Double-crested Cormorant	3
Great Blue Heron	13
Green Heron	4
Turkey Vulture	33
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4
Cooper's Hawk	1
Bald Eagle	4
Red-shouldered Hawk	5
Red-tailed Hawk	11
Eastern Screech-Owl	1
Belted Kingfisher	10
Red-headed Woodpecker	8
Red-bellied Woodpecker	122
Downy Woodpecker	83
Hairy Woodpecker	25
Pileated Woodpecker	39
Northern Flicker	55
American Kestrel	1
Peregrine Falcon	3

Species	Count
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	31
Acadian Flycatcher	9
Least Flycatcher	4
Eastern Phoebe	22
Eastern Kingbird	1
White-eyed Vireo	7
Yellow-throated Vireo	12
Blue-headed Vireo	3
Philadelphia Vireo	2
Warbling Vireo	13
Red-eyed Vireo	24
Blue Jay	397
American Crow	152
Black-capped Chickadee	137
Tufted Titmouse	100
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4
White-breasted Nuthatch	138
House Wren	17
Marsh Wren	1
Carolina Wren	82
European Starling	57
Gray Catbird	118
Brown Thrasher	2
Eastern Bluebird	33
Gray-cheeked Thrush	4
Swainson's Thrush	9
Wood Thrush	1

Species	Count
American Robin	437
Cedar Waxwing	298
House Sparrow	66
House Finch	18
Purple Finch	1
American Goldfinch	256
Chipping Sparrow	3
Field Sparrow	7
Dark-eyed Junco	4
Song Sparrow	41
Swamp Sparrow	1
Eastern Towhee	11
Eastern Meadowlark	2
Baltimore Oriole	1
Red-winged Blackbird	120
Brown-headed Cowbird	3
Common Grackle	48
Ovenbird	2
Northern Waterthrush	1
Black-and-white Warbler	3

Species	Count
Tennessee Warbler	4
Nashville Warbler	7
Common Yellowthroat	19
Hooded Warbler	25
American Redstart	6
Magnolia Warbler	14
Bay-breasted Warbler	14
Blackburnian Warbler	1
Yellow Warbler	1
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4
Blackpoll Warbler	8
Palm Warbler	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2
Blach-throated Green Warbler	4
Scarlet Tanager	16
Northern Cardinal	121
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9
<b>Total individual birds</b>	<b>3785</b>

## RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRDS RECORDS COMMITTEE

By Jon Cefus

### 5TH BATCH, FALL 2022

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) has continued to vote on records submitted to or otherwise obtained by the committee. Twenty-five new records were chosen for review in this fifth batch of records for 2022. Twenty-two of those records were accepted. Two records were not accepted. One record will go into recirculation. Two records from the fourth batch in 2022 that were in recirculation status were voted on for a second time, with one record being accepted and one going on to another recirculation vote. Three species recently met the threshold to be removed from the Review Species List in Ohio, and all three were approved by the committee for that removal. Details about the removals are at the end of this report.

This batch contains records from the current calendar year of 2022. The OBRC has made good progress addressing older records over the past two years, but still has some work to do. We hope to have caught up with older records by the end of 2023, leaving the committee in a position to focus on new records going forward.

The membership of the OBRC who voted on the above records was Jon Cefus (Secretary), Rob Harlan (Vice Secretary), Craig Caldwell, Alex Eberts, Matt Kemp, Steve Landes, Ben Morrison, Steve Schafer, and Brian Wulker.

The official Ohio checklist stands at 443 species and a superspecies as of October 2022. 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-third Supplement (July 2022). The Ohio checklist can be found at the Ohio Ornithological Society's (OOS) website at: <https://ohiobirds.org/resources/official-ohio-ornithological-society-bird-checklist/>.

The current list of review species can be found at: <https://ohiobirds.org/rare-birds/rare-bird-review-list/>. Those wishing to submit a record to the OBRC from the list of review species can do so several ways. A link is available at the OOS website to do so online: <https://ohiobirds.org/rare-birds/report-a-rare-bird-sighting/>. Information can also be sent via email to the secretary at [birdbrains4u@gmail.com](mailto:birdbrains4u@gmail.com) or mailed to 2716 Heritage Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44718.

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-third Supplement (July 2022) 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 22 records were accepted during their first circulation:

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) - **Wayne** (State Route 83 - Amish Farm), 08 Sep - present. OBRC documentation submitted by Su Snyder and Internet Sources. This vote was to confirm the first nesting record of this species in Ohio. As of this date, nine of the 10 hatchlings remain alive along with their mother at the same pond.

**Purple Gallinule** (*Porphyrio martinicus*) #1 — **Highland** (Old Highland Stone Gravel Pits), 10 Apr 2022. Internet Sources.

**Purple Gallinule** (*Porphyrio martinicus*) #2 — **Ottawa** (Middle Bass Island), 24 Sep 2022. Internet Sources.

**Limpkin** (*Aramus guarana*) — **Stark** (Sippo Lake and vicinity), 12-28 Sep 2022. Internet Sources.

**Curlew Sandpiper** (*Calidris ferruginea*) — **Ottawa** (Ottawa NWR), 11 May 2022. Internet Sources.

**Great White Heron** (*Ardea herodias*) — **Ross** (Paint Creek SP), 12-13 Sep 2022. OBRC documentation submitted by Christine and Steve Lewis. This record was accepted as the white morph of Great Blue Heron in case that it is split off as a separate species in the future.

**Swainson's Hawk** (*Buteo swainsoni*) — **Ottawa** (Stange Road), 14 Apr 2022. Internet Sources.

**Western Kingbird** (*Tyrannus verticalis*) #1 — **Union** (Glacier Ridge MP), 04-27 Jun 2022. Internet Sources.

**Western Kingbird** (*Tyrannus verticalis*) #2 — **Greene** (Huffman Prairie), 03 Jul 2022. Internet Sources.

**Western Kingbird** (*Tyrannus verticalis*) #3 — **Cuyahoga** (Whiskey Island), 22-25 Aug 2022. Internet Sources.

**Western Kingbird** (*Tyrannus verticalis*) #4 — **Columbiana** (Teegarden Road), 30 Aug 2022. Internet Sources.

**Western Kingbird** (*Tyrannus verticalis*) #5 — **Franklin** (OSU Airport), 04 Sep 2022. Internet Sources.

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** (*Tyrannus forficatus*) #1 — **Athens** (Hocking College), 12 Apr 2022. Internet Sources.

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** (*Tyrannus forficatus*) #2 — **Erie** (Pipe Creek WA), 22-24 May 2022. Internet Sources.

**Loggerhead Shrike** (*Lanius ludovicianus*) #1 — **Jefferson** (Mt. Pleasant), 16 Apr 2022. Internet Sources.

**Loggerhead Shrike** (*Lanius ludovicianus*) #2 — **Franklin** (Bolton Field), 18 May 2022. Internet Sources.

**Loggerhead Shrike** (*Lanius ludovicianus*) #3 — **Huron** (Bellevue), 24 May 2022. Internet Sources.

**Bullock's Oriole** (*Icterus bullockii*) — **Coshoc-ton** (Fresno - Amish Farm), 16 Apr 2022. Internet Sources.

**Swainson's Warbler** (*Limnithlypis swainsonii*) — **Lorain** (Bacon Woods), 02-03 May 2022. Internet Sources.

**Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) #1 — **Cuyahoga** (Private residence), 25-27 Apr 2022. Internet Sources.

**Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) #2 — **Henry** (Napoleon), 07 May 2022. Internet Sources.

**Black-headed Grosbeak** (*Limnithlypis swainsonii*) — **Cuyahoga** (Lake Erie Nature & Science Center). Brought into the center on 11 Apr by a volunteer from Lights Out Cleveland after a window strike. Released from rehabil-

itation on 15 Apr 2022. Internet Sources and detailed information provided by Tim Jasinski of LENS.

Records Not Accepted:

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** (*Tyrannus forficatus*) #3 — **Cuyahoga** (Hunting Valley), 01 Jun 2022. Internet Sources. The description was inadequate to establish identification.

**Say's Phoebe** (*Sayornis saya*) — **Allen** (Williams Reservoir), 03 Apr 2022. Internet Sources. The photo quality was poor and no supporting documentation was provided to establish identification.

Recirculations (Accepted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of voting):

**Black Rail** (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) — **Harrison** (State Route 519 Reclaimed Lands), 17 Aug 2022. Report submitted via the OOS website to the OBRC rare bird portal.

Records in Recirculations:

**Whooper Swan** (*Cygnus cygnus*) — **Montgomery** (Clayshire Road - Brookville), 17-23 Jan 2022. An OBRC documentation was submitted and Internet Sources. An OBRC member asked for a recirculation to discuss this record.

**Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*) #1 — **Sandusky** (Washington Chapel Cemetery), 30 Dec 2007. Internet Sources. No decision vote on first recirculation round.

Three Species have recently met the threshold for removal from the list of review species per the bylaws of the OBRC. Those species were: Ruff, Long-tailed Jaeger, and Least Tern. All three species were voted on to be removed from the review species list.

Regarding Ruff, the OBRC voted last year to keep it on the review list at least temporarily to see if it was removed by the American Birding Association (ABA) list of rare species and if the trend of annual occurrences continued in Ohio. While the ABA continues to list it as a rare bird in the ABA Area, Ruff seems to be an annual bird here in Ohio (as well as the ABA Area), removing the necessity for the OBRC to review those records.

Regarding Long-tailed Jaeger, the OBRC members acknowledged the problems associated with identifying various jaegers, particularly

on long-distance lake watches along Lake Erie. Many an excellent birder has been fooled by jae-gers. However, with the steady trend of eBird users getting photographs, often of good diagnostic quality, there seems little reason for the OBRC to keep this species on the review list.

Regarding Least Tern, the OBRC views this species as relatively easy to distinguish in the field versus other species of terns and it met the threshold for removal as per the bylaws.

#### 6TH BATCH, FEBRUARY 2023

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) has continued to vote on records submitted to or otherwise obtained by the committee. Twenty-one new records were chosen for review in this first batch of records for 2023. Twenty of those records were accepted. One record will go into recirculation. Four new species for Ohio, an unusually high number, were accepted in this batch: Broad-billed Hummingbird, Common Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, and Ash-throated Flycatcher.

This batch contained records from 2015 to 2023. The OBRC continues to make good progress addressing older records. We hope to have caught up with all the older records we are aware of by the end of 2023, leaving the Committee in a position to focus on new records going forward.

The membership of the OBRC who voted on the above records was Jon Cefus (Secretary), Rob Harlan (Vice Secretary), Gautam Apte, Terry Bronson, Alex Eberts, Matt Kemp, Steve Landes, Su Snyder, and Brian Wulker.

The official Ohio checklist stands at 447 species and a superspecies as of February 2023. 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-third Supplement (July 2022). The Ohio checklist can be found at the Ohio Ornithological Society's (OOS) website at: <https://ohiobirds.org/resources/official-ohio-ornithological-society-bird-checklist/>.

The current list of review species can be found at: <https://ohiobirds.org/rare-birds/rare-bird-review-list/>. Those wishing to submit a record to the OBRC from the list of review species can do so several ways. A link is available at the OOS website to do so online: <https://ohiobirds.org/rare-birds/report-a-rare-bird-sighting/>. Information can also be sent via email to the secretary at [birdbrains4u@gmail.com](mailto:birdbrains4u@gmail.com) or mailed to 501 Bernover Ave. SW, Massillon, OH 44646.

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-third Supplement (July 2022) 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 20 records were accepted during their first circulation:

**Common Eider** (*Somateria mollissima*) — *Ashtabula* (Pymatuning Reservoir), 18-20 Dec 2022. Internet sources. This bird was also seen on the Pennsylvania side of the reservoir on 21 Dec.

**Broad-billed Hummingbird** (*Cyanthus latirostris*) — *Medina* (Private Residence near Hinckley), 04-20 Nov 2022. OBRC documentation submitted by Angela Smith and Allen Chartier. The bird came to a feeder and then was found deceased. This was the first confirmed record of this species in Ohio.

**Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*) — *Erie* (Huron Pier), 04 Dec 2022. OBRC documentation submitted by Jim McCormac.

**Common Gull** (*Larus canus*) — *Cuyahoga* (Wendy Park), 30 Dec 2022 to 02 Jan 2023. Internet sources. This was the first confirmed record of this species in Ohio.

**Slaty-backed Gull** (*Larus schistisagus*) — *Cuyahoga* (Cuyahoga River), 03-10 Jan 2023. Internet sources.

**Glaucous-winged Gull** (*Larus glaucescens*) — *Cuyahoga* (Cuyahoga River), 01-02 Jan 2023. Internet sources. This was the first confirmed record of this species in Ohio.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** (*Elanoides forficatus*) #1, 3 individuals — *Perry* (Somerset), 14-26 Aug 2022. Internet Sources.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** (*Elanoides forficatus*) #2 — *Richland* (Bellville), 21-26 Aug 2022. Internet Sources.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** (*Elanoides forficatus*) #3 — *Wood & Henry* (Oakdale Methodist Church area), 21-31 Aug 2022. Internet Sources.



**Western Kingbird** (*Tyrannus verticalis*) #1 — **Summit** (Bath Nature Preserve), 17-23 Aug 2018. Internet Sources.

**Western Kingbird** (*Tyrannus verticalis*) #2 — **Franklin** (OSU Airport), 11-21 Aug 2019. Internet Sources.

**Western Kingbird** (*Tyrannus verticalis*) #4 — **Lake** (Closed landfill in Kirtland, Restricted Area), 14 Sep 2019. Internet Sources.

**Western Kingbird** (*Tyrannus verticalis*) #5 — **Holmes** (Paint Twp. Rd. 654), 24 Sep - 04 Oct 2019. Internet Sources.

**Ash-throated Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) — **Cuyahoga** (Cleveland Lakefront NP), 07 Nov 2022. OBRC documentation submitted by Chuck Slusarczyk Jr. This was the first confirmed record of this species in Ohio.

**Townsend's Solitaire** (*Myadestes townsendi*) — **Lucas** (Magee Marsh), 10-12 Oct 2022. Internet Sources.

**Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) #1 — **Cuyahoga** (Wendy Park), 18 Apr 2015. Internet Sources.

**Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) #2 — **Montgomery** (Dayton, Private Residence), 10-19 Jan 2016. Internet Sources.

**Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) #3 — **Richland** (Mansfield), 15-21 Apr 2018. Internet Sources.

**Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) #4 — **Guernsey** (Lore City), 10 Apr 2019. Internet Sources.

**Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) #5 — **Cuyahoga** (Lakewood Park Cemetery), 27 Nov -13 Dec 2020. Internet Sources.

Recirculations:

**Tricolored Heron** (*Egretta tricolor*) — **Summit** (CVNP Beaver Marsh), 11 Oct 2022. OBRC record submitted via OOS website. No decision vote on 1<sup>st</sup> round of voting.

## FIELD NOTES

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

### From Matt Anderson:

[Regarding a relatively high count of Chimney Swifts at Sandhill Crane Wetlands, **Lucas**, on 16 Oct] Impressive and surprisingly late movement. Counted/estimated 475 at around 3:30 feeding over most of the 280-acre field from fairly high (75') to very high (hundreds of feet). These drifted to the west-southwest by about 3:50. Another (assumedly) different massive group moved in from the east about 4:45, counted/estimated 1,100 this time - once again, feeding over most of the field and beyond at similar heights as first group.

### From Jen Brumfield:

[Regarding 32 Red-necked Phalaropes on a pelagic trip off the Erie shore on 16 Sep] Between 7-14 miles offshore. More notes soon. Groups of 2, 3, 4, 5. Individually counted. Plus 6 more in **Lorain**. Mind bending.

### From Ann and Dwight Chasar:

[Regarding second nesting attempt of Black Vultures in **Cuyahoga**] In 2016 we reported the first documented nesting of Black Vulture in **Cuyahoga**. We are now documenting what we believe is only the second reported nesting of Black Vulture in **Cuyahoga**. On 22 Apr, we watched an adult Black Vulture enter the same structure as in 2016. On 05 Aug, we observed three young on the roof of the structure. On 15 Aug, we observed on the roof three young which subsequently flew onto the top of a near-by dead evergreen tree, stretch their wings and then, one by one, fly off and away. It is noteworthy that



these fledglings had a very similar timing to the 2016 nesting in which two birds fledged between 12 to 16 Aug. Adult birds were extremely secretive and seldom seen. In the interim between 2016-2022, Black Vultures have been seen in the area during the spring/summer months, so one might suspect use of the same building during some of those years.

### From Tyler Ficker:

[Regarding six Chestnut-sided Warblers at Valley View Preserve, **Clermont**, on 23 Sep] Morning flight was decent upon arrival. Huge flocks encountered on the southeast side along the river. As light hit more along the edges, the activity really picked up. By 9:00, diurnal migrants like BLJA and YSFL were active.

### From Scott Kinzey:

[Regarding 229 Forster's Terns at Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve, **Ottawa**, on 04 Oct] Took Phonescope videos. Example: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/QbtjmyY8uA1g5iV7>

### From Don Niece:

[Regarding second high count, 173, for Wood Ducks and 1200 American Coots on 28 Oct at Indian Lake] Wood ducks were in all areas around the lake islands and channels, especially in the bays and coves on the east and north sides of Pony Island. Estimated 1200 in the area along OH 366 between the spillway and Artist Island. The attached photos show only a portion of them as it was not possible to get all in one photo. This was as close as we dared get with the boat without risking spooking them. Due to the distance and number of coots, it was not possible to get a firm count, so an estimate was necessary.

### From Ron Sempier:

[Regarding 65 Pied-billed Grebes on 25 Oct at Big Island] Accurate count, in both ponds along LaRue Prospect Road.

### From Robert Thorn:

[Regarding 1830 Chimney Swifts at Hanby Park in Westerville, **Franklin**, on 22 Aug] Single roost; typical numbers for here at migration peak.

**From Trevor Zook:**

[Regarding several high counts or second most of several duck species, including Northern Shoveler (n = 500), Gadwall (n = 2100), Northern Pintail (n = 1300), and Green-winged Teal (n = 500, plus 400 Teal sp.) at CPNWR on 04 Nov].

For Northern Shoveler: Many smaller groups spread throughout the marsh.

For Gadwall: The majority of the close ducks were Gadwall.

For Northern Pintail: Large groups mostly hanging out in the Lotus patches. With the marsh shallower than usual this time of year it was absolutely FILLED with dabblers.

Teal sp.: Many small ducks flying around towards the center of the marsh. Lighting not great for identification at that distance. Likely, mostly Green-winged Teal.

## YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

**10 years ago**, the Fall 2012 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 36 No. 1 (Craig Caldwell, Editor) contained these items:

The late October Superstorm Sandy brought high winds all along the Lake Erie shore and quite a distance inland; it also brought snow to the southeastern part of the state.

A seasonal record high of 26 review species were reported. (Of course many of them are no longer on that list.)

Five Ruffed Grouse were reported.

Three Northern Goshawks were reported; this was just before the species was added to the Review List.

One Eurasian Collared-Dove, 13 Rufous Hummingbirds, and eight Golden-winged Warblers were reported.

**25 years ago**, the Fall 1997 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 21 No. 1 (Victor Fazio III, Editor) contained these items:

The state's second Swallow-tailed Kite spent half of Sep in *Holmes*.

The high count of Common Nighthawk was 237.

A Selasphorus hummingbird spent a month at a Licking feeder; it couldn't be identified to species.

A Monk Parakeet spent some time in a blackbird roost at Springville Marsh.

There were seven reports of Nelson's (Sharp-tailed) Sparrows.

**50 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* for Summer 1972, Vol. 68 No. 3 (Charles W. Hocevar, editor) and Fall 1972, Vol. 68 No. 4 (Sep-Nov, Wayne A. Hammond, editor) included these items. (A reminder—the Calendar area is a circle of radius 30 miles centered at Cleveland's Public Square)

Two Buff-breasted Sandpipers came through the area.

Double-crested Cormorants rated special mention: Two sightings tallied three immature birds.

There were only nine reports of Turkey Vulture between Sep and Nov.

A Rocky River, *Cuyahoga*, site hosted 140 Evening Grosbeaks on 12 Nov.

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

## OOS MEMBERSHIP

Welcoming backyard birdwatchers and researchers in the field alike, the Ohio Ornithological Society is the largest statewide organization specifically devoted to fostering a deeper appreciation of wild birds, fellowship and collaboration in advancing our collective knowledge about them, and our ability to speak with one voice to preserve Ohio's bird habitats.

We encourage and support important research on birds. We provide educational resources to members, the public, and the news media. We unite individuals and constituencies interested in birds, and provide means and reasons for them to cooperate. Our activities are not conducted independently, but in concert with local organizations whenever possible, and when mutually beneficial.

If your membership has lapsed, we hope that you will renew your membership and be a part of this dynamic organization.



THE OHIO ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

[www.ohiobirds.org](http://www.ohiobirds.org)



NAME					
ORGANIZATION					
ADDRESS					
CITY/STATE/ZIP					
EMAIL					
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15	STUDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100	PATRON OR BUSINESS
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35	INDIVIDUAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	SUSTAINING MEMBER
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50	FAMILY OR NON-PROFIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500	BENEFACTOR

**Please note:** To receive printed publications, please add an additional \$20.00 to the Student, Individual and Family membership fees as listed above. Otherwise, all members will receive electronic versions of the Cerulean and the Ohio Cardinal.

Yes! I would like to make a one-time tax-deductible donation to support the Society's activities!			
\$	CONSERVATION	\$	UNRESTRICTED

Please make check payable to and forward to:  
OOS • P.O. Box 2432 • Westerville, OH 43086  
questions? [membership@ohiobirds.org](mailto:membership@ohiobirds.org)

Renew online at: <http://www.ohiobirds.org/site/membership.php>



The Counties of Ohio





*On an otherwise slow day Chuck Shusarczyk Jr. was more than excited to find this first state record, Ash-throated Flycatcher at Gordon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 07 Nov.*

### **Instructions for Contributors**

*The Ohio Cardinal* would not exist without contributions from Ohio birders. We solicit sightings, notes on unusual observations, in-depth scientific articles, historical accounts, essays, artwork, and photographs related to Ohio and its birdlife.

Reports of bird sightings for each season are requested and should be submitted directly, by email or postal mail to:

**Ron Canterbury, 1585 Summit Hills Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45255**

***Cardinal@ohiobirds.org***

Send digital photo files or links to Tom Fishburn:

***tom.fishburn@ohiobirds.org***

Deadlines are as follows:

**Winter** (Dec, Jan, Feb) – 21 March

**Spring** (Mar, Apr, May) – 21 June

**Summer** (Jun, Jul) - 21 August

**Fall** (Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov) – 21 December

### **Back cover:**

*Overlooking the Ohio River from Old Lock 27 in **Lawrence**, Bryan Smith captured this Black Tern in flight on 21 Aug*

# THE OHIO CARDINAL



The Ohio Ornithological Society  
 PO Box 2432  
 Westerville, OH 43086

## Contents

Comments on the Season <i>By Ron Canterbury</i> . . . . .	1
Species Accounts <i>By Ron Canterbury and Craig Caldwell</i> . . . . .	6
Rufous/Allen’s Hummingbirds <i>By Craig Caldwell</i> . . . . .	35
Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding Summary . . . . .	36
Contributors . . . . .	37
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck: first nesting record <i>By Jim McCormac</i> . . . . .	43
First Lake Co. Record of a Smith’s Longspur <i>By Jim Smallwood</i> . . . . .	46
Ohio’s First Documented Record of Ash-throated Flycatcher <i>By Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr.</i> . . . . .	48
Cuyahoga Valley National Park Census 2022 <i>By Dwight Chasar and Craig Caldwell</i> . . . . .	49
Recent Actions of Ohio Birds Records Committee <i>By Jon Cefus</i> . . . . .	51
Field Notes . . . . .	55
Years Ago <i>By Craig Caldwell</i> . . . . .	57

