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This three-day old Sandhill Crane was introduced to many by its parents at Sandy Ridge in ***Lorain*** *where Roger Friedman admired its quick adaptability to the world on 25 Apr.*

On the cover:
Near his home in ***Lawrence****, Bryan Smith was treated to wonderful looks at this singing Swainson's Warbler on 07 May.*

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COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Ron Canterbury

Extreme weather events during each season appear to be almost the new normal. Mar was nearly average in temperature, but simply because low and high extremes, and days with large departures from normal, seemed to average to a rather typical mean temperature for the month. There was a record high temperature in Cincinnati on 01 Mar, which broke the previous high set in 1976 on that date. Other cities also had record highs for that date, including Columbus and Dayton. While the state had some below average temperatures in Mar, as well, it ranked at number 85. I remind readers that national weather data, including each state, have been tallied since 1895 by NOAA and rankings noted in this article are out of 128 years. Mar ranked 93 for precipitation, and while many days were dry, there were enough days with over an inch of rain to where Mar ended with above average rainfall for the month. Dayton had a record daily rainfall of 2.70 inches on 03 Mar, which broke the old record of 1.21 inches set in 1953. Similarly, record daily rainfalls were also broken in Cincinnati and Columbus on that day as well.

Apr was not an outlier from extreme temperature fluctuations, as well. Apr ranked 103 for temperature, and 50 and slightly below normal for precipitation. Most Ohio counties ranked near normal for precipitation for Apr. May started off chilly and averaged below normal for the month, while precipitation was well below normal and there was little to no rain the last 11 days of the month. May ranked 54 for temperature and 17 for precipitation. While May started out as wet, throughout the month there were marked swings in precipitation, including highly variable localized differences. For example, on 12 May, Columbus had 2.49 inches, while Cincinnati observed only 0.03 inches that same day.

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).

Data for the following Species Accounts come from reports submitted directly to *The Cardinal* and *The Bobolink* (the latter courtesy of its publisher, Robert Hershberger), eBird (http://ebird.org/content/ebird), and the Ohio-birds listserv (http://birding.aba.org/maillist/OH and see Birding Discussion Mailing List | Ohio Ornithological Society). In the Species Accounts, "normal" as well as "early" and "late" arrivals and departures are from Harlan, R. (2022) *Ohio Birds Record Committee Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ohio*, Ohio Ornithological Society, and updates through 01 Dec 2024; as well as my more than 37 years research experience on migratory birds.

This season produced 2,586,888 eBird records. That is nearly 342,000 more than last spring. As is often the case in recent years, ***Lucas*** accounted for about a quarter of all the sightings. During the season, some species arrived early, which is becoming more common. Others were late departing, which may have been more prevalent this spring because of the large swing in May temperatures. This issue of The *Cardinal* contains reports of 315 species, which was the same as last year. Readers will also find reports on 11 indeterminant groups, such as on Greater/Lesser Scaup and Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher, where birders were cautious and/or the birds were not seen well enough to properly discriminate among similar species. The Species Accounts also include 10 hybrids, half of which were ducks. Of the 315 species, seven are exotic and not native to Ohio, though most of them are established here. Western species, such as Townsend's Warbler and Western Tanager were nice finds, while some species such as the Eurasian Wigeon and White-winged Dove continue to expand and become more regular. In addition, the Species Accounts also include some subspecies/races that are often reported in Ohio, including several subspecies of juncos and both races of the Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Forty-nine species were reported in all 88 counties. And 16 more were seen in 87. Thirty-five were seen in between 80 to 86 counties. Most waterfowl, especially ducks, were in slightly below average numbers and some duck species lingered well into Jun. Shorebirds were numerous. Along with fifteen species of gulls, early and timely arrivals of most passerines, and some rarities, the Species Accounts provide a thorough review of the 2023 Spring season. As I mined the 2023 eBird data and confirmed and reviewed records, I was impressed with all the data and especially the wonderful photography by Ohio birders.

A total of 12 review species were reported during this season; their names are underlined. (The Review List continues to get smaller as some rarities become more common.) Of these 12 species, with reports from eBird and other In-

ternet sources, nine were accepted by the Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC). I found no submission on two review species, but the other is pending review by the OBRC. A Boreal Chickadee was the first for Ohio in the last 50 years. The OBRC under Secretary Jon Cefus continues to work hard to evaluate reports of Review Species. This issue contains the OBRC third batch of reports for 2023. Rob Harlan continues to provide important updates to the OBRC Annotated Checklist (published in 2022), which reflects the continuing work of the OBRC through December 1, 2024.

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/.

In addition to the Species Accounts, OBRC third report for 2023, this issue also includes the CVNP Spring 2023 census, Field Notes, and Years Ago. As editor-in-chief, my work would not be as good without our outstanding reviewers. I thank Tim Colborn, Robert Dudley, and Rob Harlan. Moreover, I extend the utmost gratitude to emeritus editor, Craig Caldwell, who continues to review my work and provide excellent logistical assistance.

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

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), ***Mahoning*** 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

LENSC = Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, Bay Village, ***Cuyahoga***.

Lake Hope/Zaleski = Lake Hope State Park and surrounding Zaleski State Forest, ***Vinton***

Lake Loramie = Lake Loramie State Park, ***Shelby***

Lorain = the dredge spoil impoundment east of downtown in the city and county of the same name, unless otherwise noted

Lost Bridge = a Great Miami River crossing on Lawrenceburg Road near Elizabethtown, ***Hamilton***, where a covered bridge was lost to fire in 1903

m. obs. = multiple observers

Magee = the boardwalk and immediate vicinity in Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, ***Lucas***, unless otherwise noted. The northern third of the causeway is also in ***Lucas***, the rest in ***Ottawa***.

Malek Park = a city park on the west side of Conneaut, ***Ashtabula***

Mallard Club = Mallard Club Marsh Wildlife Area, ***Lucas***

Marblehead Light = Marblehead Lighthouse State Park, ***Ottawa***

Maumee Bay = Maumee Bay State Park, ***Lucas***, unless otherwise noted

Medusa = Medusa Marsh, ***Erie***, an informally named and privately owned area between Sandusky and Bay View

Mentor Lagoons = Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve, ***Lake***

Mentor Marsh = Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, ***Lake***

Metzger = Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area, ***Lucas***, not to be confused with Metzger Reservoir, ***Allen***

Mill Creek = Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, a limited-access area in ***Mahoning***

Mohican = Mohican State Forest and State Park. Many trails cross the boundaries so some reports include sightings from both without distinction.

Mohican SF = Mohican State Forest, ***Ashland***

Mohican SP = Mohican State Park, (mostly) ***Ashland*** and (slightly) ***Richland***

Mosquito Lake = Mosquito Lake State Park, formerly Mosquito Creek SP, and also called Mosquito Creek Reservoir, ***Trumbull***. Mosquito (Creek) Wildlife Area adjoins it.

Motus = a wildlife tracking system managed by Bird Studies Canada
Nimisila = Nimisila Reservoir, ***Summit***
MP = Metro Park, MetroPark, or Metropark depending on the system
NC = Nature Center
NF = National Forest
NP = Nature Preserve, except as part of CVNP
OBBA II = the second Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas
OBRC = Ohio Bird Records Committee
Old Highland Stone = that company's water-filled gravel pits, ***Highland***
Old Woman Creek = Old Woman Creek (National Estuarine Research Reserve) State Nature Preserve, ***Erie***
OOPMP = Oak Openings Preserve MetroPark, ***Lucas***
ONWR = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, ***Lucas*** and ***Ottawa***
ONWR Blausey, Boss, Fox, Koontz, and Navarre = units of ONWR separate from the main area, all in ***Ottawa***; of them Boss, Fox, and Koontz are open to the public
ONWR WD = Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Drive, the monthly opening of areas otherwise closed to vehicles, ***Lucas*** and ***Ottawa***
OSU = The Ohio State University, of course; sites are in ***Franklin*** unless noted otherwise
Painesville TP = Painesville Township Park, overlooking Lake Erie in ***Lake***
Pearson MP = Pearson Metro Park, ***Lucas***
Perry TP = Perry Township Park, on Lake Erie in eastern ***Lake***
Pickerel Creek = Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area, ***Sandusky***
Pickerington Ponds = Pickerington Ponds Metro Park, ***Fairfield*** and ***Franklin***
Pipe Creek = Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, in the city of Sandusky, ***Erie***
Pleasant Hill Lake = an impoundment straddling the ***Ashland/Richland*** line
Quail Hollow = Quail Hollow State Park, ***Stark***
Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, ***Highland***
Salt Fork = Salt Fork State Park, ***Guernsey***
Sandy Ridge = Sandy Ridge Reservation, ***Lorain***
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***
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 Olivia Canterbury

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
A group of up to 21 was photographed at ponds along the Union Centre Boulevard and Allen Road industrial park area in West Chester, ***Butler***, on 29 Apr (m. obs.). Those duck observations were also posted on the Cincinnati Birders Facebook page. Records also came from ***Allen***, ***Seneca***, ***Warren***, and ***Wayne***.

Snow Goose
The last was shared at the Hebron Fish Hatchery and Wetlands, ***Licking*** (Margaret Bowman), and Magee (Tasso Cocoves and Marisa Martinez) on 19 May. Jamie Cunningham saw the most, 158 at Howard Marsh on 04 Mar. (22 counties)

To their delight the McKelveys' home pond attracted another special goose, this one a blue morph Snow Goose in ***Lorain*** *on 02 Mar.*

Ross's Goose
Phil Cantino and Zella Nisley photographed the last, at the Ohio University Golf Course, Athens (city) on 18 May. The second last was at Beaver Creek Wetland Nature Reserve on 29 Apr (Cindy Reusser). All sightings were of single birds, except the three birds at Big Island from 05 to 29 Mar (m. obs.). (10 counties)

[Snow x Ross's Goose]
At least seven birders saw this hybrid at Maumee Bay between 01 and 06 Apr; see Field Notes for additional information.

Snow/Ross's Goose
Indeterminate birds were in ***Greene***, ***Lucas***, and ***Wyandot***.

Greater White-fronted Goose
Three birders saw the last at Paint Creek SP, ***Highland***, on 12 Apr. Cam Lee reported the most, 182 at Big Island on 01 Mar. David Lehner and Cam Lee counted 91 at Killdeer 05 Mar. (24 counties)

Cackling Goose
Dan Gesualdo located the last at Volunteer Bay on 02 Apr. Moses Miller estimated 20 to 25 in Gnadenhutten, ***Tuscarawas***, on 18 Mar. Next most, were four at Howard Marsh on 11 Mar (Ann Lay). (12 counties)

Canada Goose
Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team tallied the seasonal high count of 813 on 07 May. Sean Williams noted 650 at Headlands on 31 May. Tallies of 500 or more came from ***Lucas*** and ***Wayne***. (all 88 counties)

Cackling/Canada Goose
Indeterminate birds were reported in ***Franklin*** and ***Mercer***.

Mute Swan
The high count of 16 was shared by JP Waldron at East Harbor on 26 Mar and Seth Halman and Sarah Walker birding together at Metzger on 27 Apr. The 02 Apr ONWR census counted 14 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Next most were Kathleen Conrad's 11 at Funk on 21 Mar and Fabian Bindrich and Markus Deutsch's 11 at Howard Marsh on 11 May. (41 counties)

Trumpeter Swan
Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team tallied 159 on 05 Mar, and up to 150 were reported there on other dates. David Welch had 132 at the ONWR WD on 05 Mar. Outside ***Lucas*** and ***Ottawa***, next most were Michael Barath's 65 at Funk on 21 Apr. (44 counties)

Tundra Swan
Roger Beuck and Jim Smallwood located the last, at Headlands on 15 May. Several sightings continued up to the day before. Spring numbers were well below recent years of records. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team tallied 1219 on 05 Mar. Jeff Goff's estimate of 500 was the next most for the season and came from Killdeer on 09 Mar. (36 counties)

Trumpeter/Tundra Swan
Indeterminate birds were reported in 18 counties.

Mandarin Duck
Alex Forsthoefel photographed one at a pond along Ira Road in Akron on 28 Mar.

Wood Duck
Catherine Freay saw the most, 120 in a flooded farm field along Chippewa Inlet Trail, ***Medina***, on 28 Mar. The 02 Apr ONWR census counted 114 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*) (all 88 counties)

Kathy Mock found this Wood Duck living up to its name along the Towpath Trail in ***Summit*** *on 02 Apr.*

Blue-winged Teal
The high count of 187 came from Englewood on 14 Apr (Eric Elvert). Second most were 170 noted by Isoo O'Brien along Wilderness Road on 14 Apr. (83 counties)

[Blue-winged x Cinnamon Teal]
Warren Leow photographed one at Sandhill Crane on 18 Apr. The bird was found later in the day and photographed by Geoff Malosh, and it stayed into the next day. One additional record from ***Perry*** was inconclusive.

Northern Shoveler
Numerous records extended into the last week of May and a few birds were noted in Jun. The presumptive last of the season was seen by Scott Myers at the ***Paulding*** Sewage Lagoons on 31 May. Josh Yoder contributed the high count of 310 at Killbuck on 26 Mar. Counts of 175 to 300 also came from Killbuck, and the 02 Apr ONWR census accumulated 172 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). The next most were 125 at New London Reservoir, ***Huron***, on 14 Mar (Mandy Roberts) and at Howard Marsh on 08 Apr (Andy Brown). (75 counties)

Gadwall
A trio of birders documented the last, three at Howard Marsh on 28 May, but a few continued until about 16 Jun. David Welch's estimate of 500 represented the high count, which came from the Mallard Club Marsh WA, ***Lucas***, on 26 Mar. (72 counties)

Eurasian Wigeon
The reports are:
One photographed at a forested wetland in ***Lucas*** by an anonymous eBirder on 26 Mar.
A wigeon spent throughout Mar at Big Island (m. obs.).
One at Killbuck from 01 to 19 Mar (m. obs.).
One noted at Mogadore Reservoir, ***Portage***, on 20 Mar (m. obs.).
The season's fifth was at Pickerington Ponds from 16 to 19 Apr (m. obs.).

American Wigeon
Sightings continued into the third week of Jun, but Howard Marsh likely hosted the season's last on 29 May (Brett Moyer). Cam Lee tallied 492 at Big Island on 16 Mar. That seasonal high was followed by Wesley Homoya's 242 at Funk on 26 Mar. (69 counties)

Mallard
Matt Anderson reported 725 from Sandhill Crane on 05 Mar. (all 88 counties)

[Gadwall x Mallard]
A possible hybrid was photographed along Chippewa Inlet Trail, ***Medina***, on 06 Mar. The review of this bird is still pending.

American Black Duck
Sightings extended well into Jun. The seasonal last was noted by Sean Williams at Headlands on 31 May. Mike Sustin tallied 50 at Funk on 11 Mar. (61 counties)

[Mallard x American Black Duck]
All reports were of single birds. (14 counties)

Standing up in shallow water this Northern Shoveler stood out to Su Snyder along Clay Plant Road, ***Wayne****, on 26 Apr.*

Northern Pintail
A few stayed into Jun. Seasonal sightings continued until 27 May, when two localities hosted the last. On that date, Alison and Mary Huey noted one at Mentor Marsh and Jethro Raber photographed one at Prairie Lane Wetlands, ***Wayne***. Eli Miller also saw the ***Wayne*** bird. Matt Anderson tallied 7700 at Sandhill Crane on 19 Mar

(see Field Notes for more detail). About 3000 were at Wilderness Road on 15 Mar for Robert Hershberger. (55 counties)

Green-winged Teal
Josh Yoder saw about 1100 at Wilderness Road on 02 Apr and up to 975 were noted there on other dates. The most elsewhere were the 171 that Larry Richardson saw at Mosquito Creek WA, ***Trumbull***, on 07 Mar. (75 counties)

[American Wigeon x Green-winged Teal]
Warren Leow photographed this hybrid at Howard Marsh on 05 Apr. A ***Lucas*** eBird reviewer accepted the record.

Canvasback
Lisa Cellura saw the last, at Howard Marsh on 18 May. A trio of birders saw, and Laura Wolf photographed, the same bird the previous day. Nancy Anderson disclosed the most, 625 at East Harbor on 08 Mar. Numbers were lower than last spring. Jeff Goff provided the inland high, 65 at Walborn Reservoir, ***Stark***, on 07 Mar. (48 counties)

Redhead
Scattered sightings came in Jun. A group of four birders reported 1500 at Howard Marsh on 09 Mar. The next most, about 580, were noted by Troy Shively at Paradise Island, ***Logan***, on 21 Mar. (62 counties)

*This Redhead visited the small pond in Wooster's Schellin Park in **Wayne** on 26 Mar where Su Snyder photographed it.*

Ring-necked Duck
A few remained into the third week of Jun. Tyler McClain's birdwalk produced the seasonal last at Sandy Ridge on 31 May. Josh Yoder's estimate of 2250, counting by tens, represented the high count and came from Killbuck on 26 Mar. On other dates, up to 2100 were counted at that location. Outside of ***Wayne***, the second most were 1100 that three birders tallied at Norton Lane Ponds of the Grand River WA, ***Trumbull***, on 20 Mar. Only ***Defiance, Gallia,*** and ***Monroe*** didn't have reports.

Greater Scaup
Jelmer Poelstra and Jethro Raber independently confirmed the last, a single at Prairie Lane Wetlands, ***Wayne***, on 20 May (see Field Notes for additional detail). Dawn, Michael, and Trevor Zook saw 250 along Yetter Road, ***Ottawa***, on 11 Mar. Sixty, the inland high, came from Mollie and Tyler Ficker and Austin Langdon at Caesar Creek on 25 Mar. (71 counties)

Lesser Scaup
Sightings persisted into Jun, especially in the lakefront counties. Greg Links and Bridgette Stambaugh saw 8000 at ONWR on 26 Mar. (81 counties)

Greater/Lesser Scaup
Matt Anderson witnessed about 50,000 at Magee on 19 Mar (see Field Notes for more). (55 counties)

Harlequin Duck
As for the recent winter, likely the same four ducks remained off the ***Cuyahoga*** lakefront and specifically Rocky River Park until 26 Apr (m. obs.). A single female was often observed at CLNP until 12 Apr (m. obs.). A third report came from Sarah Taylor, who saw one at Sherod Park, ***Erie***, on 09 Mar. There were no other reports outside of ***Cuyahoga*** and ***Erie***.

Surf Scoter
Lucas Weaver saw the last, at Atwood Lake, ***Carroll***, on 06 May. The second last were three scoters that spent the day at Eastwood MP, ***Montgomery***, on 03 May (m. obs.). Lori Brumbaugh and Vicki Ramirez saw the most, seven off Sims Park, ***Cuyahoga***, on 01 Mar. The next highest count of five was shared by New London Reservoir, ***Huron***, from 14 to 16 Mar (m. obs.) and Evans Lake, ***Mahoning***, on 24 Mar (Craig Holt). (12 counties)

White-winged Scoter
The reports, all of single birds, are:
Caesar Creek from 13 to 17 Mar (m. obs.).
Findlay Reservoirs on 18 Mar (Josh Yoder).
Alum Creek on 30 Mar and was the season's last (Richard Bradley).

Black Scoter
Three individuals were the last, at Alum Creek on 21 Apr (m. obs.). Roger Beuck, Sarah Preston, and Jim Smallwood observed the most, five at Lake Erie Bluffs on 21 Mar. Reports came from only ***Cuyahoga***, ***Delaware***, ***Lake***, ***Lorain***, and ***Seneca***.

Scoter sp.
Indeterminate birds were seen in ***Geauga***, ***Lucas***, and ***Warren***.

Long-tailed Duck
Maria Bon and Justin Ziegler, traveling separately, found the last, namely a single along George Road in Ashland (city) on 08 May. Larry Richardson tallied the most, 108 along the causeway of Mosquito Lake, on 07 Mar. That was a huge number and most were gone the next day. James Flynn noted 12 at Pymatuning SP, ***Ashtabula***, on 12 Mar. (18 counties)

Bufflehead
Bird Smith located the last, a single at Lorain on 28 May. Second last was Jethro Raber's single at Alum Creek on 26 May. Lucas Weaver estimated 120 at Killbuck on 07 Mar. (81 counties).

Common Goldeneye
Two seen at Kelleys Island on 24 May were the last (Bob Barsotti). While seen on a different part of Kelleys Island, Tyler McClain saw what was likely the same pair of ducks four days earlier. Otherwise, George Keller saw the second to last at Caesar Creek on 09 May. The 220 that Theresa Wolanin noted at Pipe Creek on 04 Mar were the most. Second most were 200 that Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski noted at Sims Park, ***Cuyahoga***, on 04 Mar. (46 counties)

Hooded Merganser
John Kuenzli tallied 80 at Hoover NP on 18 Mar. Second most were 58 that Howard Gratz counted at Kokosing Lake WA, ***Knox***, on 21 Mar. Only ***Defiance***, ***Fayette***, ***Gallia***, and ***Monroe*** didn't have reports.

Bruce Miller was ready when this Hooded Merganser took flight in West Jefferson, ***Madison****, on 02 Apr.*

Common Merganser
JP Waldron estimated 1000 at East Harbor on 26 Mar. Theresa Wolanin saw the second most, 600 at Pipe Creek on 04 Mar. Mosquito Lake held the most away from Lake Erie, 254 on 01 Mar. (Larry Richardson) (73 counties)

Red-breasted Merganser
The seasonal last was noted by Dawn Zickefoose at Lucia S. Nash Preserve, ***Geauga***, on 29 May. One was at Honey Creek Preserve, ***Miami***, the day before (R. Lee Reed). About 6400 were off the Port of Cleveland on 10 Mar (Jenn Brumfield). Gary Cowell conservatively estimated the second most, 5000 off Maumee Bay on 05 Mar. The most away from the big lake were Gary Cowell's 450 at Clear Fork on 24 Mar. (71 counties)

Ruddy Duck
Matt Valencic obtained a fairly accurate count of 770 at LaDue on 14 Apr, and up to 720 were noted there on other dates. The second most, not in ***Geauga***, were David Factor's 400 at Berlin Lake on 10 Apr. (74 counties)

Northern Bobwhite
Two counts of eight were the seasonal high. Randy Morgan found that number at a private farm in ***Butler***, that manages for quail using the USDA Conservation Reserve Program, on 18 May. Likewise, Bryan Smith had eight quail at Crown City WA, ***Lawrence***, on 19 May. (31 counties)

Wild Turkey
Susan Muenzer and Craig Nilsson, traveling separately, saw 68 foraging in Swanton, ***Lucas***, on 03 Mar. Benjamin Miller saw the second most, 65 along Banning Road, ***Knox***, on 24 Mar. (83 counties)

Ruffed Grouse
All reports were of single birds, except Scott Leeth noted two in Wayne NF, ***Scioto***, on 28 Apr. (8 counties)

Ring-necked Pheasant
Jim Guyton found eight along River Drive near Circleville, ***Pickaway***, on 16 Mar. (52 counties)

Chukar
All sightings of this exotic species were of single birds, and all were photographically documented. The reports are:

Along Route 166 in ***Ashtabula*** on 13 Apr (Tony Gazso).

BSBO bird on 22 Apr (seen separately by Mike Rounds and Kathy Springer).

North Benton-Carroll Road in Oak Harbor on 27 Apr (Scott Kigar).

Private property near the Oak Harbor Conservation Club on 30 Apr (Paul Dornbusch).

Along SR 4 in Marysville, ***Union***, on 27 May (David De Armey).

It is not known whether the Oak Harbor birds were the same or different individuals, but it has been reported that the species is often released and hunted in that area.

Pied-billed Grebe
The high count of 30 was shared by Martin Manges at Lorain on 26 Mar and two records at Howard Marsh, which included Andy Brown's

report on 08 Apr and Asher Higgins' on 10 May. (82 counties)

Horned Grebe
Ryan Jacob confirmed the last, as Howard Marsh on 26 May. Alexander Teliak saw the second last, at Kelleys Island on 21 May. The most were Eric Hall's 120 at Pymatuning Lake, ***Ashtabula***, on 15 Mar. (74 counties)

*Jethro Raber was checking Clark Road in **Wayne** on 11 Mar when this Horned Grebe popped up out of the water with a snack.*

Red-necked Grebe
A pair was closely studied at Eastwood Lake, ***Montgomery***, and noted as the season's last on 06 May (m. obs.). Jeff Green's observation of four, at CLNP on 17 Mar, was the most. Sightings came from only ***Cuyahoga***, ***Geauga***, and ***Montgomery***.

Eared Grebe
The season's first was at Caesar Creek on 04 Mar (m. obs.), and the last was shared on 06 Apr at Killbuck (m. obs.) and North Baltimore Reservoir, ***Wood*** (m. obs.). All sightings were of single birds. Records came from ***Logan***, ***Warren***, ***Wayne***, and ***Wood***.

Rock Pigeon
Isaiah Craft noted 250 at Dayton's Veterans Park on 05 Mar. Four birders tallied 234 in Circleville, ***Pickaway***, on 19 Mar. Sightings of 100 to 150 came from several other locations. Only ***Putnam*** didn't have a report.

Eurasian Collared-Dove
John Kuenzli found six foraging near a grain silo in South Charleston, ***Clark***, on 17 Mar. (17 counties)

White-winged Dove
Michael Pogue saw one in Medina (city) on 12 May. One was seen throughout May in Farmersville, ***Montgomery*** (m. obs.).

Mourning Dove
A trio of birders tallied 142 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 01 Apr. Sameer Apte counted 87 at CLNP on 05 Apr. (all 88 counties)

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Jamie Cunningham saw the first, a single at Hocking Hills SP, ***Hocking***, on 25 Apr. An indeterminate to species cuckoo was noted on 26 Apr in the Miami Whitewater Forest, ***Hamilton***, and was likely Yellow-billed. Harry Aspacher saw the first for the far north in Fremont, ***Sandusky***, on 30 Apr. Bryan Smith saw eight along Telegraph Hill Road, ***Lawrence***, on 21 May. (75 counties)

Black-billed Cuckoo
A highly declining species. For example, in the Spring 2011 season, this species was reported in 42 counties (see below for this season). Kim Napier secured the first, a single in Matamoras, ***Monroe***, on 27 Apr. Steven Sheppard noted the first for the far north, at ONWR on 05 May. David Erb had 11 at the ***Holmes*** Rails to Trails on 07 May. Philip Hershberger reported in the *Bobolink* six predawn calling from ***Wayne*** on 13 May. There were several records of at least four birds. (29 counties)

Common Nighthawk
Ken Lebo saw the first, at Woodman Fen, ***Montgomery***, on 25 Apr and this was followed by Brandt Schurenberg's, who heard one at the Hartwell Recreation Center in Cincinnati on 26 Apr. The high count of 28 was at Magee on 19 May for Nate Koszycki. This was followed by Allen Rand's 27 at the Rocky River Stables of Cleveland MP, ***Cuyahoga***, on 26 May. (62 counties)

Chuck-will's-widow
Adams had the only Apr reports. The first sighting came from the prairie along Rhodes Road on 28 Apr (m. obs.). Most records came from the Edge Preserve, where the high count of six, from the Lynx Prairie, was noted on 05 May (Jason Estep and Suzie Smith). Eddie Hicks also had six at that same location on 13 May. Records came from ***Adams***, ***Athens***, ***Highland***, and ***Lawrence***.

Eastern Whip-poor-will
The earliest arrival date of 03 Apr was disclosed by Phil Cantino's sighting at Bluebell Preserve, ***Athens***. The next day one was at Pedro, ***Lawrence***, for Jayme Waldron, and at Bryan Smith's residence in ***Lawrence***, and Duane Miller's residence in ***Wayne***. Isaiah Craft's nearly six-hour nighttime excursion produced at least 20 in Zaleski on 31 May, and he had 15 the previous night at Lake Hope/Zaleski. Seven, the third most, came from Pond Run Road in Nile Township, ***Scioto*** (Ryan Lesniewicz), on 21 Apr, as well as

along Foundry Hill Road, ***Columbiana***, on 29 May (Bob Lane). (42 counties)

Chimney Swift
Michael Mays saw the earliest, one at Fernald on 02 Apr. Birds had made it to the far north in ***Cuyahoga*** and ***Lake*** by 05 Apr. Terry Bronson saw 400, maybe 500, enter a chimney for night roosting in Marietta, ***Washington***, on 30 Apr (see Field Notes for more). Similarly, Ann and Dwight Chasar saw 335 enter a chimney along Solon Road in the Cleveland suburb of Bedford Heights on 25 May. Several other localities produced counts of 100 to 150. Only ***Fayette*** didn't have a report.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
The first was seen in Hudson, ***Summit***, on 11 Apr (George Novosel). It was a strange spring season for this species in our state, as many birders commented on the lack of hummers. The number of window-killed mortalities on the University of Cincinnati campus noted this as well (editor's data). The high count was only 11 birds, which Tom Sheley observed at his feeder in Lancaster, ***Fairfield***, on 16 May. While fewer in number, all counties reported sightings, except ***Auglaize***.

King Rail
The *Bobolink* area reports disclosed the first, a single at Clear Fork on 25 Apr (Derrick Hill). Clark Case audio recorded one in Aurora, ***Portage***, on 30 Apr. Trish Guenther photographed one at Mill Creek on 06 May that Jeff Harvey and John Petruzzi identified and flushed on 07 May. Daniel Stutzman, as reported to the *Bobolink*, saw one at Killbuck on 06 May. Reports came only from ***Mahoning***, ***Portage***, ***Richland***, and ***Wayne***.

Virginia Rail
Lee Funderburg reported the first, identified by sound only, at Spring Valley, on 04 Mar. The next, at Blue Heron Preserve, ***Geauga***, was also identified by sound on 05 Mar (John Kurtz). The high count of 12 was provided by Jason and Neill Cade at Spring Valley on 22 May. (42 counties)

Sora
Jackie Delk and Cathy Hagstrom auditory identified the season's first, at Spring Valley on 22 Mar. The second was at Eyring Wetlands, ***Ashtabula***, for Linda Machczynski four days later. The high count was 16, at Killbuck, on 04 May, and counts of up to 15 were noted there on other dates (m. obs.). Brian and Dale Bailey photographed some of the 15 counted at Maumee Bay on 29 Apr. Counts of 14 came from ***Hamilton*** and ***Knox***. (62 counties)

Common Gallinule
The first was at Howard Marsh on 13 Apr (R. Lee Reed), and that site also hosted the high of 20 on 05 May (Kayla Fisk). (31 counties)

American Coot
Scott Holmer conservatively estimated 1000 at Turkeyfoot Lake, ***Summit***, on 06 Mar (see Field Notes for additional information). Cam Lee tallied 700 at Big Island on 31 Mar. (79 counties)

Purple Gallinule
One well documented and photographed bird spent from 06 May to 06 Jun at Pipe Creek (m. obs. There were over 730 eBird records on this one single bird!). Jon Kurtz first saw the bird on 06 May. The OBRC accepted the record.

This Purple Gallinule was seen by many at Pipe Creek where Bruce Miller photographed it on 06 May.

Sandhill Crane
Michael Spreng noted about 100 at Wilderness Road on 30 Mar. Nearby, Funk hosted 83 on 07 May. Away from ***Wayne***, the 05 Mar ONWR census tallied 64 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (66 counties)

Black-necked Stilt
An early stilt was photographed by Arnold Buehler and later in the day by Bill Heban at Howard Marsh on 28 Mar. That is more than three weeks earlier than expected. David Brooke noted the species nesting activity as he tallied the season's most, 22 at Howard Marsh on 16 May. Up

Always a treat to spot a Sora as Debbie Parker did at Lorain on 28 Apr.

to 18 were noted there on other dates, while the most not in ***Lucas*** were five at Prairie Lane Wetlands, ***Wayne***, on 20 Apr and 20 May (m. obs.). (9 counties)

*Jethro Raber photographed this Black-necked Stilt along busy Prairie Lane, **Wayne**, on 19 Apr.*

American Avocet
The first showed up on 17 Apr at Headlands (Sarah Preston and Roger Beuck) and Metzger, where this latter site also held the season's high count of 42 (m. obs.). Corinna Honscheid and Leslie Sours secured the last, which was noted at Columbus Upground Reservoir, ***Delaware***, on 24 May. (8 counties)

Black-bellied Plover
Janice Farral saw the first, a single at Lorain on 17 Apr. There were several records on 31 May and a few sightings continued into the second week of Jun. Barbi and Skip Fortland counted 50 at Howard Marsh on 21 May and Cheryl Shimer saw them the next day. Up to 47 were found there on other dates. Next most were Jethro Raber's 47 at Wilderness Road on 21 May, and Lucas Weaver counted that same number less than two hours later at that same location. (22 counties)

American Golden-Plover
The influx was first noted on 24 Mar. Leon Mast saw two at Wilderness Road on that date. Randy Morgan photographed nine at a private farm in ***Butler*** on 26 Mar, and there were several other records, all with photos, from 26 Mar. The early arrivals were primarily in non-breeding plumage and in flooded corn fields. The 26 Mar birds were: one along County Road 385 in Loudonville, ***Holmes*** (Josh Yoder); two along Township Route 444 in Walnut Creek, ***Holmes*** (Adam Coblentz and Gabe Troyer); and one along Garden Isle Road, ***Medina*** (Jacob Raber). Troy Herrel observed the most, 106 in Croton, ***Licking***, on 24 Apr. A trio of birders carefully counted 94 at a wet corn field along Solon Road, ***Greene***, on 30 Apr. (21 counties)

Killdeer
Gregory Allen counted 100 at Killdeer on 23 Mar. Shane Myers tallied 95 at Howard Marsh on 08 May. (all 88 counties)

Semipalmated Plover
Anita Swift documented the first, a single at the Bortz Family NP, ***Hamilton***, on 16 Apr. Derek and Levi Parker saw it nearly 40 minutes later. The second was shared by Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble at the Columbus Upground Reservoir, ***Delaware***, and Janice Farral at Vermilion River Reservation, ***Lorain***, on 20 Apr. Sightings continued until end of season and persisted well into Jun. Sightings on 31 May included Larry Early's two at Cowan Lake, ***Clinton***, and two at Indian Lake Slough, ***Logan*** (Eddie Hicks). Cam Lee provided the high count of 267, which occurred at Big Island on 19 May. He commented that it was his highest ever at that location for the species, and apparently by eBird data and comments, the birds were staging for several days prior to that high count. Up to 234 were noted there on other dates. Leslie Sours precisely counted the second most, 197 along Mouser Road, ***Pickaway***, on 18 May (see Field Notes for more). Several counts of 100 to 112 came from other locations. (53 counties)

Piping Plover
Two reports from ***Cuyahoga***. Luke Robertson found a banded bird at Edgewater on 25 Apr and that stayed into the next day (m. obs.; see Field Notes for additional detail). Jen Brumfield found one at Wendy Park on 24 May (m. obs.).

Upland Sandpiper
The earliest were three noted by Scott Pendleton at grasslands along Route 519 in ***Harrison*** on 08 Apr. The next day, Cory Chiappone photographed one in Tiffin, ***Seneca***. In suitable breeding habitat, it may be difficult to discern last migrants from those that stay to breed. Records extended into Jun and likely breeding occurred in ***Ashtabula***, ***Greene***, and ***Harrison***. Michael Hershberger found six in Cadiz, ***Harrison***, on 29 Apr. (10 counties)

Whimbrel
There was a significant May movement just south of the Great Lakes this spring; whereas, the species is typically not common in Ohio during the spring season (see Field Notes for more). Three were noted at Pickerel Creek into early Jun. Troy Shively found 131 at Indian Lake on 23 May. That flock was also photographed by Corinna Honscheid and Leslie Sours and seen by numerous birders. Sean Williams witnessed 77 flying over a lake at the Herndon Sculpture Garden,

Erie, on 23 May. Other than ***Erie***, reports came from ***Delaware***, ***Lake***, ***Logan***, and ***Sandusky***.

Hudsonian Godwit

Chad Pumpelly photographed the first, nine birds at Heritage Trail MP, ***Franklin***, on 20 Apr. Numerous birders saw those birds through 23 Apr. Robert Krajeski secured the last, a single at Conneaut on 20 May. Pickerel Creek hosted one for Jeff Lamson on 23 Apr. Two to four birds were seen at Howard Marsh from 25 to 30 Apr (m. obs.) and Curtice, ***Lucas***, held four through 04 May (m. obs.). Lastly, the ONWR hosted four on 25 Apr (m. obs.). These four birds were presumably the same birds seen in nearby multiple locations.

Marbled Godwit

Reports were slightly more numerous than expected. Frank Frick located our seasonal first, a single at Lost Bridge on 20 Apr (m. obs.). Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski located the last at Howard Marsh on 31 May. Lucas Weaver found the most, 19 at Wilderness Road on 22 Apr. (6 counties)

Ruddy Turnstone

Thomas Stevenson located the first, at Metzger on 06 May. Migrants continued at the lakefront until early Jun. A group of four birders found the most, 28 at CPNWR on 16 May. (18 counties)

Red Knot

There were three spring reports of singles. Pipe Creek hosted the one Dan Gesualdo saw on 07 May. A gorgeously plumaged bird was photographed by Arnold Buehler when he and Bruce Arnold observed it at Maumee Bay on 25 May. The Howard Marsh bird was seen from 28 to 31 May (m. obs.).

Ruff

The sightings, all of singles, are: Jeff Harvey found one at Mill Creek on 04 Apr and the bird was photographed by John Petruzzi and seen by two other birders. Many birders saw the Mantua, ***Portage***, bird on 06 Apr.

Many chased this Ruff after hearing of its report in ***Portage****. Debbie Parker photographed it on 06 Apr in a Mantua cornfield.*

Stilt Sandpiper

The influx was fairly early. Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble saw one along Radnor Road, ***Delaware***, on 11 Apr and shared the first with Lee Funderburg, who found one in non-breeding plumage that stood out among the yellowlegs at the Little Miami Scenic Trail in Spring Valley, ***Greene*** (m. obs.). This later bird stayed until at least 17 Apr, while the next earliest was at Howard Marsh on that date (Dan Kramer). There were also several records for 20 Apr. Jelmer Poelstra saw the last, at Wilderness Road on 25 May. There were several high counts of four birds. (10 counties)

Curlew Sandpiper

A few of the many posts from Bryan, ***Williams***, have photos. The OBRC will eventually review this record.

Sanderling

Deer Creek provided the first sighting, one photographed by Rick Luehrs on 20 Apr. Sarah Preston saw the next, a single at Headlands on 24 Apr. Russ Sulich found the last, eight at Howard Marsh on 28 May. Nine were the high count at three different locations. That number was at Howard Marsh on 11 May (m. obs.), Pipe Creek on 19 May (Martyn Drabik-Hamshare), and Headlands on 22 May (Sarah Preston). (9 counties)

Dunlin

Howard Marsh hosted two on 19 Mar (Jim Martin) and shared the first with Lora Monska, who noted three at the ONWR. Mark Dillon secured the next, a single at Englewood on 21 Mar. The most were Allison Matlock's 2613 at Howard Marsh on 13 May. Up to 2000 were found there on other dates. Counts of 1000 came from Shelley Blundell at Winous Point on 09 May and Sara Meissner at Pickerel Creek on 20 May.
(56 counties)

This Dunlin touched down at Lorain where Debbie Parker photographed it on 18 May.

Baird's Sandpiper
Daniel Lebbin photographed the one that he and Jeff Peters saw at Howard Marsh on 19 May.

Least Sandpiper
Steven Yockey found the earliest, two at Joyce Park, ***Butler***, on 15 Mar. The next earliest, also came from ***Butler***. Marianne Gorman photographed two along Brate Drive in West Chester on 19 Mar. Outside of ***Butler***, Troy Shively found the third, in Celina, ***Mercer***, on 21 Mar. Considerable time lapsed before the first was reported in the far north lakeshore counties when Brandon Brywczynski saw one at Sandhill Crane on 10 Apr. Numerous records extended to 31 May, and a few were reported in Jun. Steven Cagan reported the most, 250 at Howard Marsh on 14 May. Cam Lee's 93 at Big Island, on 18 May, were the second most. (65 counties)

White-rumped Sandpiper
The first two sightings were shared on 07 May. On that date, Steven Hockey saw one at Ellis Lake and Fabian Bindrich and Markus Deutsch reported two at Howard Marsh. Records extended throughout Jun, but James Runkle saw three, the likely seasonal last, at the Brate Drive wetlands in West Chester, ***Butler***, on 31 May. Daniel Beechy saw the most, six along Wilderness Road on 26 May, which were also seen later that day by Lucas Weaver.

Pectoral Sandpiper
Scott Leeth saw the first, a single along U.S. Route 52 in Nile Township, ***Scioto***, on 06 Mar. The far north's first were eight at Howard Marsh on 28 Mar (m. obs.). The last was along Howard Road in Curtice, ***Lucas***, for Debra Sweeney, and was likely the same bird seen later in the day at nearby Howard Marsh (Lori Schutz and Andrew Simon). Joey Miller, via the *Bobolink*, estimated from 500 to 800 along Wilderness Road on 04 May. The Gleason Road and Haley Road quarry, ***Clinton***, hosted 112 on 04 May (Jill and Larry Early). (63 counties)

Semipalmated Sandpiper
Thomas Czubek's 23 Apr sighting of one at Ellis Lake was the first. Records extended well into Jun. Jelmer Poelstra tallied 158 along Wilderness Road on 25 May. (44 counties)

Western Sandpiper
A few of the many posts from Howard Marsh on 21 Apr have photos (m. obs.). Several excellent birders independently found that bird, and the last sighting of that bird was 25 Apr. Lucas Weaver described one in breeding plumage from Wilderness Road on 25 and 26 May.

Short-billed Dowitcher
A few of the early arrivals were photographed by birders. The seasonal first was noted by R. Lee Reed at Howard Marsh on 13 Apr, which was a little early in that the species typically crosses the Ohio River around the third week of Apr. Jon Kurtz saw the last, a single at Wilderness Road on 26 May. Numerous birders confirmed the season's high, 300 at Winous Point on 13 May. Rodney McCollum found the second most, 83 along the Hocking River wetland in Lancaster, ***Fairfield***, on 16 May. (34 counties)

Long-billed Dowitcher
This species is usually less abundant and often arrives earlier than the Short-billed. Is this species increasing in number at the expense of the former? An exceptionally early individual was seen at the Hebron Fish Hatchery and Wetlands, ***Licking***, on 21 Mar (m. obs.). Howard Marsh hosted three on 28 Mar (m. obs.). This species is often moved out of our area by the middle of May. One Howard Marsh bird reported for 22 May was inconclusive to species confirmation. Before that date, at least six were confirmed for the last date of 12 May at the ONWR WD and up to 14 in other parts of the ONWR on that date (m. obs.). A group of more than 10 birders, along with staff from BSBO and Wildside Nature Tours, saw a flock of 25 birds flying west in the ONWR and all birds were in breeding plumage. That record was likely the seasonal high on 11 May. At least 20 to 24 were noted there during early May dates. (13 counties)

Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher
Indeterminate records came from nine counties.

American Woodcock
Levi Metzger estimated 25 during a half mile walk in good habitat while birds displayed at the Woodland Trails WA, ***Preble***, on 12 Mar. Second most were 19 tallied by Matt Anderson in the OOPMP on 16 Apr. Several other locations had reports of 16 to 18. (77 counties)

Wilson's Snipe
Eric Hall counted 120 at Piedmont Lake, ***Belmont***, on 10 Mar. Josh Yoder found the next most, 85 in a flooded field along Wilderness Road on 09 Apr. Matt Anderson counted 83 at Sandhill Crane on 30 Apr. (74 counties)

Spotted Sandpiper
Ron Sempier saw the first, a single at Alum Creek on 04 Apr. Sally Isacco reported the far north's first, a single at Springbrook Gardens Park, ***Lake***, on 07 Apr. Breeding birds were present throughout Jun. Chad Wilson found 30 at Lorain on 18 May. Only ***Meigs*** and ***Monroe*** didn't have reports.

Solitary Sandpiper
There were few Mar records this season, but the Apr flight was impressive. Andy Troyer found the first, a single in Kidron, ***Wayne***, on 26 Mar. Wesley Apitz and Scott Holmer located the second, a single in a marsh at Wingfoot Lake SP, ***Portage***, on 30 Mar. The next day, also in ***Portage***, Daniel and Mark Kershner photographed one along Johnson Road. The season's last sightings, both of singles, were 31 May. Those included Magee (Theresa Wolanin) and Perrysburg, ***Wood*** (Traci Gentry). Sean Williams counted 49 at Mentor Lagoons on 08 May. (82 counties)

Lesser Yellowlegs
The first was at Howard Marsh on 04 Mar (Jamie Cunningham). There were numerous early Mar records. The season's last were two at Howard Marsh on 31 May (Jeremy Dominguez). The high count of 181 came from Swamp Road, ***Licking***, on 01 May (Brad Imhoff and Matt Mason). Second most were 150 from Howard Marsh on both 29 Apr (David Myles) and 09 May (Asher Higgins). Up to 100 were found there on other dates. Jelmer Poelstra also counted 119 at Funk. (77 counties)

Willet
Three records shared the first on 21 Apr. On that date, Peter Keefe and a group of about 10 to 12 birders saw seven to nine at Headlands; Sean Williams located nine at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, ***Lake***, that numerous birders saw throughout that day; and six were at Howard Marsh (m. obs.). Andrew Lodge saw the last, one at St. Mary's State Fish Hatchery, ***Auglaize***, on 24 May. The second last was a single photographed by David Ackerman at Killdeer on 18 May. Michael Hershberger, via the *Bobolink*, disclosed our seasonal high of 72 in Winesburg, ***Holmes***, on 25 Apr. Daniel and Marty Stutzman, as reported to the *Bobolink*, counted 70 at this same location on the same day, and likely the same flock was noted in nearby Dundee, ***Wayne*** (m. obs.), later that day (see Field Notes for more information). Numerous birders counted 43 to 44 along the Great Miami River Trail, Hydraulic Road, ***Montgomery***, on 26 Apr. (24 counties)

*Su Snyder got a good look at this Wilson's Snipe along Schwartzwalder Road, **Wayne**, on 02 Mar.*

Greater Yellowlegs
An anonymous eBirder along the ***Holmes*** Trail in Millersburg and Deer Creek (Rick Luehrs) shared the first, both singles on 09 Mar. The second were two in Dresden, ***Muskingum***, on 10 Mar (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller). The first for the lakefront counties was one that Jason Bojczyk found at Pickerel Creek on 12 Mar. A fairly good number remained until about the middle of Jun, and numerous seasonal last sightings were recorded for 31 May. As with the Lesser Yellowlegs, the seasonal high came from Swamp Road, ***Licking***, where Brad Imhoff and Matt Mason conservatively counted and estimated 139 from many hidden among the corn stubble on 01 May. (71 counties)

Lesser/Greater Yellowlegs
Indeterminate yellowlegs were reported in 31 counties.

Wilson's Phalarope
David Myles saw the first, one at Metzger on 22 Apr. Four birders saw the last, two birds at Howard Marsh on 31 May. Josh King found three at Mercer WA, ***Mercer***, on 22 May. (6 counties)

Red-necked Phalarope
Jelmer Poelstra noted the first two, singles at Funk and Wilderness Road on 14 May. Numerous birders saw the Wilderness Road bird, which remained as the seasonal last on 31 May and the other location sightings extended until 24 to 29 May. As for the previous species, three at Mercer WA, ***Mercer***, were the high count (Andrew Lodge and Tim Harshman). In addition to ***Mercer*** and ***Wayne***, reports came from ***Geauga*** and ***Paulding***.

Black-legged Kittiwake
There were two seasonal records. David Weaver, along with several others, found one at Wendy Park on 08 Mar (m. obs.). Excellent photos of that bird were taken by several birders. John Pogacnik and Kari Warner found the second that many birders got to see as well. It was at the Spitzer Riverside Marina in Lorain (city) from 11 Mar to 03 Apr. This second bird was often seen along California Avenue and Black River and was also well photographed.

Bonaparte's Gull
Nearly 8000 were at Lorain on 08 Apr (Henry Trimpe; see Field Notes for more). Corinna Honscheid and Leslie Sours provided an inland high

of 2930 at Delaware State Park, ***Delaware***, on 04 Apr. Many continued throughout Jun. (71 counties)

A Black-legged Kittiwake seemed to wander in northeastern Ohio and stopped by the Black River in Lorain (city) where Debbie Parker found it on 12 Mar.

Little Gull

A Howard Marsh bird was seen by many on 09 May. There were 207 eBird entries on this bird.

Laughing Gull

The reports, all of single birds, are:

Bird with immature plumage at Maumee Bay on 20 Apr (Lindsey Kunkel).

Wilderness Road breeding plumage bird on 29 Apr (Lucas Weaver and Atlee Yoder)

Adult plumage bird photographed at Lorain on 01 May (Janice Farral) and also seen and photographed by Alecia Gorski and Debbie Parker within an hour later.

Franklin's Gull

The reports are:

One at Clear Fork on 23 Mar (Raymond Fisher).

Two near Main Street in Vermilion, ***Erie***, on 28 Mar (Dan Gesualdo).

One at Maumee Bay from 01 to 03 Apr (m. obs.).

One at Huron 03 Apr (Dan Gesualdo).

One at Lorain from 04 to 07 Apr (m. obs.).

Heermann's Gull

Four birders found one at Lorain on 29 Apr (m. obs.). The OBRC accepted this record, and this was the third confirmed record of this species in Ohio.

Common Gull

One was photographed at Lorain Harbor on 11 Mar. Since the OBRC does not have a submission on this bird, the birder's name has been omitted here.

Ring-billed Gull

Nearly 20,000 were observed at Wendy Park on 12 Mar (Bela Anand-Apte), and up to 18,000 were seen there on other dates. Natalie Rodgers, counting by groups of 100, tallied 8800 as she noted birds on the beach and parking lot and on the wing at Mosquito Lake on 14 Mar. (77 counties)

Herring Gull

Tom Bartlett estimated 16,000 off Wendy Park on 11 Mar. He commented that many thousands of gulls were in the Cleveland Harbor that day. Up to 15,000 were noted at Wendy Park on other dates. Outside of ***Cuyahoga***, the next most were 2000 at Lorain Harbor on 11 Mar (Chad Wilson). Jeff Goff provided the inland high, 600 at American Landfill, ***Stark***, on 02 Mar. (56 counties)

Iceland Gull

Debbie Parker and Chris Pierce, traveling separately, disclosed the last, a single at Lorain on 19 Apr. Jen Brunfield counted 13 off Wendy Park on 11 Mar and up to 11 were seen there on other dates. John Pogacnik and Kari Warner had three at Headlands on 04 Mar. Sightings also came from ***Ashtabula***, ***Erie***, and ***Stark***.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

One at Headlands on 31 May (Sean Williams) was the shared last with five at Maumee Bay

Jory Teltser was at the right place at the right time to grab a perfect look at this rare Heermann's Gull at the Hotwater's Pier in Lorain (city) on 29 Apr.

Debbie Parker got a big surprise when this Common Gull dropped down by her on the Lorain (city) fishing pier on 11 Mar.

(Noah Arthur). A few remained into Jun. Debbie Parker tallied 50 at Huron on 07 Apr. Andrew Thorton's 36 at Wendy Park were the most elsewhere. (24 counties)

[Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull]
There were two reports of this hybrid. First, Kent Miller found one at Wendy Park on 06 Mar that stayed through 23 Mar. Both Matt Mason and Richard Staton had photos with a good description. Two birds intermediate in plumage between Herring and Lesser Black-backed gulls were reported from Lorain on 19 Mar, but without sufficient confirmation and, therefore, names of observers are omitted here.

Slaty-backed Gull
The bird found by Chuck Slusarczyk, Jr. during the winter continued through 24 Mar at Wendy Park (m. obs.). Record was accepted by the OBRC. This was the fourth state record of this species.

Glaucous-winged Gull
Anthony Rodgers found our second state record at Wendy Park on 05 Mar. The one found by David Weaver, a third state record, spent 05 to 09 Mar at Wendy Park (m. obs.). The OBRC has confirmed these records.

Glaucous Gull
Sarah Preston and Jim Smallwood saw the seasonal last, one at Headlands on 18 Apr. Kent Miller saw three at Wendy Park on 06 Mar. One was seen at Spitzer Riverside Marina in Lorain on 14 Mar (Jonathan Oliveras and Chris Pierce) and likely the same or a different bird was at Lorain Harbor on 04 and 08 Apr (Henry Trimpe and Joshua Vardous).

[Herring x Glaucous Gull]
One was at Wendy Park on 06 Mar (Kent Miller and Ed Wransky) and could have been the same bird that was present at that location over the winter. John Pogacnik saw one at the Fairport Harbor Lake Authority, ***Lake***, on 07 Mar.

Great Black-backed Gull
Widespread records in Jun followed the season's last on 31 May, where two were at Maumee Bay (Kevin Calhoon). Theresa Wolanin saw the most, 50 at Pipe Creek on 04 Mar. Second most were the 27 that Jen Brumfield saw at Wendy Park on 11 Mar. Inland, Chris Krintzline saw five at a landfill in Fostoria, ***Seneca***, on 09 Apr. (8 counties)

[Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]
Luke Robertson photographed this hybrid at Wendy Park on 01 Apr.

Least Tern
Lee Adams and Jeff Lemons saw one at Metzger on 15 May.

Caspian Tern
Jon Kurtz reported the first, a single at Lorain on 25 Mar. Craig Holt saw the most, 223 at Conneaut Harbor on 25 Apr. The most elsewhere were Matt Marcum's 147 at Lorain on 23 Apr. (39 counties)

Black Tern
Michael Hensley and an anonymous eBirder saw the first, a single at ONWR on 28 Apr. Alvin and Nathan Miller saw the most, five at Howard Marsh on 09 May. (18 counties)

Common Tern
Kathryn Clark notched the earliest, three at Mentor Lagoons on 06 Apr. Nick Kontonicolas tallied the most, 220 at Metzger, on 14 May, and up to 150 were found there on other dates. (30 counties)

Forster's Tern
Dan Kramer's observation provided the first, a single at Atwood Lake, ***Tuscarawas***, on 29 Mar. Second earliest were two that Luke Robertson photographed at Edgewater on 31 Mar. The most were 80 that Rudi Wareham saw at Howard Marsh on 13 May. Up to 50 were seen in nearby Metzger the same day. Simon Kiacz reported 47 at Pipe Creek on 04 May. (43 counties)

Red-throated Loon
All reports were of one or two birds. One or two spent 24 to 30 Mar at Alum Creek (m. obs.). A trio of birders located one at LaDue on 26 Mar that was seen by numerous birders that day. Sameer Apte saw one at CLNP on 05 Apr. The one found by Shane Myers at Findlay Reservoirs on 07 Apr was joined by a second through 09 Apr (m. obs.). Ron Bystrom saw one at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, ***Lake***, on 23 Apr. The only May record was a lingering bird at Wilderness Road that four birders saw on 13 May. (7 counties)

Common Loon
Sightings spanned the season and continued well into Jun. LaDue provided the most, 190 on 05 Apr (Mark Shaver), and Mosquito Lake hosted the second most, 64 on 06 Apr (Larry Richardson). (74 counties)

Kathy Mock enjoyed seeing this Common Loon at the Portage Lakes SP, ***Summit****, on 26 Mar.*

Double-crested Cormorant
A trio of birders estimated 2000 off Wendy Park on 02 Apr and up to 1200 were reported there on other dates. Benjamin Miller provided the second most, an estimated 1320 at Kokosing Lake WA, ***Knox***, on 05 Apr (see Field Notes for more). (83 counties)

Neotropic Cormorant
The season's first was a single at McKinley Quarry, ***Franklin***, on 04 Mar. This bird was present throughout the spring (m. obs.) and likely paired and raised two young with a Double-crested. One was present at Howard Marsh on 23 Apr (John Durback and Geoff Malosh), but was likely the same bird seen throughout much of Apr through May at Magee (m. obs.). This later bird was viewed numerous times from the Magee causeway of both ***Lucas*** and ***Ottawa***.

American White Pelican
Timothy Johnston estimated 300 to 400 at Indian Lake on 19 Mar. Jon Jenkins saw about 200 at Grand Lake on 09 Apr. Bruce Buckingham reported the first nesting attempt ever in Ohio in ***Erie*** in May. (21 counties)

American Bittern
Scott Pendleton saw the first in Cadiz, ***Harrison***, on 24 Mar. Ervin Yoder, as reported to the *Bobolink*, saw the next, a single at Apple Creek, ***Wayne***, on 31 Mar. Four birders saw the most, four in the CVNP on 21 Apr. (35 counties)

Least Bittern
The earliest was at Sandy Ridge on 25 Apr (m. obs.). One was at Lorain the next day (Debbie Parker). Pipe Creek on 10 May (Shane Myers) and ONWR on 29 May (Lori Monska) shared the high of three. (23 counties)

Great Blue Heron
Joli Reising saw 200 in Sandusky, ***Erie***, on 28 Mar. (all 88 counties)

Kathy Mock was watching this Great Blue Heron when it snagged two fish with one stab on 27 May in the CVNP.

Great Egret
Sightings were continuous throughout the season. Winous Point held the most, 150 on 07 May (m. obs.). Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski noted 112 at Lorain on 02 Apr. Only ***Carroll***, ***Crawford***, ***Meigs***, ***Ross***, ***Van Wert***, and ***Vinton*** didn't have reports.

Snowy Egret
Katie Grimm saw the earliest, a single in Oak Harbor on 08 Apr. Ellen Schwenne and Kenna Trickey found the most, eight at Metzger on 08 May. There were also numerous records of five to six, primarily from ***Erie***, ***Lucas***, and ***Ottawa*** and scattered throughout the season. (8 counties)

Little Blue Heron
The reports, all of singles, are:
Vandalia, ***Montgomery***, on 16 Apr (Sam Romeo).
Crown Pointe Drive in Stow, ***Summit***, on 29 Apr (m. obs.).
A ***Butler*** bird was seen at three different locations, primarily Ellis Lake and Gilmore from 26 to 31 May (m. obs.).
Magee on 26 May (Jack Stenger).

Tricolored Heron
Chad Wilson photographed one at Lorain on 21 Apr. The OBRC accepted this record.

Cattle Egret
Metzger hosted the first, a single on 29 Mar (m. obs.), which was also the only Mar record during the season. Deb Hirt and Maire Johnson saw 12 at Pipe Creek on 13 May. Other than four at Magee on 05 May (m. obs.), all the other sightings were of one or two birds. (7 counties)

Green Heron
Marianne Gormon photographed the first, a single at Hueston Woods on 30 Mar. Next, sightings came in ***Clark***, ***Franklin***, and ***Lorain*** on 05 Apr. Jeff Harvey tallied the most, 11 at Mill Creek on 15 May. The second most of 10 came from the 07 May ONWR monthly census (Vogus *et al.*). Counts of eight came from ***Jackson***, ***Lorain***, and ***Lucas***. Only ***Shelby*** didn't have a report.

Black-crowned Night-Heron
Geoff Malosh counted 52 at Metzger on 20 Apr. (29 counties)

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
The sightings are:
One at Gahanna Woods SNP, ***Franklin***, from 16 to 29 Apr (m. obs.).
One at Jamie Cullen's private residence in Champion Heights, ***Trumbull***, from 18 to 25 Apr.
Two at Gilmore from 10 to 28 May (m. obs.).
One at Willshire Village Park, ***Van Wert***, on 18 May (Rob Harlan).
One each at three ***Franklin*** locations, including Riverside Drive on 21 May (Ben Hahn), Pick-

erington Ponds on 25 May (Dawn and Rodney McCollum), and Kiwanis Park on 31 May (m. obs.). These Dublin sightings are likely of birds from the same Scioto River nesting colony.

Glossy Ibis
Evan Miller provided the only confirmed sighting this spring, where a single bird was located at ***Delaware*** WA on 25 Apr, and m. obs. saw it the next day. The adult, breeding plumage bird that Corinna Honscheid photographed in Powell, ***Delaware***, on 20 May may have been this same bird.

Plegadis sp. Ibis
Reports of only single birds came from ***Cuyahoga***, ***Lorain***, ***Lucas***, and ***Wayne***. Dan Kramer saw seven dark colored ibises flying over Camp Zimmerman, ***Tuscarawas***, on 10 May that were too high and too far away to see well enough to determine species. They are listed here, as likely were a *Plegadis* sp., but all we know for sure is family Threskiornithidae.

Black Vulture
Benjamin Miller saw 78 in Gambier, ***Knox***, on 02 Mar. (71 counties)

Turkey Vulture
At Malek Park, three birders counted migrants passing overhead and tallied 1052 on 03 Apr. (all 88 counties)

Osprey
In Wayne NF, ***Washington***, Elliot and Michael Schramm noted two, which were the season's first, on 05 Mar. Counting nesting pairs on active nests and birds overhead, Jackie Kellett tallied the most, nine at Alum Creek on 26 May. Only ***Crawford***, ***Darke***, ***Jackson***, and ***Shelby*** didn't have sightings.

*Su Snyder was ready to snap a photo of this Osprey when it flew over Prairie Lane, **Wayne**, on 02 Apr.*

Swallow-tailed Kite
Conrad Yoder saw one near Sugarcreek along County Route 70, ***Holmes***, on 20 Apr. This species is no longer on the state's Review List.

Golden Eagle
Owen Troyer, as reported in the *Bobolink*, saw one in Baltic, ***Coshocton***, on 06 Mar. Timothy Johnston photographed one at Indian Lake on 12 Mar. Gregory Cudworth photographed a second-year bird at reclaimed fields near the ***Harrison*** Airport on 13 Mar. Josh Yoder saw one along Brushy Fork Road in Cadiz, ***Harrison***, on 20 Mar, which was likely the same bird or from the same pair of birds previously noted. Chris Saladin photographed one in the CVNP on 16 Apr. Benjamin Yoder saw one in Holmesville, ***Holmes***, on 11 May. Finally, Roger Beuck and Sarah Preston photographed one at Mentor Marsh on 26 May.

Northern Harrier
Gregory Allen saw the most, eight at Darby Creek on 14 Apr. (74 counties)

Sharp-shinned Hawk
Three birders doing a migration count in Malek Park tallied 57 on 03 Apr. Theo Bockhorst counted 18, the second most, at Edgewater on 16 Apr (68 counties).

Cooper's Hawk
Kelleys Island harbored 23 on 15 Apr (Tyler McClain). Only ***Gallia*** and ***Shelby*** didn't have reports.

Bald Eagle
A large birding team and BSBO staff tallied 60 at Winous Point on 07 May. Only ***Fayette***, ***Gallia***, and ***Jackson*** didn't have sightings.

Mississippi Kite
Alvin Miller saw the first, near Walnut Creek, ***Holmes***, on 07 May. All sightings were of single birds, except for a confirmed nesting pair in ***Scioto***. The nesting pair, and at least one chick, was seen by many from 12 to 31 May. Some birders saw three adults and believed there were two pairs at the Shawnee location. Ed Schlabach, as reported to the *Bobolink*, had one in Sugarcreek, ***Holmes***, on 12 Apr. Chuck Anderson photographed one in Toledo on 13 May. Carl Bomkamp photographed one in Mason, ***Warren***, on 13 May. Eddie Hicks saw one eating dragonflies along Darrs Run, ***Butler***, on 19 May. Kori Sedmak photographed an adult at Myeerah NP, ***Logan***, on 19 May.

Red-shouldered Hawk
Three birders doing the Malek Park migration watch tallied 25 on 03 Apr. (80 counties)

Broad-winged Hawk
Clear Fork hosted the first, a single on 30 Mar (Gary Cowell). At a hawk watching site near Apple Creek, ***Wayne***, 635 were counted on 20 Apr during nearly an 11-hour period (m. obs.). Those hawk watchers reported that the largest

kettle had 83 birds. At a similar station in Fresno, ***Coshocton***, 10 observers tallied 253 in less than two hours on 20 Apr and Reuben Erb reported 579 from that station on that date. (68 counties)

Swainson's Hawk

The Fresno, ***Coshocton***, hawk watching crew observed a flyby bird on 20 Apr (m. obs.), but the record is pending review by the OBRC. Tammy Orsborn photographed one in Mount Vernon, ***Knox***, on 24 Apr that was accepted by the OBRC.

*This Swainson's Hawk was a welcome rare visitor to Tammy Orsborn's farm in **Knox** on 24 Apr.*

Red-tailed Hawk

The Malek Park hawk watchers tallied 45 during a nearly seven-hour observation period on 03 Apr. (m. obs.). (all 88 counties)

Rough-legged Hawk

The season's last was Windsor, ***Geauga***, on 24 Apr (Thomas Reiter). Josh Yoder logged five along Cadiz-Flushing Road, ***Harrison***, on 20 Mar. (23 counties)

Barn Owl

There were several reports of active nests this season. Matt Mason and Leslie Sours photographed one adult with four young in a nest box near Jelloway, ***Knox***, on 27 May. Likewise, David Wilkins observed an adult and five owlets in a barn in White Star Park, ***Sandusky***, on 27 May. Third, a barn along Lick Run Road, ***Tuscarawas***, held a nest box with four owlets on 28 May (Micah Miller). Most of the other sightings were of single birds. (14 counties)

Eastern Screech-Owl

Renate Erwin discovered five "fuzzy" immatures at a Sheffield Lake, ***Lorain***, residence on 12 May. Trish Guenther observed a pair provisioning five young at Maumee Bay on 14 May. Six were reported at Sheldon Marsh on 17 May (Cassidy Eaton and Scott Kigar). Two adults with three fledged young were photographed at Killbuck on 29 May (m. obs.). There were several counts of three adults scattered throughout the season. (51 counties)

Great Horned Owl

The 05 Mar ONWR census tallied six (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). There were several reports of family groups, but no more than four birds reported at any given time. (65 counties)

Barred Owl

Michael Crist counted 10 in Poland Municipal Forest, ***Mahoning***, on 05 May, and up to nine were there on other dates. (76 counties)

Long-eared Owl

The 05 Mar ONWR census had one and the 02 Apr ONWR census logged five (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). It should be noted, however, that this species is classified as sensitive to disturbance in Ohio and off limits for those "chasers" out there.

Short-eared Owl

This species has usually left by the first week of May, and this season there were no May reports. Mentor Lagoons hosted the last, a single on 20 Apr (m. obs.). Scott Pendleton saw the most, nine near Cadiz, ***Harrison***, on 24 Mar. (18 counties)

Northern Saw-whet Owl

All sightings were of single birds, except one. A trio of birders heard the last, at Maumee Bay on 14 May. Matt Mason heard two along Wood Grove Road, ***Morgan***, on 05 Mar. Other than ***Lucas*** and ***Morgan***, records came from ***Cuyahoga***, ***Erie***, ***Geauga***, and ***Lorain***.

Belted Kingfisher

Beth Clinton collected the only double-digit count, 10 along the Grand River in Fairport, ***Lake***, on 12 Apr. (all 88 counties)

Red-headed Woodpecker

The 02 Apr ONWR census counted 18 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Up to 17 were reported on other dates in the ONWR. Dan Pastel noted 15 at Mentor Marsh on 10 May. (all 88 counties)

*Two fledgling Eastern Screech-Owls delighted Jethro Raber along Valley Road in **Wayne** on 29 May.*

Red-bellied Woodpecker
Jen Brumfield logged 23 at Edgewater on 05 May. (all 88 counties)

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Birds noted in northeastern counties at end of the season were likely breeders. Amy Longley and Betsy MacMillan likely saw the last migrant, a single at the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail, ***Summit***, on 25 May. Three birders tallied 20 at Cleveland's Erie Street Cemetery on 15 Apr. Eight were noted at Mentor Marsh by Sally Isacco on 02 Apr (80 counties)

Kathy Mock came across this migrating Yellow-bellied Sapsucker along the Towpath Trail in ***Summit*** *on 19 Mar.*

Downy Woodpecker
Charlotte Ashcraft tallied 26 along Midland Oil Road in Glenford, ***Licking***, on 13 May. The 02 Apr ONWR census counted 24 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (all 88 counties)

Hairy Woodpecker
Vanessa Hawk provided the high and the only double-digit count of 11 at Mohican Wilderness, ***Knox***, on 15 May. Two counts of seven were the second most. Josh Yoder noted that many in Conesville, ***Coshocton***, on 20 Mar, as did Shane Myers in Van Buren SP, ***Hancock***, on 15 May. Only ***Fayette*** didn't have a sighting.

Northern Flicker
Their numbers seemed low this season. The 02 Apr ONWR census counted 29 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (all 88 counties)

Pileated Woodpecker
The high count was six; it was achieved across five counties. (all 88 counties)

American Kestrel
John Pogacnik counted the most, 23 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 05 Apr. The Malek Park skywatchers tallied 21 on 03 Apr. Only ***Monroe*** didn't have a sighting.

Tammy Orsborn enjoys regularly seeing this American Kestrel pair at home on the farm in ***Knox****. Photographed on 01 Apr.*

Merlin
Kathy Mock saw five at Akron's Greenlawn Memorial Park on 15 Mar. All other observations were of one or two birds. (42 counties)

Peregrine Falcon
Bobby Fritz saw five in the Cortland and Mosquito Lake area, ***Trumbull***, on 01 Apr. That was a shared high with Maureen MacIntyre, who saw the Cleveland Public Square nesting pair along with three young on 28 May. (37 counties)

Great Crested Flycatcher
William Hutchison and Christina Lang saw the first, at Spring Valley on 15 Apr. The next day, two were heard at the Barrow FS (m. obs.). The high count came from OOPMP, where Brandon Brywczynski tallied 17 on 19 May, and up to 12 were found there on other dates. Outside of ***Lucas***, Sheldon Marsh had 14 on 19 May (Mary Anne Romito). Only ***Pike*** didn't have a report.

Western Kingbird
Numerous birders saw the Pipe Creek bird on 15 May.

Eastern Kingbird
Brandon Brywczynski saw the earliest, one in Swanton, ***Lucas***, on 03 Apr. That was very early for arrival. The second was not until 14 Apr, when Maureen Short saw one in Troy, ***Miami***. A large group of birders logged 40 at Winous Point on 09 May. Only ***Crawford*** didn't have a report.

Olive-sided Flycatcher
This species usually does not arrive before May. Pearson MP hosted the first on 06 May. There was an influx in several other counties by the next day. All sightings were of one or two birds. (35 counties)

Eastern Wood-Pewee
One was reported in the *Bobolink* area by Josiah

Miller on 22 Apr. The next day, Bryan Smith had one at Telegraph Hill Road, ***Lawrence***. In the Highlands Nature Sanctuary, ***Highland***, Karen Markey tallied 28 on 30 May. (all 88 counties)

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
This is another species that often does not arrive before May. Scott Pendleton saw the first, along the Buckeye Trail in Deersville, ***Harrison***, on 05 May. Two days later, birds were in ***Hamilton***, ***Lucas***, and ***Ottawa***. Numerous sightings extended to the end of the season. Matt Hack counted seven in the ONWR Navarre on 24 May. Next most, were Tyler McClain's five at Kelleys Island on 20 May. (39 counties)

Acadian Flycatcher
David Brinkman heard the first, at the Miami Whitewater Forest, ***Hamilton***, on 18 Apr. A trio of birders tallied the most, 32 in the Highlands Nature Sanctuary, ***Highland***, on 27 May. (80 counties)

Kathy Mock crisply photographed this Acadian Flycatcher on 16 May along the Towpath Trail in ***Summit****.*

Alder Flycatcher
In spring, this species is rarely seen before May in our state. A large birding party provided the first, one calling in the OOPMP on 06 May. Tim Krynak had one the next day at Lost Creek Reservoir, ***Allen***. Ed Harper and John Parker counted eight at Maumee Bay on 19 May. (49 counties)

Willow Flycatcher
The first was heard on a farm near Coolville, ***Athens***, on 21 Apr (George Weigly). Marcia Brehmer located the second at Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park, ***Pickaway***, on 25 Apr. Joseph Lautenbach counted 21 at Tri-Valley WA on 22 May, and up to 17 were reported there on other dates. Joseph Lautenbach also reported the second most, 19 at Big Island on 30 May. Counts of 16 came from ***Cuyahoga***, ***Lucas***, and ***Wyandot***. (80 counties)

Alder/Willow "Traill's" Flycatcher
Indeterminate birds were reported in 24 counties.

Least Flycatcher
Rick Williams heard the first, along Jackson Street near Achor, ***Columbiana***, on 19 Apr. The next day, one was at Mohican SP for Mark Faust to record. Jelmer Poelstra tabulated 21 at East Harbor on 12 May. (77 counties)

Eastern Phoebe
The 02 Apr ONWR census counted 18 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Robert Rosin tabulated 13 at Morton Park in Mentor, ***Lake***, on 02 Apr. (all 88 counties)

White-eyed Vireo
Karen Sullivan saw the first, at Dulle Park, ***Hamilton***, on 05 Apr. Two were at Shawnee Lookout the next day (Neill Cade and Steven Yockey). Yet, the species did not appear at the lake until 21 Apr. On that date, Tom Frankel photographed one at CLNP. There were several scattered records along the lakefront and northern Ohio by 22 Apr. The high count of 26 was shared by Josh Yoder at Conesville, ***Coshocton***, on 06 May, and John Cefus and Kent Miller at Tri-Valley WA, ***Muskingum***, on 12 May. Both these two outings were during nearly five and one-half hours of birding. (80 counties)

Debbie Parker was at Chippewa Lake in ***Medina*** *on 01 May when White-eyed Vireos returned.*

Bell's Vireo
Aden Yoder, via report in the *Bobolink*, saw the first, at Woodbury WA, ***Coshocton***, on 02 May. This was followed by a song recording of a Gilmore bird by Darrell Hance on 08 May. Four, the high count, were noted by Tracy Hammer in Springfield, ***Clark***, at the Eagle City Soccer Complex on 24 May. (13 counties)

Yellow-throated Vireo
The first, at Beaver Creek SP, ***Columbiana***, was noted by Dianne Baughman on 11 Apr, and was

shared with Rick Williams' sighting, within five miles and a little more than one hour later, at East Liverpool. The far north's first, a single, was at Magee on 21 Apr (Denise and Ken Limmer). Carl Engstrom saw 13 at Vinton Furnace on 08 May, and up to 12 were there on other dates. Only ***Fayette***, ***Henry***, ***Mercer***, and ***Putnam*** didn't have reports.

Blue-headed Vireo
Tiffin University NP, ***Seneca***, hosted the first and only Mar record on 26 Mar (Jody Shireman). Some lingered until the end of May, and numerous locations held Jun breeders. Merle Schlabach, as reported in the *Bobolink*, tallied nine near Clark, ***Coshocton***, on 06 May. Several locations held eight birds, including sites in ***Franklin***, ***Lake***, and ***Lucas***. (77 counties)

Philadelphia Vireo
Thomas Czubek, at East Fork, and Bill Stanley and William Hutchison at Shawnee, each found a bird on the first date of 29 Apr. In the far north, Holly Lemieux saw the first at Maumee Bay on 05 May. At least eight counties still had migrants by end of May and a few lingered into Jun. Kelleys Island hosted the seasonal high of six that Bob Barsotti saw on 22 May. (71 counties)

Warbling Vireo
Sam Romeo and an anonymous eBirder heard the first, at Aullwood Audubon Center, ***Montgomery***, on 13 Apr. One was at Armleder Park the next day (Kirk Westendorf). Jeffrey Fortescue tallied 55 at Magee on 18 May, and up to 50 were there on other dates. At East Harbor, eight hours of birding produced 50 for Jelmer Poelstra on 12 May, and up to 34 were noted there on other dates. (all 88 counties)

Red-eyed Vireo
Ryan Tuttle saw the first, at Olney Run, ***Morgan***, on 15 Apr. David Wilkins saw the north coast's first at Creek Bend Farm, ***Sandusky***, on 21 Apr, but one had showed up inland in ***Portage*** three days earlier. Vinton Furnace held the most, 70 on both 08 and 10 May (Carl Engstrom) and up to 65 were there on other dates. (all 88 counties)

Loggerhead Shrike
Numerous sightings of a bird in ***Lucas*** and a post from ***Perry*** both have photos.

Northern Shrike
The ONWR hosted the last confirmed sighting on 28 Apr (Ryan Lesniewicz), although one unidentified to species, and undoubtedly Northern, was seen on 14 May in the OOPMP. All sightings were of single birds, and records also came from ***Fulton***, ***Geauga***, ***Morrow***, ***Sandusky***, and ***Summit***.

Blue Jay
At Magee, a large group of birders estimated 5500 jays moving east at about 45 birds per minute during a two-hour observation period on 07 May. Inland, the high of 394 came from Hueston Woods on 29 Apr (David Russell). (all 88 counties)

Cute and curious fledgling Blue Jays were the object of Kathy Mock's attention on 31 May in Barberton, ***Summit****.*

American Crow
Matt Mason tallied 620 at a landfill in Glenford, ***Perry***, on 14 Mar. (all 88 counties)

Fish Crow
A trio of birders, traveling separately, saw 20 at the Chapel Hill Plaza known site for them in Cuyahoga Falls, ***Summit***, on 01 and 04 Mar; see Field Notes for more detail. Alex Eisengart saw 14 at Oakwood Green NP, ***Cuyahoga***, on 22 Apr. Additional reports came from ***Ashtabula***, ***Franklin***, ***Lake***, ***Lorain***, and ***Montgomery***.

Common Raven
Josh Yoder saw six along Cadiz-Flushing Road, ***Harrison***, on 20 Mar. Scott Albaugh saw four at Friendship Park, ***Jefferson***, on 20 May. (24 counties)

Carolina Chickadee
Neill Cade tallied the most and shared the second most, both in ***Hamilton***. He had 40 at Mitchell Memorial Forest on 29 Mar and 35 at Shawnee on 04 Apr. Isaiah Craft counted 35 at Hills and Dales MP, ***Montgomery***, on 24 Mar. One May record came from ***Mahoning***, so this species continues to expand its range to the north. (69 counties)

Black-capped Chickadee
Dennis Mersky's count was the most, 33 at Cascade Valley MP, ***Summit***, on 30 Mar. Extralimital sightings came from ***Franklin***, ***Holmes***, and ***Tuscarawas***. (38 counties)

[Carolina x Black-capped Chickadee]
While no complete certainty of hybrids was reported this season, and hybrids are likely in the

hybrid zone that follows U.S. 30 across the state, Scott Albaugh reported hearing songs of both species at Friendship Park, ***Jefferson***, and saw birds that phenotypically could have been hybrids on 30 Mar.

Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee
Cautious birders reported undefined birds in 26 counties.

Boreal Chickadee
David Factor photographed the first definitive record of the species in Ohio in about 50 years. The bird visited his feeder at his residence in ***Portage*** on 11 Mar. The record was accepted by the OBRC.

Tufted Titmouse
Isaiah Craft counted 30 at Hills and Dales MP, ***Montgomery***, on 06 Mar and shared the high with Chris Cole, who had that many at Mentor Lagoons on 21 Apr. (all 88 counties)

Horned Lark
Corinna Honscheid found the most, 200 along Radnor Road near Delaware (city) on 13 Mar. Counts of 100 came from ***Fulton***, ***Lucas***, ***Marion***, and ***Stark***. (77 counties)

Bank Swallow
There were no Mar arrivals this season. Lake Logan SP, ***Hocking***, harbored the first, where Terry Bronson saw two on 07 Apr. Eric Raul Castro-Dean saw one the next day at Blendon Woods. The earliest near the lake was at Indian Hollow Reservation, ***Lorain***, on 12 Apr (James Kerner). Lakeshore Reservation, ***Lorain***, held the high count of 250 on 12 May (Megan Hart). (74 counties)

Tree Swallow
This species starts to arrive in Feb. For example, Terry Bronson saw one at Seneca Lake, ***Guernsey***, on 13 Feb. The 07 May ONWR census tallied 621 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). On several dates in Apr and May, three ***Lucas*** sites held 500 birds, including Howard Marsh, Magee, and ONWR. Because of the proximity of these sites, birds may have overlapped, so no additional detail is provided here. Up to 400 were at Magee on several dates. Numerous sites hosted from 100 to 300 birds. (all 88 counties)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Susan Brauning saw a very early migrant in West Jefferson, ***Madison***, on 11 Mar. Hana Gibson saw the next, at Cowan Lake, ***Clinton***, on 22 Mar. David Smith's two at Beaver Creek Reservoir, ***Seneca***, on 31 Mar were the first in the far north. John Pogacnik and Kari Warner logged the most, 155 at Headlands on 20 May. Counts of 100 came from ***Butler***, ***Erie***, ***Highland***, ***Lucas***, and ***Wood***. (all 88 counties)

*Bruce Miller saw this early Northern Rough-winged Swallow at the London Lagoon, **Madison**, on 15 Apr.*

Purple Martin
Monroe Weaver saw the first, along the ***Holmes*** Trail in Millersburg on 09 Mar. That bird was exceptionally early, as the next was not until 21 Mar at Prairie Oaks MP, ***Franklin*** (Sherry Erwin). David Wilkins saw the most, 250 at Winous Point on 18 May, and up to 202 were there on other dates. Michael Persichilli tallied 92 along State Mill Road in Akron on 13 May. Only ***Fayette*** didn't have a report.

Barn Swallow
One exceptionally early migrant was at Mill Creek on 01 Mar (Jeff Harvey). Six days later, two birds were at that site (Jeff Harvey and John Petruzzi). Susan Brauning saw the next in West Jefferson, ***Madison***, on 11 Mar. Howard Marsh hosted 500 for Jim Troutner on 30 Apr. (all 88 counties)

Cliff Swallow
Three sites shared the first on 02 Apr. On that date, two were at Cowan Lake, ***Clinton*** (Sam Romeo), seven in the Miami Whitewater Forest, ***Hamilton***, (Luke Thies), and one at Funk (Josh Yoder). A nesting colony under a bridge of State Route 348 along Bruch Creek in West Union, ***Adams***, hosted the high count of 150 on several dates from 06 to 18 May (m. obs.). Up to 100 were noted at that location on other dates, while counts of 100 also came from ***Franklin*** and ***Portage***. (70 counties)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Mar records were relatively few, but birds were as far north as ***Cuyahoga***, ***Sandusky***, and ***Summit*** by 28 to 30 Mar. During four hours of birding, Chriss Fulton and Karen Gray tallied 65 at Firestone MP, ***Summit***, on 23 Apr. (62 counties)

Golden-crowned Kinglet
The last was at Pipe Creek on 21 May (m. obs.), and Jelmer Poelstra got an excellent photo of that

late migrant. Brynn and Joey Saucedo saw the most, 70 at ONWR on 04 Apr. Only ***Fayette***, ***Gallia***, ***Meigs***, and ***Van Wert*** didn't have reports.

Cedar Waxwing
The numbers of this species can vary widely. The most this season were Sean Williams' 600 at Headlands on 31 May. Counts of 200 came from ***Erie*** and ***Franklin***. (all 88 counties)

Red-breasted Nuthatch
Sightings continued into Jun and some likely stayed to nest in suitable habitat. Sean Williams counted nine at Headlands on 12 May, and Mick McCarty and Lynn Mitchell saw seven at Maumee Bay on 08 May. (81 counties)

White-breasted Nuthatch
Charlotte Ashcraft tallied 22 along Midland Oil Road in Glenford, ***Licking***, on 13 May. John Pogacnik and Kari Warner logged 21 in Geneva Park, ***Ashtabula***, on 06 May. (all 88 counties)

Brown Creeper
Bela Anand-Apte found 16 at CLNP on 07 Apr. The 02 Apr ONWR census tallied 12 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Matt Hall logged 11 at the Kopf Family Reservation, ***Lorain***, on 13 Apr. (78 counties)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Bryan Smith provided the earliest, at his residence in ***Lawrence*** on 26 Mar. Second earliest were three that Craig Moore saw at Darby Creek on 29 Mar. One made it all the way to Chagrin River Park, ***Lake***, by 31 Mar (Josh Hargrave). Stephanie Blommel reported the most, 45 at Sugarcreek MP, ***Greene***, on 21 Apr. Dave Rudemiller and Brandt Schurenberg noted 33 at Glenwood Gardens, ***Hamilton***, on 17 May. (all 88 counties)

This sporty Blue-gray Gnatcatcher fanned its tail for Debbie Parker along Wilderness Road in ***Wayne*** *on 15 Apr.*

Carolina Wren
Scott Albaugh saw the most, 24 at Friendship Park, ***Jefferson***, on 30 Mar. (all 88 counties)

House Wren
One in Avon Lake, ***Lorain***, on 06 Mar was exceptionally early (Chad Wilson). One was singing in Proctorville Park, ***Lawrence***, on 25 Mar (David Johnston and Bryan Smith). There were several additional Mar records during the last few days of the month. The high count of 62 came from the 07 May ONWR census (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). The second most of 40 was shared at East Harbor (Jelmer Poelstra) on 12 May and Magee on 13 May (Mitch McGreal). (all 88 counties)

Winter Wren
The last migrant was at Lemay, ***Vinton***, on 28 May (Molly McDermott and Matt Shumar). Records extended into Jun at known nesting locations. A count of seven was the shared high at CLNP (Bela Anand-Apte) on 29 Mar, Kaylor Road, ***Tuscarawas***, on 02 Apr, as reported in the *Bobolink* (Michael Troyer), and at Kopf Family Reservation, ***Lorain***, on 04 Apr (Nikolai Blagoy). (71 counties)

Sedge Wren
Theo Bockhorst observed the first, at CVNP on 27 Apr. Along the lakefront, Ed Wransky found the second, at Lorain on 28 Apr, and Debbie Parker relocated it later that day. All counts were of single birds, except some of those in ***Lucas*** and one count with two birds in ***Wyandot***, and the high count. Matthew Tucker saw the most, seven at Maumee Bay on 06 May. (11 counties)

Marsh Wren
A few usually overwinter and some of the Mar sightings may have been overwintering birds. The first seasonal report came from Hebble Creek Reserve, ***Greene***, on 02 Mar (Lee Funderburg). Paul Jacyk logged 45 at the ONWR WD on 20 May, and Rosemarie Richardson counted 30 at ONWR on 27 May. The most not in ***Lucas*** and ***Ottawa*** were 25 at Mentor Lagoons on 24 May (Jacquelyn Hall). (51 counties)

Gray Catbird
A few overwintered. Jelmer Poelstra tallied 75 at East Harbor on 12 May. Only ***Mercer*** didn't have a report.

Brown Thrasher
Wyatt Flood secured the high count, 18 at the AEP ReCreation Land, ***Noble***, on 10 May. (all 88 counties)

Northern Mockingbird
Anthony Cannizzaro counted 22 at Voice of America Park, ***Butler***, on 26 Apr, and up to 16 were there on other dates. Mary Donnellan saw 11 at Slate Run MP, ***Pickaway***, on 15 May. (all 88 counties)

European Starling
Beth Ann Doerring conservatively estimated 7500 at Darby Creek on 11 Mar. (all 88 counties)

Eastern Bluebird
Christina Stump saw the most, 25 at Byers Woods, ***Ashland***, on 07 May. Only ***Mercer*** didn't have sightings.

Veery
Ken Andrews saw the first, at Lake Isaac in Big Creek Reservation, ***Cuyahoga***, on 11 Apr. That was more than a week earlier than expected for the far north. The second earliest were found in ***Franklin*** and ***Lucas*** on 20 Apr. Tyler McClain noted 26 from nocturnal flight calls in Cuyahoga Falls, ***Summit***, on 07 May. The next most were Josh Yoder's 14 at Pipe Creek on 07 May. (79 counties)

Gray-cheeked Thrush
This species often does not arrive before the third week of Apr, but Dawn Pietrykowski photographed one at Metzger on 15 Apr. Nathan Mast located the next, on private property in ***Coshocton*** on 26 Apr. A few remained in the far north until about 05 Jun, but the last seasonal migrant was seen at Headlands on 31 May (Roger Beuck and Jim Smallwood). Brian Tinker counted the most, six during nocturnal flight calls in Akron on 20 May. (66 counties)

Swainson's Thrush
The earliest arrivals were shared on 13 Apr and in the far north. On that date, Mike Rosenbrook saw two at Maumee Bay and one was at Magee (R. Lee Reed). Some were present into early Jun and at least one stayed until 18 Jun. Tyler McClain noted 47 from nocturnal flight calls in Cuyahoga Falls, ***Summit***, on 07 May. (83 counties)

Hermit Thrush
A few were tardy in departing and remained into early Jun, but most Jun sightings were at known nesting locations. Matt Hack counted 25 in ONWR Navarre on 26 Apr. (82 counties)

Wood Thrush
The shared earliest both came from ***Fairfield*** on 04 Apr and were within two hours and 17 miles apart: Mary Donnellan heard one along Ravine Drive in Canal Winchester and Ruth Tetirick saw one at Schallenberger SNP. A trio of birders counted 60 at Tri-Valley WA, ***Muskingum***, on 04 May. (all 88 counties)

American Robin
Sameer Apte observed about 4000 at CLNP as he watched the massive flock going across the harbor at Gordon Park on 05 Apr. (all 88 counties)

House Sparrow
Courtney Brennan saw 200 at San Diego Avenue in Cleveland on 26 May. (all 88 counties)

American Pipit
The last date of 31 May was shared by Sean Williams who saw one flyover at Headlands and Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski's single at Magee. Josh Yoder estimated 180 feeding in a muddy field of soybean stubble along Wilderness Road on 09 Apr. Next most were 178 at Headlands on 05 May (Sean Williams). There were also several counts during the season of 100 to 110 birds. (70 counties)

Evening Grosbeak
The last was a single that flew over Sheffield Lake Recreational Trail, ***Lorain***, on 19 May (James Kerner). The only Mar record was five that flew over Richardson Road, ***Morgan***, on 05 Mar (Matt Mason). Debra Sweeney saw the most, seven, which were photographed along Songbird Lane in North Ridgeville, ***Lorain***, on 24 Apr. Sandra Blease and Tammy Martin saw five at the Scioto Trail SF, ***Ross***, on 25 Apr. (16 counties)

House Finch
Richard Dolbeer noted 75 along Wheeler Drive in Huron (city), ***Erie***, on 29 Mar. (all 88 counties)

Purple Finch
Jon Cefus and Kent Miller photographed some of the 45 they saw at Blue Rock SF, ***Muskingum,*** on 15 Apr, and they had 40 in nearby Yoker on 21 Apr. Another count of 40 came from Ruth Tetirick along County Route 2, ***Logan***, on 18 Apr. (74 counties)

Red Crossbill
Heather Aubke saw seven at Shade River SF, ***Meigs***, on 15 Mar and that provided our only seasonal record.

Pine Siskin
The season's last was one that Beau Dansizen saw at his feeder in Avon Lake, ***Lorain***, on 31 May. John Pogacnik saw the most, nine along Chapel Road, ***Lake***, on 31 Mar. (38 counties)

Kathy Mock peeked in this American Robin's nest to see the nestlings on 11 May in Barberton, ***Summit****.*

American Goldfinch
Jen Brumfield provided the season's high, 480 at Edgewater on 05 May. (all 88 counties)

Lapland Longspur
Jeff Sailer saw the last, two at Sandhill Crane on 13 May. Cam Lee and David Lehner saw the most, 1200 in Morral, ***Marion***, on 14 Mar (see Field Notes for more). Second most were 1000 seen at Cleveland Hopkins Airport on 02 Mar (m. obs.). (25 counties)

Smith's Longspur
Patrick Coy and Karin Tanquist saw the last, a single along Ely Road in Garrettsville, ***Portage***, on 22 Apr. Four individuals at Burke Airport on 20 Apr were the most (m. obs.). Brian Wulker flushed one at Fernald on 16 Mar, and obtained both an audio recording and a photo of the bird on 20 Apr. Matt Anderson found one with a huge flock of about 650 Lapland Longspurs in a restricted area of Sandhill Crane on 11 Apr. Three to four spent from 07 to 18 Apr near Roberstville, ***Stark*** (m. obs.).

Jethro Raber was glad he was home when this Purple Finch visited on 14 Apr in ***Wayne****.*

Snow Bunting
All reports came in Mar. Five to 14 were at Maumee Bay from 01 to 05 Mar (m. obs.). Two were at Sandhill Crane on 04 Mar (Matt Anderson), and three at Howard Marsh on 19 Mar (m. obs.). Away from ***Lucas***, four were along Garfield Road in Oberlin, ***Lorain***, on 14 Mar (Maureen Bailey), and four along Ridge Road in Farmdale, ***Trumbull***, on 14 Mar (Don Keffer). Dan Kramer had two ***Paulding*** records on 16 Mar, which included two along County Road 82 and four along County Route 21 in Antwerp. One was along Fairport Nursery Road in Painsville, ***Lake***, on 18 Mar (Andy and Erin Avram). Finally, two ***Geauga*** locations harbored the species on 19 Mar, namely two at Troy Wetlands (Jon Kurtz) and four along Hayes Road foraging with 60 Horned Larks (Patrick Robinson).

Grasshopper Sparrow
Jeff Goff located four near Roberstville, ***Stark***, on 13 Apr, and shared the first with Bennie Saylor's two in East Sparta, ***Stark***. Two days later, birds were reported in ***Belmont***, ***Fulton***, and ***Morgan***, and the ***Fulton*** record was about a week early for the far north. Brian Tinker identified one by nocturnal flight call at an Akron private residence on 16 Apr. The high count came from Adam Mitchell, who tallied 25 at grasslands in Cadiz, ***Harrison***, on 09 May, and which was also repeated by Alecia Gorski and Tyler McClain at that same location on 27 May. Jeff Goff provided the second most, 18 near Robertsville, ***Stark***, on 04 May. (58 counties)

Lark Sparrow
Sean Hollowell photographed the season's first, at Oakes Quarry Park, ***Greene***, on 14 Apr. The next day, two were in the far north at the OOPMP (Nate Koszycki), and counts of 10 were reported on other dates at that site. Matt Anderson's visit to the Whitehouse Christmas Tree Farm, ***Lucas***, tallied 13 on 29 May, which included four nestlings. (12 counties)

Chipping Sparrow
Numbers were lower than the previous spring. The high count of 40 was shared by Josh Yoder at Conesville, ***Coshocton***, on 29 Apr and Jeff Green at Holden on 07 May. (all 88 counties)

Clay-colored Sparrow
The first spent 29 to 30 Apr at Mentor Marsh after being located by Jim Smallwood and seen by many observers. Renate Erwin photographed a singing male the next day in her Sheffield Lake, ***Lorain***, yard, which many birders saw throughout that day along the Sheffield Lake Recreational Trail. Paul and Sally Miller photographed one at their Pioneer, ***Williams***, feeder on 30 Apr. Two singing males stayed into early Jun and likely nested in ***Mahoning***. The last seasonal report was a singing male along Wooster Road in Jelloway, ***Knox***, on 28 May (Eddie Hicks and Josh Yoder). Some sites in ***Cuyahoga*** and ***Franklin*** had multiple, different birds, but no more than two were reported at any given location. (11 counties)

Field Sparrow
Jon Cefus and Kent Miller tallied 50 at a site off Coal Hill Road in Zeno, ***Muskingum***, on 15 Apr, and shared the high with Levi Metzger at Woodland Trails WA, ***Preble***, on 20 May. At least six other counties had counts of 30. (all 88 counties)

Fox Sparrow
Mike Rosenbrook saw the last, at Maumee Bay on 11 May. The 02 Apr ONWR monthly census tallied 38 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Matt Anderson counted 37 in the OOPMP on 02 Apr. (66 counties)

American Tree Sparrow
A trio of birders saw the last that Loyan Beausoleil photographed on 15 May at Howard Marsh. Three birders saw the second last in the ONWR on 10 May. Sandy Ridge hosted the most, 100 on 17 Mar (Lindsey Scott). (75 counties)

Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco
There were numerous sightings away from nesting areas on 31 May. Larry Richardson counted the most, 89 at Grand River WA, ***Trumbull***, on 01 Mar. (all 88 counties)

Dark-eyed Junco (Other)
Birds that were likely of the subspecies *cismontanus* were at locations in ***Clermont***, ***Hamilton***, ***Portage***, ***Trumbull***, and ***Wayne***. Susan Brauning photographed an "Oregon" junco at her Sunnybrook, ***Franklin***, home on 12 Mar (see Field Notes for more). Jeffrey Bowler photographed a "Pink-sided" junco at Appian Way in Ghent, ***Summit***, that was present from 19 Mar to 23 Apr.

White-crowned Sparrow
Sightings were widespread until the end of the season, and increased in May compared to Mar, which likely indicated birds pushing north that had wintered south of the state. Mary Ann Wagner reported the last, along Mansion Boulevard in Mentor, ***Lake***, on 31 May. Eileen and Karen Zimlich tallied 61 at CLNP on 07 May. (82 counties)

This White-crowned Sparrow showed well for Kevin McKelvey at Magee on 14 May.

Harris's Sparrow
The reports, all of singles and each well photographed, are:
At CLNP on 30 Apr (Lori Brumbaugh and Vicki Ramirez).
Along Township Route 411 in Dundee, ***Holmes***, on 06 May (m. obs.).
In Newark, ***Licking***, on 15 May (Michael Brown and Matt Mason).
In Medina (city), along Turnberry Drive and Windsor Park Greenspace, on 07 and 08 May (Mickie Getz).

White-throated Sparrow
Several Jun records followed the season's last, which were on 31 May and from ***Cuyahoga***, ***Lake***, and ***Portage***. Rachel Kaiser and Doug Whitman logged 200 at Maumee Bay on 06 May. (all 88 counties)

Vesper Sparrow
Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski identified the first, from audio, at Margaret Peak NP, ***Lorain***, on 09 Mar. The next was at Proctorville Park, ***Lawrence***, on 26 Mar (David Johnston and Bryan Smith). Jen Brumfield counted 10 at Burke Airport on 20 Apr and shared the high with the 10 seen at Monclova, ***Lucas***, on 10 May (Marsha Lewis). (61 counties)

LeConte's Sparrow
Many saw and some birders photographed the bird found by Roman Lanno at Darby Creek on 27 Apr.

Nelson's Sparrow
One spent 04 to 11 Mar at Killbuck (m. obs.).

Jethro Raber managed a photo of this skulking Nelson's Sparrow at Force Road West in Killbuck on 04 Mar.

Henslow's Sparrow
Nicole Freshour located the first, by audio only, at Medlar Conservation Area, ***Montgomery***, on 05 Apr. Lori Brumbaugh saw the first in a Lake Erie county, where she first thought she had a LeConte's, but soon realized she had photographed a Henslow's, in Independence, ***Cuyahoga***, on 07 Apr. Joseph Lautenbach had 42 at Tri-Valley WA, ***Muskingum***, on 09 May. At grasslands in Cadiz, ***Harrison***, 35 were tallied on 13 May for the second most (m. obs.). (42 counties)

Savannah Sparrow
Matt Anderson counted the most, 45 at Sandhill Crane on 05 May, and up to 40 were found there on other dates. Burke Airport hosted the second most, 42 on 20 Apr (Jen Brumfield). (79 counties)

Song Sparrow
Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 129 on 02 Apr. Karen Lakus and James McCarty logged 125 at CLNP on 28 Mar. (all 88 counties)

Lincoln's Sparrow
The first was at Springfield Marsh on 14 Mar (Eric Mullholand). The second was at Metzger on 15 Apr (Don Pfouts), and ***Portage*** hosted the third a day later. A single bird was the last, at Headlands on 31 May (Adam and Sarah Preston). Sean Williams tallied the most, 25 at Headlands on 12 May (see Field Notes for more). (62 counties)

Swamp Sparrow
The high count of 30 was shared by several independent observations. Roman Lanno estimated 30 at Darby Creek on 27 Apr, and that number was tallied by Trish Guenther's at Mill Creek on 23 Apr and 06 May. (78 counties)

Eastern Towhee
Josh Yoder estimated 50 in Conesville, ***Coshocton***, on 29 Apr. (all 88 counties)

Yellow-breasted Chat
Barb Fath saw the first, along Achterman Road in Butlerville, ***Warren***, on 18 Apr. The first seen along Lake Erie was one at Headlands on 21 Apr (m. obs.). Jon Cefus and Kent Miller counted 15 at Tri-Valley WA, ***Muskingum***, on 12 May, as did Bryan Smith at Crown City WA, ***Lawrence***, on 19 May. (76 counties)

*On 10 May near Crown City in **Gallia** Bruce Miller saw this Yellow-breasted Chat.*

Yellow-headed Blackbird
The bird seen on 05 Mar could likely have overwintered at the ***Lorain*** Regional Airport (Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski), so the likely first migrants were two that R. Lee Reed saw. One was at the Dayton Airport in early Apr and is referenced in an eBird checklist with the one he noted at Magee on 13 Apr. Steven Sheppard saw seven at Howard Marsh on 05 May and up to five were seen there on other dates. The only other sightings away from ***Lucas*** and ***Ottawa***, in addition to the ***Montgomery*** bird noted above, were singles in ***Erie*** and ***Lorain***.

Bobolink
Joseph and Eli Miller saw the first, near Baltic, ***Holmes***, on 21 Apr. Two days later, Jon Cefus saw one along Fargo Road in Lindentree, ***Carroll***. Matt Mason counted 52 at the AEP grasslands, ***Morgan***, on 26 May. Counts of 50 came from ***Geauga*** and ***Stark***. (65 counties)

Eastern Meadowlark
Linda Ar and Karen Markey tallied 38 at Seip Earthworks, ***Ross***, on 28 May. (all 88 counties)

Western Meadowlark
All reports were of single birds. Reports came from ***Lucas***, ***Geauga***, and ***Stark***.

Orchard Oriole
Kim Miller saw the first, in the far north, at Lake La Su An WA, ***Williams***, on 09 Apr. James Lukenda photographed the second, at Fernald on 14 Apr. The high count of 13 came from two localities, namely at American Landfill, ***Stark***, on 10 May (Kent Miller) and Tri-Valley WA, ***Muskingum***, on 12 May (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller). Only ***Crawford***, ***Fulton***, and ***Van Wert*** didn't have reports.

*This female Orchard Oriole was photographed along the Towpath Trail in **Summit** on 06 May by Kathy Mock.*

Baltimore Oriole
Two locations shared the first on 15 Apr. On that date, Allen McGrew heard one, that he later confirmed with the Merlin app, along the Little Miami Scenic Trail, ***Greene***. Further, Jacquelyn Hall saw one at Sandy Ridge. Sean Williams counted 105 at Headlands on 12 May (see Field Notes for more), and five birders tallied 104 at Edgewater on 12 May. Only ***Gallia*** didn't have a report.

Red-winged Blackbird
Darby Creek hosted an estimated 39,600 on 02 Apr (m. obs.), and up to 10,000 were found there on other dates. At Cahoon Park, ***Cuyahoga***, Theo Bockhorst counted 7500 on 11 Apr. (all 88 counties)

Brown-headed Cowbird
John Pogacnik counted 2623 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 05 Apr. (all 88 counties)

Rusty Blackbird
Bob Swindaman saw the last, a single at Magee on 22 May. Roger Beuck and Jim Smallwood estimated 1500 at Headlands on 28 Mar. At Sandhill Crane, Matt Anderson counted 625 on 06 Apr. (79 counties)

Brewer's Blackbird
There were very few reports and all were in Apr. Irina Shulgina photographed the first, at the OSU livestock facility on 02 Apr, and three were at that location on other dates (m. obs.). All other records were of single birds and were in ***Holmes***, ***Lorain***, and ***Stark***.

Common Grackle
Henry Trimpe witnessed a flock impressive in size; he estimated 100,000 at Weymouth Road in Medina (city) on 09 Mar (see Field Notes for more). (all 88 counties)

Blackbird sp.
A large party of birders saw a massive roosting flock of about 24,000 at Darby Creek on 02 Apr, and up to 20,000 were seen there on other dates. (44 counties)

Ovenbird
Bryan Smith noted the first, at his residence in ***Lawrence*** on 11 Apr. Migrants arrived at the lakefront by 19 Apr. On that date, Janice Farral saw one at Vermilion River Reservation, ***Lorain***, and Matt Hack reported one at ONWR Navarre. Vinton Furnace hosted 60 on 08 May (Carl Engstrom), and up to 50 were found there on other dates. In Conesville, ***Coshocton***, Josh Yoder tallied the second most, 31 on both 29 Apr and 06 May. (80 counties)

Worm-eating Warbler
Ryan Tuttle had the first, at Olney Run, ***Morgan***, on 13 Apr. Matt Kemp reported the first for the far north, in the Oak Openings, ***Lucas***, on 22 Apr. Carl Engstrom counted the most, 13 at Vinton Furnace on 08 May. Counts of 10 came from ***Hocking*** and ***Lawrence***. (39 counties)

Louisiana Waterthrush
Phil Cantino heard the first, at the Wayne NF, ***Athens***, on 26 Mar. Kathleen Clink saw the north coast's first, at the ONWR on 02 Apr. The last seasonal migrant was difficult to determine, since many of the late May records were in areas of potential nesting habitat. Nonetheless, the likely last migrant was in Ghent, near Appian Way, ***Summit***, on 31 May (Jeffrey Bowler). One in a backyard in Aurora along Greenbriar Drive, ***Portage***, on 29 May (Christine Moore) was a likely candidate as well. Christina Stump reported the most, nine in Mohican SP, ***Ashland***, on 09 May. Eight were noted in each of ***Fairfield***, ***Holmes***, and ***Scioto***. (70 counties)

Northern Waterthrush
Alexandria Horne located the first, at Brukner NC, ***Miami***, on 08 Apr. The shared high of eight came from Magee on 07 May (Joel Throckmorton) and 12 May (Scott Heppel and Stephen Hoffman), and Big Island on 09 May (Cam Lee). (75 counties)

Golden-winged Warbler
A trio of birders saw one at Pine Quarry Park, ***Franklin***, on 30 Apr and shared the first with Kimberly Seaver's at Beck Park, ***Warren***. Two locations held the first on 06 May for the far north. On that date, a large party of birders saw the Pipe Creek bird and Kayla Fisk saw one at Pearson MP. The last seasonal migrants were two that Bob and Denise Lane saw on Foundry Hill Road, ***Columbiana***, on 29 May, and that preceded one 02 Jun record at that site. See Field Notes for additional information. (39 counties)

Blue-winged Warbler
Karen Mammone heard the first, at Wayne NF, ***Athens***, on 12 Apr. Coal lands in Conesville, ***Coshocton***, is where Josh Yoder recorded the most, 19 on 06 May. (74 counties).

[Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler]
Some years, these hybrids are widespread, such as last spring. One of us, your current editor, is a national expert on the Golden-winged and Blue-winged warblers and their hybrids, and, as editor, I studied the pictures posted on eBird this spring. I found it interesting that some of the "Brewster's" Warblers had wing patterns of Golden-wings, whereas others showed the Blue-wing wing pattern. The bird photographed from Wooster, ***Wayne***, on 06 May was an introgressed

This Worm-eating Warbler was caught roaming the woods by Bruce Miller on 06 May at Zaleski.v

Golden-winged Warbler. I will point out to birders that hybrid phenotypes are not always determinant to "Brewster's and "Lawrence's" warblers and there are introgressed phenotypes. Three posts of potential hybrids were excluded because there were no visuals of those birds. Since, the two parental generation sister species sing the same type II song, and can often sing the other species' type I, it is not safe to identify members of this hybrid complex without seeing the bird well enough. Moreover, I'd prefer to match phenotype with DNA. Justin Feezell found a "Lawrence's" Warbler at Clear Creek on 06 May and he was quickly joined by two other birders who also saw it. Jethro Raber photographed a "Lawrence's Warbler along Overton Road on 06 May. There were four "Brewster's" reports of singles that came from ***Athens***, ***Erie***, ***Franklin***, and ***Summit***. Introgressed and back-crossed phenotypes were birds reported in ***Lake***, ***Muskingum***, and the previously mentioned bird in ***Wayne***.

This Lawrence's type hybrid Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler was identified by Jethro Raber along Overton Road in ***Wayne*** *on 06 May.*

Black-and-white Warbler

Your editor saw the first, at Burnet Woods, ***Hamilton***, on 31 Mar. One made it all the way to Magee on 02 Apr (Paul Sherwood). Carl Engstrom counted 17 at Vinton Furnace on 10 May, as did Andy Brown at Clear Creek on 27 May. Both those sites held up to 16 on other dates. At Shawnee SP, ***Scioto***, Eddie Hicks also found 16 on 13 May. (83 counties)

Prothonotary Warbler

Dillon WA, ***Licking***, had the first and Matt Mason photographed it on 08 Apr. Brian Tsuru counted 21 at Hoover NP on 17 May. (70 counties)

Swainson's Warbler

Numerous birders saw the one that Bryan Smith found in Proctorville, ***Lawrence***, on 07 May. Bird was seen through 21 May, and the record accepted by the OBRC.

Tennessee Warbler

The first was at Darby Creek on 16 Apr (Josh Davidson). Six counties hosted Jun records, as the species is known to still pass through in early Jun. Last seasonal migrants were at several locations in ***Cuyahoga***, ***Lake***, and ***Summit*** on 31 May. Benjamin Yoder tallied 43 in Fresno, ***Coshocton***, on 15 May. Jeff Goff counted 35 at Pipe Creek on 16 May. Only ***Crawford*** didn't have a report.

Orange-crowned Warbler

This species may overwinter, but there were no post-Dec records this past winter. A trio of birders saw the first seasonal migrant at Vermilion River Reservation, ***Lorain***, on 13 Apr. The last was in the CVNP on 25 May (m. obs.). The only records of other than one or two birds were three birds at Metzger on 02 May (Steve Jerant along with birders from the Haehnle Sanctuary) and three at Magee on 04 May (Adele Skolits).

Nashville Warbler

Kevinn Fung saw one at The Ridges, ***Athens***, and shared the first on 14 Apr with Kirk Westendorf's at Ault Park, ***Hamilton***. Two at Hazel Run Road, ***Columbiana***, were the last migrants on 30 May (Bob and Denise Lane). The high count of 20 was shared by Courtney Brennan at Magee on 12 May and Margot Rox at Pipe Creek on 17 May. (79 counties)

Connecticut Warbler

The first was seen along the ***Holmes*** Trail on 11 May (m. obs.). Kari Warner and Sean Wil-

Su Snyder knows Messner Road in Killbuck is where to find Prothonotary Warblers like this one she photographed on 19 Apr.

liams, both birding separately, heard the last at Headlands on 31 May. As typically expected, all sightings were of one or two birds. (30 counties)

Mourning Warbler

The first date of 06 May was shared by Braulio Castillo and Tom Holcomb at Magee on 06 May, where separate birds were seen on the ***Lucas*** and ***Ottawa*** sides. Multiple birders saw the Magee ***Lucas*** bird. Birders saw three different birds on the ***Ottawa*** side that day. The next day, migrants were reported in ***Cuyahoga***, ***Erie***, ***Hamilton***, and ***Sandusky***. Migration extended into Jun for the species and sightings followed the, perhaps, seasonal lasts on 31 May in ***Allen***, ***Cuyahoga***, ***Hamilton***, ***Lake***, and ***Lucas***. The high count of four was shared by Cole Waltner at Magee on 18 May and Matt Hack at ONWR Navarre on 24 May. (51 counties)

Kentucky Warbler

Fannie Courtier discovered the first of the season, at East Fork on 20 Apr. Jon Cefus and Kent Miller at Tri-Valley WA, ***Muskingum***, provided the high count of 15 on 12 May. Benjamin Yoder tallied 12 at Wills Creek, ***Coshocton***, on 13 May, and nearby coal lands in Conesville, ***Cochocton***, is where Josh Yoder counted nine, the third most, on 06 May. (50 counties)

*Bruce Miller photographed this Kentucky Warbler on 28 May at Slate Run MP in **Pickaway**.*

Common Yellowthroat

A few overwintered. Perhaps the seasonal first, were two at the Great Guernsey Trail along Corduroy Road, ***Guernsey***, on 25 Mar (Robin Densmore). Joseph Lautenbach counted the most, 48 at Tri-Valley WA, ***Muskingum***, on 09 May. Only ***Crawford*** didn't have a sighting.

Hooded Warbler

Ashley Niece saw the first, at Woodland Mound Park, ***Hamilton***, on 14 Apr. One was in ***Lawrence*** the next day, but the first along Lake Erie were two at Magee (Ryan Yann) on 23 Apr, as well as one further inland at the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail, ***Summit***, on that same day (Gregory Bennett). Henry and Jim Trimpe tallied 39 in the CVNP during about five hours of birding on 20 May. (67 counties)

American Redstart

Ben Dawson saw the earliest, three at Darby Creek on 11 Apr. The next was seen in the Wayne NF, ***Athens***, on 13 Apr. The far north's first was at Hidden Valley MP, ***Lake***, on 20 Apr (Josh Hargrave). Greg Links estimated 115 at Magee on 21 May. Only ***Auglaize***, ***Crawford***, and ***Morrow*** didn't have reports.

*Jethro Raber photographed this American Redstart along Valley Road in **Wayne** on 29 May.*

Kirtland's Warbler

The reports are:

One or two at Pipe Creek on 07 May (m. obs.).

One at Rieck Center, ***Hancock***, on 13 May; by sound only (Shane Myers and Robert Sams).

One at ONWR on 14 May (m. obs.).

One at Magee on 16 May (m. obs.).

Cape May Warbler

The first was in Columbus on 21 Apr (Brianne Warthman). The next was along Telegraph Hill Road, ***Lawrence***, on 23 Apr (Bryan Smith). In the far north, two reports on 30 Apr were the first. On that date, one was at Magee (m. obs.) and at Akron's Firestone MP (Hallie Hendricks, Dennis Mersky). A sighting on 01 Jun followed the season's last on 31 May in ***Cuyahoga***, ***Lake***, and ***Lucas***. Denny Porter noted 25 at Kelleys Island on 12 May, and nearby Pipe Creek hosted 20 on several days (m. obs.). Simon Kiacz saw 17 in ONWR on 12 May. (75 counties)

Cerulean Warbler

David Ackerman saw the first, at Shawnee SP, ***Scioto***, on 15 Apr. That was about right on time for the species in southern Ohio. Thomas Czubek heard the next in Bethel, ***Clermont***, on 17 Apr. Janice Farral saw the first near Lake Erie, at Vermilion River Reservation, ***Lorain***, on 01 May. Shawnee Lookout hosted the seasonal high of 18 on 19 May (David Baker). (63 counties)

Northern Parula
The first arrivals were at several locations on 05 Apr when Melissa Wales saw one in the Nelsonville area of Wayne NF, ***Athens***, as did Steven Yockey at Gilmore, and Brian Wulker at Fernald. Henry, Jim, and Sarah Trimpe counted the most, 27 at Magee on 21 May. Second most were Stephanie Blommel's 25 at Sugarcreek MP, ***Greene***, on 21 Apr. Only ***Crawford***, ***Jefferson***, and ***Mercer*** didn't have reports.

Debbie Parker got a clear look at this Northern Parula at Magee on 13 May.

Magnolia Warbler
Luke Costilow reported the first, along Anderson Run Road in Jacobsburg, ***Belmont***, on 20 Apr. That was definitely a little early for the species to cross the Ohio River. Two were at Magee on 23 Apr (Lowell Zuckerman), which were the far north's first. At Catawba Point Preserve, ***Ottawa***, Jelmer Poelstra tallied 30, the seasonal high. (81 counties)

Bay-breasted Warbler
Scott Holmer saw at least one at Wingfoot Lake, ***Portage***, on 17 Apr. That was about a week earlier than expected. The next was not until 29 Apr when Sandra Brown noted one along Odle Creek Road in West Portsmouth, ***Scioto***, as did Lucas Lindenmuth and Evan Miller at nearby Shawnee Sate Forest. A few stragglers were seen in early Jun and one stayed until 12 Jun in ***Franklin***. Migrants were seen until the last seasonal date in ***Lake***, ***Lorain***, and ***Lucas***. Simon Kiacz provided the seasonal high count, 32 at ONWR on 12 May. (76 counties)

Blackburnian Warbler
Bethel, ***Clermont***, hosted the first on 21 Apr. (Thomas Czubek). The north coast's first date of 29 Apr was timely, or when expected, and shared by a bird at LENSC (Lindsey Scott), and a singing male that Jennie Narraway saw at her residence in Cuyahoga Falls, ***Summit***. Numerous migrants persisted into Jun. East Harbor hosted 18, the seasonal high, on 12 May (Jelmer Poelstra). (82 counties)

Yellow Warbler
Bryan Smith photographed the season's first, in Proctorville, ***Lawrence***, on 07 Apr. Two days later, birds were reported in ***Butler*** and ***Lorain***. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team tallied 393 on 07 May. Second most were Sean Williams' count of 145 during their morning flight at Headlands on 12 May. (all 88 counties)

Chestnut-sided Warbler
One at Sheldon Marsh was photographed by KJ Adams on 22 Apr for the first of the season. Neill Cade counted 24 at Magee on 15 May, and up to 15 were reported there on other dates. Second most were 12 at Wendy Park on 19 May for Joel Throckmorton. (81 counties)

Blackpoll Warbler
The first two were in adjacent southwestern counties of ***Clermont*** and ***Hamilton*** and were the only Apr records. Kirk Westendorf located one at Armleder Park on 28 Apr and the next day one was at East Fork (Thomas Czubek). By 07 May, they were in northern counties, including ***Ashtabula***, ***Lake***, and ***Portage***. As typical for the species, migration continued into early Jun. Connor Fox tallied the most, 22 at Magee on 18 May. (79 counties)

Black-throated Blue Warbler
Rob Lowry saw the first, at Blendon Woods on 21 Apr. That was perhaps a few days earlier than expected, as was the male that Ashley Mikulec photographed in CVNP on 23 Apr, for that latitude. Singles were recorded in five counties through 05 Jun. Megan Hart found the last for the season, at Hell Hollow Western Trail, ***Lake***, on 31 May. Josh Yoder counted 14 at Pipe Creek on 07 May. Counts of five to 12 also came from other birders at Pipe Creek that day. Also, on 07 May, Lyn Loveless and David McConnell tallied 12 at Magee. (73 counties)

"Western" Palm Warbler
This is the primarily occurring subspecies here, and there were four Mar records this season. Mollie Bading photographed either an overwintering bird or exceptionally early migrant that she and Zinnia Bading saw in Cincinnati on 26 Mar. Because we know of no reports for last Jan and Feb, it is believed to be the seasonal first. Allen Rand found one foraging among juncos and Fox Sparrows at Big Creek Reservation, ***Cuyahoga***, on 27 Mar. Also, on that date, Dan Kramer saw one in Bolivar, ***Tuscarawas***, which was followed by a sighting in ONWR on 30 Mar (Sandra Blease). Records were continuous through the last week of May, especially 26 May for some lakefront counties, but Roger Beuck and Jim Smallwood saw the last at Headlands on 31 May. The 07 May ONWR census tallied 68 (Douglas Vogus

et al.), and counts of 60 came from ***Erie*** and ***Lucas***. (81 counties)

"Yellow Palm" Warbler
Our rarer Palm Warbler subspecies is not common west of the Appalachians. There were two records this season. Terry Bronson nicely described the one he saw along the Great Guernsey Trail and Corduroy Road, ***Guernsey***, on 03 Apr. Suzanne Zuckerman photographed one that she and Wendy Ambrefe located at Gilmore on 29 Apr.

Pine Warbler
Heather Aubke counted 12 in Wayne NF, ***Lawrence***, on 25 May. Scott Holmer noted 10 at Wingfoot Lake, ***Portage***, on 20 Apr. (79 counties)

Yellow-rumped "Myrtle" Warbler
Numbers of this species can vary widely from year to year. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team tallied 189 on 07 May. Isoo O'Brien estimated 175 at Pipe Creek on 07 May. Only ***Monroe*** and ***Pike*** didn't have reports.

Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" Warbler
Dennis Mersky photographed one at Akron's Firestone MP on 22 Apr that was also later photographed by both Brian Tinker on 24 Apr and Susan Wynn on 25 Apr. It was the only spring record.

Yellow-throated Warbler
Zachary Allen reported the first, at Allen's Mountain Farm north of Bull Run Road, ***Scioto***, on 27 Mar. Surprisingly, it was the only Mar record. The next two reports came on 01 Apr, where Ralph Sams III saw one at Fox Lake WA, ***Athens***, and Marianne Gorman logged one at Sharon Woods Park, ***Hamilton***. In northern Ohio, Terri Pouliot logged the first with two birds seen in CVNP on 04 Apr. Meg Glines observed the most, 17 at Hellbender Bluff County Park, ***Columbiana***, on 04 May. Counts in ***Franklin***, ***Hamilton***, and ***Scioto*** each had 12. (79 counties)

*This singing Yellow-throated Warbler posed perfectly for Bruce Miller at Prairie Oaks MP, **Madison**, on 15 Apr.*

Prairie Warbler
The season's first was a singing male at Hueston Woods on 05 Apr (m. obs.). The next date was 12 Apr, when three locations produced sightings, including sites in ***Athens***, ***Greene***, and ***Hocking***. The far north's first was one that Sean Williams photographed at Headlands on 13 Apr. Jon Cefus and Kent Miller made an exact count of 25, the seasonal high, at Tri-Valley WA, ***Muskingum***, on 12 May. Linda Ar and Karen Markey saw the next most, 23 at the Highlands Nature Sanctuary, ***Highland***, on 27 May. (57 counties)

Townsend's Warbler
Rick Nirschl photographed one at Metzger on 30 Apr. The record was accepted by the OBRC.

Black-throated Green Warbler
Cindy Ploch saw the first at Wayne Lakes Village, ***Darke***, on 04 Apr. Katie Bennett saw the second, at Clear Creek on 05 Apr, and that site also held the high count of 21 on 06 May (m. obs.). In the northern part of the state, Mandy Roberts saw the first, at Augusta-Anne Olsen SNP, ***Huron***, on 15 Apr. Several birders tallied the second most, 15 at Magee on 07 May. There were also numerous counts of at least 12 birds throughout the season. (84 counties)

Canada Warbler
This species rarely appears before May for us and this season was no exception. In five counties, the species first appeared on 07 May, and there were numerous sightings thereafter for the season. The high count of seven was shared by Magee on 21 May (Greg Links) and Kelleys Island (Alexander Teliak) on 23 May. (65 counties)

This Canada Warbler at the Magee boardwalk teased many over a few days for a look. Bruce Miller saw it on 13 May.

Wilson's Warbler
The first date of 29 Apr was shared by sightings at Zepernick WA, ***Columbiana*** (Jason Short) and Symmes Township Park, ***Hamilton*** (Alexander Clark and Jane Shrike). Henry, Jim, and Sarah Trimpe tallied the most, eight at Magee on 21 May. (67 counties)

Summer Tanager
Sheila Adams logged the first, at Eastwood MP, ***Montgomery***, on 19 Apr. The far north's first was at a feeder in Garfield Heights, ***Cuyahoga***, on 24 Apr. Neill Cade saw five in the Miami Whitewater Forest, ***Hamilton***, on 11 May. There were no counts above that number. (51 counties)

Scarlet Tanager
The first date of 15 Apr was shared by Haley Black's sighting at Eastwood MP, ***Montgomery***, and Matt Mason's sighting at Jesse Owens SP and WA, ***Morgan***. The far north's first was under a feeder in Oak Harbor, ***Ottawa***, on 17 Apr. Vinton Furnace hosted the most, 35 on 09 May (Carl Engstrom). Only ***Auglaize***, ***Crawford***, and ***Mercer*** didn't have reports.

Western Tanager
This species is no longer on the Review List. Multiple posts from ***Geauga*** have photos. The bird was first seen and photographed at a feeder in Novelty on 30 Apr (David Swift).

Northern Cardinal
Josh Yoder tallied 80 in Conesville, ***Coshocton***, on 29 Apr. Brian Wulker's 75 at Armleder Park were the next most. (all 88 counties)

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Arrival was as expected, except for a very early male in Perrysburg, ***Wood***, on 04 Apr (Christine Basista). At Olney Run, ***Morgan***, is where Ryan Tuttle located the second earliest on 15 Apr. Pipe Creek hosted 25 during Tyler McClain's outing on 07 May. Only ***Jackson*** didn't have a sighting.

Blue Grosbeak
Brian Jorg saw the first, at the EcOhio Farm and Wetland in Lebanon, ***Warren***, on 23 Apr. Jeff Goff and Kent Miller noted the second near Robertsville, ***Stark***, on 25 Apr. Jon Cefus saw the most, six at American Landfill, ***Stark***, on 29 May. (40 counties)

Indigo Bunting
A female at Chudzinski-Johannsen Park, ***Sandusky***, was the first on 07 Apr (David Wilkins). That was very early for the species. Next, Bela Anand-Apte saw the second, also a female, at CLNP on 11 Apr. Jeff Malosh counted 54 at Sandhill Crane on 22 May. Only ***Crawford*** didn't have a report.

*This bright blue Indigo Bunting stood out for Jethro Raber along Valley Road in **Wayne** on 29 May.*

Painted Bunting
Multiple posts from Headlands on 13 May have photos.

Dickcissel
The only record prior to May was one that was photographed in West Elkton, ***Preble***, on 16 Apr (David Clippinger). Blacklick Woods, ***Fairfield***, hosted the next on 03 May (m. obs.). Farmland along Ray Road in Gratis, ***Preble***, hosted the high count of 20 for Levi Metzger on 20 May. The only other double-digit count was 10 at Andreoff WA, ***Hardin***, on 29 May (m. obs.). (43 counties)

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CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK SPRING CENSUS, 2023

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The 2023 Spring Census was held on 20 May, and 48 observers in 25 teams participated. The day had drizzle and periods of rain and with a starting temperature of 59°F degrees rising to a high of 69°F. Given there was early morning rain and late morning drizzle, it was a fairly decent count. The total count was 5938 individuals, a number near the long-term average. The species count was 132 and was slightly below average.

Only one species, the Bald Eagle, was at highest count ever tabulated since this study began in 1981. The Philadelphia Vireo and Tennessee Warbler both had the second highest for their species. However, relatively few species were in above average numbers. The Field Sparrow was in second lowest since 1995, and the Black-throated Green Warbler was in lowest count ever for this project. The Killdeer, Blue-headed Vireo, Black-capped Chickadee, Tree Swallow, Black-and-white Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak were lower than usual.

There were no Rock Pigeons, Eastern Whip-poor-wills, kinglets, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Hermit Thrush, Black-throated Blue Warblers, and Yellow-rumped Warblers.

Species	Number
Canada Goose	190
Wood Duck	34
Mallard	46
Common Merganser	19
Wild Turkey	17
Mourning Dove	79
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	3
Common Nighthawk	1
Chimney Swift	138
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	14
Virginia Rail	6
Sora	3
Killdeer	9
American Woodcock	2
Spotted Sandpiper	5
Ring-billed Gull	13
Herring Gull	2
Great Blue Heron	61
Green Heron	6
Turkey Vulture	63
Cooper's Hawk	2
Bald Eagle	14
Red-shouldered Hawk	3
Broad-winged Hawk	2
Red-tailed Hawk	26
Barred Owl	5
Belted Kingfisher	10
Red-headed Woodpecker	9
Red-bellied Woodpecker	82
Downy Woodpecker	49

Species	Number
Hairy Woodpecker	16
Pileated Woodpecker	27
Northern Flicker	38
American Kestrel	1
Peregrine Falcon	3
Great Crested Flycatcher	34
Eastern Kingbird	39
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	74
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	2
Acadian Flycatcher	46
Alder Flycatcher	2
Willow Flycatcher	21
Least Flycatcher	1
Eastern Phoebe	36
White-eyed Vireo	3
Yellow-throated Vireo	17
Blue-headed Vireo	4
Philadelphia Vireo	6
Warbling Vireo	83
Red-eyed Vireo	201
Blue Jay	140
American Crow	109
Black-capped Chickadee	83
Tufted Titmouse	155
Bank Swallow	25
Tree Swallow	38
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	88
Barn Swallow	64
Cliff Swallow	15

Species	Number
White-breasted Nuthatch	36
Brown Creeper	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	69
Carolina Wren	65
House Wren	31
Winter Wren	1
Marsh Wren	1
European Starling	73
Gray Catbird	152
Brown Thrasher	8
Northern Mockingbird	1
Eastern Bluebird	40
Veery	37
Swainson's Thrush	44
Wood Thrush	31
American Robin	285
Cedar Waxwing	166
House Sparrow	57
House Finch	31
Purple Finch	1
American Goldfinch	177
Chipping Sparrow	51
Field Sparrow	16
Dark-eyed Junco	4
White-crowned Sparrow	1
White-throated Sparrow	2
Savannah Sparrow	1
Song Sparrow	207
Lincoln's Sparrow	1
Swamp Sparrow	28
Eastern Towhee	50
Yellow-breasted Chat	2
Bobolink	11
Eastern Meadowlark	4
Orchard Oriole	15
Baltimore Oriole	95
Red-winged Blackbird	472
Brown-headed Cowbird	70

Species	Number
Common Grackle	95
Ovenbird	43
Louisiana Waterthrush	8
Northern Waterthrush	1
Golden-winged Warbler	1
Blue-winged Warbler	31
Black-and-white Warbler	2
Prothonotary Warbler	2
Tennessee Warbler	101
Nashville Warbler	1
Connecticut Warbler	1
Mourning Warbler	3
Common Yellowthroat	155
Hooded Warbler	104
American Redstart	59
Cape May Warbler	1
Cerulean Warbler	9
Northern Parula	9
Magnolia Warbler	14
Bay-breasted Warbler	17
Blackburnian Warbler	10
Yellow Warbler	139
Chestnut-sided Warbler	15
Blackpoll Warbler	7
Pine Warbler	1
Yellow-throated Warbler	11
Prairie Warbler	7
Black-throated Green Warbler	3
Canada Warbler	7
Wilson's Warbler	4
Scarlet Tanager	82
Northern Cardinal	233
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	32
Indigo Bunting	108
Total individual birds	**5938**

RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRDS RECORDS COMMITTEE

By Jon Cefus

3rd Batch, JUNE 2023

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) has continued to vote on records submitted to or otherwise obtained by the committee. Thirty-two new and three recirculation records were chosen for review in this 3rd batch of records for 2023. Twenty-three of the new records were accepted, seven were not-accepted, and two are headed into recirculation. One recirculation record was accepted and two went forward into another round of recirculation votes. All unresolved recirculation records are scheduled to be addressed at the OBRC annual meeting in Oct 2023.

One new state record was accepted in this batch, a Ferruginous Hawk that was rehabilitated and released in Ontario, Canada, ultimately being tracked by GPS southeast across Ohio and showing itself to a small group of Ohio birders in ***Huron*** after being located by Ben Meredyk on 13 Jun 2023.

This batch contained records from 2008 to 2023. The OBRC continues to make good progress addressing older records.

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 448 species and a superspecies as of June 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 or mailed to 501 Bernower 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 23 records were accepted during their first circulation:

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) — ***Erie*** (Pipe Creek WA), 06 May to 06 Jun 2023. Internet sources.

Heermann's Gull (*Larus heermanni*) — ***Lorain*** (Lorain Harbor/Impoundment), 29 Apr 2023. OBRC documentation submitted by Fred Dinkelbach and by Sarah Taylor via the OOS website. This was the 3rd record of this species in Ohio.

Heermann's Gull (*Larus heermanni*) — ***Cuyahoga*** (Euclid Beach), 23 Jun to 15 Jul 2023. Internet sources. Possibly the same gull as the bird in Lorain, but no definitive feedback on this has been submitted to OBRC, so it currently stands as a separate (4th) record.

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) — ***Delaware*** (Alum Creek SP), 14 Jun 2023. Internet sources.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) — ***Lorain*** (Lorain Impoundment), 21 Apr 2023. Internet sources.

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) #2 — ***Knox*** (Private Farm), 22 Apr 2023. OBRC documentation submitted by Tammy Orsborn via the OOS website. Photos submitted directly to the secretary via email.

Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*) — ***Huron*** (Old State Road), 12 to 26 Jun 2023. OBRC documentation submitted by Ben Meredyk via the OOS website & Internet sources. The date range of the presence of this bird in Ohio is not definitive at this time, as it was tracked by a GPS device southeast out of Ohio, then

apparently returning briefly, with the bird ultimately being found deceased in West Virginia. Efforts to contact the rehabber for further details have not been successful to date. This represents a 1st state record.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #1 — ***Holmes*** (Levi Yoder's residence), Jan to Mar 2008. Documentation taken from the *Ohio Cardinal*, Winter 2007-08 (Vol. 31, No. 2) pages 39-40.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #2 — ***Lake*** (Private Residence), 11 to 16 Mar 2011. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #3 — ***Marion*** (LaRue), 15 Mar to 10 Apr 2011. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #4 — ***Cuyahoga*** (Lake View Cemetery), 24 Nov 2012. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #5 — ***Lake*** (Holden Arboretum), 10 to 21 Jan 2013. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #7 — ***Portage*** (Private Residence), 26 Jan 2013. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #8 — ***Cuyahoga*** (Wendy Park), 31 Dec 2014 to 04 Jan 2015. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #9 — ***Lorain*** (Lorain Impoundment), 02 Nov 2020. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #10 — ***Cuyahoga*** (Huntington Reservation), 03 Nov 2020. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #11 — ***Cuyahoga*** (Scranton Road), 06 Nov 2020. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #12 — ***Lake*** (Painsville Township Park), 09 Nov 2020. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #13 — ***Cuyahoga*** (Highland Park Cemetery), 20 Jan to 18 Mar 2021. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #14 — ***Geauga*** (Soltis Road), 23 Jan to 21 Mar 2021. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) #15 — ***Erie*** (Sandusky Bay MP), 25 Jan 2022. Internet sources.

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*) — ***Lawrence*** (Proctorville), 07 to 21 May 2023. Internet sources.

Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*) — ***Lucas*** (Metzger Marsh), 30 Apr 2023. OBRC documentation submitted by Rick Nirschl via OOS website and Internet sources.

Not-accepted:

American Goshawk (*Accipiter atricapillus*) #1 — ***Butler*** (Ellis Lake Wetlands), 23 Apr 2023. Internet sources. Photos/documentation insufficient to establish identification.

American Goshawk (*Accipiter atricapillus*) #2 — ***Erie*** (Sandusky), 09 May 2023. Internet sources. Insufficient documentation.

American Goshawk (*Accipiter atricapillus*) #3 — ***Summit*** (Babb Run), 10 May 2023. Internet sources. Insufficient documentation.

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) #1 — ***Coshocton*** (Fresno), 23 Apr 2023. Internet sources. Insufficient documentation.

Black-billed Magpie (*Pica hudsonia*) two individuals — ***Cuyahoga*** (Madison Park), 16 Apr 2023. OBRC documentation submitted via OOS website. Origin unknown, probably escaped birds.

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes* bewickii) — ***Knox*** (Private Residence), 01 Jun 2023. OBRC documentation submitted via OOS website. Photos showed a Carolina Wren.

Sprague's Pipit (*Anthus spragueii*) — ***Portage*** (Eli Road), 09 May 2023. OBRC documentation submitted via OOS website. Insufficient documentation to rule out other possible species.

RECIRCULATIONS:

Records going into recirculation:

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) — ***Cuyahoga*** (Lake Erie Nature and Science Center), 05 May 2023. Internet sources.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hormanni*) #6 — ***Geauga*** (Private Residence), 17 Jan 2023. Internet sources.

Records going into final round of recirculation:

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) #2 — ***Franklin*** (Groveport), 17 Aug 2020. Internet sources.

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*) #2 — ***Hocking*** (Laurel Township), 10 May 2022. OBRC documentation submitted via OOS website.

Recirculation records accepted during this round of voting:

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) — ***Wayne*** (Wilderness Road), 13 Feb 2023. OBRC documentation submitted by Josh Yoder via OOS website. Sufficient documentation and other Swainson's Hawks present in the eastern United States during the time period.

FIELD NOTES

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

From Matt Anderson:

[Regarding 7700 Northern Pintails at Sandhill Crane on 19 Mar] Just finished estimating 1200 in eastern half of field when a massive number took flight from western part (mostly northwest) of the field. Truly spectacular, and an estimate of 6500 in air may be substantially low. An incredible month, unlike anything I've ever experienced in western ***Lucas***.

[Regarding 50,000 Greater/Lesser Scaups at Magee on 19 Mar] Clouds of scaup moving west toward Maumee Bay, far offshore from Magee beach. Truly impressive.

From Susan Brauning:

[Regarding the "Oregon" Junco in Sunnybrook, ***Franklin***, on 12 Mar] See photos included with the eBird checklist. Bird came to our patio and yard briefly in the morning. Didn't see it again later in the day. Confirmed with experts on the junco complex Facebook page that it is good for "Oregon" Junco.

From Terry Bronson:

[Regarding the 400 to 500 Chimney Swifts in Marietta, ***Washington***, on 30 Apr] Conservative estimate. Maybe even 500 birds. Entering chimney of Cole Tire Center, and maybe other nearby chimneys, for their night roost. First birds entered about 8:30 pm; last birds in about 8:40 pm.

From Jen Brumfield:

[Regarding the Piping Plover at Edgewater on 25 and 26 Apr] Adult male found by Luke Robertson! Hatched in 2021 at Sleeping Bear, Michigan. Nested 2022 Leelanau State Park, Michigan; fledging two young.

From Scott Holmer:

[Regarding 1000 American Coots at Turkeyfoot Lake, ***Summit***, on 06 Mar] Accurate, if not slightly conservative. I painstakingly counted 800, and estimated the rest of the raft to be between 200 to 300 ducks.

From Paul Jacyk:

[Regarding the hybrid Snow x Ross's Goose at Maumee Bay on 01 to 06 Apr] Features suggestive of Ross's Goose: Tiny size of the goose. Nearly the same size as the gulls on the beach. Small round head. Nearly straight lower mandible instead of more curved on Snow. Border between white feathers and base of bill is considerably straight, doesn't show any overall curve, compared with curved on Snow. Base of bill is grayish blue. Almost no grin patch, just a very thin line instead of a thick grin patch. Features suggestive of hybrid: Bill is a little long and thick height-wise. Face is not overly "cute". Doesn't have "punched into face" bill appearance. This might be a hybrid, but I think it is much closer to Ross's than Snow. Found by Warren Leow References were listed as well, but not included here.

From Bob and Denise Lane:

[Regarding the Golden-winged Warblers at Foundry Hill Road, ***Columbiana***, on 29 May] Denise found the first, a male singing the bee-buzz-buzz-buzz song on Foundry Hill Road, about a half mile south of Hull Road. Shortly after, she visually found it, and we continued for ten minutes or so to watch it fly back and forth across the road. Denise found the second on the grassy hill east of Dobson Lake, singing the song mentioned above. We were unable to visually find this bird. Banner year for Golden-winged, two in Florida, and two previous in neighboring ***Mahoning***, a male and a female. Total of six in 2023. Of note: We have recorded Golden-winged on Foundry Hill Road in previous years.

From Cam Lee:

[Regarding 1200 Lapland Longspurs, the season's most, at Morral, ***Marion***, on 14 Mar.] Conservative estimate of three large flocks and multiple smaller flocks in two large corn stubble fields on the north and south sides of Irwin Shoots Road. Also included viewing of this field from Marseilles Galion and Route 203. Overall count based off individual counts of 30 to 40 birds repositioning in the field and waves of this occurring across the fields. Largest single flock was 300 plus. Horned Larks mixed in at times, but zero Snow Buntings, which seem to be completely absent this year.

From Alvin Miller:

[Regarding the 70 Willits in Dundee, ***Wayne***, on 25 Apr] Large Shorebirds with striking black and white wing pattern. Dropped in at a small pond for most of the day, according to the homeowner. They were calling a lot, and seemed restless, then at about 7:30 pm, the whole flock took off and headed north.

From Benjamin Miller:

[Regarding the 1320 Double-crested Cormorants at Kokosing Lake WA, ***Knox***, on 05 Apr] Huge, dense mass of cormorants out by island and stretching out into middle of lake, mostly estimated by 10s (and some 1x1 and 100s). I think there were some more behind the island (I walked out in campground to try and see more but a portion of the flock had moved at that point and my estimates weren't as accurate then). Best I could manage in awful conditions (way too much rain to get the scope and do new searching). I had a big flock at a nearby lake a few hours ago, so seemingly notable movement today. One thousand plus have been here a few times before, and I've had nearly 1000 on Knox Lake as well. All on similar dates.

From Jelmer Poelstra:

[Regarding the last of season Greater Scaup at Prairie Lane Wetlands, ***Wayne***, on 20 May] Female scaup with broad, deep bill and round head. Head pattern similar to the bird at Wilderness Road last week.

From Judy Schuster:

[Regarding the 20 Fish Crows at Cuyahoga Falls, ***Summit***, on 01 Mar] Flagged rare. The count is close estimate based on the number calling. Fish Crow hot spot. Known reliable location for them. Mixed flock of Fish and American crows. Counted 28 crows, total. Most were Fish Crows, probably three-fourths or more. Sound recording and the first two pics are for sure Fish Crow, because I was listening to them. I believe my third picture is Fish Crow (did not hear that one), but looks like one and Merlin identified it as one. Crows were in the Target Parking lot when I arrived and they moved around a lot, looking for parking lot snacks by Chipotle/ Starbucks and around the stores across the street as well. Seems like they had shorter legs (thighs) than the American Crows and a more bent leg look as opposed to the straightened leg look of the American Crow.

From Leslie Sours:

[Regarding 197 Semipalmated Plovers, seasonal second most, along Mouser Road, ***Pickaway***, on 18 May] Astounding numbers. This was my exact count, counting by one. A flock of 54 flew in then dispersed into grass and hunkered down to rest. A huge flock was at the corner of Mouser and Route 207, with small groups arriving the entire time I was there. Every puddle had some.

From Henry Trimpe:

[Regarding 8000 Bonaparte's Gulls at Lorain on 08 Apr] Close estimate. Incredible numbers in marina, harbor and on the lake. Huge numbers in all directions.

[Regarding the 100,000 Common Grackles, the seasonal high count, in Medina (city) on 09 Mar] Two mornings ago on 07 Mar, I witnessed only part of an amazing flight of Common Grackles heading west to east in the early hours over I-71 south. This evening while driving home on Route 3, I witnessed an even greater movement once again heading west to east. Massive blackbird flock pushing west to east in a thick, long cloud. I did not witness the beginning of the flight, so it was impossible to know just how many birds passed before and after I was out of view. That being said, birds were in constant view and thick flocks from where my checklist is pinned, all the way to the nearly the Brunswick exit on I-71 north. Mass numbers visible from my car for at least six minutes straight. While there were almost certainly other species mixed in, the flocks appeared to be almost exclusively grackles. Undoubtedly, the most impressive movement of birds I've ever witnessed. Despite not even seeing the entire flock, I would have to conservatively estimate 100,000 total birds seen. While this was five to 10 miles north of where I had a large flock moving two mornings ago, it would certainly be interesting to know if this was the same flock or a completely separate congregation.

From Sean Williams:

[Regarding excellent spring movement of Whimbrels and specifically his sightings at Herndon Sculpture Garden, ***Erie***, on 23 May] Rarely detected in Great Lakes. Two groups of about 40 at 5:55 am and 37 at 6:20 am. Flying north over the lake, approximately 100 feet above the water. Large, front-heavy shorebirds with very long decurved bills. Both flocks varied at times from being in a V to strung out to more clustered. The first flock was in a neater V for much of the

time; the second flock was messier. Poor photos demonstrate large shorebirds with a front heavy profile. (Editor's note: photos were included in the eBird checklist.)

[Regarding the 25 Lincoln's Sparrows, the season's most, at Headlands on 12 May] Accurate tally of many and at times the commonest the sparrow. Singing and calling throughout the woods, and foraging on lawns and trails.

[Regarding the 105 Baltimore Orioles, the season's most, at Headlands on 12 May]. Accurate count of many individuals throughout the woods (50 plus) and several more making the jump to Canada in groups of two to eight. One individual in binoculars had a neat black throat stripe, suggesting potential for Bullock's or hybrid, but photos reveal it's a molting Baltimore.

YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

10 years ago, the Spring 2013 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 36 No. 3 (Craig Caldwell, Editor) contained these items:

The six reports of Red-throated Loon extended to 31 May.

Black-necked Stilts were treated as an "accidental visitor"

Nine reports of Franklin's Gull came from five sites

Four counties hosted Eurasian Collared-Doves and 11 had Northern Saw-whet Owl sightings.

A Selasphorus hummingbird made a brief visit on 02 Mar.

Reports of Fish Crows came from five counties and of Common Ravens from seven; none of them had yet been evaluated by the OBRC.

25 years ago, the Spring 1998 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 21 No. 3 (Bill Whan, Editor) contained these items:

This was a combined issue with those of Winter 1997-98 and Summer 1998, published as catch-ups for a hiatus.

Nice weather apparently allowed many migrants to bypass the usual Lake Erie-side viewing locations

Six sites hosted Eurasian Wigeons.

A King Eider was seen in ***Lake***.

An apparent pair of Bewick's Wrens were documented in ***Pike***.

No Kirtland's Warblers were reported.

High numbers of both crossbill species and Evening Grosbeaks were seen but Common Redpolls were scarce.

50 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* for Spring 1973, Vol. 69 No. 2 (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)

One each Double-crested Cormorant, Harlequin Duck, Bald Eagle, and Loggerhead Shrike rated special notice.

Seven Least Bitterns were at Mentor Marsh.

Regarding Winter Wren, "Two observations in May suggest that this species might be nesting in the region".

A Prairie Warbler was described as a "rare migrant".

100 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* did not publish normal issues. However, "Bulletin No. 1", which included March, appeared as a newspaper article (which paper isn't noted). "Bulletin No. 2" contained April and May reports.

"White-headed Eagle" pair began building a nest in Vermilion in March and later fledged two young. Was this the famous "biggest nest"?

The one Northern Mockingbird rated special mention. So did the one Ruffed Grouse, a species whose sighting in the Cleveland area would still be special.

Flocks of up to 50 Cedar Waxwings were described as an "invasion".

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Nadine Bluemel caught an elusive Connecticut Warbler unusually perched above ground at the Huntington Reservation in ***Cuyahoga*** *on 28 May.*

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A Cerulean Warbler sings for Bruce Miller at Zaleski on 06 May.

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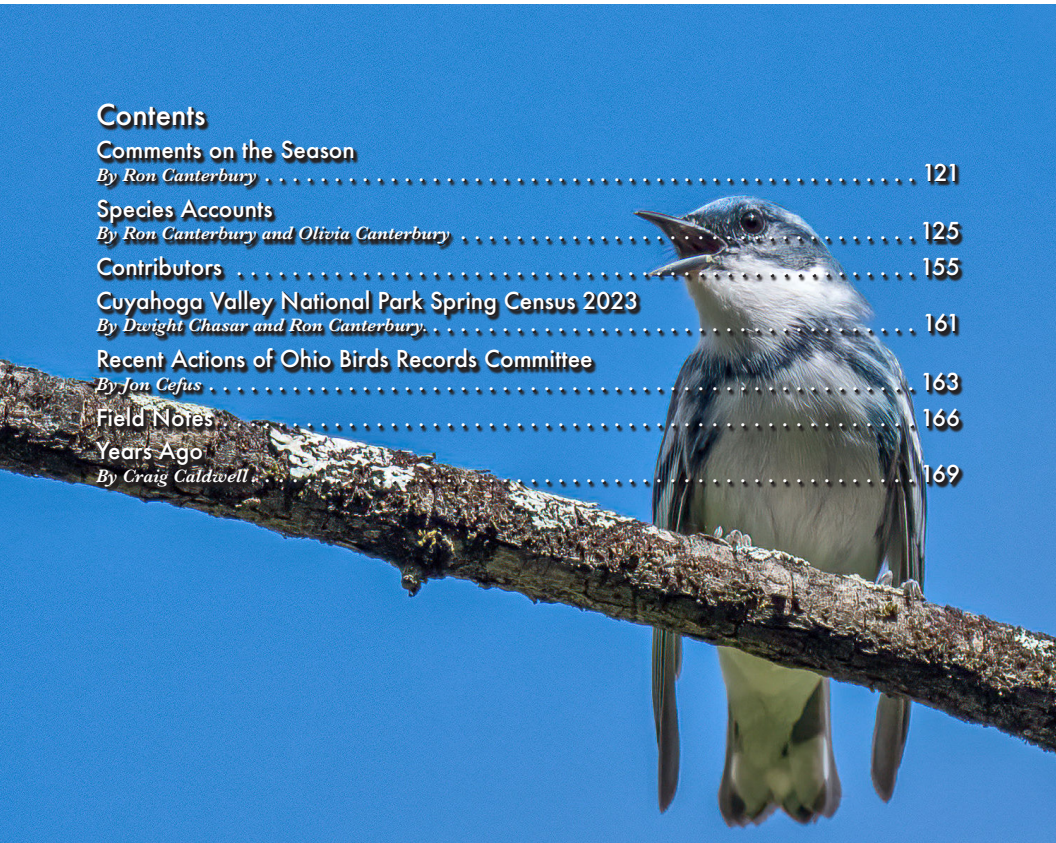
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