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Always sought after, these three Purple Sandpipers were found at Headlands on 30 Nov and photographed by John Mark Hersberger.

On the cover:

*Two days after Hurricane Idalia hit the Gulf Coast these two American Flamingoes treated many Ohioans when found at Caesar Creek SP in **Warren**. Matt Mason photographed the adult and young birds. Thanks to Laura Keene for her help in designing the front cover.*

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COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Ron Canterbury

Aug temperatures were nearly average for the month and ranked 50th. Some major cities, such as Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Dayton averaged slightly cooler for the month. From about 18 to 27 Aug there were multiple days with heat indices above 100°F. While temperatures in much of Ohio were above normal for the first two weeks, the month ended with temperatures below normal for the season. Precipitation was variable and slightly above average in Aug and ranked 111. While dry conditions finished off Aug, most areas received about average to slightly above average precipitation during the first two weeks of Aug. On 07 Aug, Dayton received 1.5 inches of precipitation, while Columbus had only 0.2 inches that day. On 24 Aug, 2.44 inches of rain was recorded at Columbus Airport, which exceeded the old record on that day in 1999.

Sep was nearly average for temperature and well below average for rainfall. Some regions, such as southwestern Ohio, were slightly above normal for temperature and slightly below for precipitation. Sep ranked 85 in temperature and only 5 in precipitation. Rainfall amounts provided 2 to 4 inches of rain in some areas during the last week of Sep; otherwise, much of Ohio was well below average for much of the month.

Oct seems to get warmer every year. The state was above average for temperature and ranked 107. During the end of the first week of Oct, a cold front brought cold air to much of the state, and a very strong cold front brought very cold air at the end of the month. Oct precipitation was above average and ranked 91, but drought conditions persisted throughout much of the state at the beginning of Oct. Nov was near average in temperature and ranked 84, while precipitation was below average and ranked 17. The Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton region started the month of Nov with much cooler than average temperatures, but the last three weeks were above average. Cincinnati recorded a record high on 79°F on 08 Nov, which exceeded the old record set in 2020.

Weather data are from NOAA and the National Centers for Environmental Information (<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/us-maps/>). The statewide temperature and precipitation ranks are from NOAA (1895-2023 and based on 129 years of weather history).

Data for the following Species Accounts come

from reports submitted directly to *The Cardinal*, eBird (<http://ebird.org/content/ebird/>), the Ohio-birds listserv (<http://birding.aba.org/mail-list/OH> and <https://ohiobirds.org/birding-discussion-mailing-list/>) and *The Bobolink*. 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 15 Aug 2025; as well as my more than 38 years research experience on migratory birds. The season produced nearly 1.05 million eBird records.

This issue of the Cardinal contains reports of 312 species, which is seven fewer than last fall. Also, included are two hybrid ducks and one hybrid gull. The reports include 12 categories of birds not defined to a specific species. Of the 312 species, 22 were reported in all 88 counties, seven species were seen in 87 counties, and 25 were reported in at least 80 counties. The Species Accounts also includes seven exotic species.

Geese and ducks were mostly below average in number and timely on arrival. Some arrived early, and included Snow Goose, Ross’s Goose, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, and Red-breasted Merganser. Scoters were in fairly good numbers. Grebes were also seen in good numbers, except Ohio typically only gets a few reports of Eared Grebe.

A few individuals of both cuckoo species lingered into Oct. This issue contains documentation of our second state record of the Black-chinned Hummingbird, and our first state record of American Flamingo. Limpkins continued an outstanding influx that started in July. The influx of shorebirds was typical for early Aug. In early Aug, we saw the arrival of Marbled Godwit and Ruddy Turnstone. Numerous species of shorebirds continue the trend of lingering into Nov and Dec. As you read the Species Accounts, you will find details such as the Silt Sandpiper was reported from 37 counties and that the Dunlin flight was impressive. While shorebirds showed a typical pattern of arriving in Jul and early Aug, numbers picked up around 08 to 10 Aug, and some continued to be present in winter. Purple Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, and both species of yellowlegs were reported during Dec. For those species, the last seen fall date is also included in the accounts.

Gulls were not in substantial numbers, but 12 species were reported by birders. Several tern

species lingered into Nov. Western Cattle-Egrets were reported from 10 counties. Rough-legged Hawks were timely on arrival. Overall, numerous passerines lingered late.

Lingering flycatchers included Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Olive-sided Flycatcher, and a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.

Warmer temperatures and insect active in Nov may explain some lingering swallows, even some Northern Rough-winged and Barn lingered into Dec. As for the boreal finches and irruptive species, the influx of Red-breasted Nuthatch was robust, as was the Pine Siskins primarily along the lakefront. Others, such as Redpoll, crossbills, and Evening Grosbeak, were only minimally sighted. Lapland Longspurs were reported from 43 counties, which is impressive. Sparrows were relatively low in numbers, while warblers and blackbirds were relatively normal in terms of arrival and numbers. Like for some flycatchers, several species of warblers, more than typical, remained into Oct and Nov beyond typical departure dates.

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) continues to expand our knowledge of the distribution of Ohio's avifauna. This issue contains the OBRC's fourth or last batch for 2023. In this issue, five review list species, whose names are underlined in the Species Accounts, were all accepted by the committee. 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 and OBRC report, this issue also contains other topics typically included in a fall issue, including a summary of Rufous/Allen's Hummingbirds, Northern Saw-whet Owl Fall 2023 banding, the fall CVNP census, Field Notes, and Years Ago. In addition, readers will find an article about our first state record of American Flamingo.

As Editor-in-Chief, my work would not be as good without our outstanding reviewers. I thank Tim Colborn, Rob Harlan, and Su Snyder for reviewing the fall Species Accounts. Craig Caldwell and Rob Harlan continue to provide excellent assistance in many ways and to help guide my work. I also want to thank Fred Dinkelbach, who has made it much easier for me to mine the

eBird data.

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 64th 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**

Pickrel Creek = Pickrel Creek Wildlife Area, **Sandusky**

Pickerington Ponds = Pickerington Ponds Metro Park, **Fairfield** and **Franklin**

Pipe Creek = Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, in the city of Sandusky, **Erie**

Pleasant Hill Lake = an impoundment straddling the **Ashland/Richland** line

Quail Hollow = Quail Hollow State Park, **Stark**

Rocky Fork = Rocky Fork State Park, **Highland**

Salt Fork = Salt Fork State Park, **Guernsey**

Sandy Ridge = Sandy Ridge Reservation, **Lorain**

Sandhill Crane = Sandhill Crane Wetlands, a newly-designated area within The Nature Conservancy's Kitty Todd Preserve, **Lucas**

Seneca Lake = most of the lake and the (non-state) Park are in **Noble**, while the dam is in **Guernsey**

SF = State Forest

Shawnee = Shawnee State Forest, **Scioto**, unless otherwise noted

Shawnee Lookout = Shawnee Lookout County Park, **Hamilton**

Sheldon Marsh = Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Erie**

Sherod Park = a city park overlooking Lake Erie in Vermilion, **Erie**

SNP = State Nature Preserve

SP = State Park

Springfield Lake = in Greater Akron, **Summit**

Springville Marsh = Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Seneca**

Spring Valley = Spring Valley Wildlife Area, almost entirely in **Greene** but extending into **Warren**

Stillfork = The Nature Conservancy's Stillfork Swamp Preserve, **Carroll**

Sunset Park = a city park overlooking Lake Erie in Willoughby, **Lake**

SWA = State Wildlife Area

TNC = The Nature Conservancy (<http://www.nature.org>)

TP = Township Park

Vinton Furnace = Vinton Furnace Experimental Forest, **Vinton**

Villa Angela = the Villa Angela unit of Cleveland's Lakefront Reservation

Volunteer Bay = a private neighborhood on Lake Erie in **Erie**

WA = Wildlife Area

Wake Robin = a trail and boardwalk in Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, **Lake**

Wendy Park = a lakeshore Cleveland park, **Cuyahoga**

Wilderness Road = a road that traverses Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area, **Wayne**, and adjoining farmland

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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

Philip Hershberger and Matthias Troyer both reported 17 at Secrest Road south of Wooster, **Wayne**, on 15 Oct. Counts of 15 and 16 also were reported from other birders on other dates at that same and nearby locations. In addition to birds reported from several **Wayne** locations, reports came only from **Logan, Lorain, Montgomery, and Ottawa**.



*Black-bellied Whistling Ducks continue to captivate Ohioans as this one did for Su Snyder on 15 Sep in **Wayne**.*

Snow Goose

Andrew and Daniel Miller saw one at the Wildlife Conservation Center in Massillon, **Stark**, on 10 Sep, which was a very early sighting. It is not known whether that goose was naturally occurring or released from rehabilitation. Susan Carpenter photographed the second earliest on 25 Sep at Darrow Lake, **Summit**, and apparently the bird was seen by someone the day before, but without verification. A flock of about 100 birds was seen flying over Fernald on 30 Nov (m. obs.). (37 counties)

Ross's Goose

The first was noted at Killbuck Lakes Park, **Medina**, on 19 Sep, and was extremely early (Jason Hull). Numerous birders saw that goose on 26 Sep. Dave and Jill Russell saw seven at Hueston Woods on 29 Nov. (16 counties)

Snow/Ross's Goose

Indeterminate birds were reported from seven counties.

Greater White-fronted Goose

Tom Kemp noted the first when he saw one at Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, on 05 Oct. The high count came from Fernald, where David Baker noted 20 on 28 Oct. Geoff Malosh counted the second most, 11 from Archbold, **Fulton**, on 28 Nov. (14 counties)

Brant

Lori Brumbaugh found one at Wendy Park on 06 Nov that many birders got to see. Mike Sandy saw two at Wendy Park on 11 Nov. Either a third bird was present, as well, or the original two moved throughout some of the Cleveland lake-front in Nov. David Factor photographed one at West Branch SP, **Portage**, on 19 Nov.

Cackling Goose

A group of 33 flew over Mike Sustin in Rome, **Ashtabula**, on 22 Oct. Second most were 10 at Nimisila on 30 Nov (Tim Tanner). Eight were found by Emerson Lisboa in West Jefferson, **Madison**, on 20 Nov (m. obs.). Both Jenny Bowman's and Tim Tanner's eBird photos definitely showed the size difference with nearby Canada Geese. (13 counties)

Canada Goose

Edward Hicks tallied 1750 at Port Clinton Lake-front Preserve, **Ottawa**, on 05 Nov. Only **Meigs** and **Monroe** didn't have sightings.

Cackling/Canada Goose

Indeterminate birds were reported from six counties.

Mute Swan

Don Keffer and Natalie Rodgers counted 10 at Mosquito Creek WA, **Trumbull**, on 02 Oct. Douglas Vogus' census team counted nine at ONWR on 05 Nov. (38 counties)

Trumpeter Swan

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census tallied 362 on 05 Nov. Up to 301 were reported there on other dates. The most not in **Lucas** or **Ottawa** were Donna Braig's 129 in Killdeer on 26 Nov. (46 counties)

Tundra Swan

The 05 Nov ONWR census tallied 2247 (Vogus *et al.*). Birders found 1044 in the ONWR on other dates. The most not in **Ottawa** were 324 at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 24 Nov (Larry Richardson). (50 counties)

Trumpeter/Tundra Swan

Indeterminate birds were reported from 16 counties.

Wood Duck

Lucia S. Nash Preserve, **Geauga**, hosted the most, 260 on 25 Oct (Mark Shaver). Only **Jack-son**, **Meigs**, and **Monroe** didn't have reports.

Blue-winged Teal

Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker counted 400 at Buck Creek on 06 Oct. Howard Marsh hosted 345 on 24 Aug (Jeremy Dominguez). (72 counties)

Northern Shoveler

Away from potential localized breeding marshes, the likely first southbound migrant was at Darby Creek on 18 Aug (Josh Davidson). Matt Valencic tallied 145 at Mosquito Creek WA, **Trumbull**, on 29 Nov. Kay Murphy noted 100 in Wilmington, **Clinton**, on 19 Nov. (54 counties)

Gadwall

Excluding potential breeders in the western Lake Erie marshes, the earliest were likely 14 at Forty Acre Pond Bridge in St. Marys, **Auglaize**, on 14 Aug (Gary Cowell and Jason Hull). Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 1106 on 05 Nov. About 600 were tallied at Mosquito Creek WA, **Trumbull**, on 06 Nov (Larry Richardson). (68 counties)

Eurasian Wigeon

Gary Cowell found one at Clear Fork on 30 Oct that four others saw that same day.

American Wigeon

The likely earliest migrant from the north was seen along Wilderness Road on 18 Aug (Josh Yoder). Mosquito Creek WA, **Trumbull**, harbored about 350 on 30 Oct (m. obs.), and up to 270 were noted there on other dates. The 01 Oct ONWR Vogus *et al.* census accumulated 176. (58 counties)

Mallard

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 1187 on 05 Nov. Up to 1145 were found there on other dates. Outside ONWR, 750 were present at **Mercer** WA on 26 Nov (Edward Hicks). Only **Brown** and **Meigs** didn't have sightings.

[American Wigeon x Mallard]

Luke Donahue photographed a male hybrid at Clear Fork on 05 Nov, and the bird stayed until 28 Nov (m. obs.).

American Black Duck

Andy Brown and Ben Warner tallied 250 at ONWR WD on 19 Nov. Seneca Lake, **Noble**, hosted 83 for Isoo O'Brien to find on 30 Nov. (55 counties)

[Mallard x American Black Duck]

Fifteen counties reported hybrids.

Northern Pintail

The species displayed an impressive fall flight. Andy Brown and Ben Warner tallied 200 at ONWR WD on 19 Nov. (58 counties)

Green-winged Teal

Denise and Ken Limmer counted 600 at Howard Marsh on 11 Nov, and up to 500 were noted there on other dates. Next most were 350 at Mosquito Creek WA, **Trumbull**, on 30 Oct (m. obs.). (69 counties)

Canvasback

Metzger Reservoir, **Allen**, hosted the earliest of this species, where four were seen on 08 Oct (Rebecca Pescosolido). Isoo O'Brien estimated 250 at Findlay Reservoirs on 30 Oct; see Field Notes for more. Maumee Bay held 100 on 07 Nov (Geoff Malosh). (34 counties)

Redhead

This duck species may be present year-round in northern Ohio, and males still in breeding plumage were seen into early Sep. Michael O'Neill saw the likely earliest migrant, a single at Alum Creek on 08 Sep. Geoff Malosh reported 250 at 119th Street in Toledo on 08 Nov. Isoo O'Brien estimated 175 at Findlay Reservoirs on 30 Oct. (55 counties)

Ring-necked Duck

One bird was already present by end of July at Fernald (Brandt Schurenberg). Gary Cowell and Jason Hull saw the second earliest, a single at **Mercer** WA on 15 Aug. Larry Early tabulated 308 at the Haley + Gleason Quarry, **Clinton**, on 13 Nov. The second most were the 260 that Gregory Bennett saw at Lake Rockwell, **Portage**, on 24 Nov. (68 counties)

Greater Scaup

Three were present at Headlands on 19 Sep (m. obs.). Headlands also hosted the most, 80 on 05 Nov (Adrian Lee and Isoo O'Brien). (35 counties)

Lesser Scaup

Mandy Roberts located the season first. That bird was at Monroeville Reservoir, **Huron**, on 02 Aug. Paul Jacyk counted the most, 6000 off 119th Street in Toledo on 09 Nov, and up to 4000 were reported there on other dates. Nancy Anderson estimated 1755 at East Harbor on 07 Nov. (60 counties)

Scaup sp.

Alex Damiano and Jeremy Dominguez counted 6500 at Maumee Bay on 05 Nov. (29 Counties)

Harlequin Duck

One female was photographed at Lakeview Park on 05 Nov (George Kinney). One spent from 09 to 30 Nov at Edgewater (m. obs.). There were 64 eBird reports on that bird.



This Harlequin Duck hung out in Lake Erie below the Edgewater Pier in Cleveland where Tom Fishburn saw it on 10 Nov.

Surf Scoter

The first were nine at Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 08 Oct (Lenore Charnigo) and eight at Perry TP (Sean Williams) also 08 Oct, and this latter site also hosted the most. That high count was 57 on 22 Oct (m. obs.). (29 counties)

White-winged Scoter

The earliest seen were on 15 Oct and from sites in **Carroll**, **Hancock**, **Portage**, and **Tuscarawas**. Madison Township Park, **Lake**, harbored 43 on 29 Nov for John Poganick to find. (25 counties)

Black Scoter

Two at Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 09 Oct were the first reported (Jon Kurtz). Rocky River Park also hosted the most, 34 on 29 Oct (Tom Frankel). (33 counties)

Surf/Black Scoter

Scoters indeterminate to species were reported from only **Cuyahoga**, **Lake**, and **Lorain**, including 34 at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 07 Nov (Theo Bockhorst).

Long-tailed Duck

Judy Schuster reported the first, a single bird at Clear Fork on 16 Oct (m. obs.). The next day, there were reports from **Clermont**, **Fairfield**, and **Geauga**. A raft of 11 was at Perry TP on 09 Nov (Atlee, Ben, and Josh Yoder). (18 counties)

Bufflehead

Birds were first reported from the **Cuyahoga** lakefront as early as 15 Oct, where Bill Ohlsen and Chris Pierce saw the first two at Cahoon Park. Stan Plante's 500, at LaDue on 24 Nov, were the most. (65 counties)

Common Goldeneye

Metzger Reservoir, **Allen**, hosted the first on 08 Oct (Rebecca Pescosolido). Chris Pierce counted 138 at Columbia Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 27 Nov. (29 counties)

Hooded Merganser

Evans Lake, **Mahoning**, hosted 250 on 26 Nov (Craig Holt). (71 counties)

Common Merganser

Mark Shaver estimated 300 at Headwaters Park, **Geauga**, on 26 Nov. (48 counties)

Red-breasted Merganser

Ed Wransky saw the first, a single at Lakeview Park, **Lorain**, on 02 Aug. An estimated 16,500 were off Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 18 Nov (Bill Ohlsen and Chris Pierce). Next most were 14,760 at Perry TP on 25 Nov (John Pogacnik and Kari Warner). While often difficult to determine, the likely inland high was 100 tallied by David English at LaDue on 28 Oct. (51 counties)

Ruddy Duck

Rick Asamoto tallied 1100 at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, **Allen**, on 01 Nov. (68 counties)



This Ruddy Duck was spotted by Kathy Mock on 25 Nov at Springfield Lake in Summit.

Northern Bobwhite

Randy Morgan flushed a covey of 22 at Cook Farm, **Butler**, on 07 Oct. Thirteen were also seen nearby along Nichols Road, **Butler**, on 03 Oct (Randy Morgan) and were likely from the same local population. Outside **Butler**, all other reports were of three or less birds. (18 counties)

Wild Turkey

Forty-five were noted along Coldbrook Drive in Mantua, **Portage**, on 30 Nov (Dianne and William Noice). (78 counties)

Ring-necked Pheasant

Connor O'Boyle saw 10 in Spring Valley on 22 Oct. (36 counties)

Chukar

Seven escaped birds were feeding along Mingo roadside grassland, **Jefferson**, on 24 Sep. **Jefferson** also held one bird at another location, and there were no other reports outside of that county.

American Flamingo

George Keller found two at Caesar Creek on 01 Sep. There were 167 eBird entries on those two

birds, and see the article by Kent Miller later in this issue for additional information. The record was accepted by the OBRC, and was the first state record.



Su Snyder was pleasantly surprised by this Ring-necked Pheasant at Cool Springs Park on 23 Oct in Ashland.

Pied-billed Grebe

Ann Lay estimated 150 at Metzger on 23 Sep and up to 102 were noted there on other dates. Cynthia Norris counted 100 at Howard Marsh on 21 Aug. Given the close proximity between those two sites, those were likely some of the same grebes. The most not in **Lucas** were 48 noted at Evans Lake, **Mahoning**, on 19 Oct. (Bob Lane) (80 counties)

Horned Grebe

David Wilkins photographed a bird in non-breeding plumage at Fremont Reservoir, **Sandusky** on 20 Aug. That sighting followed a Jul record of a bird in breeding plumage and, hence, was a second summer record at that reservoir. One or two birds were seen at that **Sandusky** site throughout Aug and Sep before any additional fall influx was noted elsewhere by birders. Therefore, the likely first seasonal migrants were single individuals seen on 06 Oct at both Lost Creek Reservoir in Lima, **Allen**, (Rebecca Pescosolido), and LaDue (Tracy Engle). John Pogacnik and Kari Warner counted 92 at Madison Township Park, **Lake**, on 04 Nov. (55 counties)

Red-necked Grebe

Gary Cowell located the season's first, a single at Clear Fork on 10 Oct that m. obs. also saw that day. Two counts of three were the most. That number of grebes was observed at Lake Cable, **Stark**, on 18 Oct (Rick Raymondi) and by Isoo O'Brien at Seneca Lake Park, **Noble**, on 30 Nov. All other observations were of one or two birds. (17 counties)

Eared Grebe

One was present that Gary Cowell and Jason Hull photographed at Williams Reservoir, **Allen**, on 14 Aug. Numerous birders saw the early migrant that Geoff Malish found at Howard Marsh on 09 Sep. One as far south as East Fork on 14 Sep was another early arrival. That bird was photographed by Nathaniel Keyse and seen by m. obs. that day; see Field Notes for more. All reports were of one or two birds. (8 counties)

Rock Pigeon

The high count or estimate of 600 was noted at Dayton's Veterans Park on 10 Nov (James Runkle). Only **Harrison** and **Monroe** didn't have sightings.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Hana Gibson saw five in Port William, **Clinton**, on 14 Aug and shared the high with Win Ahrens, who photographed five, including a partial albino, at Stewart Cemetery, **Greene**, on 25 Sep. (16 counties)



Eurasian Collared-Doves have been regularly seen in Kidron, Wayne, where Su Snyder spotted this one on 15 Sep.

White-winged Dove

Alex Hull saw one along Franklin Avenue in Findlay, **Hancock**, on 29 Sep. The only other sighting came from Lake Avenue in Greenville, **Darke**, on 22 and 26 Oct (Regina Schieltz)

Mourning Dove

There were four different counts of 150. That number of birds was counted at Fernald on 10 Aug (Brian Wulker), at OSU livestock facility (Irina Shulgina) on 03 Sep, in Edgerton, **Defiance**, on 23 Oct (Clet Herman), and along River Road, **Champaign**, on 28 Oct (Edward Hicks). (all 88 counties)

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Mollie Bading saw the last, a single at Bramble Park, **Hamilton**, on 24 Oct. A late cuckoo, likely Yellow-billed, was reported from the CNC on 28 Oct, but observers are left out because they were not able to positively confirm the species. Gabe

Troyer tallied eight along the **Holmes** County Trail on 22 Sep; see Field Notes for more. (77 counties)

Black-billed Cuckoo

A farm along Pleasant Run in Lancaster, **Fairfield**, shared the last on 07 Oct (Karl Brenner) with one at Killbuck on that same day (m. obs.). All reports were of only one or two birds. (34 counties)

Common Nighthawk

The last was seen at Miami University in Middletown, **Butler**, on 22 Oct (Barbara Ballard and Jeff McMullen). Ed Schlabach counted 1105 at his farm in Sugarcreek, **Holmes**, on 03 Sep. (75 counties)

Chuck-will's-widow

Four were located along State Route 247 in West Union, **Adams**, on 26 Aug (Kenton Daniels). That was the only seasonal record.

Eastern Whip-poor-will

Larry Early saw the last at Cowan Lake SP, **Clin-ton**, on 06 Oct. All reports were of one or two birds. (9 counties)

Chimney Swift

Benjamin Fambrough saw one at CLNP on 27 Oct, which likely was the seasonal last. Leslie Sours saw the most, 1300 at the OSU Center for Automotive Research, **Franklin**, on 05 Sep; see Field Notes for more. Only **Meigs**, **Monroe**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Lisa Klepacz photographed the season's last in Union, **Montgomery**, on 01 Nov. Alex Damiano and Jeremy Dominguez conservatively estimated 22 at Magee on 22 Sep. Only **Harrison**, **Meigs**, **Monroe**, **Pike** and **Putnam** didn't have sightings.

Black-chinned Hummingbird

Ohio's second state record of this species spent from 01 to 06 Nov at a **Delaware** feeder in the city of Delaware (m. obs.). Bird was first reported by Jesika Eldridge and Jason Krnc; see Field Notes for more information. The record was accepted by the OBRC.

Rufous Hummingbird

An adult male was adequately described near Bellbrook, **Montgomery**, on 21 Sep (Karen Rinn). Allen Chartier banded a female near Millfield, **Athens**, on 09 Dec that was first observed in early Oct (Tracie Stein). Allen Chartier banded three during the fall season and confirmed a bird that was previously banded in 2021. Some stayed into late Nov and Dec. See the summary table later in this issue for additional details.



Bruce Miller captured this image a Black-chinned Hummingbird on 04 Nov in Delaware. (see Field Notes)

Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird

Data were also confirmed by Allen Chartier. Two females were confirmed during this fall season. One spent from 18 Oct to 11 Nov near Ostrander, **Delaware**, and was photographed by Patricia Getha and seen by m. obs. Bruce Bezon photographed one on 31 Oct in Berwick, **Franklin**, and that bird stayed until at least 03 Nov (m. obs.). A possible third bird lingered from 31 Oct to 18 Nov in Massillon, **Stark**, but there was no confirmed identification on that bird. See the summary table later in this issue for additional details.

King Rail

John Petruzzini heard one at Mill Creek on 09 Sep that Jeff Harvey also heard on 15 Sep. That bird was the only seasonal record.

Virginia Rail

Carl Engstrom saw the last, a single at Darby Creek on 15 Nov. The day before that Nolan Miller saw one at Chippewa Inlet Trail, **Medina**, and Atlee Yoder saw one at Killbuck. A count of six at Killbuck on 07 Oct was the most (m. obs.). (20 counties)

Sora

Atlee Yoder saw the last, at Killbuck, on 14 Nov. Killbuck also hosted the most, 14 during the Bobolink Area Bit Sit on 07 Oct (m. obs.). Scott Albaugh provided a count with the second most, where he noted 11 at Darby Creek on 16 Sep. (34 counties)

Common Gallinule

Elizabeth Ames and Jana Reser saw the last, a single at Howard Marsh, on 07 Nov. Less than two hours earlier, Brian Tinker had one at Nimsila. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census tallied 33 on 01 Oct. Metzger hosted the next most, 28 on 05 Oct (Daniel Hansz). (21 counties)

American Coot

A high count of 1100 came from Alum Creek

on 25 Nov (Maia Oliver and Jack Sullivan). (61 counties)



These Common Gallinules were caught scrambling away by Su Snyder along Clark Road at Killbuck on 26 Aug

Purple Gallinule

Chris Ross photographed a juvenile bird he found at Lake Saint Joseph, **Perry**, on 11 Sep that numerous birders saw through the next day. The record was accepted by the OBRC.

Yellow Rail

Marvin Yoder flushed one at Funk that Atlee Yoder well described on 09 Oct.

Limpkin

This species has exploded north with many sightings across the eastern seaboard since 2021. The influx in Ohio this year that was first noted in Jul continued throughout the fall, and with fairly widespread sightings of single birds; see the OBRC 4th batch report for 2023 later in this issue. There was an inconclusive record for 06 Nov and reports extended into Dec, but Sandy Ridge hosted the likely last seasonal on 11 Oct (Mary Ann Henderson). (12 counties)

Sandhill Crane

Steve Eshbaugh observed several flocks to estimate a total of 640 at College Corner, **Butler**, on 26 Nov. (46 counties)

Black-necked Stilt

Tom Stayancho photographed two at Pickerel Creek that were the season's last on 27 Sep. Howard Marsh hosted the high count of 12 on both 06 (Kathy Springer) and 20 Aug (Matthew and Ronald Warchol), and up to 11 were noted there on other dates. Next most, were 10 along Coldwater Creek in Celina, **Mercer**, on 06 Sep (Tim Harshman). Reports came only from **Lucas**, **Mercer**, and **Sandusky**.

American Avocet

Three lingered until 05 Nov at Dillon SP, **Muskingum** (m. obs.). A penultimate bird was photographed by Aaron Shirk at Deer Creek on

29 Oct. Eighteen avocets were photographed with an exact count by Fannie Courtier during a field trip with BSBO and included forty participants at Spring Valley on 17 Sep. Those 18 birds were also observed that day in the **Warren** section of Spring Valley (m. obs.). Two counts of 10 were second most. That number of avocets was first noted by Kenny Guy at Burr Oak SP, **Morgan**, on 30 Aug (m. obs.), and at Cowan Lake SP, **Clinton**, on 17 Sep (Larry Early) and several hours later by Jana Reser. (17 counties)



*Brad Perkins photographed this pair of Sandhill Cranes on 07 Aug at the Dillon WA, **Muskingum**.*

Black-bellied Plover

Sightings continued until mid-Nov when Melanie Shelf at Deer Creek and Josh Hargrave and Roy Ketchum at Headlands shared the last on 16 Nov. Both those sightings were of single birds. Gustino Lanese photographed the Headlands bird within two hours later. Nancy Anderson counted 16 at East Harbor on 24 Oct. (29 counties)

American Golden-Plover

Four were at Wilderness Road on 14 Aug for the season's first (Dennis Mersky). Leroy Yoder saw the next, a single in Warsaw, **Coshocton**, on 23 Aug. At the quarry along Haley + Gleason Roads in Wilmington, **Clinton**, is where Larry Early saw the season's last on 02 Nov. Farm fields along State Route 103 south of Celeryville, **Huron**, held 85 on 30 Aug (Jason Hull), and up to 80 were noted there on other dates. The 24 that flew over Wilderness Road on 17 Sep were second most (Josh Yoder). (37 counties)

Killdeer

David Wilkins estimated 500 at Fremont Reservoir, **Sandusky**, on 02 Sep; see Field Notes for more. (all 88 counties)

Semipalmated Plover

Sheldon Marsh hosted the last, a single on 08 Nov (George Engeler). One or two also lingered at Lakeview Park, **Lorain**, on 06 Nov (Bird Smith). Lucas Weaver and Josh Yoder estimated 200 at Huron on 27 Aug, and up to 90 were there

on other dates. The next most that were not in **Erie** were 32 that Josh Yoder noted along Wilderness Road on 10 Aug. (53 counties)

Upland Sandpiper

Jerry Talkington located one along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 10 Aug that m. obs. saw until 16 Sep. Atlee Yoder reported one from Arnold Road in Dalton, **Wayne**, on 14 Aug. Bryan Smith saw one in the Crown City WA, **Lawrence**, on 09 Sep. A trio of birders observed one in Dundee, **Tuscarawas**, on 23 Sep, which might have also been the bird that flew over Michael Troyer that same day. According to *Bobolink* reports, the likely same bird was seen since early Aug and was last seen on 22 Oct (Adam Coblentz and Gabe Troyer).



At Howard Marsh on 18 Aug, Judy Schuster photographed this Buff-breasted Sandpiper.

Whimbrel

Jerry Talkington saw the season's last, at his property in Fairport Harbor, **Lake**, on 01 Oct. That site also hosted the high, six on 16 and 18 Sep (m. obs.); see Field Notes for more. (6 counties)



This Whimbrel appeared on 22 Sep on the Lakeview Beach, **Lorain**, where Ed Wransky captured this image.

Hudsonian Godwit

Theo Bockhorst saw the first, a single at Ore

Pits, **Cuyahoga**, on 30 Aug. Numerous records extended into early Nov. Jeff Goff saw one at the mudflats along Lowe Road, **Stark**, on 05 Nov, and that was seen through 09 Nov (m. obs.). Four birds noted at Pickerel Creek on 24 Oct (David Wilkins) were a shared high with four that were likely the same four seen in both **Ashtabula** and **Lake**. The latter four were first seen at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 27 Oct (Edward Hicks). (8 counties)

Marbled Godwit

Two at Howard Marsh on 03 Aug were the season's first (Paul Sherwood). The season's last was at ONWR on 03 Sep for m. obs. to see. Howard Marsh also hosted the season's most, four on 25 Aug (Paul Sherwood). Sightings came only from **Erie**, **Lorain**, **Lucas**, and **Ottawa**.

Ruddy Turnstone

Conneaut hosted the first of the season and the high count, and both observations were noted by Robert Krajeski. He saw the first on 04 Aug and counted 11 on 08 Sep. Madison Township Park, **Lake**, hosted the last on 31 Oct (John Pogacnik). (11 counties)

Red Knot

Four were seen at Cullen Park, **Lucas**, on 04 Sep (Brandon Brywczyński). Jamie Cunningham saw three at Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on 05 Sep. One or two birds were at Howard Marsh from 17 Aug to 26 Sep (m. obs.), and one was at Huron from 27 to 29 Aug (m. obs.). John Pogacnik and Kari Warner saw one at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, **Lake**, on 30 Aug.

Stilt Sandpiper

The last were two noted at Darby Creek on 29 Oct (Avi Eitam). Twenty-eight were at Howard Marsh on 07 Aug (Geoff Malosh), and up to 24 were seen there on other dates. David Wilkins counted 16 at Pickerel Creek on 17 Sep. (37 counties)

Sanderling

Nancy Anderson photographed the last migrant, a single foraging with a group of Dunlins at East Harbor on 25 Nov, and she also had the high count of 74 at that same site on 28 Oct. East Harbor also hosted at least 59 on other dates. Outside of **Ottawa**, Headlands harbored the second most, 26 on both 26 and 27 Aug (m. obs.). (29 counties)

Dunlin

This species was numerous with an excellent fall movement. Bruce Arnold noted the season's first, where a single bird was at Howard Marsh on 02 Aug. There were numerous sightings on the last

day of the season and reports extended into Dec. John Pogacnik counted 681 at Madison Township Park, **Lake**, on Oct 31, and 553 during the 05 Nov ONWR census were the second most (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (63 counties)

Purple Sandpiper

Lake Erie Bluffs harbored the earliest, where two were seen by a trio of birders on 27 Oct. Several lingered into Dec in **Cuyahoga** and **Lake**. Patrick Robinson saw three at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 22 Nov, and shared the high with three that Gustino Lanese photographed at Headlands on 30 Nov. In addition, one was also seen on 19 Nov in **Muskingum** (m. obs.), which was a significant inland sighting of the species.



Gus Lanese photographed these three Purple Sandpipers at Headlands on 30 Nov.

Baird's Sandpiper

Cam Lee photographed one of the two at Killdeer, the season's first, on 09 Aug. Rick Luehrs photographed two, the season's last, at Deer Creek on 09 Nov, although one was present in **Ashtabula** on 10 Dec. Eight at Headlands on 24 August were the most (m. obs.). (32 counties)

Least Sandpiper

A few remained into the winter season. O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, **Delaware**, hosted four on 21 Nov and those were the season's last. Wilderness Road hosted 80 on 13 Aug (Josh Yoder). (59 counties)

White-rumped Sandpiper

Troy Herrel and Jordan Parrott saw the first, a single at Howard Marsh, on 06 Aug, and several birders saw it later that day. Larry Early saw the last, at Cowan Lake SP, **Clinton**, on 26 Nov. Second last were singles at Ferguson and Metzger Reservoirs, **Allen** (Michael Crouse), and Beaver Creek Reservoir, **Seneca**, on 19 Nov. Huron

hosted 34 on 17 Sep (Sean Williams) and three birders saw them a few hours later. (36 counties)

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Judy Schuster photographed the season's first at Howard Marsh on 18 Aug. Based on examination of photos, that bird was likely the season's last and stayed until 25 Sep (m. obs.). Sean Williams noted four at Huron on 17 Sep, and a trio of birders saw them a few hours later. (16 counties)

Pectoral Sandpiper

The species arrived during Jul and at least one continued into early Dec. The season's last was at Pleasant Hill Lake on 30 Nov (Gary Cowell); see Field Notes for more. Second last were noted on 19 Nov, where Mollie and Tyler Ficker saw two at Deer Creek and Tajinder Singh saw one in the ONWR. Andy Troyer, as reported to the *Bobolink*, counted 110 along Wilderness Road and Funk on 04 Oct, and up to 95 were reported at Wilderness Road on other dates. The most not from **Wayne** were 77 at a wetland along Woods Road, **Darke**, on 02 Aug (John Habig). (56 counties)

Semipalmated Sandpiper

Birds were present throughout Jul. Dave Smith saw the last, a single at Beaver Creek Reservoir, **Seneca**, on 19 Nov. Huron hosted the most, 300 on 27 Aug (Lucas Weaver and Josh Yoder). (53 counties)

Western Sandpiper

The reports are:

One at the Joint Watershed Management Project, **Williams**, on 21 Aug (Gregory and Kim Miller)

One to four were at Huron from 16 to 21 Sep (m. obs.).

Two along Wilderness Road on 02 Oct (Joey Miller)

Short-billed Dowitcher

The 38 birds tallied during the 01 Oct ONWR census were both the season's last and high count (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (23 counties)

Long-billed Dowitcher

There were several late Jul reports. Andy Brown and Ben Warner saw the season's last, two at ONWR WD on 19 Nov. Howard Marsh hosted the most, 25 on 24 Sep (Bruce Arnold). (17 counties)

American Woodcock

Larry Richardson counted seven at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 10 Oct. All other counts were of one or two birds, except the five noted at Erie Street Cemetery, **Cuyahoga**, on 29 Oct (Joanne Priest). (34 counties)

Wilson's Snipe

Josh Yoder provided the high count, 90 at Funk on 30 Sep, and up to 70 were noted there on other dates. The next most not in **Wayne** were 57 that Jason Short saw at Guilford Lake SP, **Columbiana**, on 11 Nov. (58 counties)

Spotted Sandpiper

Two birds lingered into Dec. Ed Wransky photographed the season's last, at Oberlin Reservoir, **Lorain**, on 19 Nov. Jason Hull saw the Lorain bird nearly four hours later. Josh Yoder tallied the high count, where he noted 26 along Wilderness Road on 10 Aug, and up to 25 were noted there on other dates. About 16 were along the Cleveland Harbor breakwall on 24 Aug (Kim Pastrick). There were several counts of 10, including inland sites, but the furthest of those away from the big lake were the 10 that Rick Luhrs saw at Indian Lake on 15 Aug. (71 counties)

Solitary Sandpiper

The last were two birds at the ONWR on 05 Nov (m. obs.). Josh Yoder counted 26 along Wilderness Road on 05 Aug. (69 counties)



Su Snyder spotted this Solitary Sandpiper along Clark Road at Killbuck on 05 Aug

Lesser Yellowlegs

A few stayed into the winter months. Otherwise, the last two were at Darby Creek on 15 Nov (m. obs.). Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski saw a flock of about 150 at Lorain Impoundment Lakeside Landing on 17 Aug. Next most were the 125 that Josh Yoder saw at Wilderness Road on 05 Aug. (59 counties)

Willet

Southbound migrants were present by mid Jul. Ethan Maynard saw the season's last at LaDue on 18 Oct; see Field Notes. Jamie Cunningham saw three at Bay Point, **Ottawa**, on 05 Sep. All other records were of single birds. (8 counties)

Greater Yellowlegs

This species was present throughout the summer, and the likely first southbound migrant could not be fully determined. There were also widespread

winter reports. As with the Lesser Yellowlegs, numerous birds persisted in Nov, along with some indeterminate between the two species, but the likely last of the season was in West Jefferson, **Madison**, on 29 Nov (Susan Brauning). Andy Brown counted 86 at Hoover NP on 20 Oct; see Field Notes. Second most were Josh Yoder's 52 at Prairie Lane Wetlands, **Wayne**, on 05 Nov. (66 counties)

Wilson's Phalarope

Four birders saw the last, a single along Wilderness Road on 09 Oct. Chad Wilson photographed four at Sackett Cemetery, **Ottawa**, on 05 Aug and those four birds stayed until 09 Aug (m. obs.). Either the same group of four birds were sighted at several other locations and worked their way west toward Toledo along the big lake marshes, including along Route 2 and at Howard Marsh, or there was a second group of four birds. Sightings of the high count of four continued until 20 Aug (m. obs.). Examination of photos likely indicates that there were two different groups of four birds. (10 counties)

Red-necked Phalarope

The earliest was photographed by Carey Sherrill at Hoover NP on 01 Aug. The next was at the Joint Watershed Management Project, **Williams**, for Greg Hertler to photograph on 05 Aug, and it was seen through the next day (m. obs.). The Hoover NP bird likely stayed until 22 Oct and was the season's last sighting. John Pogacnik and Kari Warner noted the most, seven at Huron on 24 Sep. (13 counties)



A Wilson's Phalarope and a Red-necked Phalarope photographed together by Tom Fishburn along Wilderness Road on 02 Oct.

Red Phalarope

The reports are:

One at Darby Creek on 25 Sep (m. obs.). Bird was first reported by Ron Marek.

One at Caesar Creek from 28 Sep to 04 Oct (m. obs.). Bird was first reported by Lee Funderburg.

One at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, **Lake**, from 30 Oct to 09 Nov (m. obs.). Bird was first discovered by John Pogacnik and Kari Warner. Ethan Maynard saw two at the Fairport Harbor Port Authority on 01 Nov; see Field Notes for more.

One or two moved along the **Cuyahoga** lakefront, including Columbia Park, Edgewater, and Rocky River Park from 31 Oct to 11 Nov (m. obs.).

Two, possibly four, at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 22 Nov (Patrick Robinson); see Field Notes.

Pomarine Jaeger

Jen Brumfield found one off the coast of Cahoon Park in Bay Village, **Cuyahoga**, on 21 Oct that was seen by many birders through 09 Nov. Nathan Tea located one at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 01 Nov, and that jaeger stayed through 07 Nov. A second Sims Park bird was also found by Theo Bockhorst, later confirmed as Pomarine by Jen Brumfield, on 07 Nov.

Parasitic Jaeger

Lucas Weaver and Josh Yoder saw three, which were the earliest, at Huron on 27 Aug. Three were the high, as well. A trio of birders saw the last at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, **Lake**, on 09 Nov. The three at Huron were seen again on 30 Aug (Robert Hershberger and Dennis Troyer and a group of more than 40 **Holmes** birders). Those three were a shared high with three at Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 08 Oct (m. obs.). In addition to these sightings noted above, the only other report was a single bird photographed at Delaware Avenue in Lorain on 28 Oct (Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski).

Pomarine/Parasitic Jaeger

Birds too distant or not seen well enough to identify were noted in **Cuyahoga** and **Lake**.

Long-tailed Jaeger

Lucas Weaver and Josh Yoder saw two at Huron on 27 Aug, but only one remained on 30 Aug (m. obs.). Daniel and Marty Stutzman saw one along Township Route 652 in Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 27 Aug. One rehab bird was possibly grounded by a Peregrine Falcon and was admitted to LENSOC on 09 Sep. Jen Brumfield found one at Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 09 Sep that was also seen by numerous birders that day. Four birders saw one at Lakewood Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 18 Sep. Bruce Arnold photographed two that he and Arnold Buchler saw at Maumee Bay on 25 Sep. One photographed by Brad Inhoff (see Field Notes) at Buckeye Lake SP, **Licking**, on 30 Oct was seen by numerous birders on the **Fairfield** side of that lake the same day.



This Long-tailed Jaeger was photographed by Bruce Arnold at Maumee Bay on 25 Sep.

Jaeger sp.

Indeterminate jaeger sightings came from **Cuyahoga**, **Erie**, **Lake**, **Lucas**, **Morrow**, and **Richland**.

Black-legged Kittiwake

The first sighting was on 30 Oct when Josh Yoder saw one at Perry TP. Two different **Lake** birds were noted in Dec, but Gary Cowell located the season's last, at Pleasant Hill Lake, on 13 Nov. Numerous other birders saw that bird the same day. All reports were of single birds and came only from **Ashland**, **Lake**, and **Richland**.

Sabine's Gull

Ed Schlabbach located the first, two at Huron on 30 Aug, and many birders saw those bird that day, including Robert Hershberger and Josh Yoder, as reported to eBird, and a group of more than 40 **Holmes** birders (see Field Notes). Those two birds were also the season's high, with all other reports as single birds. Lake Erie Bluffs hosted the season's last on 31 Oct (John Pogacnik and Kari Warner) and, perhaps surprisingly, there were no sightings in Nov and Dec. (7 counties)

Bonaparte's Gull

Theo Bockhorst reported the most, 5150 at Euclid Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 09 Nov, and up to 5000 were reported there on other dates. Likewise, 5000 were noted at Edgewater. The most not in **Cuyahoga** were 3500 at Perry TP on 09 Nov. (69 counties)

Little Gull

Atlee and Josh Yoder saw one flying west at Perry TP on 01 Nov and that was the season's first. A group of six birders saw either that same bird or another about two and one-half hours later at Fairport Harbor Port Authority, **Lake**. All reports were of single birds, and came only from **Cuyahoga**, **Fairfield**, **Lake**, **Licking**, and

Pickaway, but spanned throughout Nov and continued into the winter.



This Little Gull showed well even behind the marina fence where Tom Fishburn managed this image on 13 Nov in Cleveland.

Laughing Gull

Hueston Woods hosted the only two birds of the season. At that site, Levi Metzger photographed one on 29 Oct; see Field Notes for more. A second bird, in first winter plumage, was photographed on 08 Nov by Randy Morgan.

Franklin's Gull

Don Keffer photographed the season's first that he and Emily Keffer saw at Mosquito Lake on 01 Aug (m. obs.). Four birders tallied 60 to 61 at Hueston Woods on 10 Nov; see Field Notes, where Randy Morgan photographed those birds and made an exact count. Second most were the five that Stefan Minnig saw at Indian Lake on 15 Oct. (29 counties)

Ring-billed Gull

Josh Hargrave estimated 7000 at Headlands on 09 Sep. The most inland were 4200 at Tappan Lake, **Harrison**, on 28 Nov. (77 counties)

American Herring Gull

Kent Miller conservatively estimated 3500 at Meyers Lake, **Stark**, on 08 and 29 Nov; and that was both the overall high and the inland high. The 2000 that Jon Cefus tallied at American Landfill, **Stark**, on 24 Nov were likely some of the same birds noted by Kent Miller. The most not in **Stark** were 1800 at Tappan Lake, **Harrison**, on 28 Nov (Atlee, Josh, and Marvin Yoder). (65 counties)

Iceland Gull

All seasonal reports of this species were from Nov, and the species is becoming more prevalent in Ohio during the winter months. Geoff Malosh located the season's first, a single at Dry Tree

Point, **Lucas**, on 04 Nov. All reports were also of single birds, except two noted at Meyers Lake, **Stark**, on 21 Nov (Jeff Goff). (11 counties)

Lesser Black-backed Gull

The season's first was at Headlands on 04 Aug (Stephen Adams). Edward Hicks tallied the most, 438 at Findlay Reservoirs on 15 Oct, and up to 275 were there on other dates. Second most were the 103 at Harry Kessler Park, **Lucas**, on 23 Oct (Geoff Malosh). (33 counties)

Glaucous Gull

The reports, all of singles, are:

Howard Marsh on 26 Nov (David Bennett)

Buckeye Lake SP, **Fairfield/Licking**, on 30 Nov (Edward Hicks and Matt Mason). The Buckeye Lake bird was originally found and photographed by Matt Mason.

Along the Ottawa River in Toledo on 30 Nov (Geoff Malosh)

Great Black-backed Gull

The most reported were eight that Claudia Souders saw in Lakeside, **Ottawa**, on 17 Sep. (10 counties)

[Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]

Sarah Preston photographed this hybrid at Headlands on 25 Sep.

Caspian Tern

The last was at Kelleys Island on 10 Nov (Veronica Barrios). Karl Overman reported 60 from Howard Marsh on 13 Aug. Several birders followed that same day with the same count. The most inland were 29 Alum Creek on 07 Sep (Carl Winstead). (47 counties)

Black Tern

Terry Bronson saw the last, a single along the Ohio River Scenic Byway south of Yankeeburg, **Washington**, on 07 Oct. Isaiah Craft provided the high count of 10 at Cowan Lake SP, **Clin-ton**, on 04 Sep. (16 counties)

Common Tern

Patrick Coy saw one at Wendy Park on the last date of 24 Nov. David Miller saw likely the same bird nearly three hours earlier at Edgewater. Away from **Cuyahoga**, the second last was a single at Lakeshore Park, **Ashtabula**, on 08 Nov (John Pogacnik and Kari Warner). Jason Bojczyk saw about 600 at Maumee Bay on 07 Sep. Next most were Kisa Weeman's 550 offshore at East Harbor on 11 Sep. The most not in **Lucas** and **Ottawa** were about 475 at Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 24 Sep (Theo Bockhorst). (25 counties)

Forster's Tern

The last, at least nine, were seen offshore at East

Harbor on 18 Nov (m. obs.). Maumee Bay hosted 520 on 24 Aug (Geoff Malosh). About 262 were tallied offshore by Nancy Anderson at East Harbor on 28 Oct. The inland high was 12 in Grand Rapids, **Wood**, on 02 Nov (Jeff Sailer), and the furthest south and inland high was 10 at Alum Creek on 08 Oct (Rob Mueller). (31 counties)

Red-throated Loon

John Pogacnik and Kari Warner saw the season's first, a single at Perry TP, on 15 Oct. Numerous birders saw the next, two at Clear Fork on 28 Oct; see Field Notes. Cole DiFabio and Sean Williams counted 13 at Bill Stanton Community Park, **Lake**, on 26 Nov. At least 12 of those birds were also seen at nearby Perry TP on other dates. (19 counties)

Pacific Loon

The reports are:

One at Madison TP, **Lake**, on 04 Nov (John Pogacnik and Kari Warner)

Two at Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 08 Nov (Bill Ohlsen and Chris Pierce)

One at Rocky River Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 23 Nov (m. obs.). Jen Brumfield first located that bird.

Two of the three **Cuyahoga** birds were likely candidates for birds seen on 25 Nov at other sites along the **Cuyahoga** lakefront.

Common Loon

A high count of 397 was noted during observations of loose flocks flying over Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 24 Nov (m. obs.). Second most were 186 tallied by Atlee Yoder in Apple Creek, **Wayne**, on 22 Nov. (57 counties)

Double-crested Cormorant

Kelly's Island harbored about 18,000 on 21 Oct (m. obs.). Only **Darke** and **Monroe** didn't have sightings.

Neotropic Cormorant

The reports, all of singles, are:

At East Fork from 03 Aug to 21 Sep (m. obs.).

Likely the same bird from the summer season.

At Griggs Reservoir, **Franklin**, on 25 Aug. Bird was found by Irina Shulgina and seen by numerous other birders.

At Buck Creek on 04 Oct (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker)

At Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve, **Ottawa**, on 18 Oct (Ben Meredyk)

American White Pelican

David Wilkins estimated a large flock at Pickerel Creek contained 775 on 25 Sep, and up to 610 were found there on other dates. Second most were 400 at ONWR on 05 Nov and that likely same flock was seen again on 08 Nov at Reno Beach, **Lucas** (Warren Leow). (16 counties)

Least Bittern

The last was at Howard Marsh on 30 Sep (Justin Labadie). Emerson Lisboa noted three at Darby Creek on 16 Aug. All other reports, outside of Howard Marsh, were of single birds. (9 counties)

American Bittern

The season's last was near Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 23 Oct (Leon Schlabach). All reports were of single birds. (11 counties)

Little Blue Heron

Immature birds were seen during the summer season and numerous locations had reports on 01 Aug. McKinley Quarry in Columbus hosted 12 on 05 Aug (James Muller). Also in **Franklin**, Emerson Lisboa tallied 11 at Griggs Reservoir and Disc Golf Course in Columbus on 07 Aug; see Field Notes. The proximity between McKinley Quarry and Griggs Reservoir indicates that those two sightings were likely of the same flock of birds. Eleven were also photographed at Howard Marsh on 05 Aug (Warren Leow). Their movement throughout much of Ohio this fall was extremely robust. (28 counties)



An adult Little Blue Heron was in the company of two immatures when Bruce Miller saw them at Grigg's Reservoir on 05 Aug in **Franklin**.

Snowy Egret

Kathy Mock saw four, which were the season's last, on 09 Oct at ONWR WD. Rachael Kaiser and Doug Whitman conservatively counted 20 at Howard Marsh on 13 Aug. (16 counties)

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

The reports are:

One or two at Gilmore from 02 Aug through 24 Sep (m. obs.)

Four at Cahoon Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 07 Oct (m. obs.). Those four birds were initially located by Debra Sweeney.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Ethan Glassman found 16 at Turtle Creek Bay, **Ottawa**, on 03 Aug. (27 counties)

Green Heron

The last was at Letha House Park, **Medina**, on 22 Oct (Christine McAnlis). The high count was 25 at Mill Creek on 03 Aug (Jeff Harvey). (79 counties)



A Green Heron was looking for a meal when Kathy Mock came across it on 02 Sep along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath in Summit.

Great Egret

Marianne Gorman tallied 203 at Gilmore on 23 Sep, and up to 200 were noted there on other dates. The most not in **Butler** were 200 at Pickerel Creek on 11 Aug (David Wilkins), and the 06 Aug ONWR also tallied 200 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (78 counties)

Western Cattle-Egret

The season's last was a single at Sunrise MP, **Montgomery**, on 13 Nov (m. obs.). The high count was a group of 14 or 15 noted at East Fork on 19 Oct (m. obs.). (10 counties)

Great Blue Heron

Heather McFerren reported 114 at Dillon SP, **Muskingum**, on 30 Sep. Only **Monroe** didn't have sighting.

Glossy Ibis

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

Glossy/White-faced Ibis

One was at Howard Marsh on 10 Aug (Gustino Lanese). Marilyn Rohr found one at Mentor Lagoons on 19 Oct that many birders saw through 23 Oct, and likely that bird was the same that a trio of birders saw at Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Oct. One visited Fernald from 21 Oct through 18 Nov (m. obs.). John Powell found one at Darby Creek on 31 Oct that many birders saw through

10 Nov. Jenny Bowman and Kelly Miller saw one along Herd-McIlroy Road in Raymond, **Union**, on 29 Oct. Atlee Yoder saw one fly into Killbuck at daylight on 14 Nov.

Black Vulture

Mayapple Farm, **Coshocton**, had the high count of 200 on 26 Aug (Will Babb). Atlee and Josh Yoder estimated 140, the next most, at Pleasant Hill Lake on 16 Oct. (69 counties)

Turkey Vulture

Matt Anderson estimated 1902 in Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on 13 Oct. (all 88 counties)

Osprey

Several were seen during Dec, but Austin Langdon photographed the season's last, a single at Caesar Creek on 27 Nov. Barbara and Gordon Synder counted 16 at Alum Creek on 10 Aug. (82 counties)



An Osprey gives Ed Wransky the look on 14 Aug by Lake Erie, Lorain (city).

Swallow-tailed Kite

Scott Myers saw one along State Route 111 near Defiance on 18 Aug.

Golden Eagle

Three, likely migrating birds, were noted at Toledo Botanical Garden, **Lucas**, on 30 Oct (Warren Leow), and two of those birds were seen by several other birders that day. All other reports were of single birds. Matt Anderson saw one flying over Birch Pointe Drive in Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on 22 Oct. Also, from **Lucas**, Rick Nirschl photographed one soaring over Recamper Drive in Toledo on 02 Nov. Reports also came from **Coshocton**, **Holmes**, **Perry**, **Summit**, and **Tuscarawas**.

Northern Harrier

Tyler McClain counted 15 at Kelleys Island on 21 Oct. The second most were 11 that Atlee and Josh Yoder saw along Cadiz-Flushing Road in Flushing, **Harrison**, on 27 Nov. (75 counties)

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Matt Anderson counted 32 at Birch Pointe Drive in Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on 13 Oct. He also noted 23 at Sandhill Crane on 08 Nov. The most not in **Lucas** were Tyler McClain's 14 at Kelleys Island on 21 Oct. (71 counties)

Cooper's Hawk

Matt Anderson saw seven at Sandhill Crane on 08 Oct and shared the high with Gabe Troyer's seven at Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 15 Oct. Only **Jackson**, **Meigs**, **Monroe**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.



At his home in **Lorain**, Ed Wransky photographed this visiting Cooper's Hawk on 22 Nov.

Bald Eagle

Larry Richardson counted 25 at Conneaut on 10 Aug. Away from the lake, Josh Yoder saw 24 along Wilderness Road on 11 Sep. Only **Gallia**, **Meigs**, and **Pike** didn't have a sighting.

Mississippi Kite

Renee Frederick photographed a pair feeding one young at Shawnee on 20 Aug and that was the only seasonal sighting.

Red-shouldered Hawk

Sites in **Ashtabula**, **Highland**, **Knox**, and **Ma-honing** held five birds each. (81 counties)

Broad-winged Hawk

Troy Shively conservatively estimated 1000 during counts of passing migrants over his personal residence in Wapakoneta, **Auglaize**, on 16 Sep. Matt Anderson counted 328, the season's second most, in Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on 18 Sep. (59 counties)

Red-tailed Hawk

Larry Richardson counted 25 in the Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 09 Nov. Six birders tallied 15 in Walnut Creek, **Holmes**, on 18 Nov. (all 88 counties)



Kathy Mock found this Red-shouldered Hawk at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, **Medina**, on 18 Nov.

Rough-legged Hawk

The first was photographed at Kelleys Island on 18 Oct (Michael Kelly). The next day, one was seen along Fairport Nursery Road in Painesville, **Lake** (Roger Beuck) and at Magee (m. obs.). Atlee and Josh Yoder counted five along Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, on 27 Nov. (29 counties)

American Barn Owl

Ryan Lesniewicz observed two adults and six juveniles flying over a field at ONWR on 12 Aug. (9 counties)



This American Barn Owl was a first for the Gathered Family Farm in **Knox** where it hung around for several weeks after Tammy Orsborn photographed it on 24 Oct.

Eastern Screech-Owl

A group of nine birders tallied seven during an **Erie** MP owl prowls at Dupont Marsh SNP on 29 Nov. (66 counties)

Great Horned Owl

David Huff tallied the most, five from a nocturnal walk covering two and one-half miles during one hour in Jackson Park in Farmersville, **Montgomery**, on 02 Sep. (71 counties)

Barred Owl

Michael Crist tallied six in the Poland Municipal Forest, **Mahoning**, on 06 Nov. (58 counties)

Long-eared Owl

Because of the sensitive nature of this species, I am reporting only sightings by counties. Four were reported from **Lucas** on 24 Nov. One was also located in **Hamilton** on 26 Nov.

Short-eared Owl

A surprisingly early bird was flushed at Fernald on 26 Sep (Brian Wulker). Jerry Talkington located 17 along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 19 Oct, and he and Kelly Kozar re-found nine of those later that same day. (32 counties)

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Two different birds on 30 Sep were the earliest. Of those, John Reeve noted one at Maumee Bay and Tom Barlett banded one on Middle Bass Island, **Ottawa**. The high of 25 came from Kelleys Island, where Tom Barlett and his team banded 16 and another nine birds were noted on the night of 13 Nov; see also the summary of saw-whet banding included later in this issue. (15 counties)

Belted Kingfisher

Two counts of nine shared the high. The 06 Aug ONWR census tallied that number (Douglas Vogus *et al.*), and Tyler McClain counted nine at Portage Lakes, **Summit**, on 08 Sep. (all 88 counties)

Red-headed Woodpecker

The high count of 21 came from OOPMP on 26 Nov (m. obs.), and up to 17 were noted there on other dates. The most elsewhere were 16 that Dan Kramer noted along Walnut Creek Bottom Road in Dundee, **Tuscarawas**, on 06 Sep. Only **Gallia**, **Jefferson**, and **Scioto** didn't have reports.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Gary Cowell tallied 21 along the **Holmes** County Trail on 17 Sep. (all 88 counties)

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Debra Sweeney located eight at CLNP on 09 Oct, and up to seven were seen there on other dates. Counts of six came from **Coshocton** and **Lake**. (81 counties)

Downy Woodpecker

The 01 Oct ONWR census team tallied 27 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Carl Winstead noted 21 along Ravine Drive and Rolling Ridge in Columbus on 16 Nov. (all 88 counties)

Hairy Woodpecker

Josh Yoder noted eight at Killbuck on both 02

and 09 Sep. Only **Fulton** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

Northern Flicker

A strong movement tallying 75 birds at Valley View Preserve, **Clermont**, was noted on 29 Oct (Will Babb). Second most were the 52 that Rayka Petkova counted at CLNP on 09 Oct. Only **Pike** didn't have a report.

Pileated Woodpecker

The 05 Oct CVNP Vogus *et al.* census tallied nine. Julie Zickefoose counted seven in Whipple, **Washington**, on both 02 and 03 Oct. Only **Putnam** didn't have sightings.

American Kestrel

A high count of 26 was tallied at Kelleys Island on 09 Oct (Isoo O'Brien), where that number of kestrels was seen during more than three hours of birding covering over five miles; see Field Notes for more. At Killbuck, 16 were counted on 07 Oct (m. obs.). Only **Gallia** and **Monroe** didn't have sightings.



This American Kestrel was hunting along Wilderness Road where Su Snyder saw it on 26 Aug

Merlin

Tyler McClain counted five at Kelleys Island on 21 Oct. Counts of four came from **Cuyahoga**, **Holmes**, and **Summit**. (57 counties)

Peregrine Falcon

Nine birders saw five southbound migrants on the Big Sit north of Fresno, **Coshocton**, on 07 Oct. Several other counts of four were noted this fall. (46 counties)

Great Crested Flycatcher

Lori Brumbaugh photographed a very late migrant in Garfield Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Nov. The second last was at Magee on 09 Oct (Benjamin Proshok). The high count of five came from Killbuck on 04 Sep (Josh Yoder). (69 counties)

Western Kingbird

The Fredericksburg, **Wayne**, bird noted in the

summer, since 27 Jul, stayed until 14 Aug (m. obs.). Kathy Mock located one at PPG Lime Lakes, **Summit**, on 26 Aug that stayed through 29 Aug (m. obs.).

Eastern Kingbird

Lou Ann Shellenberger saw the last at Firestone MP in Akron on 11 Oct. Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 45 on 06 Aug. Tyler McClain noted 25 at Kelleys Island on 11 Aug (81 counties)

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Woody Stover found one at Bath NP, **Summit**, on 18 Oct and many birders saw that bird throughout that day. Record was accepted by the OBRC.



*This Scissor-tailed Flycatcher attracted many visitors to the Bath Nature Preserve, **Summit**, where Ed Wransky photographed it on 18 Oct.*

Olive-sided Flycatcher

The earliest was at ONWR on 05 Aug (m. obs.). Brian Keane saw the last at Burnet Woods, **Hamilton**, on 01 Oct. All reports were of one or two birds. (35 counties)

Eastern Wood-Pewee

One was at Lake Erie Bluffs that Nathan Tea photographed on 04 Nov and other birders audio recorded that day (m. obs.). Josh Yoder tallied 22 at Killbuck on 28 Aug. Adrien Lee found the second most. He noted 20 at Franklin Miller Observatory in Mount Vernon, **Knox**, on 22 Sep. Only **Monroe** didn't have a report.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

George Billman reported the first, at Sharon Woods MP, **Franklin**, on 11 Aug, and that county also held the last, where one was seen in Columbus on 14 Oct (Andy Sewell). Four were captured during banding at Mentor Lagoons on 28 Sep (Sarah Preston and Joel Throckmorton) and that represented the high count. (57 counties)

Acadian Flycatcher

The last was a bird that Joel Throckmorton captured during banding at Mentor Lagoons on 10 Oct. Five days earlier, the second last was noted at Zaleski (Dave Rudemiller). Fred Dinkelbach reported the most, 12 at Mohican SP on 04 Aug (68 counties)

Alder Flycatcher

Steven Yockey observed the season's last. That bird was at Hueston Woods on 17 Sep. All reports were of single birds. (9 counties)

Willow Flycatcher

Reports continued until 03 Oct, but as editor and a long-time researcher, I personally do not accept reports of confirmed Willow Flycatchers after 16 Sep during fall migration. On Sep. 16, two were at Fernald (Tony Stoffolano) and one at Bingham Farm Trail, **Stark** (Emily Godlewski). John Petruzzi saw nine at Mill Creek on 11 Aug and shared that high count with the nine noted by Jacob Raber at Chippewa Inlet Trail, **Medina**, on 13 Aug. (59 counties)

Alder/Willow Flycatcher

Indeterminate birds were seen in 23 counties as late as 30 Sep.

Least Flycatcher

A very late straggler was seen along Cassville Road, **Harrison**, on 24 Nov (*fide*, Marvin Yoder). Dave Galvin photographed the second last along Conrey Road, **Hamilton**, on 21 Oct. The high count of nine came from **Lake** and **Ottawa**. That number was at Headlands on 01 Sep (Caitlin Ambrose) and East Harbor on 09 Sep (Jelmer Poelstra). (69 counties)



*Bruce Miller sharply captured this photo of a Least Flycatcher on 12 Sep at his home in **Franklin**.*

Eastern Phoebe

A few southbound migrants lingered into Dec

and some likely remain to overwinter. Josh Yoder counted 16 at Killbuck on 17 Sep and shared the high with the 16 that Jon Cefus and Kent Miller tallied at American Landfill, **Stark**, on 29 Sep. Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have a report.

White-eyed Vireo

Marvin Yoder reported one from Cassville Road, **Harrison**, on 18 Nov. Sean Williams photographed the second season's last when he saw two birds at Mentor Lagoons on 04 Nov. He also had one the day before at Lake Erie Bluffs. Bryan Smith counted 16 at Crown City WA, **Lawrence**, on 09 Sep. Josh Yoder's 12 at Killbuck on 17 Sep were the second most. (73 counties)

Bell's Vireo

The last was at Gilmore on 09 Sep (Marianne Gorman). All reports were of one or two birds and came only from Gilmore and Darby Creek, except for one at Fairfield, **Butler** (Randy Morgan).

Yellow-throated Vireo

The last was at Delaware WA on 12 Oct (Corinna Honscheid and Beth Lenoble). Gary Cowell tallied nine along the **Holmes** County Trail from Glenmont to Gann on 17 Sep. (67 counties)

Blue-headed Vireo

The last was photographed on 04 Nov at Mentor Lagoons (Sean Williams). There were a few others reported during the first three days of Nov. There were four counts each with four birds. That number was reported at Blendon Woods on 01 Oct (Avi Eitam); Whipple, **Washington**, on 02 Oct (Julie Zickefoose); Pearls Fen, **Greene**, on 03 Oct (Rick Luehrs); and CLNP on 23 Oct (Debra Sweeney). (66 counties)

Philadelphia Vireo

Bill Deininger located the season's first. He saw it at CLNP on 20 Aug, and three other birders saw that same bird or another during that same morning. Luke Donahue saw the last, a single at OSU Mansfield campus, **Richland**, on 07 Nov; see Field Notes. Jelmer Poelstra counted 10 during more than seven hours of birding at East Harbor on 09 Sep. During a little more than three hours of birding, Luke Donahue counted nine at Gorman NC, **Richland**, on 16 Sep. (63 counties)

Warbling Vireo

Two were noted at Shaker Lakes in Cleveland on 13 Oct (Hunter Hammil). Migrants continued until about that date. Mike Rosenbrook tallied 19, the season's most, at Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 26 Aug. Jelmer Poelstra noted 18 at East Harbor on 09 Sep and 18 were counted at Magee on 10 Sep (Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski). (79 counties)



This Philadelphia Vireo was spotted by Bruce Miller on 16 Sep at the Little Darby Preserve in Madison.

Red-eyed Vireo

Stefan Minnig photographed the season's last. That bird was at McCarthy Park, **Union**, on 02 Nov. The most reported were the 34 tallied at East Harbor on 09 Sep (Jelmer Poelstra). (81 counties)

Northern Shrike

All reports were of single birds, except two birds noted by Cory Chiappone along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 27 Oct. (17 counties)



*Ed Wransky photographed this Northern Shrike at Margaret Peak NP, **Lorain**, on 26 Oct.*

Blue Jay

Matt Anderson counted 790 in flight at Sandhill Crane on 08 Oct. (all 88 counties)

American Crow

A Mansfield, **Richland**, roost was estimated to harbor 7000 on 24 Nov (Gary Cowell). (all 88 counties)

Fish Crow

Michael Dudzinsky counted 75 in Highland Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 15 Aug. Besides **Cuyahoga**, reports also came from **Franklin**, **Lorain**, and **Summit**.

Common Raven

Atlee and Josh Yoder tallied nine along Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, on 27 Nov. (19 counties)

Carolina Chickadee

The high count of 32 came from Crown City WA, **Lawrence**, on 09 Sep (Bryan Smith). (67 counties)

Black-capped Chickadee

The 08 Sep CVNP census tallied 28 (Douglas Vagus *et al.*), while counts of 27 came from **Geauga**, **Portage**, **Stark**, and **Summit**. (36 counties)



This Black-capped Chickadee was photographed by Kathy Mock on 04 Nov along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath in **Summit**.

Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee

Indeterminate birds were reported in 16 counties.

Tufted Titmouse

Three counts of 22 tied for the most seen. That number was noted at Mentor Lagoons on 30 Sep (Kelly Kozar and Kari Warner), Gilmore on 13 Oct (Connor Fox), and Brecksville Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 19 Nov (m. obs.). (all 88 counties)

Horned Lark

Joseph Lautenbach reported the most. He noted 138 at **Pickaway** County WA on 07 Sep. Second most were the 120 that Jason Hull noted in farm fields in Celeryville, **Huron**, on 30 Aug. (67 counties)

Bank Swallow

Four birds seen by Lucas Schrader along Werner Road in Dublin, **Union**, on 11 Oct, were the season's last. Three were noted at Mosquito Lake on 07 Oct (Larry Richardson), and those were the season's second last. Rachael Kaiser and Doug Whitman estimated 3500 at Howard Marsh on 13 Aug. Second most were Josh Yoder's 1200 along Wilderness Road on 13 Aug; see Field Notes. (50 counties)

Tree Swallow

A few remained into Dec. The season's last was

still far north and seen skimming over water at Dempsey Fishing Access in Marblehead, **Ottawa**, on 29 Nov (Paul Sherwood). Matt Mason closely studied a roosting flock at Buckeye Lake SP, **Fairfield**, and estimated 7330 on 17 Oct. (77 counties)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

A single was noted on 25 Dec at Bay View Park, **Lucas** (Paul Jacyk). Single stragglers persisted at three locations into Nov, including Liebs Island of Buckeye Lake SP, **Fairfield** (Jeffrey Roth), Darby Creek on 10 Nov (Josh Davidson), and Tappan Lake, **Harrison**, on 27 Nov (Atlee and Josh Yoder). Three separate counts of 300 tied for the most observed. Those estimates of 300 came from Port Clinton, **Ottawa**, on 16 Aug (David Wilkins), Old Reid Park, **Clark**, on 09 Oct (Julie Karlson and Doug Overacker), and Sandy Ridge on 09 Oct (Greg Pasek). (71 counties)

Purple Martin

Astonishing as it may seem, two flew over Caesar Creek on 04 Nov (William Hutchison and Bill Stanley). Mike Good conservatively estimated 10,000 at Nimisila on 09 Aug; see Field Notes for more information. Second Most were the 5000 that Kevin and Patty McKelvey estimated at Lorain on 03 Aug. (79 counties)

Barn Swallow

A Pickerel Creek bird persisted into Dec. This species is declining and also increasingly becoming a migratory dropout. The last report in season was one that was photographed at Buckeye Lake SP, **Fairfield**, on 19 Nov (Brad and Trek Imhoff). The high count was tallied by Brian and Christopher Rademacher, where they noted about 500 at Lorain on 01 Aug. Only **Gallia**, **Jackson**, **Monroe**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

Cliff Swallow

David Lumpkin saw the last. That bird was at Carlisle Reservation, **Lorain**, on 04 Oct. Wayne Stutzman tallied 125 along Apple Creek Road in Fredericksburg, **Holmes**, on 10 Aug. (59 counties)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Howard Marsh hosted the first on 19 Aug (Carol Bates). Joel Throckmorton and his banding team captured 179 at Mentor Lagoons on 18 Oct. The day before that, 100 were noted at Sheffield Lake, **Lorain** (m. obs.). The Kelleys Island banding station also tallied 100 on 21 Oct (Tyler McClain). Only **Monroe** didn't have a report.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Magee hosted the most, where 65 were noted on 13 Oct (Bob Swindaman). Only **Perry** and **Shelby** didn't have reports.

Cedar Waxwing

Ruth Tetrick counted 306 at Old Town Park, **Delaware**, on 17 Nov. Second most were the 250 at Bacon Woods in Vermilion River Reservation, **Lorain**, on 02 Nov (Janice Farral). Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Some post-breeding dispersal birds started appearing outside of local nesting areas in **Cuyahoga** as early as 04 Aug. The likely first southbound migrant was heard along Marion Avenue Road in Mansfield, **Richland**, on 08 Aug (Luke Donahue). The high count of nine birds came from John Bryan SP, **Greene**, on 02 Oct (Emily Keeler). (58 counties)

White-breasted Nuthatch

During almost three hours of birding, Jennifer Kalb tallied 26 in Spring Valley on 02 Sep. (all 88 counties)

Brown Creeper

Banders at Kelleys Island tallied 30 on 12 Nov (m. obs.). (80 counties)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

The season's last was a migrant photographed by Adam Betuel at Hoover Reservoir on 25 Nov. That was indeed late for this species. Two locations shared the high count of 10, where that number of birds were at John Bryan SP, **Greene**, on 16 Aug (Timothy Spahr) and CLNP on 17 Aug (Alex Eisengart) and 20 Aug (Bill Deininger). (72 counties)

Carolina Wren

Four LaDue birders tallied 31 on 25 Nov. (all 88 counties)

Northern House Wren

A **Darke** bird remained until 08 Dec. The season's last was photographed at Miller Ecological Park, **Warren**, on 24 Nov (Austin Langdon). The Douglas Vogus *et al.* 06 Aug ONWR census team tallied 23. The second highest count that did not include counts with nestlings was 14 noted at Gilmore on 08 Sep (Sandra Keller). (80 counties).

Winter Wren

Three different birds on 14 Sep were all likely candidates for the season's first. On that date, Matt Kemp saw one in the OOPMP, Brad Goodner at Barrow FS, and the third was along Reedner Avenue Northeast near Marlboro, **Stark** (Shari Jackson). The high count came from East Harbor on 13 Oct, where Nancy Anderson counted 20. That was an exceptionally high count, and the observer provided good documentation. (74 counties)



*This Winter Wren popped up for an unobstructed look for Bruce Miller at the Little Darby Preserve, **Franklin** on 14 Oct.*

Sedge Wren

Eight were noted at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 17 Aug (Timothy Spahr). (24 counties)

Marsh Wren

There were numerous reports throughout Dec. Sean Williams counted 15 at Mentor Marsh on 02 Sep, and up to 12 were noted there on other dates. Daniel Nelson reported 10 at Killbuck on 01 Aug. (35 counties)

Gray Cathbird

Josh Yoder reported 40 from Killbuck on 17 Sep. The next day, Dave Sherman shared that high count at Duranceau Park, **Franklin**. Only **Meigs**, **Monroe**, and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

Brown Thrasher

Anna Lowe tallied 10 during an hour of birding OSU's massive campus on 02 Oct. (76 counties)

Northern Mockingbird

Two **Hamilton** counts shared the high, where Mark Dwinger counted 10 at Schmidt Park along the Ohio River Trail and Laura Stanton also noted that number at Spring Grove Cemetery on 29 Oct. (81 counties)

European Starling

Jacob Raber estimated 50,000 at Killbuck Lakes Parks, **Medina**, on 24 Nov. (all 88 counties)

Eastern Bluebird

Alex and Molly Burke counted 50 in Bedford Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Oct. That was a shared high with the 50 tallied at Frohring Meadows, **Geauga**, on 05 Nov (Stan Plante). Only **Pike** didn't have sightings.

Veery

A late migrant remained until 13 Oct, where Mollie Bading saw that bird at Bramble Park,

Hamilton. Matt Anderson tallied 14 during a count of pre-dawn flight calls in Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on 17 Sep. Counts of four came from **Lorain**, **Ottawa**, and **Portage**. (51 counties)

Gray-cheeked Thrush

The earliest was at Buckeye Lake, **Licking**, on 29 Aug (Matt Mason). The season's last was a bird at Rush Run Park, **Franklin**, on 21 Oct (Liz Jagers and Lucas Schrader). Eli Hershberger tallied 12 during predawn flight in Stone Creek, **Tuscarawas**, on 26 Aug. Two counts of seven were the second most. Sean Williams counted that number at Mentor Lagoons on 22 Sep, as did m. obs. at Headlands on 28 Sep. (58 counties)

Swainson's Thrush

The season's first was at CLNP on 11 Aug (Mark-Nhu Tewell). The last was seen near Brandon Park in Dublin, **Franklin**, on 16 Nov (Steve Rissing). Matt Anderson estimated 300 during a count of pre-dawn flight calls in Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on 17 Sep; see Field Notes for more. (72 counties)

Hermit Thrush

Sightings continued into Dec. Excluding local breeding areas, the likely first fall southbound bird was at Lake Snowden, **Athens**, on 21 Aug (Heather Aubke). Headlands hosted the most, 23 on 13 Oct (m. obs.). (70 counties)

Wood Thrush

Tom Sheley saw the last at Lancaster, **Fairfield**, on 17 Oct. Fourteen were counted in the CVNP on 04 Aug (Dennis Hamm). (71 counties)

American Robin

Sarah Preston and Sean Williams counted 1070 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 03 Nov. (all 88 counties)

House Sparrow

Your editor estimated 300 along Daniels Street in Cincinnati on 05 Nov. (all 88 counties)

American Pipit

The season's earliest was found by Ed Wransky along West Road in Oberlin, **Lorain**, on 25 Aug (m. obs.). The next sighting was of a Conneaut bird on 31 Aug (Craig Holt). The high count came from Jeff Goff's observation of about 250 along Stucky Street in East Canton, **Stark**, on 01 Nov. (70 counties)

Evening Grosbeak

The reports, all of single birds, are:

One at Audubon Wetlands Preserve, **Ashland**, on 12 Nov (Joli Reising)

A bird flew over Devonshire Road in Dayton on 19 Nov (Isaiah Craft)

One was seen near Ellis-Lincoln Road south of

Waynesville, **Warren**, on 27 Nov (Elizabeth Ames).



Jerry Talkington photographed this American Pipit on his Fairport Harbor survey property on 13 Oct in **Lake**.

House Finch

Reuben Erb estimated 431 flying from a roost near Winesburg, **Holmes**, on 19 Aug. Otherwise, Larry Richardson counted the most, 75 at Mosquito Lake, on 24 Aug. Only **Gallia** didn't have a report.

Purple Finch

John Pogacnik counted 19 at Lake Erie Bluffs on 26 Oct. Sixteen tallied by Brian and Gale Wulker at Meadow Ridge MP, **Butler**, on 26 Nov were second most. (69 counties)



Ed Wransky hosted this Purple Finch at his home feeders in **Lorain** on 15 Sep.

Redpoll

The fall season brought a modest influx south of the big lake. Sixteen were tallied along County Road 77 in Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 12 Nov

(Robert Hershberger). All reports came from 03 to 25 Nov and only from **Cuyahoga**, **Holmes**, **Lake**, **Lorain**, and **Wood**.

Red Crossbill

Reports continued throughout Dec. Jen Brumfield audio recorded one that flew over West Road at Hinckley Reservation, **Medina**, on 01 Sep, which was the season's first report. A group of 18 birds, first noted by Brian and Gale Wulker, was at Meadow Ridge, **Butler**, on 18 Nov (m. obs.). (17 counties)

White-winged Crossbill

A trio of birders identified one in flight at Lake Erie Bluffs on 25 Oct. That was the only seasonal report.

Pine Siskin

The influx along the lakefront was impressive, but movement south away from the lake was minimal in terms of number of birds, yet widespread. Numerous birders reported large flights across the big lake over several days in the fourth week of Oct. Jelmer Poelstra saw the first, as one flew over Wooster Memorial Park, **Wayne**, on 19 Sep. An estimated 5580 were counted at Lake Erie Bluffs on 27 Oct (m. obs.), and up to 3126 were noted there on other dates. Away from **Lake**, the next most were 100 counted at CLNP on 23 Oct (Debra Sweeney). Several other birders also witnessed an estimated 100 at CLNP over the next two days following Sweeney's observation. (65 counties)

American Goldfinch

Three counts of 200 shared the high. That number of goldfinches was at Scioto Audubon MP on 19 Sep (Wyatt Smith), at a private residence near Rehm Road in Orrville, **Wayne**, on 21 Oct (Rachel Forrer), and Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo on 07 Nov (Warren Leow). (all 88 counties)

Lapland Longspur

Cynthia Norris saw the first at Huron on 18 Sep. Almost three hours later, Isoo O'Brien photographed one of the two noted at that same location. Philip Hershberger observed a flock of at least 200 at the intersection of Chippewa and Bechtel roads, **Wayne**, on 19 Nov. Counts of 85 came from **Hancock** and **Franklin**. (43 counties)

Snow Bunting

The first of the season were single birds at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula** (Thomas Reiter), and LaDue (Amanda and Matt Sloan). Both those birds were photographed on 15 Oct. A high count of 105 was tallied at Conneaut on 11 Oct (Robert Krajewski), and up to 100 were noted there on other dates. A trio of birders saw the

second most, 100 at Headlands on 27 Oct. (29 counties)



One of two Snow Buntings that Ed Wransky spotted at the Oberlin Reservoir in **Lorain** on 31 Oct.

Grasshopper Sparrow

Renee Sparks photographed one along Clayton Township Road 208, **Perry**, on 22 Oct, which was the season's last. Eric Hall counted 10 in Barnesville, **Belmont**, on 18 Aug. (25 counties)

Lark Sparrow

Karl Brenner saw the last, a single at farm along Pleasant Run in Lancaster, **Fairfield**, on 08 Oct. Kristina Fulkerson and Amy Holloway found four in the OOPMP on 12 Aug. Other than **Fairfield** and **Lucas**, sightings also came from **Athens** and **Wyandot**.

Chipping Sparrow

An estimated 150 were at Cuyahoga Community College Eastern campus in Highland Hills, **Cuyahoga**, on 18 Oct (Sean Williams). Only **Gallia** and **Harrison** didn't have a sighting.

Clay-colored Sparrow

All reports were of single birds and the season's last was seen along Township Road 601, **Holmes**, on 24 Oct (Michael Troyer). (10 counties)

Field Sparrow

Avi Eitam saw the most, 40 at Rocky Fork MP, **Franklin**, on 22 Oct. (81 counties)

Fox Sparrow

Jason Short saw the earliest, a single at Guilford Lake SP, **Columbiana**, on 01 Oct. Matt Anderson counted 23 at Sandhill Crane on 18 Nov, and up to 15 were there on other dates. Ten were noted during a hike along the Clayton-Standford Trail in the CVNP on 05 Nov (Ann and Dwight Chasar), and Levi Metzger tallied 10 at Woodland Trails WA, **Poble**, on 12 Nov. (63 counties)

American Tree Sparrow

The first was at William J. Robertson NP, **Wayne**, on 04 Oct (Julie Andrews). Timothy Spahr tallied 50 at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 22 Nov. (68 counties)

Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)

Alicia Gorski and James Kerner counted 151 at CLNP on 29 Oct and up to 123 were reported there on other dates. The high count was followed by another **Cuyahoga** site with 100 counted on two different dates at Erie Street Cemetery, which included Michael Dudzinsky's on 27 Oct and Joanne Priest's on 29 Oct. Away from **Cuyahoga**, the next most were 81 tallied by Vogus *et al.* on the 05 Nov ONWR census. (all 88 counties)

Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)

One was seen along Carr Road south of Orrville, **Wayne**, on 18 Oct and 11 Nov (Anthony and Matthias Troyer).

White-crowned Sparrow

An extremely early migrant was at Darby Creek on 14 Sep (Kent Kleman). Birds were present in **Cuyahoga** and **Lorain** by 20 Sep. Josh Davidson saw the most, 220 at CLNP on 13 Oct. (75 counties)

Harris's Sparrow

Luke Robertson located one at Edgewater that many birders saw on 27 and 28 Oct. That was the only sighting.



When this Harris's Sparrow showed up at Edgewater on 27 Oct, so did Judy Schuster who captured this image.

White-throated Sparrow

The earliest was at Walborn Reservoir, **Stark**, on

03 Sep for Jon Cefus and Ben Morrison to find. Henry Trimpe noted 300 at CLNP on 13 Oct, and up to 250 were there on other dates. Maumee Bay hosted 250 on 17 Oct (Jason Bojczyk). (all 88 counties)

Vesper Sparrow

The last reported was from Olentangy High School in Lewis Center, **Delaware**, on 12 Nov (Todd Katz). Ten were noted at Deer Creek on 27 Sep (Joseph Lautenbach). David Myles saw the second most, eight along South Mud Creek Road in Oak Harbor, **Ottawa**, on 01 Nov. (36 counties)

LeConte's Sparrow

The reports, all of singles, except where noted, are:

At Trail, **Holmes**, on 09 Oct (Michael Troyer)
Two at Ed Schlachach's farm in Sugar creek, **Holmes**, from 10 to 17 Oct (m. obs.)
Wilderness Road on 10 Oct (Daniel Beechy)
Sandhill Crane on 15 Oct (Matt Anderson)
Funk on 18 Oct (Jacob Troyer)

Nelson's Sparrow

John Petruzzelli saw the first, at Mill Creek on 19 Sep; see Field Notes for more. The last was noted at Sandhill Crane on 25 Nov (John Durbach). All reports were of one or two birds. (13 counties)

Henslow's Sparrow

Gabriella Lindsey reported the last and saw the most and second most. Both the last and high count came from The Wilds. The last was seen on 23 Oct and the most, 20, on 15 Aug. Second most were 12 in Bennington, **Adams**, on 21 Aug. (19 counties)

Savannah Sparrow

Sightings extended into Dec. Matt Anderson observed the most, 85, at Sandhill Crane on 09 Sep. (66 counties)

Song Sparrow

Chad Wilson estimated 200 at Lorain on 05 Nov, and up to 150 were noted there on other dates. (all 88 counties)

Lincoln's Sparrow

The one located at Sherwin Preserve in Waite Hill, **Lake**, on 09 Sep was the season's earliest (m. obs.). At least three lingered into Dec. Jason Hull counted 30 at CLNP on 28 Sep, and up to 25 were noted there on other dates. The 21 counted at Margaret Peak NP, **Lorain**, on 01 Oct, were the second most (Bill Ohlsen). (71 counties)

Swamp Sparrow

Josh Davidson's tally of 56 at CLNP, on 13 Oct, was the most (80 counties)

Eastern Towhee

Scott Albaugh counted 35 at Friendship Park,

Jefferson, on 05 Aug. Only *Defiance*, *Mercer*, *Putnam*, *Shelby*, and *Van Wert* didn't have reports.

Yellow-breasted Chat

The last was at Darby Creek on 30 Sep (Sarah Ducceschi). All reports were of one or two birds. (24 counties)

Yellow-headed Blackbird

The reports, all of single birds, and all from *Lucas*, are:

A female spent 18 Aug to 23 Sep at Howard Marsh (m. obs.)

At Magee on 17 Sep (Beth and Glen Miller)

At Howard Farms in Curtice, *Lucas*, on 21 Oct (BSBO)

Bobolink

Nathan Tea saw the last, a single at Lake Erie Bluffs on 04 Nov. Cristy Miller reported a large flock of 370 in a field along South Kansas Road in Orrville, *Wayne*, on 21 Aug. That number of Bobolinks was unexpectedly large. Ed Schlabbach's farm along State Route 93, *Holmes*, hosted 75 on 26 Aug. (46 counties)

Eastern Meadowlark

An estimate of 38 was noted at The Wilds on 09 Oct (Gabriella Lindsey). The most elsewhere were 30 along Township Road 444 in Walnut Creek, *Holmes*, on 14 Oct (Gabe Troyer). (77 counties)

Orchard Oriole

The last was at Gilmore on 23 Sep for Marianne Gorman and Bill Wilson to see. Andy Troyer reported six at his residence along Arnold Road in Dalton, *Wayne*, on 13 Aug. Counts of four came from *Geauga*, *Lake*, *Lucas*, and *Preble*, and all were from Aug, the prime movement time for this species during fall. (38 counties)

Baltimore Oriole

One was present in *Clark* in Dec. An immature bird continued until 01 Nov at Albert Troyer's feeder along Huntsman Road in Bellville, *Richland* (m. obs.). Based on photos, a different *Richland* bird, an adult male, was photographed at a feeder in Mansfield on 26 Nov (Lorie Meister). Larry Richardson provided the high count of 17 at Grand River WA, *Trumbull*, on 12 Aug, and up to 13 were noted there on other dates. Rachel Kaiser and Doug Whitman's 14 at LENS on 21 Aug were the second most. (76 counties)

Red-winged Blackbird

Josh Davidson's 9000 at Darby Creek on 07 Oct were the most noted. (all 88 counties)

Brown-headed Cowbird

Andrew O'Connor estimated 1960 at CNC Rowe Woods on 22 Nov. (77 counties)

Rusty Blackbird

One record prior to 15 Sep was not fully conclusive. Likely the earliest was the bird seen by Greg Pasek on 16 Sep along Penrose Court in Elyria, *Lorain*. The 05 Nov ONWR census tallied the most, 627 (Vogus *et al.*). Killdeer hosted 250 on 18 Nov (Lisa Phelps). (63 counties)



Su Snyder spotted these Rusty Blackbirds on 25 Oct along Valley Road in Killbuck.

Common Grackle

Josh Davidson estimated 42,100 at Darby Creek on 08 Sep. Only *Harrison*, *Meigs*, and *Pike* didn't have sightings.

Blackbird sp.

A mixed species blackbird flock estimated at nearly 20,000 was noted at Darby Creek on 31 Aug (Josh Davidson). Another large flock of about 10,000 was noted at Huron on 02 Sep (Larry Doehr and Janice Farral)

Ovenbird

Maureen MacIntyre photographed our seasonal last at A. B. Williams Memorial Woods in Mayfield, *Cuyahoga*, on 27 Oct. David Russell reported the most, eight during banding at Hueston Woods on 19 Sep. Kathryn DiNardi and Joe Woyma saw seven in downtown Cleveland on 12 Sep. (63 counties)

Worm-eating Warbler

The last was at Hammertown Road in Jackson (city), *Jackson*, on 24 Sep (Jeff Neff). All reports were of one or two birds. (8 counties)

Louisiana Waterthrush

Two sightings on 09 Sep were shared last. On that date, Rodney McCollum saw one at Clear Fork and birders saw one at The Rookery, *Geauga* (m. obs.). Shawna Chumney and Gregory Hartman counted three while kayaking the Mohican River in Loudonville, *Holmes*, on 05 Aug. (17 counties)

Northern Waterthrush

One sighted at CLNP on 11 Aug (MarkNhu Tewell) was a shared first with one seen at Kelleys Islands that same day (Tyler McClain). Gary

Cowell and Luke Donahue both photographed an extremely late bird at Clear Fork on 20 Nov. Another straggler was present at Mentor Lagoons on 04 Nov. Three were at Shaker Lakes NC, **Cuyahoga**, on 06 Sep (m. obs.). (32 counties)

Golden-winged Warbler

Phil Cantino saw the earliest, a female at Mary Beth Zak Lohse Preserve, **Athens**, on 27 Aug. David Lumkin photographed the season's last, where that female bird was extremely late and noted at Sheldon Marsh on 03 Oct. The only sighting that was not of a single bird, were the two that Dan Kempf saw at Buck Creek on 09 Sep. (17 counties)

Blue-winged Warbler

Matt Kemp saw the last, a late migrant at Island View Park, **Wood**, on 04 Oct. Five were tallied at Crown City WA, **Lawrence**, on 09 Sep (Bryan Smith). (42 counties)

Black-and-white Warbler

Michael Schramm saw the last, a late migrant at Mound Cemetery in Marietta, **Washington**, on 10 Nov. The most seen were the seven that Alex Damiano and Jeremy Dominguez located in the OOPMP on 10 Sep. (70 counties)

Prothonotary Warbler

Richard Payne saw the last, a single at Armleder on 19 Sep. Colin Fisher saw six at Magee on 04 Aug. (28 counties)

Tennessee Warbler

The first was noted at Magee on 05 Aug (Brad Goodner). Landon Roberts photographed the season's last on 07 Nov at Walnut Woods MP, **Franklin**. Andrian Lee tallied 75 at Franklin Miller Observatory in Mount Vernon, **Knox**, on 29 Sep. (80 counties)



This active Tennessee Warbler caught Bruce Miller's attention at his home on 30 Sep in **Franklin**.

Orange-crowned Warbler

David Factor provided a good description of the bird he saw at Barrow FS on 21 Aug. That was the season's earliest. The last was at CLNP on 11 Nov (Nathan Tea). Six were at Shaker Lakes NC, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Oct (Darrin and Kelli Heidel). (44 counties)

Nashville Warbler

Lori Brumbaugh saw the first, at her residence in Garfield Heights, **Cuyahoga**, on 10 Aug. The last was at Englewood on 25 Nov (Eric Elvert). A count of 35 was obtained at Headlands on 28 Sep (m. obs.). (75 counties)

Connecticut Warbler

Kristina Fulkerson photographed a Magee bird on 02 Sep that she and Amy Holloway saw and shared the first with one noted by Larry Richardson at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**. Avi Eitam described a bird that was likely the season's last, where it was at Blendon Woods on 08 Oct. All reports were of single birds. (19 counties)

Mourning Warbler

Kenn Kaufman saw the earliest, along Touse-saint-Portage Road in Carroll Township, **Ottawa**, on 12 Aug. The season's last was banded at Mentor Lagoons on 13 Oct (Joel Throckmorton, m. obs.). All reports were of one or two birds. (31 counties)

Kentucky Warbler

Ruby Mast reported the last, along Congressman Ralph Regula Towpath Trail in Navarre, **Stark**, on 30 Sep. Shane Brown saw three in Blackhand Gorge, **Licking**, on 02 Aug. (20 counties)

Common Yellowthroat

Some lingered into Dec. Scott Albaugh counted 31 at Darby Creek on 16 Sep. Only **Henry**, **Meigs**, **Paulding**, and **Williams** didn't have reports.

Hooded Warbler

Paul Heyde saw the last, along the CVNP Towpath Trail in Peninsula, on 15 Oct. Phil Cantino tallied nine at Baker Tract near State Route 690 in Canaanville, **Athens**, on 13 Sep. (48 counties)

American Redstart

The last was seen at Camp Luz in Orrville, **Wayne**, on 05 Nov (Andy Troyer). The second last was at Berlin Lake, **Portage**, on 26 Oct (Lois Frisbee). Sean Williams counted 16 at Mentor Lagoons on 01 Sep and this shared the high with the 16 that Kent Kleman tallied at Stages Pond SNP, **Pickaway**, on 16 Sep. (76 counties)

Kirtland's Warbler

Joel Throckmorton banded one at Mentor Lagoons on 30 Sep.

Cape May Warbler

Kelleys Island hosted the first and most and both noted by Tyler McClain. He tallied three on 11 Aug for the earliest, whereas the high count of 60 was on 02 Sep. Sean Williams' observation at Mentor Lagoons on 04 Nov was the season's last. (79 counties)

Cerulean Warbler

Marvin Yoder saw the last, an adult male near Killbuck on 30 Sep. Nathan Miller saw the second last, along State Route 515 in Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 22 Sep. All reports were of one or two birds, except three were noted by Marianne Gorman at Shawnee Lookout on 16 Aug. (13 counties)

Northern Parula

Jesse Hershberger found one along the **Holmes** County Trail on 30 Nov, which was extremely late. Jill and Larry Early saw the second last, at Cowan Lake SP, **Clinton**, on 14 Nov. At least seven sites each reported the high count of six and spanned from 16 to 25 Sep. Those high counts came from **Cuyahoga**, **Lucas** (two locations), **Lake**, **Licking**, **Ottawa**, and **Stark**. (67 counties)

Magnolia Warbler

Hocking Hills SP, **Hocking**, hosted the earliest, a single on 04 Aug (Joe and Katie Prochaska). A few remained into Nov with the last one seen at CLNP on 16 Nov (Lisa Cellura). Headlands hosted the most, 45 on 28 Sep (m. obs.), and up to 21 were noted there on other dates. Nancy Howell also tallied 21 at CLNP on 28 Sep. (80 counties)

Bay-breasted Warbler

The earliest was at Kelleys Island on 11 Aug (Tyler McClain). Heather Aubke saw two along Parker Road in Albany, **Athens**, on 19 Oct and shared the last with one seen at Sandy Ridge on that same day (Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski). Adrian Lee's 45 at Franklin Miller Observatory in Mount Vernon, **Knox**, on 29 Sep, were the most. (83 counties)

Blackburnian Warbler

The season's first was a migrant at Hogback Ridge MP, **Lake**, on 10 Aug (Vanessa Lemon and Gabriel Wiltse). Numerous counties had reports by 16 Aug. The season's last was photographed by Lori Brumbaugh in the Cleveland suburb of Garfield Heights on 23 Oct. Tyler McClain counted 20 at Kelleys Island on 02 Sep. (78 counties)

Yellow Warbler

A very late migrant was seen by five birders, all traveling separately, at Wendy Park on 10 Nov. Headlands hosted 60 on 11 Aug (John Pogacnik and Kari Warner). (74 counties)

Chestnut-sided Warbler

One lingering bird was still near the big lake at Huntington Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on as late as 14 Oct (Chris Pierce). There were numerous counts of at least five. (61 counties)

Blackpoll Warbler

Magee hosted the first and last, and both were seen by numerous birders. The first date was 19 Aug and the last was 29 Oct. David Lumpkin tallied 52 at Sheldon Marsh on 03 Oct. (71 counties)

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Along the boardwalk at Magee, Sarah Romero saw three, and those were on the earliest date of 22 Aug. Tracy Hammer photographed a late female at Buck Creek on 06 Nov. Alex Damiano and Jeremy Dominguez counted 12 in the OOP-MP on 10 Sep. Counts of six came from **Erie**, **Lake**, and **Lucas**. (54 counties)

Palm Warbler

Kathleen Chicoine saw the first, in CVNP, on 14 Aug. There were numerous sightings into Dec. Sean Williams tallied at least 28 at Headlands on 06 Oct. (79 counties)

Pine Warbler

Some lingered into Dec. Oddly, there were no Nov reports. Leslie Sours and a separate group of five birders were not together, but both parties tallied/estimated 30 on 21 Sep in Hocking Hills SP, **Hocking**. Josh Yoder also conservatively estimated 30 at that same site on 23 Sep. (58 counties)

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Josh Hargrave and Roy Ketchum saw the earliest at Headlands on 11 Aug, and two other birders saw that same bird or another 11 minutes later. About fifteen members of the Kirtland Bird Club tallied 250 at Sandy Ridge on 15 Oct. (all 88 counties)



*This Yellow-rumped Warbler was photographed by Kathy Mock on 09 Oct at Lakeside Marblehead, **Ottawa**.*

Yellow-throated Warbler

Liam Ehrman saw the last at Fernald on 16 Oct. There were only two counts that had more than three birds. Of those, David Baker saw four at Fernald on 03 Sep and four were noted at Miami University near Trenton Oxford Road, **Butler**, on 29 Sep (Leah Kmiecik). (46 counties)

Prairie Warbler

Terry Bronson saw a very late migrant at Ales Run WA, **Noble**, on 24 Oct. The high count was five and shared. That number of birds was tallied at Crown City WA, **Lawrence**, on 09 Sep (Bryan Smith) and at the Kraner NC in the Taft Reserve, **Licking**, on 22 Sep (Harrison Ponn). However, it is likely that some of those birds at each of those two aforementioned locations could have been breeders still on territory. (21 counties)

Black-throated Green Warbler

Away from breeding areas, the earliest south-bound migrant was reported from Grand Rapids, **Lucas**, on 12 Aug (Tom Kemp). A late migrant was seen by many birders at CNC Rowe Woods on 28 Oct. Caitlin Ambrose reported 17 at Chagrin River Park, **Lake**, on 28 Sep. Second most were 15 noted at Franklin Miller Observatory in Mount Vernon, **Knox**, on 29 Sep (Adrian Lee). (76 counties)

Canada Warbler

Bramble Park, **Hamilton**, hosted the last, where Mollie Bading photographed that bird on 06 Oct. Katherine Noblet birded three hours and covered eight miles to tally the only count above two birds. She saw three along the Kokosing Gap Trail, **Knox**, on 01 Sep. (40 counties)

Wilson's Warbler

Paul Miller photographed the first, a single bird at Magee on 19 Aug. Reports were relatively continuous until the last. Debra Sweeney photographed our season's last at CLNP on 20 Oct. Sean Williams counted the most, eight at Mentor Lagoons on 01 Sep. (50 counties)

Summer Tanager

Gabriella Lindsey audio recorded the season's last. That bird was at Bennington, **Adams**, on 16 Oct. Counts of three came from **Athens**, **Brown**, **Clermont**, and **Hamilton**. (30 counties)

Scarlet Tanager

Jen Moore photographed the season's last that she and five other birders saw at Darby Creek on 14 Oct. Matt Mason saw eight at Hocking Hills SP, **Hocking**, on 25 Sep. (68 counties)

Northern Cardinal

The 05 Aug CVNP census tallied 73 (Vogus *et al.*). Gahanna Woods SNP, **Franklin**, hosted 38 for Courtney Bills and Jared Soergel on 13 Oct. (all 88 counties)

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

The last was at Treasure Island Park, **Miami**, on 03 Nov for Michael Brush. Josh Yoder counted 18 at Killbuck on 02 Sep, and up to 14 were noted there on other dates. Thirteen were tallied at Barrow FS on 14 Sep by Nathan Tea. (72 counties)

Blue Grosbeak

The last was shared on 05 Oct. On that date, Sue Parks saw one at Meadow Ridge MP, **Butler**, and Marianne Gorman saw one at Fernald. Ten were tallied at American Landfill, **Stark**, on 01 Sep (Jon Cefus and Kent Miller). Marianne Gorman also saw the second most, eight at Fernald, on 13 Aug. (39 counties)

Indigo Bunting

Ethan Kistler photographed the last that he and Billi Krochuk saw near East River Road in Newton Falls, **Trumbull**, on 31 Oct. Mike Busam and Jack Stenger conservatively estimated 45 at Shawnee Lookout on 24 Sep. The Vogus *et al.* census team counted 36 on the 06 ONWR monthly count. Only **Harrison**, **Meigs**, **Monroe**, **Morrow**, and **Pike** didn't have reports.

Dickcissel

Three birders saw the seasonal last along Blooming Grove Road near Galion, **Richland**, on 12 Nov. The day before that one was at Michael Hershberger's residence along Township Road 628 near Mount Hope, **Holmes**. Matt Anderson saw the most, 18 at Sandhill Crane on 05 Aug. Tom Stayancho reported the second most, nine at Chudzinski-Johannsen Park, **Sandusky**, on 22 Aug. (38 counties)

RUFOUS AND RUFOUS/ALLEN
HUMMINGBIRDS, FALL 2023

By Allen Chartier and Ron Canterbury

This is a summary of *Selasphorus* hummingbirds during Fall 2023. Allen Chartier banded any hummingbirds that are noted as banded in this report. Data are listed in chronological order by date. Age Categories: Adult, AHY = After-hatch-year, HY = hatch-year, U = Unknown; Sex: Male (M), Female (F), or Unknown (U).

Rufous Hummingbirds					
Location and County	Age	Sex	First Observed	Last Observed	Banded
Bellbrook, <i>Montgomery</i>	Adult	M	21 Sep	Not known	No
Millfield, <i>Athens</i>	AHY	F	~early Oct	Not known	Yes, 09 Dec

Rufous/Allen's Hummingbirds					
Location and County	Age	Sex	First Observed	Last Observed	Banded
Ostrander, <i>Delaware</i>	U	F	18 Oct	11 Nov	No (1), (3)
Berwick, <i>Franklin</i>	U	F	31 Oct	03 Nov	No (3)
Massillon, <i>Stark</i>	U	U	31 Oct	18 Nov	No (2)

- (1) Two banding attempts were unsuccessful.
- (2) This bird is a probable Rufous/Allen's based on description and was not fully confirmed.
- (3) Photographed.

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL
BANDING SUMMARY, FALL 2023

By Tom Barlett and Ron Canterbury

Data in these tables and text to follow are overseen by the lead author of this paper. These data are part of Project OwlNet, a continent-wide program that Ohio joined in 2016. The Cardinal is indebted to the owl banders and their efforts for data reported here. Stations began banding in late Sep to mid Oct and some continued until 31 Dec. Northern Saw-whet Owls are denoted with

the banding/alpha code: NSWO. The “Nights” (attempts) and species counts include Dec effort. “In-season Recaps” are Saw-whets both banded and recaptured this year at a station. “Foreign Recaps” are Saw-whets banded elsewhere and captured this year at named stations. “Other Banded” are other owl species banded in addition to Saw-whets and Eastern Screech-Owls (EASO).

Data are organized alphabetically by county.

Banding Station	County	Bander-in-Charge	Nights	NSWO Banded	EASO Banded	Other Banded	In-season Recaps	Foreign Recaps
Hueston Woods	Butler	Dave Russell	1	3	0	0	0	0
Lowe-Volk Park	Crawford	Bob Scott Placier	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kelleys Island	Erie	Tom Bartlett	35	62	5	1	17	5
Fernald Preserve and UCCFS*	Hamilton	Ron Canterbury	7	3	0	0	0	0
BBAS/ROHA	Lake	Ann Bugada, Dan Donaldson	24	16	0	0	2	1
Germantown Reservation	Montgomery	Dave Russell	1	3	0	0	0	0
Catawba Island	Ottawa	Bruce Buckingham	13	6	1	0	0	0
Russell Drive, Bolivar	Tuscarawas	Dan Kramer	14	1	0	0	0	0
Mathy's Farm	Union	Blake Mathys	14	9	1	0	0	0
Palatial Estates	Vinton	Bob Scott Placier	18	11	0	0	0	1
Caesar Creek	Warren	Rebecca Palmer, Steve Lee	24	28	0	0	8	0
TOTALS			152	142	7	1	27	7

*UCCFS = University of Cincinnati Center for Field Studies in Harrison, Ohio.

Kelleys Island foreign recaptures: Three NSWOs that were recaptured were originally banded north of Kelleys Island at Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada. Those include owls banded on 01 Nov and recaptured 12 Nov, banded 11 Nov and recaptured on 13 Nov, and one banded 24 Nov and recaptured on 04 Dec. In addition,

Kelleys Island Fall 2023 recaptures also included two owls banded elsewhere. One on 29 Apr 2023 in Whitefish Point, Michigan and recaptured 25 Oct, and another banded 06 Nov 2021 at West Mansfield, *Logan*, and recaptured on 12 Nov.

Owls banded at Kelleys Island and recaptured elsewhere during Fall 2023 include:

Date banded at Kelleys Island	Recaptured Location	Recaptured Date
25-Oct-22	Moulin-A-Baude, Quebec, Canada	20-Sep
13-Oct-22	St. Ignace, Michigan	8-Oct
28-Oct-22	Bobcaygeon, Ontario, Canada	30-Oct

Alison Huey provided information on the foreign recapture at BBAS/ROHA. That owl was originally banded on 24 Oct 2022 at Sewickley, Pennsylvania. The Huey *et al.* team recaptured

it on 11 and 15 Nov. The foreign recap from Palatial Estates was originally banded sometime in 2022 (specific date not provided by the bander) in Tofte, Minnesota and recaptured 23 Nov.

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Jon Benedetti	Dwight Chasar	Liam Ehrman
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Gregory Bennett	Kathleen Chicoine	Avi Eitam
Adam Betuel	Shawna Chumney	Jesika Eldridge
Roger Beuck	Adam Coblenz	Eric Elvert
Bruce Bezon	Amy Constanzo	George Engeler
George Billman	Jon Constanzo	Tracy Engle
Courtney Bills	Fannie Courtier	David English
Theo Bockhorst	Gary Cowell	Carl Engstrom
Jason Bojczyk	Patrick Coy	Reuben Erb
Jenny Bowman	Isaiah Craft	Steve Eshbaugh

David Factor	Kelli Heindel	Michael Kelly
Benjamin Fambrough	Bob Helton	Matt Kemp
Janice Farral	Mary Ann Henderson	Tom Kemp
Mollie Ficker	Clet Herman	Dan Kempf
Tyler Ficker	Troy Herrel	James Kerner
Tom Fishburn	Eli Hershberger	Roy Ketchum
Katy Fitzpatrick	Jesse Hershberger	Nathaniel Keyse
Kim Forehand-van der Linde	John Mark Hershberger	George Kinney
Rachel Forrer	Philip Hershberger	Ethan Kistler
Connor Fox	Robert Hershberger	Kent Kleman
Tom Frankel	Greg Hertler	Lisa Klepacz
Laura Frazier	Paul Heyde	Leah Kmiciek
Renee Frederick	Edward Hicks	John Kolar
Lois Frisbee	Amy Holloway	Nate Koszycki
Kristina Fulkerson	Craig Holt	Kelly Kozar
Dave Galvin	Corinna Honscheid	Kelly Kozlowski
Patricia Getha	Nancy Howell	Robert Krajewski
Hana Gibson	Tom Hudson	Dan Kramer
Linda Gilbert	David Huff	Jim Krill
Ethan Glassman	Alex Hull	Jason Krnc
Emily Godlewski	Jason Hull	Billi Krochuk
Jeff Goff	William Hutchison	Jimmy Kurtz
Mike Good	Brad Imhoff	Jon Kurtz
Brad Goodner	Trek Imhoff	Justin Labadie
Marianne Gorman	Shari Jackson	Bob Lane
Alecia Gorski	Paul Jacyk	Gus Lanese
Kenny Guy	Liz Jagers	Austin Langdon
John Habig	Rachael Kaiser	Jason Larson
Eric Hall	Jennifer Kalb	Joseph Lautenbach
Dennis Hamm	Julie Karlson	Ann Lay
Tracy Hammer	Todd Katz	Adrian Lee
Hunter Hammil	Kenn Kaufman	Cam Lee
Daniel Hansz	Brian Keane	Vanessa Lemon
Josh Hargrave	Emily Keeler	Beth Lenoble
Tim Harshman	Laura Keene	Warren Leow
Gregory Hartman	Don Keffer	Ryan Lesniewicz
Jeff Harvey	Emily Keffer	Denise Limmer
Darrin Heindel	Sandra Keller	Ken Limmer

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Gabriella Lindsey	Kelly Miller	Greg Pasek
Emerson Lisboa	Kent Miller	Kim Pastrick
Anna Lowe	Kim Miller	Richard Payne
Rick Luehrs	Nathan Miller	Brad Perkins
David Lumpkin	Nolan Miller	Rebecca Pescosolido
Maureen MacIntyre	Paul Miller	Rayka Petkova
Geoff Malosh	Stefan Minnig	John Petruzzi
Christine Manzey	Kathy Mock	Lisa Phelps
Ron Marek	Lori Monska	Chris Pierce
Matt Mason	Christine Moore	Stan Plante
Ruby Mast	Jen Moore	Jelmer Poelstra
Ethan Maynard	Randy Morgan	John Pogacnik
Christine McAnlis	Ben Morrison	Harrison Ponn
Tyler McClain	Rob Mueller	John Powell
Rodney McCollum	James Muller	Adam Preston
Heather McFerren	Kay Murphy	Sarah Preston
Andy McGill	Scott Myers	Joanne Priest
Bill McGill	David Myles	Joe Prochaska
Rene McGill	Jeff Neff	Katie Prochaska
Kevin McKelvey	Daniel Nelson	Benjamin Proshek
Patty McKelvey	Rick Nirschl	Jacob Raber
Jeff McMullen	Katherine Noblet	Brian Rademacher
Brenda Meese	Dianne Noice	Christopher Rademacher
Lorie Meister	William Noice	Rick Raymond
Ben Meredyk	Kim Nordquest	John Reeve
Dennis Mersky	Cynthia Norris	Joli Reising
Levi Metzger	Connor O'Boyle	Thomas Reiter
Alvin Miller	Isoo O'Brien	Jana Reser
Andrew Miller	Andrew O'Connor	Larry Richardson
Beth Miller	Bill Ohlsen	Michael Riley
Bruce Miller	Maia Oliver	Karen Rinn
Cristy Miller	Michael O'Neill	Steve Rissing
Daniel Miller	Tammy Orsborn	Landon Roberts
David Miller	Doug Overacker	Mandy Roberts
Duane Miller	Karl Overman	Luke Robertson
Glen Miller	Derek Parker	Natalie Rodgers
Gregory Miller	Sue Parks	Marilyn Rohr
Joey Miller	Jordan Parrott	Sarah Romero

Mike Rosenbrook	Su Snyder	Matthias Troyer
Chris Ross	Jared Soergel	Michael Troyer
Jeffrey Roth	Kyler Sonney	Karma Tsering
Dave Rudemiller	Claudia Souders	Matt Valencic
James Runkle	Leslie Sours	Douglas Vogus
David Russell	Timothy Spahr	Matthew Warchol
Jill Russell	Kathy Springer	Ronald Warchol
Jeff Sailer	Kelly Stanek	Ben Warner
Mike Sandy	Bill Stanley	Kari Warner
Joey Saucedo	Laura Stanton	Jon Weaver
Regina Schieltz	Tom Stayancho	Lucas Weaver
Ed Schlabach	Tracie Stein	Kisa Weeman
Lucas Schrader	Jack Stenger	Doug Whitman
Michael Schramm	Steve Stockford	David Wilkins
Brandt Schurenberg	Tony Stoffolano	Kelly Williams
Judy Schuster	Woody Stover	Sean Williams
Melanie Self	Wayne Stutzman	Bill Wilson
Andy Sewell	Brandon Sullivan	Chad Wilson
Mark Shaver	Jack Sullivan	Gabriel Wiltse
Tom Sheley	Killian Sullivan	Carl Winstead
Lou Ann Shellenberger	Mike Sustin	Joe Woyma
Dave Sherman	Debra Sweeney	Ed Wransky
Carey Sherrill	Bob Swindaman	Brian Wulker
Paul Sherwood	Jerry Talkington	Gale Wulker
Aaron Shirk	Tim Tanner	Steven Yockey
Troy Shively	Nathan Tea	Atlee Yoder
Jason Short	Ruth Tetirick	Ben Yoder
Irina Shulgina	MarkNhu Tewell	Josh Yoder
Tajinder Singh	Joel Throckmorton	Leroy Yoder
Amanda Sloan	Sarah Throckmorton	Marvin Yoder
Matt Sloan	Brian Tinker	Julie Zickefoose
Jim Smallwood	Elliot Tramer	Adam Zorn
Bird Smith	Henry Trimpe	
Bryan Smith	Albert Troyer	
Dave Smith	Andy Troyer	
Wyatt Smith	Dennis Troyer	
Barbara Snyder	Gabe Troyer	
Gordon Snyder	Jacob Troyer	

HISTORY IN PINK: WILD FLAMINGOS IN OHIO

By Kent Miller

Hey Jon (Cefus), I've got a Baird's Sandpiper way out on the mud flats. That's a pretty good bird for *Muskingum*. I should shoot Matt Mason a text and let him know. I grabbed my phone and before I opened my text app, a little red notification won my attention. Quickly, a Baird's Sandpiper took a very distant back seat! We gotta go, Jon! There are two American Flamingos at Ceasar's Creek!

Any other day, I would've passed such a report off in Ohio as certain escapees, but not this day. It was 01 Sep 2023 and for two days flamingo reports were flooding the state of Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Idalia. Good fortune was shining and the latest of our series of year-long surveys of different counties in our region had Jon and I an hour and a half south of home and the GPS showed we only had two hours remaining to get to the beach at Ceasar Creek.

Until now, per eBird, American Flamingos accepted as wild vagrants north of Florida and the Gulf Coast were next to non-existent: a coastal Maryland bird from 28 Jun to 17 Sep 1972; coastal North Carolina 15 Jul 1980; coastal South Carolina 10 Oct 2017; off the coast of North Carolina 07 Nov 2017; and perhaps a

single roaming bird in Mississippi and along the Mississippi River from 13 Jul to 12 Dec 2019.

Upon arrival, Ohio's flamingos were the farthest north and about as far inland as this species had ever wandered. Our star flamingos ushered in one of the most dramatic birding events in the history of our country. By the end of the day, most doubts about the provenance of these flamingos were gone as flamingos were also discovered in Virginia and South Carolina. A month and a half later, a majority of the eastern half of the continent had enjoyed this most spectacular invasion: Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, and rumors from a couple other states. Early theories that most of these birds were displaced by Idalia's path over the Yucatan Peninsula (where coastal conservation areas provide a stronghold for flamingos) were quickly confirmed by several banded birds sighted in Florida that had been banded in the Yucatan Peninsula.

The scene along the beach at Ceasar Creek was surreal. Park staffers had done an excellent job with cones keeping the gawking crowd at a safe distance and the thrilled crowd got more than an eyeful from behind the barricade line or



exclusion fencing. The adult and young bird never separated by more than a few feet, wading not far offshore about knee deep preening, drinking, walking, snoozing, stretching, and even laying down for a bit of a bath.

George Keller had first reported the birds around noon on 01 Sep and posts from between 5:30 and 6:00 pm said a dog ran through the perimeter and flushed the two flamingos, not to be seen in Ohio again. Birders who saw them witnessed two wild flamingos in Ohio. One bird had a classic neon pink plumage from head to toe, and the other a velvety palate of greys, whites, blacks, and browns with a few subtle pink highlights. Jon and I reckoned this was the most glorious chase scenario of all time for us.

I began to have that very discussion with Rob Harlan as we walked back to our cars around 5:15 pm, hearts full after soaking it all in for about two and a half hours. What is the greatest bird ever to show up in Ohio? Being the historian and methodical thinker he is, Rob went back to an Ohio Cardinal piece he had written in 1999. He scored birds based on number of Ohio records, the number of specimens or photographs, how many had seen the species, and the ABA's rarity code. From his method, Kelp Gull and Black-tailed Gull are the best birds ever seen in Ohio with the American Flamingos in a large tie for third, one point behind the two gulls.

I then ranked birds on ten-point scales in the following categories: pizzazz, ABA rarity, Ohio rarity, long stay, easy view, and setting. In my scoring system, Long-billed Murrelet is number five with 37 points, Brown Booby and Black-tailed Gull tie for third place with 39 points, Kelp Gull is second with 40 points, and American Flamingos win big with 46 points. The only thing preventing my score of the flamingo sighting being even higher was they ending up as one-day wonders in Ohio. But alas, Ohio birders grieving their worst dip ever may still have hope! While one of the banded birds observed in Florida after the hurricane was re-found back in the Yucatan Peninsula, a Feb 2024 survey found that 101 wild flamingos were still in Florida. More exciting still, American Flamingos have seemingly been roaming north from this group, and as of this writing, wild American Flamingos have been found in Georgia, South Carolina and even New York in 2024.

Should they find their way to Ohio again, hopefully another group of Ohio birders will stand spellbound watching one of the most spectacular birds on the planet, far from their tropical homeland gracing our homeland, of all places, right here in Ohio.



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Kent Miller has been a lifelong Ohio birder, making his first bird lists at four years old; inspired by his birding dad, Jim, uncle Bruce, and cousin Greg. He also tracks butterflies, dragonflies, herps, mammals, and more though the only thing he loves almost as much as birding is underwater life in the Caribbean, where he helps teach a marine biology class each June in the Florida Keys. Happily married to Cindy for 39 years and pastor at Dayspring Christian Fellowship in *Stark* for 34 years.

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK
FALL CENSUS, 2023

By Dwight Chasar and Ron Canterbury

This annual fall census was conducted on 16 Sep. There were 57 participants with temperatures from 44–68°F and morning fog and afternoon sun. Historically, the fall CVNP census started in 1983 and only species were noted until 1998 when individuals were also counted. Numerous species had typical occurrences and numbers within the dates of 12 to 23 Sep since 1998. However, census participants recorded Trumpeter Swan only for the second time on this long-term count. The Common Merganser was recorded for the third time and in highest number since 1998, and it was only the fifth time that a woodcock was counted.

Blue Jays and Cedar Waxwings were in lowest numbers since inception, while low numbers of Mourning Doves, American Crows, American Robins, American Goldfinch, and Red-winged Blackbird were all low. It was the first time that the census recorded a Prairie Warbler. Other than the Common Merganser previously mentioned, birds recorded in higher numbers included Carolina Wren and two spruce budworm specialists, namely Tennessee and Bay-breasted warblers. Bay-breasted were second highest since 1998.

The total number of birds was 3891, but that was third lowest since 1998. A total of 107 species was noted in Fall 2023, with the highest ever being 115.

Species	Count
Canada Goose	223
Trumpeter Swan	1
Wood Duck	24
Mallard	34
Common Merganser	44
Wild Turkey	11
Rock Pigeon	4
Mourning Dove	30
Common Nighthawk	1
Chimney Swift	214
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	5
Killdeer	12
American Woodcock	1
Spotted Sandpiper	2
Solitary Sandpiper	1
Double-crested Cormorant	4
Green Heron	15
Great Blue Heron	20
Turkey Vulture	56
Osprey	1
Cooper's Hawk	4
Bald Eagle	6
Red-shouldered Hawk	5
Broad-winged Hawk	2

Species	Count
Red-tailed Hawk	14
Eastern Screech-Owl	1
Barred Owl	3
Belted Kingfisher	13
Red-headed Woodpecker	15
Red-bellied Woodpecker	111
Downy Woodpecker	107
Hairy Woodpecker	29
Northern Flicker	52
Pileated Woodpecker	36
American Kestrel	2
Great Crested Flycatcher	2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	36
Acadian Flycatcher	6
Least Flycatcher	1
Eastern Phoebe	33
White-eyed Vireo	7
Yellow-throated Vireo	20
Blue-headed Vireo	4
Philadelphia Vireo	2
Warbling Vireo	19
Red-eyed Vireo	32
Blue Jay	161
American Crow	123

Species	Count
Black-capped Chickadee	196
Tufted Titmouse	124
Tree Swallow	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
Cedar Waxwing	195
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	118
Brown Creeper	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4
Carolina Wren	112
Northern House Wren	20
Marsh Wren	1
Gray Catbird	142
Brown Thrasher	4
Northern Mockingbird	2
European Starling	175
Eastern Bluebird	30
Veery	3
Gray-cheeked Thrush	3
Swainson's Thrush	28
Wood Thrush	4
American Robin	277
House Sparrow	69
House Finch	23
American Goldfinch	156
Chipping Sparrow	21
Field Sparrow	5
White-throated Sparrow	4
Song Sparrow	49
Swamp Sparrow	15

Species	Count
Eastern Towhee	26
Eastern Meadowlark	5
Red-winged Blackbird	86
Common Grackle	38
Ovenbird	1
Blue-winged Warbler	1
Black-and-white Warbler	3
Tennessee Warbler	24
Orange-crowned warbler	1
Nashville Warbler	11
Common Yellowthroat	40
Hooded Warbler	32
American Redstart	13
Cape May Warbler	11
Northern Parula	5
Magnolia Warbler	14
Bay-breasted Warbler	24
Blackburnian Warbler	3
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1
Blackpoll Warbler	11
Palm Warbler	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	11
Prairie Warbler	1
Black-throated Green Warbler	5
Wilson's Warbler	2
Scarlet Tanager	5
Northern Cardinal	164
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	10
Indigo Bunting	5
Total Individuals	3891

RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRDS RECORDS COMMITTEE

By Jon Cefus

4th BATCH, DECEMBER 2023

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) has continued to vote on records submitted to or otherwise obtained by the committee. Thirty-three new records were chosen for review in this 4th batch of records for 2023. Twenty-seven of the records were accepted, five were not-accepted, and one is headed into recirculation.

One new state record was accepted in this batch, a pair of American Flamingos that spent an afternoon lazing on the public beach of Caesar Creek, until they took flight not long before sunset on September 1. It appears likely that the birds were blown northward from the Yucatan Peninsula by Hurricane Idalia along with many others that showed up in various states well north of any previous records. Additionally, Western Flycatcher was added to the official Ohio list in the summer of 2023 when the American Ornithological Society lumped Cordilleran Flycatcher and Pacific-slope Flycatcher. Previously, the OBRC had only accepted the superspecies.

One species, Hoary Redpoll (now lumped with Common Redpoll as Redpoll), met the threshold and received the necessary votes to be removed from the list of review species in this latest batch.

This batch contained records from 2000 to 2023 and contained what appears to be the last batch of older, unaddressed records that the OBRC has taken on over the past several years. As secretary, I want to thank the dedicated members of the current and previous committees for their work on getting those records addressed. The OBRC now stands in position to primarily review and vote on new records, a much less cumbersome task.

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 450 species as of December 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-fourth Supplement (July 2023). The Ohio checklist can be found at the Ohio Ornithological Society's (OOS) website at: <https://ohiobirds.org/resources/official-ohio-ornithological-soci->

[ety-bird-checklist/](https://ohiobirds.org/rare-birds/rare-bird-review-list/).

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 (AOU) *Check-List of North and Middle American Birds* through the Sixty-fourth Supplement (July 2023) 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 27 records were accepted during their first circulation:

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) Two individuals — **Lake** (Painsville Township Park), 03 Dec 2020. Internet sources.

American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) Two individuals — **Warren** (Caesar Creek), 01 Sep 2023. OBRC documentation submitted by Aaron Ambos via the OOS website and internet sources. One adult and one juvenile. This was the 1st record of this species in Ohio.

Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*) — **Delaware** (Buehler Drive in Delaware), 01 to 06 Nov 2023. Internet sources as well as comments from Allen Chartier and other experts based on high quality photographs. This was the 2nd record of this species in Ohio.

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) — **Perry** (Lake Saint Joseph), 11 to 12 Sep 2023. Internet sources.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #1 — **Lorain** (Kopf Family Reservation), 03 to 10 Jul 2023. OBRC

documentation submitted by Sharon Gardiner (03 Jul 2023) and Patty McKelvey (08 Jul 2023) via the OOS website.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #2 — **Hamilton** (Shawnee Lookout), 18 to 20 Jul 2023. Internet sources.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #3 — **Hamilton** (Sharon Woods Park), 21 Jul to 05 Aug 2023. Internet sources. It is not clear whether this Limpkin was the same bird that was reported at Shawnee Lookout one day earlier.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #4 — **Lorain** (Sandy Ridge Res.), 23 Jul to 11 Oct 2023. Internet sources.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #5 — **Ottawa** (ONWR), 05 Aug to 17 Sep 2023. OBRC documentation submitted by Melisa Clawson (08 Aug 2023) and Ryan Lesniewicz (07 Aug 2023) via the OOS website.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #6 — **Montgomery** (Island Metropark), 05 to 15 Aug 2023. Internet sources.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #7 — **Hocking** (Lake Logan), 15 to 30 Aug 2023. Internet sources.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #8 — **Warren** (Maineville), 24 to 25 Aug 2023. OBRC documentation submitted by Cathy Sturm via the OOS website.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #9 — **Summit** (Long Lake), 11 Sep 2023. Internet sources.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #10 — **Brown** (Ripley), 05 Sep 2023. Internet sources.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*) — **Ottawa** (ONWR), 27 Nov 2022. Internet sources.

American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) — **Erie** (Turning Point Island), 12 May 2023. Photos and documentation of Ohio's first confirmed nesting record of this species submitted by Bruce Buckingham, who discovered the nest while conducting his annual survey of nesting Herring Gulls.

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) — **Lucas** (Metzger Marsh), 24 Oct 2022. Internet sources.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) — **Summit** (Bath Nature Preserve), 18 Oct 2023. Internet sources.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) #1 — **Cuyahoga** (Lakewood), 20 Nov 2005. Documentation of the first Ohio specimen record (donated to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History) taken from the *Ohio Cardinal* (Fall 2005, 29(1): 50). Ohio's first accepted record was reported on 05 Nov 2005.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) #2 — Three individuals — **Erie** (Huron Pier), 12 to 21 Nov 2015. Internet sources.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) #3 — Five individuals — **Cuyahoga** (Lakefront Reservation), 18 Nov 2015. Internet sources.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) #4 — 13 individuals — **Cuyahoga** (Burke Lakefront Airport), 19 Nov 2015. Internet sources.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) #5 — **Sandusky** (Sandusky River), 28 Dec 2016. Internet sources.

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) — **Preble** (College Corner), 14 Aug 2022. Internet sources.

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*) #1 — **Ottawa** (Navarre Marsh), 02 Apr 2000. Documentation taken from *Ohio Birds & Natural History* (Vol. 1, No. 4 p. 172).

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*) #2 — **Lorain** (Avon Lake), 03 Jan to 24 Apr 2018. Internet sources, *Ohio Birds & Natural History*.

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*) #3 — **Geauga** (Private Residence), 06 Nov 2019. Internet sources, *Ohio Birds & Natural History*.

Not-accepted:

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) #1 — **Warren** (Armco Park), 09 Jul 2023. Internet sources. Documentation insufficient to establish identification.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) #2 — **Harrison** (Conotton Creek Trail), 21 Sep 2023. OBRC documentation submitted via OOS website. Documentation insufficient to establish identification.

Harris's Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*) #1 — **Summit** (Akron), 06 Jan 2023. Internet sources. Wild origin not established.

Harris's Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*) #2 — **Union** (Private Residence), 10 Aug 2023. Internet sources. Wild origin not established.

Black-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) — **Hocking** (Private Residence), 20 Jul 2023. OBRC documentation submitted via OOS website. Documentation insufficient to establish identification.

Recirculations:

Records going into recirculation:

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) #6 — **Erie** (Huron Harbor), 06 Nov 2022. Internet sources.

FIELD NOTES

(Lightly edited to correct obvious misspellings and to conform to the Cardinal's style sheet. All reference of photos and audio recordings are from the eBird checklists)

From Matt Anderson:

[Regarding the season's high count of Swainson's Thrush in Whitehouse, **Lucas**, on 17 Sep] Very impressive pre-dawn movement with considerable activity starting around 6:00 am. The flight was particularly heavy from about 6:30 until 6:40 am. Conditions were clear and calm. The posted recording [included with eBird checklist] is a half-minute snippet from 6:36 am. All overhead birds with calls coming from every direction.

From Nancy Anderson:

[Regarding the season's second most of Lesser Scaup at East Harbor on 07 Nov] I counted from causeway using my scope, but they were at the far north end of middle harbor and appeared closely packed from where I was, so numbers could be a little low. I counted approximately 1950 and deducted 10% for greater/lesser.

From Andy Brown:

[Regarding the high count of Greater Yellowlegs at Hoover NP on 20 Oct] Counted 78 as they flew over, calling loudly! The others were seen on the mudflats and islands.

From Gary Cowell:

[Regarding the season's last Pectoral Sandpiper at Pleasant Hill Lake on 30 Nov] On mudflats with Killdeer and Dunlin.

From Luke Donahue:

[Regarding the season's second sighting of Red-throated Loon at Clear Fork on 28 Oct] Adult and immature, seen by others, and observed fishing and nuzzling. One having black bill and red throat, other smaller with lightly colored bill, and duller brown throat. Both generally lightly colored, and about one-third smaller than the Common Loon.

[Regarding the season's last Philadelphia Vireo seen at OSU Mansfield campus, **Richland**, on 07 Nov] Loosely sticking with yellow rumps, fly catching in wetland (40.7953789, -82.5800530).

Distinct white supercilium, dark eyes, grayish crown, greenish back, no wing bars. Yellowish throat, breast, and flanks. Couldn't get a photo.

From Tom Fishburn:

[Regarding the second state record of Black-chinned Hummingbird] In Nov 2023, Ohio's second record Black-chinned Hummingbird was confirmed. I got to see it on 04 Nov, the same day I attended the Ohio Ornithological Society's annual meeting in Mansfield, **Richland**. The city of Delaware was another hour or so drive for me. I had heard the residents were welcoming visitors and wanted to share their excitement. They had a couple back yard feeders and knew to watch for migrants. One feeder was on their deck and it was being used regularly by the rare, for Ohio, hummer. Visitors like me sat around the deck and enjoyed seeing the bird come and go. Also, only five miles from there a Rufous/Allen's type hummer was visiting another private feeder. It made for a great long day.

From Mike Good:

[Regarding the high count of Purple Martin at Nimisila on 09 Aug] Ten thousand was a very conservative estimate. Tried counting by 10s and got to 1000 very quickly in a tiny portion of the cloud of birds. Probably over 50,000, but too difficult to count, and so conservatively listed 10,000.

From Robert Hershberger:

[Regarding the season's first Sabine's Gull at Huron on 30 Aug] First spotted by Ed Schlabbach, very distant juveniles. Second bird was seen after Josh Yoder's group had left. Eary fall record!

From Brad Imhoff:

[Regarding the Long-tailed Jaeger seen at Buckeye Lake SP, **Licking**, on 30 Oct] Flagged rare. I was scanning the gulls that were flying out over the lake when I saw a large, dark bird chasing a gull with remarkable precision—twisting, darting, ascending, and descending without losing a beat on the gull. I immediately thought, "jaeger", but didn't know which species! I grabbed my camera and fired off many photos, which Jen Brumfield confirmed later were of a

Long-tailed Jaeger. It was first seen just east of the Yacht Club and then seen again about twenty minutes later much further west at Orchard Island. That was the final location I could confirm I was seeing a jaeger and not a distant gull. The bird was found again later at Sellers Point in the **Fairfield** part of the lake. Interestingly enough, not a county-first record due to Milton Trautman's state-first coming from the **Licking** part of Buckeye Lake in 1928.

From Nathaniel Keyse:

[Regarding an early arriving Eared Grebe at East Fork on 14 Sep] Towards the center of the lake. Head shape and upturned bill suggest Eared Grebe rather than Horned Grebe.

From Emerson Lisboa:

[Regarding the 11 Little Blue Herons at Griggs Reservoir and Disc Golf Course in Columbus on 07 Aug] Remarkable initial find by Donna Papps! Two adults and nine immatures. Loose group of four immatures foraging with the Snowy Egrets toward the dam. Loose group of five immatures were toward the disc golf course with the two adults. I made sure I noted if any had flown away, while finishing my count. Immatures were very small white herons with light grayish bills with dark tips. Grayish greenish legs. Adults were dark blue with purplish from the neck to head. It was worth getting rained on to see the adults for my first ever time.

From Ethan Maynard:

[Regarding the season's last Willet at LaDue on 18 Oct] Flyby; Large shorebird with prominent white wing patches in black wings and white base of tail. Hoping it would land, but it disappeared behind the islands and never did.

[Regarding two Red Phalaropes at Fairport Harbor Port Authority on 01 Nov] A pair of chunky shorebirds with solid gray backs with white stripes in the center of their wings. White underpart and white heads with black marking by the eye. Short, straight bills. Flew right past the fishing pier heading out towards the light-house. Literally 15 feet away from me!

From Levi Metzger:

[Regarding the only seasonal sighting on a Laughing Gull at Hueston Woods on 29 Oct] Preble County lifer number 208. Resting on beach. Franklin's Gull was eliminated by very

limited black hood, limited white on the wingtips, and large bill.

From Randy Morgan:

[Regarding the high count of Franklin's Gull at Hueston Woods on 10 Nov] Partial black hood, bold white eye arcs; both non-breeding adults and first winter birds present. Exact count based on multiple tallies from several angles. Photos show flock on beach and first-winter bird on water with exposed black tail band edged with white outer feathers. All but one bird eventually flew with other gulls and disappeared.

From Isao O'Brien:

[Regarding the high count of Canvasback at Findlay Reservoirs on 30 Oct.] Conservative estimate. I counted just over 50 birds in about one fifth of the mixed flock before giving up. They were evenly spaced out hence my estimate of 250.

[Regarding the high count of American Kestrel at Kelleys Island on 09 Oct] Count of birds crossing Lake Erie southbound during lakewatch. Mostly singles and a couple of small groups, skimming low over the water, and heading inland overhead.

From John Petruzzi:

[Regarding the first seasonal record of Nelson's Sparrow at Mill Creek on 19 Sep] Pale orange, short-tailed sparrow that gave a brief, arcing flutter-flight into a clump of sedge and smartweed. Had a narrow binocular view of gray and brown striped crown and orange eyebrow/malar through the vegetation. It gave a few weak calls, one of which I managed to record, but it's very faint. It did not emerge before I had to leave for work. This is an annual species for this location, but this is my earliest record by six days with former earliest 25 Sep 2020.

From Patrick Robinson:

[Regarding two Red Phalaropes at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 22 Nov] I knew they were phalaropes when they sat down on the water in front of me like gulls. There were four total, but I did not have time to photograph all for proper identification. I only photographed two. So, I'm only reflecting the two I was able to photograph. I struggled with whether they were Red-necked or Red until I was able to see the photos. After looking at the one sitting on the water, the slight

orange base to the beak and the buff/peach colored patch on the throat led me to believe it was Red. The subtle reddish feather coloration on the wing and rump areas further raised my suspicion. The specimen on the water's edge had a thicker bill and plain back but none of the visible color as seen on the other, but I still believe it to be a Red as opposed to the Red-necked. Open to input.

From Leslie Sours:

[Regarding the high count of Chimney Swifts at the OSU Center for Automotive Research, **Franklin**, on 05 Sep] First in at 7:44 pm and last one in at 8:29 pm. Entered so fast that I had to count by twenties at times. Staggering number tonight, almost double that of one week ago on 29 Aug and 17 times more than on 11 Aug. This is an obviously really important stack for staging migrants.

From Jerry Talkington:

[Regarding the high count of Whimbrels along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 16 Sep] On 07 Sep I watched three Whimbrels most of the day eating grasshoppers and resting on the breakwall by Lake Erie on my bird survey

property in Fairport Harbor, **Lake**. By 18 Sep the number of Whimbrels grew to six. On hotter days I could see them pumping their throats to dissipate heat. After an amazing twenty-four days, 01 Oct was the last time I saw them.

From Gabe Troyer:

[Regarding the high count for Yellow-billed Cuckoo along the **Holmes** County Trail on 22 Sep] At least this many, calling everywhere along the trail.

From David Wilkins:

[Regarding the high count for Killdeer at Fremont Reservoir, **Sandusky**, on 2 Sep] Feeding in the cucumber fields south of the reservoir.

From Josh Yoder:

[Regarding the second most numerous count of Bank Swallows along Wilderness Road on 13 Aug] At least 1200. Massive group of swallows roosting in the small trees early on before scattering and, also a big group on the power lines along the road as I was driving. Estimated Banks made up 80–90% of all swallows in the area.

YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

10 years ago, the Fall 2013 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 37 No. 1 (Craig Caldwell, Editor) contained these items:

Twenty-three review species were reported as submitted to the OBRC; all were awaiting review. They included 14 Ross's Geese at five sites, eight Brant at five sites, Eurasian Collared-doves in three counties, and Common Ravens in five.

Also included were 10 Rufous Hummingbirds, one of which had been banded the year before at the same feeder, and six Rufous/Allen's Hummingbirds.

25 years ago, the Fall 1998 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 22 No. 1 (Bob Conlon, Guest Editor) contained these items:

The issue was combined with that of Winter 1998-1999.

The state's fourth Magnificent Frigatebird (and first since 1967) was seen in *Ottawa*.

Our second Ross's Gull was in *Lake* and our second Northern Wheatear was in *Marion*.

The only Rufous Hummingbird was in *Lake*.

The editor decried the closing in of Metzger Marsh, which when no longer connected to Lake Erie quickly filled with invasive vegetation.

Similarly, the editor reported the filling in of the Lorain dredge spoil impoundment.

A mixed-species blackbird flock that at various time was estimated to have 200,000 to one million birds, spent time near Kidron, *Wayne*.

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*Over several weeks as many as six Whimbrels visited Jerry Talkington's survey property in Fairport Harbor, **Lake**. He photographed this one on 18 Sep. (see Field Notes)*

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Back cover:

This Brant had been frequenting Lake Erie at various Cleveland sites. Don Danko got a good close look from the East 9th Street Pier on 20 Nov, a blustery cold day.



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