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*Many birders like Kathy Mock followed the reports of this Limpkin's movements in **Lorain** where she got to see it on 16 Jul when it settled at the Kopf Family Reservation for days. This individual was a first for the county.*

***On the cover:***

*While visiting Howard Marsh on 07 Jul Traci Gentry easily spotted this Black-crowned Night-Heron out in the open.*

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## COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

### By Ron Canterbury

Jun followed May 2023 with a repeat of below average temperatures and below normal precipitation. Since 1895, the 129 years of monthly temperature and precipitation national rankings disclosed that Ohio's Jun ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in temperature and 42<sup>nd</sup> in precipitation. It was the coldest Jun in the last 17 years and Jun was last this cold in 2006.

Jul is the hottest month of the year for the contiguous United States, and according to NOAA climate data, the average Jul day has gotten 0.83°F warmer per century and the average Jul night has gotten 1.66°F warmer per century (<https://www.climate.gov/>). Ohio ranked 81 for temperature, but was well above average for precipitation and ranked 109.

Weather data are from NOAA and the National Centers for Environmental Information (<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/us-maps/>).

Data for the following Species Accounts come from reports submitted directly to *The Cardinal*, eBird (<http://ebird.org/content/ebird>), and the Ohio-birds listserv (<http://birding.aba.org/mail-list/OH> and <https://ohiobirds.org/birding-discussion-mailing-list/>). Data from *The Bobolink* were unavailable for this issue. In the Species Accounts, "normal" as well as "early" and "late" arrivals and departures are from Harlan, R. (2022) *Ohio Birds Record Committee Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ohio*, Ohio Ornithological Society, and updates through 01 Dec 2024; as well as my more than 37 years research experience on migratory birds. This season produced 662,332 eBird records.

The timing of the season's sightings was typical for many passerine species, but relatively difficult to interpret for some ducks and shorebirds, as many either lingered late on northbound movements or arrived exceptionally early for fall southbound dispersal. In addition, some shorebirds may not breed in their first year of life. A few ducks lingered on their way north or arrived early going south, and some species, typically absent in summer, were present this season and may represent species expanding their breeding range. A similar pattern was noted with some shorebirds that typically finishing moving north by the second week of Jun and resume southbound by the last week of that month or the first week of Jul.

A Horned Grebe was present in Jul, as well as several Limpkins. Black-necked Stilts continue to expand as a breeding species in the western Lake Erie marshes. There were a few reports of Eurasian Collared-Doves and White-winged Doves. The typical gull and tern species were present as predicted, but an Arctic Tern in Jul was a surprise. As you read the Species Accounts, you will notice species that continue to expand, such as the Neotropic Cormorant, Little Blue Heron, Mississippi Kite, and Merlin.

A few passerines which usually don't stay here to nest were either slow to leave northbound or arrived early from their northern breeding grounds. Most passerines appeared in normal numbers, but some continue to expand as a breeder in Ohio, such as Hermit Thrushes, or continue to disappear, such as most swallows.

This issue of the Cardinal contains reports of 256 species, which is six species more than last year, and exceeds the previous spring high of 253 in 2020. The Species Accounts also include one hybrid and two categories of undefined species, such as Alder/Willow (Traill's) Flycatcher and Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee. Thirty-three species were reported in all 88 counties, and 10 more were seen in 87. Twenty-three more were seen in at least 80 counties. The species list includes six exotic species.

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) continues to expand our knowledge of the distribution of Ohio's avifauna. However, there is no OBRC report included in this issue. The fourth and last batch of records for 2023 that were evaluated by the OBRC will be included in the Fall 2023 issue. 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, this issue also contains Field Notes and Years Ago. As Editor-in-Chief, my work would not be as good

without our outstanding reviewers. I thank Tim Colborn, Mary Cullum, and David Hochadel for reviewing the Species Accounts. Rob Harlan continues to provide excellent assistance in many ways and to help guide my work. Moreover, I extend the utmost gratitude to emeritus editor, Craig Caldwell, who continues to provide excellent logistical assistance. As Editor-in-Chief, I want to thank Fred Dinkelbach, who has made it much easier for me to mine the eBird data quicker and easier with the use of his Python program. Fred's outstanding method will make it easier for me to be more on time with issues in the near future.

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

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

By Ron Canterbury and Olivia Canterbury

### Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

The North American population has greatly increased during the last six decades, and the species continues to expand throughout Ohio. A pair present for several weeks in the spring along Hoy Road in Wooster, **Wayne**, was the season's first on 03 Jun (Josh Yoder). That same Wooster site also hosted the most, 12 (four adults and eight ducklings) first noted by Daniel Beechy on 22 Jul and then seen by several other birders during the same day. In addition to a single Jul bird in **Ottawa** from 28 to 31 Jul and the **Wayne** birds previously noted, four were photographed by Laura Hetrick in Malinta, **Henry**, on 05 Jul.



Jethro Raber photographed this Black-bellied Whistling-Duck family on 19 Jul in **Wayne** where they have nested for the third year.

### Canada Goose

Mike Smith counted 533 in the Blackhand Gorge SNP, **Licking**, on 30 Jun. That was followed by Ethan Maynard's 500 at Conneaut on 27 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Mute Swan

Larry Richardson provided the high count at Mosquito WA, where 11 were noted on 03 Jul. (23 counties)

### Trumpeter Swan

Douglas Vogus' census team tallied 278 in ONWR on 02 Jul and up to 238 were recorded there on other dates. The most not in **Lucas** and **Ottawa** were 15 at Killdeer on 09 Jun (Eric Mullholand). (25 counties)

### Wood Duck

ONWR hosted 127 for Douglas Vogus *et al.* on 04 Jun and up to 112 were recorded there on other dates. James Kerner tallied 65 at Sandy Ridge on 25 Jul. (79 counties)

### Blue-winged Teal

Ed and Sheila Bremer found 36 at Howard Marsh on 29 Jun. (22 counties)

### Northern Shoveler

There were only a few scattered records this season, and those were of only one or two birds. Reports came from **Lorain**, **Lucas**, **Mahoning**, and **Stark**.

### Gadwall

All records were of only one or two birds, except three noted at Howard Marsh on 24 Jun (Jason Bojczyk). The species may nest in very limited numbers in the western Lake Erie marshes. Because this species typically does not move out of northern breeding areas in Canada until early Sep., scattered records throughout the season made it difficult to nearly impossible to pinpoint the earliest southbound migrant in Jul. Like for many marsh nesting ducks, severe droughts impact the species and may stimulate early southbound movements, especially in unsuccessful breeders. Reports came only from **Lake**, **Lorain**, and **Lucas**.

### American Wigeon

The likely last northbound migrant was noted at **Mercer** WA on 16 Jun (Trenton Buis). There were no southbound migrants in Jul outside breeding areas. Alex Damiano and Jeremy Dominguez saw the most, six at Howard Marsh on 25 Jun. Records came from **Clinton**, **Mercer**, **Lake**, **Lucas**, and **Wayne**.

### Mallard

Douglas Vogus' census team tallied 182 in ONWR on 02 Jul. Trenton Buis estimated 175 at **Mercer** WA on 30 Jul. (82 counties)

### American Black Duck

All seasonal records were at or near known breeding locations, so no last northbound migrant could be confirmed. June Newman and Edge Wade saw a female with eight ducklings at Sandy Ridge on 19 Jun. Up to six adults were reported at that same location on other dates. (6 counties)

### [Mallard x American Black Duck]

All reports were of single birds and came only from **Cuyahoga**, **Lake**, and **Lucas**.

### Northern Pintail

The reports, all of single birds, are: Howard Marsh on 04 Jun (Pat Williamsen) Walnut Beach Park on 06 Jun (Craig Holt)

Lorain on 15 Jun (Amy Longley and Betsy Macmillan). See the Field Notes.

### Green-winged Teal

Sameer Apte saw 28 at Howard Marsh on 14 Jul. Pickerel Creek hosted 25 for David Wilkins on 10 Jul. (8 counties)

### Redhead

Summer records were few, and all sightings were of one or two birds. Reports came only from *Delaware*, *Lorain*, *Lucas*, and *Marion*.

### Ring-necked Duck

The reports, all of single birds, are:

Mentor Marsh on 05 Jun (m. obs.).

Fernald on 10 Jun (William Hutchison and Bill Stanley) and 22 Jul (David Baker).

Mycearah NP, *Logan*, on 19 Jun (Stefan Minnig).

### Lesser Scaup

Paul Jacyk saw three at Bay View Park, *Lucas*, on 18 Jun. Outside *Lucas*, all other reports were of single birds. (11 counties)

### Surf Scoter

Mandy Roberts photographed one at Willard Reservoir, *Huron*, on 18 Jun. See Field Notes for more.

### Bufflehead

A late migrant was at Alum Creek on 02 Jun (Sue Postle).

### Hooded Merganser

Michele Skolmutch counted one female with 10 young and another with seven at Rices Swamp, *Holmes*, on 04 Jun. Likewise, Fred Streams saw two females with a total of 12 young at the Hebron Fish Hatchery and Wetlands, *Licking*, on 18 Jun. Counts of adults, and not of reports of that include families with young, were nine both at ONWR WD on 03 Jun (Mike Charest) and Guilford Lake SP, *Columbiana*, on 15 Jun (Bob Lane). (36 counties)

### Common Merganser

Ken Andrews saw 35 at Rocky River Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, on 23 Jul. Benjamin Miller tallied the second most, 26 along the Kokosing Gap Trail, *Knox*, on 29 Jul. (19 counties)

### Red-breasted Merganser

While the breeding range of this species is typically well north of Ohio, three remained at Euclid Beach Park in the Euclid Creek Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, throughout Jun (m. obs.) and one stayed until at least 22 Jul (m. obs.). All other sightings were of one or two birds. (8 counties)

### Ruddy Duck

Karl Overman provided the high count, 19 at Howard Marsh on 15 Jul. Counts of up to 16

came from that location on other dates. Kevin and Patty McKelvey secured the season's second most, eight at Lorain Impoundment Lakeside Landing, on 12 Jun. (9 counties)

### Northern Bobwhite

Will Babb reported eight at Crown City WA, *Lawrence*, on 08 Jun. Second most were the five noted by Randy Morgan at a private farm near Oxford, *Butler*, on 03 Jun. (34 counties)

### Wild Turkey

Terry Bronson noted three adults with 26 young along Cedar Point Road, *Lucas*, on 27 Jul. Only *Allen*, *Auglaize*, *Champaign*, and *Mercer* didn't have reports.

### Ring-necked Pheasant

Tom Sheley counted 11, which included a hen with 10 young, along River Drive, *Pickaway*, on 20 July. A female and six chicks were the second most and were tallied by George Billman and Jennifer Kuehn along LaRue Green Camp Road, *Marion*, on 14 Jul. (21 counties)

### Chukar

Emily Dingman photographed the only seasonal record of a bird crossing West Lane Avenue in Upper Arlington, *Franklin*, on 23 Jul.

### Pied-billed Grebe

Howard Marsh hosted 50 on 31 Jul (Paul Jacyk). The most elsewhere were 22 that Cam Lee noted at Big Island on 02 Jul. (32 counties)

### Horned Grebe

An adult in breeding plumage was photographed by David Wilkins at Fremont Reservoir, *Sandusky*, on 12 Jul. See Field Notes for more information.

### Rock Pigeon

Leslie Sours reported 110 at OSU on 25 Jun. Only *Highland* and *Morgan* didn't have a report.

### African Collared-Dove

One of this exotic species was photographed in the Cleveland suburb of North Ridgeville, *Lorain*, and it was seen by several birders on 06 and 07 Jul. The species has apparently been a caged-bird for millennia, and continues to be a popular caged-bird species. Plausible scenarios for this record include released at a wedding, escaped cagebird, or escapee from a zoo or fancier.

### Eurasian Collared-Dove

Six were noted in Port William, *Clinton*, on 29 Jun (Jill and Larry Early). All other reports were of one or two birds, except for the three observed by Sandra Blease in Weston, *Wood*, on 28 Jul. (12 counties)



Su Snyder visited Kidron in **Wayne** on 21 Jun to see this *Eurasian Collared-Dove*.

### White-winged Dove

The reports are:

One or two were seen in Farmersville, **Montgomery**, from 30 Jun to 03 Jul (m. obs.).

One at a farm along Township Road 366 in Millersburg, **Holmes**, on 05 and 06 Jul (m. obs.).

### Mourning Dove

Mollie and Tyler Ficker tallied 150 at Eastgate, **Clermont**, on 28 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Yellow-billed Cuckoo

A group of six birders counted 13 during a little over three hours of birding from Boston to Red Lock in the CVNP, **Summit**, on 09 Jun (m. obs.). A similar count on 01 Jun produced 12. The most not in CVNP were nine at Vinton Furnace on both 05 and 07 Jun (Carl Engstrom). (80 counties)

### Black-billed Cuckoo

Robert Thorn tallied three at Clear Creek on 17 Jun. (46 counties)

### Common Nighthawk

The high count of 10 was shared at the Community Golf Course in Dayton on 21 Jul (Isaiah Craft) and in Toledo on 22 Jul (Sophia Gabriel). (56 counties)

### Chuck-will's-widow

The only seasonal reports came from **Adams**, where three birds along Thomas Brown Road on 09 Jun were the high. (Micah Miller)

### Eastern Whip-poor-will

Isaiah Craft tallied nine during almost three hours of birding at Lake Hope on 01 Jun. Nearby, Vinton Furnace held six, the second most on both 09 and 30 Jun (Carl Engstrom). (42 counties)

### Chimney Swift

Kathy Mock estimated 500 in Barberton, **Sum-**

**mit**, on 09 Jul. Second most were 400 reported by Ned Keller at Mount Saint John NP, **Greene**, on 28 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Allen Chartier banded 17 at Lake Hope on 15 Jul. This was a shared high with Tom Sheley's 17 counted at six feeders at his residence in Lancaster, **Fairfield**, on 18 Jul. Only **Paulding** didn't have a sighting.

### King Rail

The bird first photographed and sighted by Lori Monska along Veler Road, **Lucas**, on 03 June was likely the same individual seen by m. obs. at ONWR WD from 04 to 10 Jun.

### Virginia Rail

Roger Beuck photographed at least one of the 15 that he and Kelly Kozar noted at Mentor Lagoons on 11 Jun; see Field Notes for additional information. (30 counties)

### Sora

David Chase photographed several and counted six at Mentor Marsh on both 07 and 30 Jun. (20 counties)

### Common Gallinule

Chad Wilson and a large party of birders from Black River Audubon tallied 20 at Lorain on 15 Jul. Jessica Duez saw the second most, 16 at ONWR WD on 05 Jun. (19 counties)

### American Coot

Edward Hicks secured the high count, 40 at Howard Marsh, on 07 Jul. The most not in **Lucas** were eight at Big Island on 01 Jun (Ron Semper). (17 counties)

### Purple Gallinule

The bird at Pipe Creek, as noted in the Spring 2023 issue, continued until 06 Jun and was the only seasonal record.

### Limpkin

Many birders are familiar with the northern range expansion of this species during the past decade as the species has expanded due to plentiful island apple snails, an invasive species, and numerous other mollusks that it consumes. The species explosive range expansion is likely also accelerated by climate change. One was found at the Kopf Family Reservation, **Lorain**, on 09 to 17 Jul (m. obs.). Also from **Lorain**, one was found on 23 Jul and persisted until 11 Oct (m. obs.). Similarly, a bird first found by Andy Bess at Shawnee Lookout on 18 Jul stayed through 20 Jul. Also in **Hamilton**, one at Sharon Woods was seen by many birders from 20 Jul through 05 Aug (m. obs.). That bird was originally reported on the Cincinnati Facebook page by Matt Shelton.

All these seasonal Limpkin records were heavily reported on eBird and each bird was well photographed by numerous birders.



*This Limpkin attracted many to the Köpf Family Reservation in Lorain where Kevin McKelvey got to see it on 10 Jul.*

### **Sandhill Crane**

Josh Yoder tallied 330 at Wilderness Road on 22 Jul. (38 counties)

### **Black-necked Stilt**

Warren Leow counted 25 at Howard Marsh on 10 Jul. Most reports came from Howard Marsh, except for one to two birds each at CPNWR, Mallard Club, and Maumee Bay. This species has expanded its nesting in Ohio's western Lake Erie marshes and numerous young were noted this season at Howard Marsh.



*Black-necked Stilts continued at Howard Marsh where Traci Gentry enjoyed seeing them on 07 Jul.*

### **American Avocet**

James Kerner photographed the likely last northbound migrant at Lorain on 14 Jun, and the Lorain Impoundment site also hosted the high count of eight on 08 Jul (m. obs.). The likely first fall migrant was one at Bay View Park, **Lucas**,

on 27 Jun (Paul Jacyk), and over the next several days some lakefront counties hosted migrants. By the third week in Jul, influx was clearly noted by birders. (19 counties)

### **Black-bellied Plover**

The number of early Jun records was not substantially large. Individuals of this species likely arrive on their northern Arctic breeding grounds by early Jun and only a few birds will remain into Jun in Ohio. Nonetheless, the last northbound migrant was one at Englewood on 14 Jun (Jessica Duez). The first fall migrant was noted at Sackett Cemetery, **Ottawa**, on 26 Jul (Nancy Anderson). Jessica Duez saw the season's high, seven at Howard Marsh on 01 Jun. (8 counties)

### **Killdeer**

Josh Yoder tallied 225 at Wilderness Road on 09 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### **Semipalmated Plover**

There were numerous records of northbound migrants still moving through in the middle of Jun. The likely last northbound migrant was seen at Walnut Beach Park, **Ashtabula**, on 19 Jun (John Pogacnik and Kari Warner). The first definitive fall arrival was a bird at LaDue on 09 Jul (Kelly Kozlowski and Mark Shaver). However, two on 03 Jul in **Lucas** and one in **Clinton** on 04 Jul were puzzling, and likely early fall migrants. Chad Pumpelly saw perhaps the same **Clinton** bird on 06 Jul; see Field Notes for more. (26 counties)

### **Piping Plover**

One spent 07 and 08 Jul at Maumee Bay (m. obs.). There were 31 eBird reports on this bird along with numerous photos. This adult female bird was banded in 2020 as part of the Great Lakes Piping Plover Conservation Project and nested in 2022 and 2023 at North Manitou Island; see Field Notes for more.



*This Piping Plover seen at Maumee Bay on 07 Jul was photographed by Traci Gentry (see Field Notes).*

### Upland Sandpiper

The only count above two were a female with two young along Stollacker Road, *Ashtabula*, on 15 Jun (Lydia Machczynski). In addition to *Ashtabula*, all other records, albeit few, were of one or two birds and in appropriate grassland breeding habitat in *Greene* and *Harrison*.

### Whimbrel

Pickrel Creek held up to three from 01 to 03 Jun (m. obs.). Also, Larry Richardson photographed three at Conneaut on 23 Jul that a few other birders saw through 29 Jul.

### Marbled Godwit

Jim Martin found a one-day wonder at Euclid Beach Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 02 Jul that many birders were delighted to see.

### Ruddy Turnstone

Edward Hicks located the likely last spring migrant where he noted a single at Headlands on 04 Jun. Joli Reising photographed four birds three days earlier at Kelleys Island. The first southbound migrants were two observed at Howard Marsh on 21 Jul (Patricia Dwight). Ethan Maynard photographed some of the 10 he saw at Conneaut on 27 Jul. (6 counties)

### Stilt Sandpiper

The first migrant heading south was observed at Howard Marsh on 10 Jul (Warren Leow). Jethro Raber photographed one the next day at Wilderness Road. There were no counts above three. That number of birds was at Howard Marsh on 21 and 23 Jul (m. obs.), as well as ONWR WD on 29 Jul (m. obs.). (11 counties)

### Sanderling

A single bird at Maumee Bay on 28 Jun (m. obs.) was likely the first fall southbound migrant, but an extremely late northbound migrant is not fully excluded. The three that Ed Wransky saw at Lakeview Park, *Lorain*, on 12 Jul, were likely early fall migrants. A trio of birders tallied the most, 15 at Headlands on 26 Jul. (8 counties)

### Dunlin

Records spanned throughout the season, so it was impossible to pinpoint the last northbound and first southbound migrants. Thirty at Howard Marsh on 01 Jun were the season's high count (Jessica Duez). (10 counties)

### Baird's Sandpiper

Kathy Springer noted one at ONWR WD on 22 Jul, and a trio of birders observed one flying west with four Semipalmated Sandpipers at Headlands on 24 Jul. Sarah Preston photographed the one at Headlands; see Field Notes for more information.

### Least Sandpiper

Records spanned throughout the season, so it was impossible to pinpoint the last northbound and first southbound migrants. Josh Yoder counted 75 along Wilderness Road on 09 and 16 Jul during more than four hours of birding during each visit. Up to 60 were there on other dates, and the most elsewhere were also 60 at Sandy Ridge on 09 Jul. (45 counties)

### White-rumped Sandpiper

Migrants continued their influx until 26 Jun. On that date, the last northbound bird was photographed at Maumee Bay (Cynthia Norris). There were no Jul records. The high count of eight came from the wetland at Brate Drive Industrial Park in West Chester, *Butler*, on 12 Jun (Randy Morgan). (10 counties)

### Buff-breasted Sandpiper

At least three birders saw the single at Conneaut on 30 Jul, which represented the only seasonal record.

### Pectoral Sandpiper

The season's first were four at Howard Marsh on 01 Jul (Kenda Lentz). Jessica Duez reported 125 at Howard Marsh on 31 Jul. (22 counties)

### Semipalmated Sandpiper

Sightings continued throughout the season. Paul Jacyk provided the high count, 76 at Cullen Park, *Lucas*, on 30 Jul. (32 counties)

### Short-billed Dowitcher

Sightings continued throughout the season. The high count of 75 came from Howard Marsh on 08 Jul (Brynn and Joey Saucedo). Up to 35 were noted there on other dates. Chris Pierce counted 29 at ONWR WD on 30 Jul. (30 counties)

### Long-billed Dowitcher

Meredith Meyer located the first southbound migrant at Howard Marsh on 25 Jul. The only other seasonal sighting was six noted by Eric Mullholand also at Howard Marsh on 30 Jul.

### American Woodcock

The season's high was nine observed at Glacier Ridge MP, *Union*, on 11 Jun (Natalie Carusillo). (31 counties)

### Wilson's Snipe

All sightings were of single birds. (10 counties)

### Spotted Sandpiper

Bela Anand-Apte and Kim Pastrick conservatively estimated 77 at Cleveland Harbor on 31 Jul. Along Wilderness Road, Josh Yoder tallied the second most, 40 on 22 Jul. (58 counties)

### Solitary Sandpiper

The high count of 26 was hosted at Mill Creek

on 19 Jul (Jeff Harvey), and up to 24 were noted there on other dates. Josh Yoder counted 22 along Wilderness Road on 16 Jul. (47 counties)

### **Lesser Yellowlegs**

Records spanned throughout the season, so it was impossible to pinpoint the last northbound and first southbound migrants. Josh Yoder during about four and one-half hours of birding, and traveling from Wilderness Road to Funk, tallied 110 on 16 Jul. He also had 110 along the same route during more than five hours of birding on 22 Jul. (39 counties)

### **Willet**

Movement continued through early Jun, but records on 30 Jun and early Jul clouded the interpretation on whether those birds were late northbound or early fall migrants or post-reproductive individuals. However, the birds seen in *Cuyahoga* on 11 and 15 Jul were most likely southbound. Robert Krajewski saw the most, five at Conneaut on 03 Jul. (6 counties)

### **Greater Yellowlegs**

Sightings were continuous throughout the season. Josh Yoder made an exact count of 43 at Wilderness Road on 09 Jul. Up to 28 were found there on other dates. Kristina Fulkerson secured the most outside of *Wayne*, where she counted 24 at Pickerel Creek on 21 Jul. (28 counties)

### **Wilson's Phalarope**

The reports, all of singles, are:

Howard Marsh on 06 Jun (Ryan Weber) and 17 Jul (Ami Horowitz)

Lima, *Allen*, on 20 Jul (Rebecca Pescosolido)

Fremont, *Sandusky*, on 26 Jul (David Wilkins)

### **Red-necked Phalarope**

A colorful female in breeding plumage, before dispersing north to the Arctic Tundra, was noted at Pickerel Creek on 02 Jun (Traci Gentry and David Wilkins) and represented the only seasonal record.

### **Bonaparte's Gull**

Warren Leow saw the most, 250 at Howard Marsh on 04 Jul. (17 counties)

### **Laughing Gull**

The reports, all of single birds, are:

Headlands on 04 Jun (m. obs.; originally found by Ray Hannikman)

Hoover Reservoir on 13 Jun (Jerald Reb)

Alum Creek from 13 to 15 Jun (m. obs.; originally found by Andrew Lodge)

An adult photographed at Maumee Bay on 24 Jun (Jason Bojczyk)

### **Franklin's Gull**

Reports were of only single birds and came

from *Cuyahoga*, *Delaware*, *Lucas*, and *Montgomery*.

### **Heermann's Gull**

One spent from 23 Jun to 15 Jul along the Cleveland lakefront (m. obs.). Bird was first found by Lori Brumbaugh. There were 285 eBird reports on this bird. The OBRC accepted this record, and it was the fourth confirmed record of this species in Ohio.

### **Ring-billed Gull**

Headlands hosted about 5000 on 14 Jul (Jim Smallwood and Sarah Preston). The most at an inland site were Carl Winstead's 405 at Alum Creek on 13 Jul. (57 counties)

### **Herring Gull**

Jim Smallwood saw the most, 2500 at Headlands on 07 Jul. Second most were 130 at Lorain on 10 Jul (John Pogacnik and Kari Warner). The 60 noted by Jon Cefus and Kent Miller at American Landfill, *Stark*, on 04 Jul, were the inland high. (37 counties)

### **Lesser Black-backed Gull**

Four immature birds were at the beach of Maumee Bay on 05 Jun (Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski). In addition to *Lucas*, reports came from *Ashtabula*, *Delaware*, *Lake*, and *Lorain*.

### **Great Black-backed Gull**

Five noted along Erie Avenue, *Lorain*, were the season's high on 31 Jul (Brian Rademacher). All other reports came from *Ottawa* and along the lakefront in the eastern counties of *Ashtabula*, *Cuyahoga*, *Lake*, and *Lorain*.

### **Caspian Tern**

John Pogacnik and Kari Warner secured the seasonal high with a count of 80 at Howard Marsh on 01 Jul, and up to 41 were there on other dates. Brynn and Joey Saucedo counted 30 at Maumee Bay on 27 Jun. Alex Colucci's 12 at Berlin Lake, *Portage*, on 22 Jul provided the inland high. (37 counties)

### **Black Tern**

John Kuenzli and Andrew Lodge saw the most, 21 at Hoover NP on 14 Jun. (12 counties)

### **Common Tern**

The high count of 150 came from both Metzger on 05 Jun (Greg Pasek) and Howard Marsh on 06 Jul (Brandon Brywczyński). Ron Marek observed the inland high, six at Alum Creek on 23 Jun. (14 counties)

### **Arctic Tern**

Ron Marek photographed one at Alum Creek on 14 Jun. Record was accepted by the OBRC.

### Forster's Tern

Terry Bronson counted 90 at Maumee Bay on 27 Jul. Bruce Arnold's 36 at Howard Marsh were the second most and were tallied on 25 Jun. Inland, the high count of 11 came from Ami Horowitz at LaDue on 25 Jul. (18 counties)

### Common Loon

Sightings spanned throughout the season. The high count of three consisted of all non-breeding plumage birds that stayed until 18 Jun at Eastwood MP, *Montgomery* (m. obs.). (21 counties)

### Double-crested Cormorant

Charles Jackson counted 500 at Magee on 27 Jun. At Turning Point Island, *Erie*, Ryan Collison tallied 450 on 25 Jun. (77 counties)

### Neotropic Cormorant

James Yoder found one that Sarah Preston later photographed at Euclid Beach Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 07 Jul, which stayed through 09 Jul (m. obs.). Bill Stanley photographed one at East Fork on 28 and 31 Jul; see Field Notes for more.

### American White Pelican

The 04 Jun ONWR census tallied 87 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). A flock of 59 was at Mercer WA, *Mercer*, on 15 Jul (Trenton Buis). Nancy Anderson counted 51 at Medusa on 12 Jun. (10 counties)

### Least Bittern

Counts of three came from three locations. That number was noted at ONWR WD on 10 Jun and 29 Jul (m. obs.), and at Howard Marsh on 03 Jul (Isaac Smith). Likewise, at Mentor Lagoons on 04 and 07 Jul by David Chase and on 07 Jul by Sally Isacco. Several of the observers commented that, by calls, likely more were present in those marshes on those days. (15 counties)

### American Bittern

All reports were of single birds. (11 counties)

### Little Blue Heron

This southern affinity heron continues to expand its breeding range in Ohio and northward in North America since the 1940s. Josh Yoder found six immatures that delighted numerous birders at Killbuck on 30 and 31 Jul, and up to five were there on other dates. Five were at retention ponds in Sunbury, *Delaware*, on 31 Jul (m. obs.). (13 counties)

### Snowy Egret

Warren Leow saw the most, 12 at Howard Marsh on 10 Jul, and up to 10 were there on other dates. Chris Pierce saw six at ONWR on 30 Jul. (8 counties)

### Yellow-crowned Night Heron

The high count of six came from Gilmore on 23 Jun and 13 Jul (Marianne Gorman). She noted

four adults and two juveniles on the first outing and three adults and three juveniles on the second date. At least five were seen there by others on other dates. The only other records were of singles in *Cuyahoga* and *Franklin*.

### Black-crowned Night Heron

McKinley Quarry in Columbus hosted 14 for James Muller on 17 Jun. Seven of those were juveniles, and up to 12 birds were noted there on other dates. Ryan Lesniewicz saw 10 in Oak Harbor, *Ottawa*, on 12 Jun. (22 counties)

### Green Heron

Jeff Harvey counted 16 at Mill Creek on 29 Jul. Only *Mercer*, *Pike*, *Shelby* and *Van Wert* didn't have a report.



While checking Wilderness Road on 22 Jul, Su Snyder came across this Green Heron.

### Great Egret

David Wilkins saw the most, 300 at Pickerel Creek on 26 Jul. (65 counties)

### Western Cattle-Egret

There were few reports, but they spanned much of the entire season, and all were of only one or two birds. Reports came from *Erie*, *Harrison*, *Lucas*, *Pickaway*, and *Wyandot*.

### Great Blue Heron

Josh Yoder tallied 125 during almost four and one-half hours of birding along Wilderness Road north to Funk on 16 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Glossy Ibis

Jeff and Marian Kraus found one at Killbuck on 31 Jul that was the only summer record, but it delighted numerous other birders who saw it.

### Black Vulture

Karl Poetzel counted 41 in Nelsonville, *Athens*, on 29 Jul. (63 counties)

### Turkey Vulture

A group of four birders tallied 211 at Headlands on 30 Jul. A count of 150 was second most, as noted in Elyria, *Lorain*, on 15 Jul (Adam and Renae Jackson). (all 88 counties)

### Osprey

A trio of birders counted 16 at Alum Creek on 25 Jul. (71 counties)

### Northern Harrier

All reports were of single birds, except two noted by a trio of birders along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 27 Jul. (17 counties)

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

Dennis and Scott Albaugh saw two soaring over Busby Road, **Harrison**, on 04 Jun. All other reports were of single birds. (20 counties)

### Cooper's Hawk

The high count of five was shared by Ivy Ciaburri at Scioto Audubon MP, **Franklin**, on 11 Jul and Gale Wulker in Blue Ash, **Hamilton**, on 13 Jul. Both these sightings were of parents feeding young. (79 counties)

### Bald Eagle

Pickrel Creek hosted 48 on 03 Jun for David Wilkins. The next most were 37 tallied during the 02 Jul ONWR census (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). The greatest number away from Lake Erie were Josh Yoder's 32 at Wilderness Road on 22 Jul. (80 counties)

### Mississippi Kite

All reports were of one or two birds and came from only **Lucas**, **Ross**, **Scioto**, and **Summit**.

### Red-shouldered Hawk

A site in Cincinnati held three chicks with parents for the high count of five, but the eBird record was vague on whether the record was current. Sites in **Clinton**, **Fairfield**, **Geauga**, and **Hocking** each held four. (74 counties)

### Broad-winged Hawk

All reports were of one or two birds. Once this species starts nesting, they become somewhat difficult to locate. (47 counties)

### Red-tailed Hawk

Three sites held six birds. That number was tallied during the 02 Jun CVNP census (Douglas

Vogus *et al.*). There were six at Killdeer on 09 Jun (Eric Mullholand), and along Wilderness Road on 22 Jul (Josh Yoder). (all 88 counties)



Traci Gentry found a family of Red-tailed Hawks, including these two immatures on 19 Jun nearby a Toledo church parking lot.

### American Barn Owl

A family group of six was noted on a barn in the ONWR on 27 and 29 Jul (Paul Jacyk and Tajiinder Singh). (7 counties)

### Eastern Screech-Owl

Counts of three came from **Athens**, **Miami**, and **Seneca**. (39 counties)

### Great Horned Owl

Three at Holden on 18 Jun (m. obs.) were the most noted. (40 counties)

### Barred Owl

Locations in **Greene**, **Hamilton**, **Lorain**, and **Mahoning** held four birds. (58 counties)

### Belted Kingfisher

Headlands held the most, 10 on 01 Jul (Adam McNerney) and 25 Jul (m. obs.). Only **Hardin**, **Lawrence**, **Pike**, and **Seneca** didn't have sightings.

### Red-headed Woodpecker

Bob Lane counted 16 at Berlin Lake on 27 Jul. Only **Hocking**, **Jefferson**, **Lawrence**, and **Pike** didn't have reports.



Kathy Mock spotted a Red-headed Woodpecker at a well-worked tree at the Kopf Family Reservation in **Lorain** on 16 July.



Black Vultures continue to expand their range north where birders like Kathy Mock are happy to spot them. This one in **Summit** on 04 Jun.

### Red-bellied Woodpecker

Bill Grant tallied 20 at Acacia Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 09 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Jim Smallwood counted six at Hell Hollow WA, **Lake**, on 18 Jun. Other than **Lake**, sightings came only from **Ashtabula**, **Columbiana**, and **Geauga**, and primarily from known nesting locations.

### Downy Woodpecker

The high count was 16, at a private residence in Bloomfield Township, **Trumbull**, on 15 Jun (Larry Richardson). The Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team tallied 15 on 02 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Hairy Woodpecker

Henry and Jim Trimpe counted 11, which also included an active nest, at Mohican SP on 06 Jun. Seven were noted in Mantua, **Portage**, on 30 Jun (Dianne and William Noice). Only **Auglaize**, **Fayette**, **Mercer**, and **Williams** didn't have sightings.

### Northern Flicker

Douglas Vogus *et al.* tallied 24 during the 02 Jul ONWR. Second most were 20 noted at Margaret Peak NP, **Lorain**, by Lisa Cellular on 13 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Pileated Woodpecker

Henry and Jim Trimpe covered enough distance during a marathon of more than 10 hours of birding to tally 12 at Mohican SP on 06 Jun. Similarly, Jimmy and Jon Kurtz tallied seven at that same site during about eight hours of birding on 10 Jun. Counts of six came from **Summit** and **Washington**. (81 counties)

### Belted Kingfisher

Headlands held the most, 10 on 01 Jul (Adam McInerney) and 25 Jul (m. obs.). Only **Hardin**, **Lawrence**, **Pike**, and **Seneca** didn't have sightings.

### American Kestrel

Ronald Gleason counted 15 in Rehoboth, **Perry**, on 24 Jul. At Killdeer, Eric Mullholand tallied the second most, 12 on 19 Jul. Only **Noble** didn't have a sighting.

### Merlin

This species continues to expand its breeding range in Ohio. Leslie Sours photographed a nesting pair with three fledged young in Northam Park, **Franklin**, on 29 Jun and 02 Jul. Reports of one or two birds also came from **Ashtabula**, **Erie**, **Licking**, **Sandusky**, and **Summit**.

### Peregrine Falcon

A family group of six was noted in the city of

Hamilton, **Butler**, on 21 Jun (Marianne Gorman). (25 counties)

### Great Crested Flycatcher

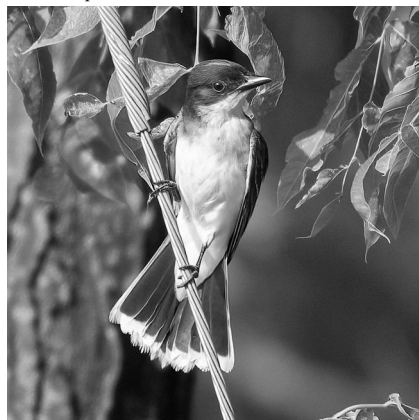
Tyler McClain counted eight at Sandy Ridge on 18 Jul. (82 counties)

### Western Kingbird

Numerous birders saw the Frederickburg's, **Holmes**, bird that Perry Troyer first located on 27 Jul, and that stayed through 31 Jul.

### Eastern Kingbird

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team tallied the seasonal high count of 23 on 04 Jun, and up to 22 were there on other dates. A trio of birders counted 15 at Lorain on 09 Jul. Only **Pike** didn't have a report.



Traci Gentry sharply photographed this Eastern Kingbird on 05 Jul in Perrysburg, **Wood**.

### Olive-sided Flycatcher

The reports, all of single birds, are:

Headlands on 01 Jun (m. obs.)

Glacier Ridge MP, **Union**, on 01 Jun (Irina Shulgina)

Mill Creek on 05 Jun (John Petruzzi)

Big Creek Park, **Lake**, on 10 Jun (Brian Williams)  
Margaret Peak NP, **Lorain**, on 10 Jun (Greg Pasek)

Macedonia, **Summit**, on 16 Jun (Ann and Dwight Chasar)

### Eastern Wood-Pewee

Henry and Jim Trimpe counted 46 during an over 10-hour excursion in Mohican SP on 06 Jun. Similarly, Jimmy and Jon Kurtz, during about eight hours, tallied 29 at that same location on 10 Jun. The next most, not in Mohican SP, were 19 at Wooster Memorial Park, **Wayne**, on 03 Jun (Jelmer Poelstra). (all 88 counties).

### Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Nate Koszycki observed two singing males in the

OOPMP on 03 Jun. All other reports were of single birds. (13 counties)

#### **Acadian Flycatcher**

Henry and Jim Trimpe counted 108 during an over 10-hour excursion in Mohican SP on 06 Jun (see Field Notes for more). Likewise, Jimmy and Jon Kurtz, during about eight hours, tallied 71 at that same location on 10 Jun. During three and one-half hours of birding, Jelmer Poelstra counted 47 at Wooster Memorial Park, *Wayne*, on 03 Jun. (81 counties)

#### **Alder Flycatcher**

Brian Tinker found three at Bath NP, *Summit*, on 02 Jun. (29 counties)

#### **Willow Flycatcher**

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census crew counted 22 on 04 Jun. Karen Zeleznik found 19 at Bath NP, *Summit*, on 01 Jun. Only *Monroe*, *Putnam*, and *Van Wert* didn't have reports.



*This Willow Flycatcher was photographed by Kathy Mock in Summit on 07 Jun.*

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

Indeterminate birds were reported in 17 counties.

#### **Least Flycatcher**

Tyler McClain found three while kayaking the upper Cuyahoga River in *Geauga* on 23 Jun. All other reports were of one or two birds. (31 counties)

#### **Eastern Phoebe**

Maureen MacIntyre found two different pairs with young and tallied the seasonal high of 10 at North Chagrin NC, *Cuyahoga*, on 08 Jun. Amanda and Matt Sloan found nine at Mosquito Lake, which also included four fledged young they photographed on 01 Jul. Likewise, Lars Jones counted nine in Georgetown, *Brown*, on 19 Jul. (81 counties)

#### **White-eyed Vireo**

Heather Aubke counted 13 in Langsville, *Meigs*, on 05 July in excellent habitat. Counts of nine came from *Jackson*, *Lorain*, *Richland*, and *Washington*. (74 counties)

#### **Bell's Vireo**

Alex Eberts and Corinna Honscheid counted 12 at Darby Creek 08 Jul, including three recently fledged young. (14 counties)

#### **Yellow-throated Vireo**

Henry and Jim Trimpe counted 13 during more than 10 hours birding in Mohican SP on 06 Jun. (81 counties)

#### **Blue-headed Vireo**

Sites in *Ashland*, *Hocking*, and *Summit* held three. (17 counties)

#### **Philadelphia Vireo**

Mike Charest saw the last spring migrant, at East Harbor SP, *Ottawa*, on 03 Jun. (6 counties)

#### **Warbling Vireo**

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team tallied the seasonal high of 39 on 04 Jun. The 02 Jun CVNP census tallied 26, and tied for second most (Douglas Vogus *et al.*), as that number was also noted at Bay View Park, *Lucas*, on 02 Jun (Paul Jacyk). (84 counties)

#### **Red-eyed Vireo**

Henry and Jim Trimpe counted 159 during their more than 10 hours birding in Mohican SP on 06 Jun. Similarly, Jimmy and Jon Kurtz tallied 89 during nearly eight hours birding that same location on 10 Jun. The most elsewhere were Jelmer Poelstra's 62 at Wooster Memorial Park, *Wayne*, on 03 Jun. Only *Putnam* didn't have a report.

#### **Loggerhead Shrike**

The bird in *Perry* during the spring continued until 17 Jun (m. obs.).

#### **Blue Jay**

Larry Richardson tallied 28 during slightly more than two and one-half hours of birding in the



*Su Snyder found a family of Eastern Phoebes at their nest on 26 Jul at Funk.*

Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 27 Jul. (all 88 counties)

#### American Crow

Jason Short estimated 300 flying west at Poland Township Park, **Mahoning**, on 10 Jul. Only **Monroe** and **Putnam** didn't have sightings.

#### Fish Crow

A flock of 30 flew over Gautam Apte's suburban Cleveland residence on 26 Jul. Other than **Cuyahoga**, reports of one or two birds came from **Franklin**, **Lake**, **Lorain**, and **Montgomery**.

#### Common Raven

Two counts shared the high of four. Terry Bronson saw a family group of four in Wayne NF, **Washington**, on 16 Jul. A trio of birders noted the same number along Fairport Nursery Road, **Lake**, on 27 Jul. (14 counties)

#### Carolina Chickadee

A group of four birders counted 21 at Hoover NP on 18 Jul. Trip Bondi obtained a count of 20 at Ohio University, **Athens**, on 08 Jul, and 20 were also tallied at Antrim Park, **Franklin**, on 09 Jul (Robert Thorn) (65 counties)

#### Black-capped Chickadee

Joseph Ford and Jacob Stoddard counted 30 at Munroe Falls MP, **Summit**, on 31 Jul. (30 counties)

#### Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee

Cautious birders reported undefined birds in seven counties.

#### Tufted Titmouse

Charlotte Ashcraft counted 23 along Midland Oil Road in Glenford, **Licking**, on 10 Jun, and that was a shared high with Ann Gilmore's tally along the Cuyahoga River, **Summit**, on 11 Jun. (all 88 counties)

#### Horned Lark

A flock of 25 flew over James Kerner at Voice of America MP, **Butler**, on 10 Jun. Flocks of 15 were noted in **Defiance**, **Mercer**, **Pickaway**, and **Wood**. (57 counties)

#### Bank Swallow

Don Keffer conservatively estimated 900 at Mosquito WA on 11 Jul; see Field Notes for more information. At Walborn Reservoir, **Stark**, Ben Morrison estimated the season's second most, where a flock of about 650 were staging on 23 Jul. (60 counties)

#### Tree Swallow

Josh Yoder counted 500 along Wilderness Road on 22 Jul. The 02 Jul ONWR census tallied 403 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Only **Monroe** and **Pike** didn't have sightings.

#### Northern Rough-winged Swallow

About 200 were at the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant in Columbus for Susan Brickner-Wren on 27 Jun. Kevin and Patty McKelvey saw the second most, 170 at Cromwell Park, **Lorain**, on 06 Jul. Only **Auglaize**, **Fulton**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.

#### Purple Martin

Birds started staging early this season as fledging wrapped up. Mollie and Tyler Ficker counted 13,783 at a communal roost in Eastgate, **Clermont**, on 28 Jul. About 800 were at the Gleason Road and Haley Road quarry, **Clinton**, on 31 Jul. Only **Crawford** didn't have a report.

#### Barn Swallow

Debbie Parker estimated 2000 at Chippewa Lake Park, **Medina**, on 12 Jun. (all 88 counties)



A Barn Swallow grabs a perch. Photo by Su Snyder, 30 Jun at Clark Road, Killbuck.

#### Cliff Swallow

Fredericksburg, **Wayne**, hosted the season's high, about 400 on 03 Jun (Luke Donahue). About 350 were there on other dates. Outside of **Wayne**, Lee Gray estimated 200 at Deer Creek Reservoir, **Stark**, on 04 Jul; see Field Notes for additional information. (60 counties)

#### Ruby-crowned Kinglet

At least two had not crossed the lake by early Jun. Debbie Parker reported one from Metzger on 03 Jun and Christine Moore observed a late migrant at her Aurora, **Portage**, residence on 01 Jun.

#### Golden-crowned Kinglet

Jason Short saw one at Foundry Hill Road, **Columbiana**, on 16 Jun and that was the only seasonal sighting.

#### Cedar Waxwing

Miami Whitewater Forest, **Hamilton**, held 80 on 01 Jul (Luke Thies). (all 88 counties)

#### Red-breasted Nuthatch

There were no counts above three birds. (12 counties)

#### White-breasted Nuthatch

Englewood hosted 20 for Eric Elvert on 04 Jun.

Charlotte Ashcraft counted 16 along Midland Oil Road in Glenford, **Licking**, on 03 Jun. (all 88 counties)



*This Cedar Waxwing was photographed by Kathy Mock on 21 Jul in Summit.*

### Brown Creeper

Tyler McClain noted four while kayaking the upper Cuyahoga River in **Geauga** on 23 Jun. (16 counties)

### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Six birders counted 18 during nearly five and one-half hours of birding Highland MP, **Delaware**, on 09 Jun. Counts of 14 came from **Lucas**, **Summit**, and **Wayne**. (all 88 counties)

### Carolina Wren

CVNP hosted 18 for Douglas Vogus *et al.* on 02 Jun. (all 88 counties)

### Northern House Wren

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 83 on 02 Jul, and 40 were tallied on the 04 Jun census. Chris Pierce counted 36 during more than three and one-half hours of birding in suburbs west of Cleveland in **Lorain** on 08 Jul. Only **Pike** didn't have sightings.

### Winter Wren

Henry and Jim Trimpe tabulated six singing males in Mohican SP on 06 Jun. All other records were primarily from known nesting locations and varied from one to three birds. In addition to **Ashland**, reports came from **Cuyahoga**, **Geauga**, **Lake**, **Medina**, and **Summit**.

### Sedge Wren

The high count of five was tallied at Huffman Prairie, **Greene**, on 29 Jul (Eric Wright) and 31 Jul (Jason Beason). (16 counties)

### Marsh Wren

Paul Jacyk counted 50 along ONWR WD on 11 Jun. Next most were the 37 noted at Pickerel Creek on 17 Jun (David Wilkins). (28 counties)

### Gray Cathbird

Douglas Vogus *et al.* counted 48 in ONWR on 02 Jul. Clear Creek hosted 35 for Gregory Allen on 07 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Brown Thrasher

Josh Yoder tabulated 10 at Barnes Preserve, **Wayne**, on 03 Jun and shared the high with Kathy Mock at PPG Lime Lakes, **Summit**, on 08 Jul. Only **Putnam** and **Seneca** didn't have sightings.

### Northern Mockingbird

Mark Dwenger saw 10 along the Ohio River Trail between Schmidt Park and Turkey Ridge Park, **Hamilton**, on 27 Jun. Only **Allen** and **Mercer** didn't have reports.

### European Starling

Mollie and Tyler Ficker estimated 5500 at Eastgate, **Hamilton**, on 28 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Eastern Bluebird

The high count of 40 came from Squire Valleeview Farm, **Cuyahoga**, on 24 Jul, where 24 of those birds were nestlings (Bill Jirousek). Up to 38 were noted there on other dates. Heather Aubke counted 25, which included numerous fledglings, in Union Furnace, **Hocking**, on 06 Jul. Only **Mercer** didn't have sightings.



*This Eastern Bluebird was spotted by Su Snyder along Messner Road at Killbuck on 14 Jul.*

### Veery

Mohican SP hosted 29 on 10 Jun (Jimmy and Jon Kurtz). Up to 24 were found there on other dates. Amy Longley and Betsy MacMillan tallied 12 along CVNP's Perkins Trail on 20 Jun. (36 counties)

### Gray-cheeked Thrush

All reports were of single birds. Andy and Erin Avram saw the last spring migrant at Mentor Marsh on 05 Jun. Other than **Lake**, sightings came from **Cuyahoga**, **Lucas**, **Ottawa**, and **Summit**.

### Swainson's Thrush

Luke Donahue saw the last northbound bird, at Lowe-Volk Park, **Crawford**, on 18 Jun. Another exceptionally late migrant was at Headlands on

14 Jun (John Pogacnik and Kari Warner). Several counties had records until 09 Jun. Sarah Preston and Joel Throckmorton contributed the high count of three, at Mentor Lagoons, on 01 Jun. (19 counties)

### Hermit Thrush

Vicki Ramirez saw what was probably the last northbound migrant, at Lake Elissa on the campus of Ursuline College, **Cuyahoga**, on 17 Jun. Two separate birds seen in **Summit** on 17 and 18 Jun could also have been viable last migrants, as at least one of those was not in breeding habitat. Likewise, a bird seen in Rittman, **Wayne**, by Jennifer Allison, was another late migrant on 17 Jun and not in breeding habitat. Katie Grimm and Elizabeth Krieger counted 18 during more than five hours and nearly 10 miles of birding Hocking Hills SP on 21 Jul. The species is perhaps increasing as a breeder in **Hocking**. Up to 10 were found there on other dates. Henry and Jim Trimpe saw the most not in **Hocking**, three in Mohican SP on 06 Jun. (10 counties)

### Wood Thrush

Carl Endstrom covered more than five miles in Vinton Furnace and tallied 28 on 06 Jun. Julie Zickefoose noted 27 in Whipple, **Washington**, on 19 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### American Robin

Mollie and Tyler Ficker reported 135 at their Eastgate, **Clermont**, residence on 30 Jul. Nine birders tallied 115 at Burnet Woods, **Hamilton**, on 18 Jun. (all 88 counties)

### House Sparrow

Hunter Hammil noted 200 at the Ohio state fairgrounds, **Franklin**, on 30 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### American Pipit

Ed Wransky photographed the only season's record, a single at Lorain on 14 Jul.

### House Finch

Irina Shulgina counted 46 at the OSU livestock facility on 30 Jun. (all 88 counties)

### Purple Finch

Bob Lane saw four at Beaver Creek SP, **Columbiana**, on 22 Jun. (17 counties)

### Pine Siskin

The reports, all of single birds, are:

In Edison, **Morroe**, on 05 Jul (Amy Holloway)

In Whipple, **Wayne**, on 22 Jul (Julie Zickefoose)

At a feeder along Hidden Hollow Drive, **Butler**, on 29 July (Steve Pater). A nice photograph of that bird was obtained.

### American Goldfinch

Cleveland's Euclid Beach Park hosted the high

count, 82 on 14 Jul (Emily-Kate Hunter and Annette Lambert). (all 88 counties)

### Grasshopper Sparrow

Jeff Goff estimated 40 along Busby Road, **Harrison**, on 24 Jun. Another **Harrison** site, near Flushing, produced 25 for Jeff Goff on 24 Jun. The highest count outside of **Harrison** was Matt Mason's 16 along Unionville Road in Bristol, **Morgan**, on 29 Jun. (55 counties)

### Lark Sparrow

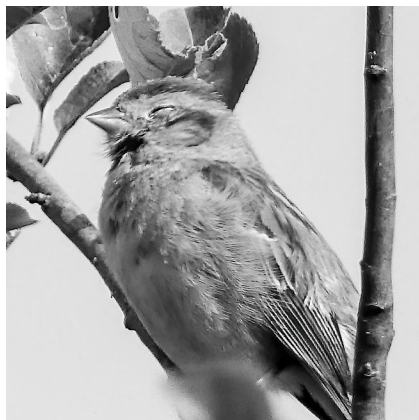
Ellen Leonard noted 10 in the OOPMP on 13 Jun and up to seven were reported there on other dates. The most elsewhere were six, at Oak Glen NP, **Hamilton**, on 08 Jul (Sandra Keller). (8 counties)

### Chipping Sparrow

Henry and Jim Trimpe tallied 31 in Mohican SP on 06 Jun. (all 88 counties)

### Clay-colored Sparrow

The known nesting location at Poland Township Park, **Mahoning**, again hosted a pair and the two adults were seen throughout much of Jun and Jul (m. obs.). Jay Wright audio recorded a singing male at Audubon Islands SNP, **Lucas**, on



This Field Sparrow looked drowsy when Kathy Mock saw it on 17 Jun at the Bath NP in **Summit**.



Jethro Raber found this Purple Finch along Wells Road in **Wayne** on 30 Jun.

05 Jun. Alvin Miller photographed one member of a pair and audio recorded the male he closely studied at a site north of Sugarcreek, *Tuscarawas*, on 11 Jun.

### Field Sparrow

Joshua Fries reported the most, 40 at the Great Miami WMB on 02 Jul. Scott Albaugh noted the season's second most, 35 at Friendship Park, *Jefferson*, on 15 Jul. Only *Monroe* didn't have a sighting.

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

The nesting stronghold for the species in northern Ohio, Holden, hosted nine on 18 Jun (m. obs.). South Chagrin Reservation, *Cuyahoga*, harbored six on both 03 Jun (Alex Eisengart) and 27 Jul (Hunter Hammil). *Ashland*, *Hamilton*, *Harrison*, *Lake*, *Mahoning*, *Medina*, *Portage*, *Summit*, and *Trumbull* also contributed sightings. The *Hamilton* bird was an extremely late migrant and was photographed along Diehl Road on 06 Jun (Rob Parker).

### White-crowned Sparrow

Two were at Headlands on 01 Jun (David Chase). A straggler remained at Englewood until 09 Jun (Eric Geiger). One was also photographed in West Union, *Adams*, on 10 Jul (Dale Bailey), and because of time of occurrence that record will be difficult to understand.

### White-throated Sparrow

All summer reports were of single birds. It may often be difficult to discern whether some individuals of this species are trying to breed further south of their normal nesting range or very late northbound migrants that haven't yet crossed the lake when sighted in Jun. Gary Cowell and Jason Hull saw a late northbound migrant at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary in Mansfield, *Richland*, on 12 Jun. Another singing bird was noted along Scranton Road in Cleveland on 24 Jun when Allen Rand led a group of 11 during a Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society's urban bird walk. Additionally, early Jun sightings came from another *Cuyahoga* site, as well as *Meigs* and *Summit*. An early arrival from the north was at Headlands on 29 Jul (Roger Beuck and Jim Smallwood).

### Vesper Sparrow

Matt Anderson provided the high count of four at Sandhill Crane on 08 Jul. (34 counties)

### Nelson's Sparrow

Roger Beuck and Jim Smallwood kayaked to audio record our season's only sighting. The bird was at Mentor Lagoons on 18 Jun.

### Henslow's Sparrow

The high count of 30 came from Busby Road,

*Harrison*, on 24 Jun (Jeff Goff), 20 Jul (Joanne Priest), and again on 30 Jul (Trip Bondi). Up to 25 were noted there on other dates. Buster Banish counted 25 at Woodbury WA, *Coshocton*, on 03 Jun. (41 counties)

### Savannah Sparrow

At the American Electric Power grasslands along Unionville Road in Bristol, *Morgan*, Matt Mason counted 39 on 29 Jun; see Field Notes for more. Second most were the 33 tallied by Bruce and Kelly Miller along Bragg Road in Mount Sterling, *Madison*, on 09 Jul. (69 counties)

### Song Sparrow

Douglas Vogus' ONWR census team counted 86 on 04 Jun and 88 on 02 Jul. Walking over five miles in the hot sun for nearly five and one-half hours rewarded Josh Yoder with 80 along Wilderness Road on 16 Jul. He repeated that on 22 Jul with 80 counted again. (all 88 counties)

### Swamp Sparrow

Jon Kurtz counted 44 at Tare Creek Marsh, *Geauga*, on 09 Jul; see Field Notes for more. Up to 16 were noted there on other dates. The 02 Jul ONWR census tallied 17 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). The 01 Jul CVNP census (Douglas Vogus *et al.*) also had 16, as did counts from *Richland* and *Wyandot*. (50 counties)



Kathy Mock photographed this Swamp Sparrow along the Ohio & Erie Towpath in Clinton, *Summit* on 22 Jul.

### Eastern Towhee

Scott Albaugh counted 35 at Friendship Park, *Jefferson*, on 15 Jul. Only *Allen*, *Auglaize*, *Putnam*, and *Van Wert* didn't have reports.

### Yellow-breasted Chat

The high count of 11 came from Crown City WA, *Lawrence*, on 08 Jun (Will Babb) and 15 Jun (Chad Pumpelly). Counts of eight were second most, where that number was noted at the

Woodland Trails WA, **Preble**, on 10 Jun (Levi Metzger) and by your editor at the University of Cincinnati Center for Field Studies in Harrison, **Hamilton**, on 28 Jun. (73 counties)



The Tri-Valley WA in **Muskingum** is a good place to find Yellow-Breasted Chats where Brad Perkins was on 09 Jun.

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

Meredith Meyer saw four at Howard Marsh on 21 Jul and one or two were seen there throughout the summer on other dates. Luke Robertson found a male at Edgewater on 10 Jun that stayed through 21 Jun (m. obs.).

### Bobolink

In Flushing, **Harrison**, along Cadiz-Flushing Road, Jeff Goff estimated 150 on 24 Jun. A trio of birders noted 75 at Poland Township Park, **Mahoning**, on 23 Jul. (53 counties)

### Eastern Meadowlark

As thematic in this Species Accounts, **Harrison** grasslands produced the most, as also noted for some of the other grassland species. Jeff Goff estimated 50 along both Busby Road and Cadiz-Flushing Road on 24 Jun. The most not in **Harrison** were Cam Lee's 25 at Big Island on 26 Jun. Only **Scioto** didn't have a sighting.

### Orchard Oriole

The high count of 11 was a single group of birds that Matt Anderson saw at Sandhill Crane on 15 Jul. Two counts of nine tied for second most. That number of birds was noted at William J. Robertson NP, **Wayne**, on 24 Jun and at Mosquito WA on 03 Jul (Don Keffer). Only **Crawford**, **Pike**, and **Van Wert** didn't have reports.

### Baltimore Oriole

The seasonal high was 45 at Sandy Ridge on 19 Jun (June Newman and Edge Wade). Only **Gal- lia** didn't have a report.

### Red-winged Blackbird

Benjamin Miller estimated 3600 coming off their communal roost at Knox Lake, **Knox**, on 16 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Brown-headed Cowbird

Larry Early noted 250 at the Gleason Road retention pond, **Clinton**, on 26 Jul. (all 88 counties)

### Common Grackle

Jason Bojczyk counted 1415 at Maumee Bay on 25 Jun. Also from **Lucas**, Tom Kemp noted the second most, 750 in Grand Rapids on 19 Jun. (all 88 counties)

### Ovenbird

During seven hours of birding and covering six miles in Vinton Furnace, Carl Engstrom tallied 35 on 13 Jun. Up to 25 were noted there on other dates. Next most were 22 tallied during Henry and Jim Trimpe's ten hours and over 15 miles excursion in Mohican SP on 06 Jun. (56 counties)

### Worm-eating Warbler

Carl Engstrom took almost six hours, covering four miles, to count 11 in Vinton Furnace on 07 Jun. As noted with the Ovenbird above in terms of coverage, the Trimpe's tallied eight at Mohican SP on 06 Jun. Likewise, during nearly eight hours and covering about six miles, Jimmy and Jon Kurtz also counted eight in Mohican SP on 10 Jun. Outside these two aforementioned locations, five were tallied during five hours and six miles in Clear Creek by Jordan Satler on 17 Jun. (18 counties)

### Louisiana Waterthrush

Henry and Jim Trimpe obtained the high count, 19 in Mohican SP on 06 Jun; see Field Notes for more. Up to 18 were noted there on other dates. Meg Glines tallied six at Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trail, **Columbiana**, on 08 Jul. (54 counties)

### Northern Waterthrush

The reports are:

Two at CLNP on 01 Jun (Jason Hull)

One singing near Toussaint-Portage Road in Carroll Township, **Ottawa**, on 05 Jun (Kenn Kaufman)

One singing at Kiwanis Park that Irina Shulgina video recorded on 07 Jun

### Golden-winged Warbler

The only sighting was a bird at Foundry Hill Road, **Columbiana**, on 02 Jun (Jason Short).

### Blue-winged Warbler

Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, hosted the high count of nine on 22 Jul (Larry Richardson). Counts of seven came from **Geauga**, **Holmes**, and **Lucas**. (50 counties).

### Black-and-white Warbler

It took Carl Engstrom about four and one-half hours and seven miles to tally the season's high, 12 at Vinton Furnace, on 09 Jun. (44 counties)

### Prothonotary Warbler

Along the upper Cuyahoga River in **Geauga** is where Tyler McClain noted the season's high count, 20 on 23 Jun. At Hoover NP, Brian Tsuru counted 18 on 24 Jun. (60 counties)



*This Prothonotary Warbler sang for Su Snyder along Valley Road (north) at Killbuck, on 05 Jun.*

### Tennessee Warbler

Stragglers persisted throughout the first half of Jun. All reports were of single birds and came from **Cuyahoga**, **Lucas**, **Portage**, **Preble**, **Summit**, and **Trumbull**. One was present as late as 17 Jun in the CVNP in Peninsula (Rachele Kappler). Astonishingly, however, was the one Levi Metzger audio recorded in Hueston Woods on 21 Jun.

### Nashville Warbler

Cindy and Mike Venus saw one at Highbanks MP in Columbus on 17 Jun.

### Mourning Warbler

The only report of more than one bird sighted at any given time was two from Lorain on 01 Jun (Erin and Joshua Vardous). (9 counties)

### Kentucky Warbler

Robert Edelen and Ginny Fantetti counted six at East Fork on 04 Jun and six were there again on 22 Jun (Ginny Fantetti). The six at East Fork was a shared high with six that Daniel Beechy tabulated during almost four hours and seven miles along the **Holmes** County Trail on 04 Jul. (44 counties)

### Common Yellowthroat

The 02 Jul ONWR census tallied 64 (Vogus *et al.*). Jon Cefus and Kent Miller counted 55 at The Wilds on 14 Jul. Only **Lawrence** didn't have a sighting.

### Hooded Warbler

Valerie Burdette's 27 noted in CVNP on 03 Jun was a shared high with Henry and Jim Trimpe's 27 at Mohican SP on 06 Jun. At Hinckley Reservation, **Medina**, the second most was noted, 19 on 04 Jun (Henry Trimpe). (58 counties)

### American Redstart

Cory Vanderbaan counted 22 at Vermilion River Reservation, **Lorain**, on 10 Jun. (77 counties)

### Cape May Warbler

David Chase noted the only reported for the season. That bird was at Headlands on 01 Jun.

### Cerulean Warbler

This species was more widespread than the previous summer. Thirteen at Mohican SP on 06 Jun represented the high count (Henry and Jim Trimpe). Vinton Furnace held 11 for Carl Engstrom's outing on 10 Jun. (52 counties)

### Northern Parula

Mohican SP hosted the high count and the only double-digit count; 11 were noted there on both 06 Jun (Henry and Jim Trimpe) and 10 Jun (Jimmy and Jon Kurtz). (72 counties)

### Magnolia Warbler

The last apparent northbound migrant was at Clear Creek on 10 Jun (Carrie Rasik). Confirmed sightings after that were from known nesting locations. Sarah Preston and Joel Throckmorton had five at Mentor Lagoons on 01 Jun. (18 counties)

### Bay-breasted Warbler

All reports were of single birds. Stragglers or very late migrants remained until about 06 Jun, except one very late migrant was noted on 12 Jun. Reports came from **Columbiana**, **Franklin**, **Lake**, **Lorain**, **Ottawa**, and **Summit**, with the exceptionally late migrant seen and heard in Columbus on 12 Jun by James Muller.

### Blackburnian Warbler

The high and only double-digit count of 11 came from Mohican SP on 06 Jun (Henry and Jim Trimpe); see the Field Notes for additional



*This Common Yellowthroat showed nicely for Brad Perkins at the Tri-Valley WA in **Muskingum**, on 09 Jun.*

information. The Trimpe's also audio recorded at least one bird. (14 counties)

#### Yellow Warbler

Douglas Vogus *et al.* provided the high count during their monthly ONWR census, 194 on 04 Jun. At Headlands, John Pogacnik and Kari Warner secured the second most for the season, 50 on 20 Jul. (all 88 counties)

#### Chestnut-sided Warbler

The Wetmore Trail of the CVNP hosted seven on 16 Jun (Myrna Penderly). (20 counties)

#### Blackpoll Warbler

The last northbound were two noted by Sarah Preston and Jim Smallwood at Headlands on 07 Jun. That site also harbored the most seen, where three were noted from 01 to 06 Jun by m. obs. (19 counties)

#### Black-throated Blue Warbler

All reports were of single birds and came only from northern Ohio and primarily near the big lake. Reports came from *Ashland*, *Cuyahoga*, *Erie*, *Lucas*, and *Stark*.

#### Pine Warbler

Mohican SP hosted the most, nine on both 06 Jun (Henry and Jim Trimpe) and 10 Jun (Jimmy and Jon Kurtz). (35 counties)

#### Yellow-rumped Warbler

All reports were of single birds and came from *Geauga*, *Lucas*, *Morrow*, *Portage*, *Sandusky*, *Summit*, and *Wayne*.

#### Yellow-throated Warbler

Eleven were noted at Vermilion River Reservation, *Lorain*, on 10 Jun (Cory Vanderbaan). Nine were tallied along Station Road Towpath Trail in the CVNP on 10 Jun (Henry and Jim Trimpe) and were a shared second most with the nine that Scott Pendleton noted at Clendening Lake, *Harrison*, on 23 Jun. (66 counties)

#### Prairie Warbler

Nine at Crown City WA, *Lawrence*, were the high count on 08 Jun (Will Babb). Second most were the seven at East Fork (William Hutchison and Bill Stanley). (39 counties)

#### Black-throated Green Warbler

Henry and Jim Trimpe counted 33 in Mohican SP on 06 Jun, as their more than 10 hours and over 15 mile-excursion has previously been noted in this Species Accounts. Up to 26 were noted there on other dates. Katie Grimm and Elizabeth Krieger found 13 in Hocking Hills SP, *Hocking*, on 21 Jul. (20 counties)

#### Canada Warbler

Five birds were the season's high and were logged

at Mentor Lagoons on 01 Jun (Sarah Preston and Joel Throckmorton). (9 counties)

#### Wilson's Warbler

A trio of birders saw the last northbound migrant at Mentor Marsh on 06 Jun. Mentor Lagoons hosted three for Sarah Preston and Joel Throckmorton on 01 Jun. All other reports were of one or two birds. (7 counties)

#### Summer Tanager

A group of six birders located four at Highbanks MP, *Delaware*, on 09 Jun, and that was a shared high with four noted at Fernald on 08 Jul (Brad Bertke). (50 counties)

#### Scarlet Tanager

A high count of 20 was obtained at Mohican SP on 06 Jun (Henry and Jim Trimpe). Up to 16 were noted there on other dates. Counts of 14 came from Vinton Furnace on 09 Jun (Carl Engstrom) and Sheepskin Hollow SNP, *Columbiana*, on 24 Jun (John Pogacnik and Kari Warner). (79 counties)

#### Northern Cardinal

The 01 Jul CVNP census team tallied 59 and the 02 Jul ONWR census team counted 48 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). Along Midland Oil Road in Glenford, *Licking*, Charlotte Ashcraft counted 45 on 23 Jul. (all 88 counties)

#### Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Charlotte Ashcraft noted the most, 38 along Midland Oil Road in Glenford, *Licking*, on 18 Jun, and up to 34 were noted there on other dates. Thirteen were counted in Geneva, *Ashtabula*, on 11 Jul (Lydia Machczynski). (78 counties)

#### Blue Grosbeak

Jon Cefus counted 11 at American Landfill, *Stark*, on 01 Jul. Nine were singing, territorial males during his coverage of over four and one-half hours and nearly 10 miles. Up to 10 were seen there on other dates. Away from *Stark*, the second most came from Renee Sparks who photographed a pair with three fledged young along Clayton Township Road 208, *Perry*, on 08 Jul.



Jethro Raber kept his eyes on two Blue Grosbeaks building a nest in *Wayne*. He photographed this male on 02 Jul.

Gary Cowell and Jason Hull noted five at the National Lime and Stone Quarry, **Crawford**, on 16 Jul. (55 counties)

### Indigo Bunting

The high count of 35 came from two Cincinnati sites, where Brad Bertke and Cassandre Crawford both tallied 35 at Armleder Park on 03 Jul and Heritage Park on 25 Jul, respectively. At Armleder Park, up to 33 were noted there on other dates, while the Douglas Vogus' census team counted 33 during the 02 Jul ONWR monthly census. (all 88 counties)

### Dickcissel

At Sandhill Crane, the seasonal high was noted by Brandon Brywczyński where he tabulated 32 on 20 Jun. Up to 25 were noted there on other dates. The next most, that were not in **Lucas**, were Pete Johantgen's 25 at Killdeer on 08 Jul. (59 counties)



*Berg Road in Wayne is becoming a popular hotspot. Jethro Raber found this Dickcissel there on 04 Jun.*

## CONTRIBUTORS

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

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## FIELD NOTES

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

### From Roger Beuck:

[Regarding the high count for Virginia Rail at Mentor Lagoons on 11 Jun] Many adults calling, saw one adult and eight juveniles/fledglings.

### From the Editors:

[Regarding the Piping Plover on 07 and 08 Jul at Maumee Bay] On the morning of 07 Jul an eBirder reported a Piping Plover at Maumee Bay. Traci Gentry along with many others got to see this celebrity over two days. See Traci's photo in the Species Accounts. Paul Jacyk was able to get leg band information, where the left leg held a metal band on top of a light blue band; right leg had an orange flag above a light blue band over a dark blue band. The bird was banded by Great Lakes Piping Plover Project (GLPPP) researchers and known as X,b:Of,bB. According to the GLPPP, the bird is a female that nested on North Manitou Island in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan and likely noted while migrating south! At the time, the female bird still had one unfledged chick left in the care of her mate, which is typical for Piping Plovers. This adult female bird hatched in 2020 at Darlington Provincial Park, Ontario and began breeding in 2022 on North Manitou Island. We don't know where she spends her winters. The only previous sightings away from North Manitou were in Mar along her way north.

### From Lee Gray:

[Regarding the second most for Cliff Swallow at Deer Creek Reservoir, **Stark**, on 04 Jul] Estimate; large flock near spillway bridge. I counted 175 on the fence, there were more in a nearby tree and many more flying.

### From Don Keefer:

[Regarding the high count of Bank Swallow at Mosquito Creek WA, **Trumbull**, on 11 Jul] Nine hundred is a conservative estimate. I counted the Bank Swallows on the bottom powerline spanning between two poles as 186 and then doubled it for the birds sitting on the top line, as the numbers seemed very similar between the same two poles, giving me 372. The Bank Swallows on both lines between the next two poles

were more tightly packed. I'd say at least a hundred more per line.

### From Jon Kurtz:

[Regarding the high count of Swamp Sparrow at Tare Creek Marsh, **Geauga**, on 09 Jul] Actual count. Some young birds. I'm sure the actual number in these expansive marshes might be several hundred.

### From Betsy Macmillan:

[Regarding the Northern Pintail at Lorain on 15 Jun] Clearly saw distinctive male pintail plumage. It was hanging out with mallards and went into deep bushy area before we could get a photo.

### From Matt Mason:

[Regarding the high count of Savannah Sparrow at the American Electric Power grasslands along Unionville Road in Bristol, **Morgan**, on 29 Jun] Counted by one each bird individually. The species was the only bird on the fence post and wire.

### From Sarah Preston:

[Regarding the Baird's Sandpiper at Headlands on 24 Jul] Flying west with four Semipalmated Sandpipers. Noticeably larger than them. No birds in the flock had a white rump. Straight black bill and black legs. Buffy chest. Photos.

### From Chad Pumpelly:

[Regarding the Semipalmated Plover at Cowan Lake SP, **Clinton**, on 06 Jul] Single individual. Possibly an unhealthy straggler, limping, photos.

### From Mandy Roberts:

[Regarding the Surf Scoter at Willard Reservoir; **Huron**, on 14 Jun] Black body, large orange, black, and white bill, faint white line in wing (not seen at all times), faint white patch in the back of the head, but lacking patch on forehead. Close photos. Originally thought White-winged, but came back to confirm as photos were awful and views difficult.

### From Bill Stanley:

[Regarding the Neotropic Cormorant at East Fork on 28 and 31 Jul] Adult bird. Slimmer and darker than Double-crested Cormorant that was close. White edge to orange gular. Continuing bird. Smaller than the Double-crested Cormo-

rants that were sitting nearby and darker overall. Black lores, orange bill base with white edging.

**From Henry and Jim Trimpe:**

[Regarding the seasonal high count of Acadian Flycatchers at Mohican SP on 06 Jun] Exact one x one count. Significant distance covered on foot. Incredible density of birds, especially in comparison to Eastern Wood-Pewee.

**From Henry Trimpe:**

[Regarding the high count for Blackburnian Warbler at Mohican SP, *Ashland*, on 06 June] Exact one x one count. All singing males, except one female seen coming down to the ground to forage at 40.6121146, -82.3218729. All birds either on the road west of the fire tower, on Hog Hollow Trail, or Mountain Bike Trail southwest of the covered bridge.

**From Jim Trimpe:**

[Regarding the high count for Louisiana Waterthrush at Mohican SP, *Ashland*, on 06 Jun] Exact one x one count. Significant distance covered. Majority of birds singing or foraging along the river, but a few scattered in other smaller ravines as well.

**From David Wilkins:**

[Regarding the Horned Grebe at Fremont Reservoir, *Sandusky*, on 12 Jul] Photo is overexposed, extremely overcast and light rain. Adult still in breeding plumage. Note: In reviewing eBird historical data for Ohio, it appears that this sighting may be the first ever reported sighting of a Horned Grebe in the month of July for the state of Ohio.

## YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

**10 years ago**, the Summer 2013 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 36 No. 4 (Craig Caldwell, Editor) contained these items:

The cover photo was of the Brown Pelican that spent from Jun to Dec on the Cleveland lakefront.

Three counties provided Mississippi Kite reports and five reported Eurasian Collared-doves. None had been evaluated by the OBRC.

Fish Crows and Common Ravens had a few reports from *Cuyahoga* and *Knox* respectively.

There were 112,479 eBird entries (up from summer 2012's 94,332 and 17% of summer 2023's 672,540).

**25 years ago**, the Summer 1998 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 21 No. 4 (Bill Whan, Editor) contained these items:

The issue was combined with those of Winter 1997-98 and Spring 1998.

A White Ibis spent a week at Killdeer.

Short-eared Owls nested at the Wilds.

A *Holmes* barn hosted 614 Cliff Swallow nests.

A Western Kingbird at Killdeer was Ohio's second summer record.

**50 years ago**, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* for Summer 1973, Vo. 69 No. 3 (Wayne A. Hammond, Editor) included these items. (A reminder—the Calendar area is a circle of radius 30 miles centered at Cleveland's Public Square)

“Noteworthy Records” included Great Egret, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Red-breasted Merganser, Osprey, Sora, Northern Mockingbird, and a host of straggling or arriving shorebirds.

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

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*After Lori Brumbaugh found this Heermann's Gull in the morning, Jim Smallwood was one of many who headed to Euclid Creek Reservation **Cuyahoga** where he photographed it on 23 Jun.*

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### **Back cover:**

*Exploring Berg Road in **Wayne**, Jethro Raber came across this Savannah Sparrow on 04 Jun.*



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