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*This secretive Northern Saw-whet Owl was a fun and tricky sight for Jim Smallwood to photograph on 23 Jan at the Holden Arboretum in **Lake**.*

On the cover:

*After hearing this Western Grebe was staying for an extended time, Bryan Smith took a long drive to see it along the Great Miami River Trail in **Montgomery** on 06 Jan.*

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COMMENTS ON THE SEASON

By Ron Canterbury

Ancient Murrelet, Say's Phoebe, Vermilion Flycatcher, and Black-throated Gray Warbler should be about all I need to say to begin and end the Comments on the Winter 2023-2024 Season. Winter temperatures continue to increase in Ohio nearly each year. Bird populations continue to respond with some species extending their winter range, others lingering past typical departure dates, and well as altered behavioral and physiological responses. Behavioral responses include altering roost sites, foraging times, and movement patterns. Physiological responses include numerous metabolic adjustments during winter and perhaps increased winter survivorship as the Earth continues to warm. Yet, habitat loss, coupled with climate change and non-stop, constant development throughout Ohio and elsewhere continue to decrease most of our bird populations, including during the winter season. In this issue, I will discuss some of the species-specific distribution and other patterns noted by Ohio birders during the season, but first the weather.

All weather data come from <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov>. Dec experienced abnormally warm temperatures. Temperatures were 5–7°F above average for the month. In fact, during NOAA's 1895-2023 period, Ohio's Dec temperatures rank 128th, near warmest ever in the 129-year history of weather data. Dec had below normal precipitation. Despite being in an El Niño pattern, the region observed above normal Jan precipitation with frequent periods of rainfall and light snow. Jan temperatures were overall slightly above average and ranked 89 out of 130 (1895-2024); whereas, precipitation ranked 115.

Feb was unusually warm and dry, with temperatures far above normal and very little snow. Feb ranked 129, almost the warmest Feb ever on record. Numerous cities, including Cincinnati, Columbus, and Dayton experienced temperatures that reached record highs for their daily lows either on 27 or 28 Feb. Most areas experienced little to no measurable precipitation for the first 20 days of Feb, less than one inch over that time. Feb precipitation ranked only 24.

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 which follow this "Comments" section I note the highest number of a species found. Most of these values are those of single birders or parties, usually birding in a relatively small area, and often are the counts from a single route within a CBC. In the past, I rarely included counts from an entire CBC, each of which is the result of many parties' efforts in scattered locales within a 15-mile diameter circle. However, some are included for this winter, so that readers can quickly see high counts from CBCs, despite that data are included in a summary table in this issue. As your editor, I look at CBC data for several reasons, which include where single location counts, within the larger CBC circles, may add to the counties distribution for some species. Moreover, some birders do not enter their data into eBird.

Birders submitted nearly 770,000 eBird records for the Winter 2023-2024 season. This issue of the *Cardinal* contains reports of 210 species, which is 14 more than last winter. Also, included are 11 hybrids, which comprise one hybrid goose, six ducks, three types of hybrid gulls, and a hybrid diurnal raptor. The reports also include 10 categories of birds not defined to a specific species, and races of the Dark-eyed Junco. Of the 210 species, 22 were reported in all 88 counties, five species were seen in 87 counties, and 14 were reported in at least 80 counties. The Species Accounts also includes seven exotic species.

Geese and ducks were in good numbers. Birders found 26 species of ducks, and the 27th species was a Barrow's Goldeneye harvested by a duck hunter. A Western Grebe, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, as well as the previously mentioned Ancient Murrelet were exciting and noteworthy. Gulls were below normal in numbers. Bald Eagles continue to increase in Ohio and were found in all 88 counties this winter. There was virtually no influx of Snowy Owls, as only two were reported.

A Say's Phoebe was about as puzzling as what swallows are doing during the winter. With increasing winter temperatures, staying late and movement beyond typical winter ranges may be a response to insects still out in Dec and winter months. That may also explain the above average sightings of warblers during this winter, including documentation of a Black-throated Gray Warbler.

There was only a small influx of some boreal finches, and many sparrow species continue to decline as habitat is lost, weather constantly

changing, and numerous other factors affecting our bird populations. Some species continue to increase in winter in Ohio or are expanding their winter ranges, likely in response to global climate change. These include, for example, Gray Catbird and Common Yellowthroat.

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) continues to expand our knowledge of the distribution of Ohio's avifauna. This issue contains the OBRC's first batch for 2024.

In this issue of the *Cardinal*, seven 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 26, 2025.

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 winter issue, such as the 124th CBC summary, Field Notes, and Years Ago. The 124th Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was held during its usual 14 Dec to 05 Jan period. I am indebted to Mike Busam for providing an overview and some highlights to accompany the table of data, and Marc Hanneman for providing that data table. As noted earlier in these Comments on the Season, in the Species Accounts, I may give a species high count from the 69 reporting CBCs and distinguish that from single location, often non-CBC, high counts. It is noteworthy to mention, however, that sometimes a single location high count may have occurred during a CBC. Names of the CBCs follow from their Audubon standardized count names and not from the typical *Cardinal* abbreviated format. For example, the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge is abbreviated as ONWR during *Cardinal* formatting typical use within the Species Accounts; whereas, the CBC covering that area is written as Ottawa N.W.R. In addition, readers will find an article about the Ancient Murrelet, a species not seen in Ohio since 1951.

As Editor-in-Chief, my work would not be as good without our outstanding reviewers. I thank Tim Colborn, Nancy Hayes, and Bernie Master for reviewing the winter season 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), *Ma-honing* and *Portage*
 Big Island = Big Island Wildlife Area, *Marion*
 Blendon Woods = Blendon Woods Metro Park, *Franklin*
 The Bowl = a limited-access area near the *Har-rison* 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(s) = Audubon's Christmas Bird Count(s)
 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
 LENS = 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

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

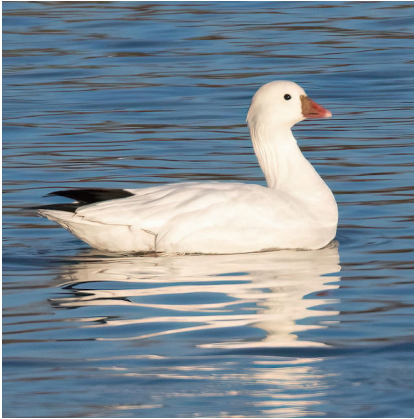
A duck seen along Millersburg Road in Wooster, Wayne, from 02 to 10 Dec, was likely the same adult bird observed during the summer and fall seasons in 2022. There were no other winter records.

Snow Goose

Levi Metzger estimated 100 in a large flyover flock at Hueston Woods on 03 Dec. (53 counties)

Ross's Goose

Susan Brauning photographed five, the season's high, that she and Bryan Sharp saw in West Jefferson, **Madison**, on 09 Dec. (27 counties)



Always popular, this Ross's Goose was photographed by Traci Gentry on 21 Jan in Sandusky.

Snow/Ross's Goose

Indeterminate birds were reported from 6 counties.

[Snow x Ross's Goose]

One hybrid was among other Snow and Ross's geese at Lima, **Allen**, on 28 and 29 Jan (m. obs.).

Greater White-fronted Goose

Susan Brauning noted 107 at retention ponds in West Jefferson, **Madison**, on 01 Feb. (60 counties)

Brant

Many birders saw the downtown Cleveland lakefront bird first found by Andy and Erin Avram. The bird was often seen at the East Ninth Street Pier and Cleveland Harbor from 07 Dec until 14 Jan. There were 140 eBird reports on that bird. I could not determine whether a bird seen at Burke

Airport was that same Brant or a second, different bird. Based on eBird records throughout Dec and Jan, either there were three different single birds seen throughout the Cleveland lakefront or one or two birds that moved a lot, but three different birds were highly likely based on dates seen and locations.

Cackling Goose

The high count of 26 birds was tallied by Tyler McClain at Sandy Ridge on 04 Jan. (41 counties)

Canada Goose

A high count of 6000 came from Prairie Lane Wetlands, **Wayne**, on 20 Jan (Josh Yoder). (all 88 counties)

Cackling/Canada Goose

Indeterminate birds were reported from 7 counties.

Mute Swan

The fifteen that Connor Fox counted at the ONWR on 27 Jan were a shared high with the tally at Pickerington Ponds on 04 Feb (Brian Ribble). (44 counties)

Trumpeter Swan

David Lehner estimated 620 at Killdeer on 22 Feb. (52 counties)

Tundra Swan

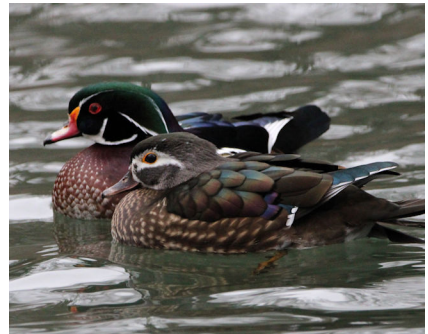
The Ottawa N.W.R. CBC tallied 7208 on 01 Jan, and the ONWR monthly census reported 4207 on 03 Dec (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (48 counties)

Trumpeter/Tundra Swan

Indeterminate birds were reported from 24 counties.

Wood Duck

Luke Donahue's 35 at Clear Fork on 22 Feb were the most reported. (61 counties)



Visiting Chestnut Hill Memorial Park in Summit on 03 Jan, Judy Schuster Richey was charmed by this pair of Wood Ducks.

Blue-winged Teal

Jon Cefus and Kent Miller identified 11 that flew over County Route 1950 near Jeromesville, **Ashland**, on 23 Feb. (11 counties)

Northern Shoveler

Judy Morr counted 123 at Beaver Creek Treatment Train, **Mercer**, on 24 Dec. (53 counties)

[Cinnamon Teal x Northern Shoveler]

A hybrid duck likely returned for a third winter season at Hoover Reservoir and was photographed by Gregory Allen on 18 Jan.

Gadwall

A high count of 550 was noted at Castalia Pond, **Erie**, on 15 Jan (Paul Sherwood). The Gypsum CBC tallied 515 on 02 Jan. Counts of 500 came from Cedar Point Chaussec, **Erie**, on 07 Dec (Patrick Wright) and 15 Dec (Jake Balmuth and Diana Steele), as well at the Roxanna New Burlington Gravel Pit, **Greene**, on 06 Jan. (70 counties)

Eurasian Wigeon

Reports of single birds came from **Portage**, **Sandusky**, **Union**, **Wayne**, and **Wyandot**.

American Wigeon

Wigeon high counts of 200 came from Castalia Pond, **Erie**, on 13 Jan (m. obs.) and Wright Marsh on 28 Feb (Michael Hochstetler and Jethro Raber). (57 counties)

Mallard

The Gypsum CBC tallied 6718 on 02 Jan. David Wilkins tallied 4500 at Pickerel Creek on 02 Jan. (all 88 counties)

[American Wigeon x Mallard]

A hybrid duck spent much of Dec at Clear Fork and swamps within Lexington Community Park, **Richland** (m. obs.).



Traci Gentry sharply captured this Northern Pintail in **Wood** on 15 Jan.

American Black Duck

The Gypsum CBC tallied 644 on 02 Jan. David Myles observed 551 at Winous Point Shooting Club in Port Clinton, **Ottawa**, on 02 Jan. (75 counties)

[Mallard x American Black Duck]

The most noted were six at Mentor Marsh on 01 Jan (Josh Davidson). (28 counties)

Northern Pintail

Killdeer hosted 6000 on 25 Feb 2024 (m. obs.). (68 counties)

[Mallard x Northern Pintail]

Sue Evanoff and Su Snyder photographed a hybrid at Killbuck on 08 Feb.

Green-winged Teal

Counts ranged from 150 to 500 at Headlands on 01 Jan (m. obs.). Bruce and Kelly Miller counted 120 at Deer Creek on 25 Feb. (51 counties)

Canvasback

The Gypsum CBC tallied 7800 on 02 Jan. Tyler McClain reported about 5500 from Lions Park, **Erie**, on 02 Jan; see Field Notes for more. (53 counties)

Redhead

The Gypsum CBC tallied 3500 on 02 Jan. An estimate of 2500 was noted at Lions Park, **Erie**, on 02 Jan (Tyler McClain); see Field Notes for more. (70 counties)

[Canvasback x Redhead]

Natalie Rodgers photographed the hybrid duck that she and Don Keffer saw at Mosquito Lake on 09 Jan.

Ring-necked Duck

Lake Rockwell hosted about 1225 for Patrick Coy on 10 Dec. (77 counties)

Greater Scaup

A trio of birders tallied 400 at Sims Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Jan. The same number of scaup was again at Sims Park on 27 Jan (Robin Densmore). (59 counties)

Lesser Scaup

The Gypsum CBC tallied 17, 261 on 02 Jan. Of those, an estimated 16,750 were at East Harbor on 02 Jan (Tom Bartlett); see Field Notes for more. (75 counties)

Greater/Lesser Scaup

An estimated 20,000 were offshore at Maumee Bay on 06 Jan (Brandon Brywczyński). (50 Counties)



Oberlin Reservoir (**Lorain**) often provides good winter waterfowl, but this Surf Scoter was outstanding! Ed Wransky photographed it on 11 Feb.

Harlequin Duck

Edgewater hosted the most, eight on 06 Jan (m. obs.). Reports of one or two birds also came from *Cuyahoga*, *Erie*, *Franklin*, *Lake*, and *Lorain*.

Surf Scoter

The seasonal high of nine was at Bill Stanton Community Park in Madison, *Lake*, on 18 Feb (John Pogacnik). (19 counties)

White-winged Scoter

Fifteen were noted at LaDue on 07 Dec (m. obs.). (19 counties)

Black Scoter

A trio of birders observed the most, 12 at Madison Township Park, *Lake*, on 13 Jan, (11 counties)

Scoter sp.

Indeterminate birds were reported from *Allen*, *Cuyahoga*, and *Lake*.

Long-tailed Duck

Six were at Edgewater for Ronald and Matt Warchol to note on 16 Dec, and those six ducks were also seen two days later by other birders. (17 counties)

Bufflehead

Lake Erie Islands CBC tallied 539 on 17 Dec. Maumee Bay harbored an estimated 500 on 29 and 30 Dec (m. obs.); see Field Notes for more. (73 counties)

Common Goldeneye

The Ottawa N.W.R. CBC tallied 8561 on 01 Jan. The single location high count was an estimated 1500 at Sims Park, *Cuyahoga*, on 22 Jan (Jeff Harvey). (62 counties)

Barrow's Goldeneye

One was harvested by a duck hunter on 14 Dec at Dempsey Boat Basin in Lakeside Marblehead, *Ottawa*, and the OBRG accepted the record.

Hooded Merganser

The Gypsum CBC tallied 815 on 02 Jan. Gregory Allen tallied 600 at Hoover Reservoir on 18 Jan. (74 counties)

[Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser]

A hybrid duck that spent the last two winters in Dayton was likely the same bird seen at Eastwood Lake and Veterans Park in Dayton from 02 to 19 Jan (m. obs.).

Common Merganser

An estimated 15,000 were at Huron on 21 Jan (Traci Gentry). Away from the big lake, the inland high count of 930 came from the causeway of Pymatuning SP, *Ashtabula*, on 05 Jan (m. obs.). (71 counties)

Red-breasted Merganser

Lorain hosted 25,000 on 06 Dec (Alecia Gorski). (59 counties)

Common/Red-breasted Merganser

Edgewater hosted about 10,000 on 21 Jan (John Pogacnik and Kari Werner). That same number of ducks was at Lorain Harbor, likely from the same population of wintering mergansers, the next day (Kevin and Patty McKelvey). Additionally, other reports of birds too far offshore or not seen well enough to identify came from 11 counties.

Ruddy Duck

The Paint Creek Area CBC tallied 789 on 16 Dec. Hoover NP hosted 400 for John Kuenzli on 25 Feb. (70 counties)

Northern Bobwhite

Reports of singles came from *Adams*, *Columbiana*, and *Wood* and all from Dec. Counts of single birds also came from three different CBCs, but those reported on eBird in *Adams* and *Wood* were likely the same as on two of the CBCs; see the 124th CBC summary article in this issue.

Wild Turkey

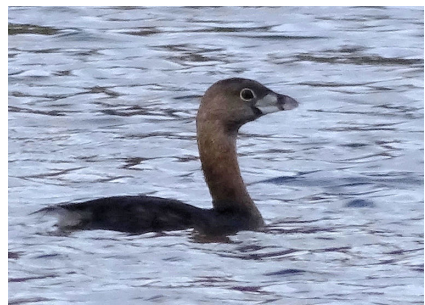
A count of 288 came from the Ragersville CBC on 27 Dec. Nicholas Rosner counted 220 along County Route 56 in Toronto, *Jefferson*, on 26 Dec. (71 counties)

Ruffed Grouse

There were only two reports and both were of single birds. Julie Zickefoose flushed one while walking at Smith Lane in Whipple, *Washington*, on 08 Dec. The other single bird was along State Route 255 near Sardis, *Monroe*, on 26 Jan. (Nathan Rees).

Ring-necked Pheasant

Courtney Bills and Jared Soergel tallied 53 among several groups crossing River Drive and along farms south of Circleville, *Pickaway*, on 08 Jan, and up to 33 were seen there on other dates. (39 counties)



This Pied-billed Grebe was in the wetlands along Clark Road in Wayne on 23 Feb when Su Snyder snapped this photo.

Chukar

Ryan Lesniewicz saw one along North Ben-ton-Carroll Road north of Rocky Ridge, **Ottawa**, on 04 Feb.

Pied-billed Grebe

The Paint Creek Area CBC tallied 65 on 16 Dec. Lake Logan SP, **Hocking**, hosted 23 on 05 Dec (Gavin Nupp). (64 counties)

Horned Grebe

Bela Anand-Apte saw 22 at CLNP on 13 Dec. (50 counties)

Red-necked Grebe

Lorain Impoundment Lakeside Landing hosted six on 23 Dec (David De Arme). Sightings came from only **Allen**, **Cuyahoga**, **Lorain**, and **Trumbull**.

Eared Grebe

Reports of only single birds came from **Clermont**, **Cuyahoga**, and **Delaware**.

Western Grebe

Ken Lebo found one along the Great Miami River Trail in West Carrollton, **Montgomery**, on 30 Dec that many birders saw and photographed through 16 Jan. There were 342 eBird reports on that bird. The record was accepted by the OBRC.

Mourning Dove

The Ragersville CBC tallied 1608 on 27 Dec. Three birders counted 300 at Heritage Park, **Hamilton**, on 23 Dec. (all 88 counties)

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Beaverdam, **Allen**, hosted 17 on 01 Jan (David and Julia Smith). (12 counties)

Rock Pigeon

The Wilmot CBC tallied 1780 on 15 Dec. An estimated 750 were at Dayton's Veterans Park on 31 Jan. Only **Putnam** didn't have a report.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Dianne Flannery Dye found one in her garage on 24 Feb near the West Fork of Little Beaver Creek in Lisbon, **Columbiana** (fide Bob Lane).

Rufous Hummingbird

The Millfield, **Athens**, female banded by Allen Chartier on 09 Dec (see Volume 47, No. 1) remained until at least 03 Jan.

Limpkin

One was photographed at ONWR Crane Creek Estuary on 08 Jan (m. obs.).

Sandhill Crane

Aullwood hosted 350 on 19 Dec (Sam Romeo). (62 counties)

Virginia Rail

Atlee and Josh Yoder saw three at Killbuck on 30 Dec. All other reports were of single birds. Reports came from **Erie**, **Greene**, **Holmes**, **Richland**, and **Wayne**. Three CBCs reported a total of four birds; see the 124th CBC summary included in this issue.

Sora

One was located at Mentor Marsh on 13 Dec (John Pogacnik), and another at Siebenthaler Fen, **Greene**, on 21 Dec (m. obs.).

Common Gallinule

Singles were at Headlands and Mentor Marsh.

American Coot

Kathy Mock and Joanne Priest estimated 1000 at Portage Lakes SP, **Summit**, on 23 Dec. (55 counties)

Killdeer

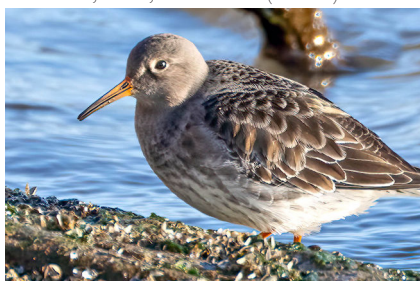
The Mohican State Forest CBC tallied 219 on 30 Dec. Three birders tallied 114 at Charles Mill Lake, **Ashland**, on 05 Jan. Only **Belmont**, **Henry**, and **Shelby** didn't have reports.

Dunlin

In Ohio, this species is known to linger into Dec, and there were numerous reports of winter birds throughout Jan. Josh Yoder saw 14 at Wilderness Road on 02 Dec. (12 counties)

Purple Sandpiper

Along with Dunlins and a few *Calidris* sandpipers, this species may linger into Dec. Two were at the Cleveland Harbor breakwall on 16 Dec (m. obs.). Two remained at Headlands until 01 Feb (m. obs.). A single was at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, **Lake**, until 03 Feb (m. obs.).



Purple Sandpipers are a treat to see. Gus Lanese photographed this one at Headlands on 13 Dec.



These two Sandhill Cranes caught Kathy Mock's attention in New Franklin, **Summit**, on 24 Feb.

Baird's Sandpiper

John Pogacnik photographed the one he and Kari Warner saw at Walnut Beach Park, *Ashtabula*, on 10 Dec. That was the only report.

Least Sandpiper

Sightings came from only *Butler* and *Hamilton*. Gilmore held one or two birds throughout the winter. Three were noted in mudflats along the Great Miami River Trail in Middletown, *Butler*, on 03 and 05 Jan (m. obs.).

Pectoral Sandpiper

One was seen in New Philadelphia, *Tuscarawas*, on 03 Dec (Aaron Nisley), and the 01 Jan ONWR census reported one (Vogus *et al.*).

American Woodcock

Numbers picked up in Feb as birds moved into breeding territories. Armleder Park harbored 15 on 21 Feb (Mollie Bading). (53 counties)

Wilson's Snipe

The Wilmot CBC tallied 29 on 15 Dec. Dan and Judy Jones estimated 21 at Clendening Lake, *Harrison*, on 25 Feb. (29 counties)

Spotted Sandpiper

Two birds that lingered into Dec were the only reported. Ed Wransky photographed one at Parsons Road Reservoir, *Lorain*, on 06 Dec. Sandra Blease saw the other at Independence Lake SP, *Defiance*, on 15 and 19 Dec.

Lesser Yellowlegs

The Vogus *et al.* 01 Jan ONWR census found three. A yellowlegs at Pleasant Hill Lake was found by Gary Cowell on 30 Dec that many birders saw at several areas of that lake in Perrysville, *Richland*, until 06 Jan.

Greater Yellowlegs

This species was present throughout the winter. Four were present on the 01 Jan ONWR monthly census (Vogus *et al.*). (9 counties)

Shorebird sp.

Unidentified shorebirds were reported in *Athens*, *Cuyahoga*, and *Muskingum*.

Red Phalarope

Duane Miller photographed two in Vermilion, *Erie*, on 22 Dec, and that was the only seasonal sighting.

Ancient Murrelet

The last report was in 1951; see additional article included in this issue. Our second state record of this species was found by Janice Farral and Alecia Gorski at Lorain Harbor. Many fortunate birders saw it during its 21 to 23 Dec stay, and 334 filed eBird reports. During the three days of observations of the bird, it was primarily seen in Lake

Erie waters at Lorain Harbor Fishing Pier and as far east as Century Park, *Lorain*. Record was accepted by the OBRC.

Black-legged Kittiwake

Four birders saw one at Headlands on 04 Dec. The only other seasonal sighting also came from *Lake*, where Don Keffer and Nataline Rodgers saw one at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park on 24 Dec. Both those birds were well photographed.

Bonaparte's Gull

Wendy Park hosted about 5000 on 11 Jan (David Lewis). (58 counties)

Little Gull

As for last winter, one spent much of Dec along the Cleveland lakefront and was often seen at Edgewater and Wendy Park (m. obs.). Another spent 10 to 16 Jan at Lorain Harbor Fishing Pier, *Lorain*, and excited many birders who saw it.



This Little Gull showed up at the marina at Edgewater where Judy Schuster Richey snapped this sharp photo on 08 Dec.

Franklin's Gull

Edgewater hosted the only seasonal sighting from 01 to 09 Dec (m. obs.).



An inland sighting of this rare Iceland Gull was captured by Ed Wransky at the Oberlin Reservoir, Lorain, on 20 Feb.

Ring-billed Gull

An estimated 50,000 were at the Lorain Harbor Fishing Pier on 23 Dec (Andrew Simon), and up to 30,000 were seen there on other dates. Only *Darke* and *Jackson* didn't have reports.

California Gull

Robert Irwin saw one at the mouth of the Huron River in Huron on 16 Jan. That was the only sighting during the season.

American Herring Gull

At Edgewater, six birders noted 4800 on 21 Jan. (70 counties)

Iceland Gull

This species is likely increasing during winter in our state. Edgewater hosted 11 on 21 Jan (m. obs.). (18 counties)

Lesser Black-backed Gull

At Findlay Reservoirs, Amy Downing counted 185. (34 counties)

[American Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull]

Hybrid gulls were singles reported from *Erie*, *Fairfield*, *Lorain*, and *Richland*.

Glaucous Gull

All reports were of one or two birds. (14 counties)



A Glaucous Gull on ice, casting reflections caught Judy Schuster Richey's attention in Cleveland on 04 Feb.

[American Herring x Glaucous Gull]

Tim Colborn described the one he saw at Bradstreets Landing, *Cuyahoga*, on 07 Feb; see Field Notes for more.

Great Black-backed Gull

The most counted were the 161 noted by Ryan Lesniewicz at East Harbor on 23 Feb. (12 counties)

[Herring x Great Black-backed Gull]

Kari Warner Matsko and John Pogacnik had one at Eastlake Seawall (formerly, Eastlake Power Plant), *Lake*, on 25 Feb.

Red-throated Loon

Andrew and Rebecca Steinmann saw four at CLNP on 03 Feb. (11 counties)

Pacific Loon

Alum Creek hosted the only one reported during the season, where Edward Hicks saw it on 08 Dec.

Common Loon

Paul Korn noted 16 at Caesar Creek on 14 Dec. (40 counties)

Storm-petrel Sp.

John Pogacnik saw one, but not well enough to fully identify the species. The bird was seen at Madison Township Park, *Lake*, on 12 Jan.

Double-crested Cormorant

Gus Lanese counted 1504 along the breakwall at Cleveland Harbor on 07 Dec. (47 counties)

American White Pelican

The Ottawa N.W.R. CBC tallied 467 on 01 Jan. Marsha Lewis counted 282 in ONWR on 01 Feb, which was the single location high count. (9 counties)

Black-crowned Night Heron

Brandon Brywczyński and Paul Jacyk, traveling separately, noted 22 to 23 at a winter roost site at the Toledo Wastewater Treatment Plant on 10 Feb. (7 counties)

Green Heron

The Millersburg CBC had the only seasonal report. That sighting was a single bird on 29 Dec.

Great Egret

All reports were of one or two birds. (8 counties)

Great Blue Heron

The Firelands CBC counted 166 on 16 Dec. Great Egret Marsh NP in Lakeside Marblehead, *Ottawa*, hosted 85 on 04 Feb (Nancy Anderson). Only *Monroe* didn't have a report.

Black Vulture

Both the Adams County CBC and Paint Creek Area CBC reported 478. Alexandria Horne observed 229 at Mill Race Preserve MP, *Butler*, on 16 Dec. (67 counties)

Turkey Vulture

The Athens CBC counted 344 on 30 Dec. Lake Buckhorn, *Holmes*, hosted 142 on 16 Dec (Daniel Beechy). (82 counties)

Osprey

Reports of single birds came from six counties.

Golden Eagle

Numerous birders observed three, often flying together, along Wally Road in Mohican from 11 to 22 Jan. Those three eagles were first reported by Andrew Hostetler on 30 Dec via the *Bobolink*. Two were an adult pair that were often seen throughout Jan and Feb, while the third bird was an immature bird. The Goll Woods CBC reported one during count week, and one was observed on the Grand Rapids-Waterville CBC on 30 Dec. All other winter season sightings were of single birds and reports came only from *Adams*, *Knox*, *Lucas*, and *Ottawa*.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Other than CBCs, all sightings were of one or two birds. The Adams County CBC tallied five on 16 Dec. (74 counties)

Cooper's Hawk

The Columbus CBC tallied 22 on 17 Dec. The single location high was Brian Tinker's seven at PPG Lime Lakes, *Summit*, on 01 Jan. (82 counties)



*Su Snyder found a cautious Sharp-shinned Hawk perched with prey in Wooster, **Wayne**, on 10 Dec.*

Northern Harrier

River Drive, *Pickaway*, held the highest count of 30 on 18 Dec (Courtney Bills and Jared Soergel). (79 counties)

Bald Eagle

The Ottawa N.W.R. CBC tallied 121 on 01 Jan. Norwalk Memorial Reservoir, *Huron*, hosted 48 on 04 Jan (Mandy Roberts). (all 88 counties)

Red-shouldered Hawk

The Cincinnati CBC tallied 38 on 30 Dec. Ann Wegman counted eight at Caesar Creek on 22 Jan. (82 counties)



*Prairie Lane in **Wayne** is a likely place to spot Bald Eagles where Su Snyder captured two on 15 Dec.*

Red-tailed Hawk

The Wilmot CBC tallied 259 on 15 Dec. Terry Bronson tallied 22 at The Wilds on 29 Dec. (all 88 counties)

Rough-legged Hawk

The Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area CBC tallied 13 on 31 Dec. Josh Yoder found seven along Cadiz-Flushing Road, *Harrison*, on 25 Feb, and up to six were seen there on other dates. At least six counties had a site with three birds. (45 counties)



*The regional airport in **Lorain** is often worth checking. On 02 Feb Ed Wransky found this Rough-legged Hawk there.*

[Red-tailed x Rough-legged Hawk]

An apparent Red-tailed x Rough-legged Hawk was photographed at Killdeer on 09 Dec.

American Barn Owl

All sightings were of one or two birds, except the three reported from the Mohican State Forest CBC on 30 Dec and three that Edward Hicks saw at Pickerington Ponds on 20 Jan. (8 counties)

Eastern Screech-Owl

The Grand Rapids-Waterville CBC tallied 25 on 30 Dec. During almost two and one-half hours of nocturnal birding, Courtney Bills and Jared Soergel found 17 at Deer Creek on 21 Dec. (45 counties)

Great Horned Owl

The Wilmot CBC tallied 16 on 15 Dec. Two non-CBC locations had six each. Amy Holloway located that number at Killdeer on 15 Jan. Six owls were also at Deer Creek on 06 Feb (Courtney Bills and Jared Soergel). (67 counties)

Snowy Owl

The reports, both of single birds, are:

Along State Route 120 in Lyons, **Fulton**, on 17 Jan (Mark Faust)

In Vickery, **Sandusky**, on 12 Feb (Ann Crabill)

Barred Owl

Seventeen were reported from the 15 Dec Wilmot CBC. Michael Crist provided the single location high count of six at Poland Municipal Forest, **Mahoning**, on four dates spanning from 07 Jan until 29 Feb. A count of six also came from Stout Road near Lucas, **Richland**, on 27 Feb (Gary Cowell). (61 counties)

Long-eared Owl

Because of the sensitive nature of this species, I am reporting only sightings by counties. Reports of single birds came from **Hancock**, **Lucas**, and **Mahoning**. The Canton CBC tallied five on 29 Dec; see the 124th CBC summary included in this issue.

Short-eared Owl

This species was more abundant this winter than last year. Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, hosted 22 that Josh Yoder counted on 15 Dec; see Field Notes for more. A close second were the 21 that Ed and Sheila Bremer observed at Killdeer on 04 Jan. (53 counties)



The fascination of owls is evident especially with Short-eared Owls like this one that Su Snyder saw on 26 Jan at the early time of 3:25 in the afternoon near Shreve in Wayne.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

All reports were of one or two birds:

A total of five were reported during CBCs.

Tom Barlett banded three at Kelleys Island in

Dec with the last one trapped on 16 Dec. (15 counties)

Belted Kingfisher

The Wilmot CBC tallied 29 on 15 Dec, as did the Millersburg CBC on 29 Dec. The Camp Friedlander, **Clermont**, portion of the Cincinnati CBC tallied six on 30 Dec. (80 counties)

Red-headed Woodpecker

The highest among the 69 CBCs was the 170 noted on the Millersburg CBC on 29 Dec. The single location high count of 20 came from OOPMP on 20 Dec (Julia Hu) and Hitchcock Woods in Boardman, **Mahoning**, on 21 Dec (Nick Mrvelj). (81 counties)

Red-bellied Woodpecker

The Millersburg CBC tallied 509 on 29 Dec. Douglas Vogus' census team counted 26 in the CVNP on 02 Jan. (all 88 counties)

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Among the CBCs, high counts of 23 came from the Caesar Creek-Spring Valley CBC on 14 Dec and the Cincinnati CBC on 30 Dec. Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park in Hamilton, **Butler**, held the most from a single location, where a trio of birders noted eight on 16 Dec. (57 counties)

Downy Woodpecker

Josh Yoder tallied 26, while walking nearly 10 miles and almost five hours, during the Salt Fork section of the Guernsey County CBC on 21 Dec. The overall CBC high was the 725 tallied on the Wilmot CBC on 15 Dec. (all 88 counties)

Hairy Woodpecker

The Wilmot CBC tallied 259 on 15 Dec. Alvin Miller reported 10 during the Millersburg CBC on 29 Dec where he covered from Berlin to Millersburg. Only **Auglaize** didn't report.

Northern Flicker

The Wilmot CBC tallied 308 on 15 Dec. The single location high count of 32 came from Aeraland Recreational Area in Fostoria, **Hancock**, on 22 Dec. Harry Aspacher reported 31 in Fremont, **Sandusky**, on 05 Feb. (all 88 counties)

Pileated Woodpecker

The Millersburg CBC tallied 69 on 29 Dec. Nine were at Salt Fork during Josh Yoder's Guernsey CBC on 21 Dec. Only **Auglaize**, **Fayette**, **Henry**, **Putnam**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.

American Kestrel

Among the 69 reporting CBCs, the Wilmot count tallied 71 on 15 Dec. Janet Duerr and Steve Schafer counted nine during the Beaver Valley CBC, **Jackson**, on 16 Dec. (all 88 counties)

Merlin

Counts of four came from **Cuyahoga**, **Hamilton**, and **Summit**. The highest tally among



*This Pileated Woodpecker brightened Judy Schuster Richey's day visiting her home in **Cuyahoga** on 06 Jan.*

CBCs was five on the Western Hamilton County 23 Dec count. (53 counties)



*As a regular Merlin watcher, Kathy Mock was happy to find this one on 25 Dec at the William J Robertson NP in **Wayne**.*

Peregrine Falcon

The Lakewood CBC tallied five on 30 Dec. The single location high count of four came from the Towpath Trail in Cleveland on 24 Feb, but without details. (42 counties)

Eastern Phoebe

All observations reported to eBird were of one or two birds. The Beaver Valley CBC tallied five on 16 Dec. (39 counties)

Say's Phoebe

Connor and Jim O'Boyle saw one that Connor photographed at Killdeer on 15 Jan. Cynthia Norris also photographed it on the next day, and the bird was not seen after that. The record was accepted by the OBRC.

Vermilion Flycatcher

A vagrant individual present since Nov 2023 stayed through 13 Jan 2024 along West Lebanon Road in Navarre, **Wayne** (m. obs.). There were 106 eBird records submitted on this bird and the record was accepted by the OBRC.

White-eyed Vireo

Tom Frankel posted a photo on eBird of the one he observed at Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland on 31 Dec. That bird stayed through 02 Jan and was seen by several other birders. Emma Robinson saw one at Highbanks MP, **Delaware**, on 02 Jan.

Northern Shrike

The Ottawa N.W.R. CBC tallied four on 01 Jan. All other single location sightings were of one or two birds. Influx south of the big lake into Ohio was larger than last winter. (32 counties)



*Traci Gentry had a wonderful encounter with this Northern Shrike on 05 Jan in **Lucas**.*

Blue Jay

The largest count from the 69 reporting CBCs was 626 on the Ragersville CBC on 27 Dec. The single location high count of 73 came from Larry Richardson at Grand River WA, **Trumbull**, on 21 Feb. (all 88 counties)

American Crow

David Brinkman conservatively estimated 10,000 streaming to a communal roost in Cincinnati on 11 Dec. The Clark County CBC also reported 10,000 on 15 Dec. (all 88 counties)

Fish Crow

The known Chapel Hill Plaza roost in Cuyahoga Falls, **Summit**, was estimated to have 65 on 17 Jan, and up to 60 were noted there on other



*This vagrant Vermilion Flycatcher had an extended stay in **Wayne**. Debbie Parker got to visit on 03 Jan.*

dates. Reports came from **Cuyahoga, Franklin, Lorain, and Summit**.

Common Raven

Cadiz-Flushing Road, **Harrison**, harbored 28 for Josh Yoder on 25 Feb. (31 counties)



Sightings of Common Ravens are increasing in Ohio. Ed Wran-sky saw one on 03 Feb at the regional airport in **Lorain**.

Carolina Chickadee

The Cincinnati CBC tallied 697 on 30 Dec. Three birders tallied 50 at Cowen Lake SP, **Clinton**, on 06 Jan. (68 counties)

Black-capped Chickadee

The Cuyahoga Falls CBC tallied 553 on 17 Dec. John Pogacnik and Sean Williams tallied 113 at Kelleys Island during the Kelleys Island CBC on 17 Dec. Scott Holmer noted 112 at Firestone MP, **Summit**, on 04 Jan. (40 counties)

Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee

Indeterminate birds were reported in 29 counties.

Tufted Titmouse

The Millersburg CBC tallied 525 on 29 Dec. Connie Galey counted 39 at Brukner NC in Troy, **Miami**, on 19 Dec. (all 88 counties)

Horned Lark

A flock of about 800 was in Dalton, **Wayne**, on 20 Jan (Josh Yoder). (74 counties)



Kathy Mock picked out this Horned Lark among several Snow Buntings in Barberton, **Summit**, on 20 Jan.

Tree Swallow

Dec reports, all of singles, came from **Madison, Licking, and Tuscarawas**. Birds started arriving onto nesting territories in Feb with the earliest on 06 Feb at **Knox** Lake (Howard Gratz); see Field Notes for more. Killbuck had as many as 15 on 29 Feb (m. obs.). (15 counties)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Three stragglers were photographed by Paul Jacyk at Bay View Park, **Lucas**, on 25 Dec.

Barn Swallow

Global climate change may be greatly affecting swallow populations, including this species. It has become increasingly difficult to determine exceptionally late versus a very early spring migrant in this species during winter season. The species is also known to have migratory dropouts, and avoiding migration altogether may be another response to climate change. There were reports of singles scattered throughout Dec, Jan, and Feb from **Athens, Jackson, Madison, and Sandusky**.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Southbound birds are still coming through in Dec. Three CBCs had counts of six; see the 124th CBC summary included in this issue. Four were at Euclid Beach Park, **Cuyahoga**, from 29 to 31 Dec (m. obs.). (56 counties)

Golden-crowned Kinglet

The Wilmot CBC tallied 205 on 15 Dec. Andrew Hostetler's count of 70 on 30 Dec during the Mohican State Forest CBC was the most noted during single location observations. (71 counties)

Cedar Waxwing

The Cincinnati CBC tallied 1144 on 30 Dec, and the East Fork State Park CBC tallied 1142 on 31 Dec. East Fork birders tallied from 300 to 650 on 31 Dec and 01 Jan. Eight birders estimated 220 at Camp Denison Gravel Pits, **Hamilton**, on 30 Dec during the Cincinnati CBC. (80 counties)

Red-breasted Nuthatch

The Grand Rapids-Waterville CBC tallied 19 on 30 Dec. Matt Anderson counted 10 at Sandhill Crane on 08 Dec. (62 counties)

White-breasted Nuthatch

The Millersburg CBC tallied an astonishing 579 on 29 Dec, including 26 at Lake Buckhorn, **Holmes** (m. obs.). Josh Yoder counted 25 at Salt Fork during the Guernsey County CBC on 21 Dec. (all 88 counties)

Brown Creeper

The Grand Rapids-Waterville CBC tallied 39 on 30 Dec. Two birders counted 11 at South Bass Island, **Ottawa**, on 17 Dec. (75 counties)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Mike Busam and Bill Zimmerman photographed one at Riverside Natural Area in Hamilton, **Butler**, on 16 Dec. Isaiah Craft photographed two at the gravel pit along Roxanna New Burlington Road, **Greene**, on 30 Dec. One of those was seen through 01 Jan (m. obs.). Two were reported on CBCs, including the **Butler** bird noted above and one at Cadiz, **Harrison**, on 01 Jan; see the 124th CBC summary included in this issue.

Carolina Wren

The Millersburg CBC tallied 438 on 29 Dec. The 02 Dec CVNP monthly censuses team tallied 23 (Douglas Vogus *et al.*). (all 88 counties)

Northern House Wren

The reports, all of singles, are:

Alice Bish Park, **Darke**, on 08 Dec (Regina Schieltz)

Ragersville CBC, **Tuscarawas**, on 27 Dec

Coshocton via **Bobolink** reports, but without location details, on 27 Jan (Owen Troyer)

Alum Creek on 04 Feb (Robert Thorn)

Toledo on 10 Feb (Jim Witter)

Winter Wren

Two CBCs, namely Cadiz and Millersburg, each tallied 15; see the 124th CBC summary included in this issue. Eight were at Conkles Hollow SNP, **Hocking**, on 23 Dec. (69 counties)

Sedge Wren

Ryan Green photographed one at Darby Creek on 24 Dec. That was the only report.

Marsh Wren

The Wooster CBC tallied five on 23 Dec. Marshy habitat at Arcola Creek Park, **Lake**, is where Sean Williams located four on 02 Dec. (10 counties)

Gray Catbird

This species is increasing its range northward during winter seasons. Some sites had a single bird present throughout Dec, Jan, and Feb and nicely documented in eBird, including most of the lakefront counties. Brian Tinker saw three at the Ira Road Beaver Marsh in the CVNP on 03 Jan. A total of 31 was tallied on Ohio CBCs, including at least three counts with three each; see the 124th CBC summary included in this issue. (34 counties)

Brown Thrasher

Two were noted during the Millersburg CBC on 29 Dec. The only other report with more than a single bird was a sighting of two thrashers at Mockingbird Hill Farm in Hennings Mill, **Clermont**, on 29 Feb (Bill Stanley). Because both of those birds were singing, it is likely they could have been early arriving spring birds. (22 counties)

Northern Mockingbird

The Wilmot CBC tallied 284 on 15 Dec, where 20 of those were noted by Andrew Hostetler. Bill Zimmerman counted 14 at New Saint Joseph Cemetery, **Hamilton**, on 02 Dec. (75 counties)

European Starling

About 68,000 were noted by Matt Mason at Buckeye Lake, **Licking**, on 05 Dec. (all 88 counties)

Eastern Bluebird

The Millersburg CBC tallied 685 on 29 Dec. Forty were at Fernald on 22 and 23 Dec (m. obs.), and up to 38 were noted there on other dates. Only **Mercer**, **Paulding**, **Putnam**, and **Shelby** didn't have sightings.



Traci Gentry photographed this Eastern Bluebird perched above a snow-covered field in **Wood** on 16 Jan.

Hermit Thrush

The Cadiz CBC tallied 46 on 01 Jan. John Pogacnik and Sean Williams tallied 22 at Kelleys Island on 17 Dec. (60 counties)

Wood Thrush

A lingering migrant was in Laurelville, **Hocking**, on 17 Dec (Tom Sheley and John Watts)

American Robin

The Cuyahoga Falls CBC tallied 7164 on 17 Dec. Matt Anderson estimated 3200 along Jerome Road and the Maumee River in Maumee, **Lucas**, during pre-sunset flight on 30 Dec. (all 88 counties)



Kathy Mock timed this image of an American Robin gulping a berry at the PPG Lime Lakes site in **Summit** on 14 Jan.

House Sparrow

The Wilmot CBC tallied 3496 on 15 Dec. Kelly Stanek noted 300 along Patch Road in Middlefield, **Geauga**, on 02 Jan. (all 88 counties)

American Pipit

An estimated 300 were at West Fork Road in Georgetown, **Brown**, on 09 Dec (John Troyer, Jr.). (60 counties)

Evening Grosbeak

The Adams County CBC had the only seasonal sighting on 16 Dec.

House Finch

The Wilmot CBC tallied 793 on 15 Dec. Shawnee Lookout hosted about 90 for Brian and Gale Wulker on 16 Dec. (83 counties)

Purple Finch

Matt Anderson counted 46 in the OOPMP on 18 Feb. (48 counties)

Redpoll

Ed Wransky saw one at his Grafton, **Lorain**, residence on 22 Jan. Dan Kramer photographed one at a feeder along Russell Drive Northwest in Bolivar, **Tuscarawas**, on 31 Jan.

Red Crossbill

Kate Ball and Jack Stenger saw 21 at Winton Woods in Cincinnati on 01 Jan. (9 counties)

White-winged Crossbill

The only report was the 11 noted on the Hocking Hills CBC, **Hocking**, on 17 Dec.

Pine Siskin

The Grand Rapids-Waterville CBC tallied 337 on 30 Dec. Mark Shaver and Kelly Stanek made an estimated count of 150 along Soltis Road in Parkman, **Geauga**, on 07 Jan. (52 counties)



*Ed Wransky was pleased to be visited by this Pine Siskin attracted to his feeders in **Lorain** on 27 Jun.*

American Goldfinch

The Millersburg CBC tallied 713 on 29 Dec. Mark Shaver and Kelly Stanek tallied 300 along Soltis Road in Parkman, **Geauga**, on 02 Jan. (all 88 counties)

Lapland Longspur

The Grand Rapids-Waterville CBC tallied 467

on 30 Dec. Matt Anderson estimated 405 at Sandhill Crane on 10 Feb. (58 counties)

Snow Bunting

Isabella and Tony Hintze counted 131 along Gessner Road in Fremont, **Sandusky**, on 20 Jan. (41 counties)



A Snow Bunting posed nicely for Gus Lanese at Headlands on 13 Dec.

Grasshopper Sparrow

One was found along Township Route 3475 in Loudonville, **Ashland**, on 30 Dec, and seen during the Mohican State Forest CBC and until 06 Jan (m. obs.).

Chipping Sparrow

The Millersburg CBC tallied six on 29 Dec. Mike Kroeger saw five at his residential bird feeder in Cleves, **Hamilton**, on 23 Jan. (23 counties)

Field Sparrow

The Ragersville CBC tallied 84 on 27 Dec. Pierce Preserve and Trails, **Clermont**, harbored 27 on 30 Dec (m. obs.). (63 counties)

Fox Sparrow

Brian and Gale Wulker tallied 24 at Shawnee Lookout on 16 Dec. (66 counties)

American Tree Sparrow

The Wilmot CBC tallied 1035 on 15 Dec. The single location high count of 300 came from Bowen Road and Blackfork Wetland in Mansfield, **Richland**, on 16 Feb (Luke Donahue and Jason Larson). (82 counties)

Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco

The Wilmot CBC tallied 1491 on 15 Dec. David Ackerman noted 114 along State Route 222 in Bethel, **Clermont**, on 31 Dec. An estimated 113 were at Mohican SP on 06 Jan (Debbie Parker). (all 88 counties)

Dark-eyed Junco (Other)

All sightings of the *cismontanus* subspecies were of one or two birds and came from **Hamilton**, **Hancock**, **Hocking**, **Lake**, and **Lucas**. All sightings of “Oregon” juncos were of single

birds and came from *Allen*, *Butler*, *Clermont*, *Lake*, and *Wayne*. Birds indeterminate to subspecies came from *Hancock* and *Wood*.

White-crowned Sparrow

The Wilmot CBC tallied 1383 on 15 Dec. Atlee Yoder counted 70 along County Route 200 in Dundee, *Holmes*, on 15 Dec. (73 counties)

White-throated Sparrow

The Ragersville CBC tallied 721 on 27 Dec. Mike Busam and Bill Zimmerman counted 155 at Gilmore on 16 Dec. (all 88 counties)

Savannah Sparrow

Andrew Hostetler saw 23 in a weedy, overgrown corn field along Harrison Road in Apple Creek, *Wayne*, on 21 Jan. The Ragersville CBC tallied 15 on 27 Dec. Andrew O'Connor saw 12 at Seward Road Pond in Fairfield, *Butler*, on 12 Feb; see Field Notes for more. (36 counties)

Song Sparrow

The Ragersville CBC tallied 1465 on 27 Dec. Four observers tallied 82 at Pierce Preserve and Trails, *Clermont*, on 30 Dec. (all 88 counties)

Lincoln's Sparrow

The eBird reports, all of single birds, are: Mockingbird Hill Farm in Hennings Mill, *Clermont*, on 10 Dec (Bill Stanley).

Duck Creek Park in Toledo on 17 Dec (Greg Links)

OSU from 19 Dec through 16 Jan (m. obs.)

Crown City WA, *Lawrence*, on 27 Jan (Bryan Smith)

Three of those birds were well photographed. Four birds, all singles, were sighted during four of the CBCs, and three of those are not included in the list noted above; see the 124th CBC summary included in this issue.

Swamp Sparrow

The Wilmot CBC tallied 91 on 15 Dec. Twenty-five were counted at Killbuck on 08 Dec (Josh Yoder). (72 counties)

Eastern Towhee

The Millersburg CBC tallied 115 on 29 Dec. Pierce Preserve and Trails, *Clermont*, hosted 14 on 30 Dec (m. obs.). (72 counties)

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Brian Tinker photographed one at PPG Limes Lakes, *Summit*, on 15 Jan. That was the only sighting.

Eastern Meadowlark

Bill Stanley's 33 at Indian Creek WA, *Brown*, on 12 Dec were the most reported. (73 counties)

Baltimore Oriole

A single bird was seen at Gallagher Fen NP, *Clark*, on 15 Dec (Dan Kempf)

Red-winged Blackbird

The Quail Hollow-Hartville CBC tallied 33,852 on 16 Dec. Henry Trimpe estimated 15,000 at the Friendville Road Gravel Pits in Seville, *Medina*, on 06 Feb. Only *Paulding* didn't have a sighting.

Brown-headed Cowbird

The Quail Hollow-Hartville CBC tallied 41,039 on 16 Dec. Jeff Goff made an estimate of 8000 along Coblenz Avenue in Greentown, *Stark*, on 16 Dec. (80 counties)

Rusty Blackbird

The Ottawa N.W.R. CBC tallied 200 on 01 Jan. The Ira Road Beaver Marsh in the CVNP hosted about 300 on 03 Jan (Brian Tinker). (61 counties)

Brewer's Blackbird

Matt Anderson saw four foraging with American Robins and European Starlings along Birch Pointe Drive in Whitehouse, *Lucas*, on 16 Feb. That was the only seasonal sighting.

Common Grackle

The Burton CBC tallied 510,000 on 01 Jan. Henry Trimpe estimated 30,000 in Seville, *Medina*, on 15 Feb. (83 counties)

Blackbird sp.

The largest flock was estimated to be 30,000, and was located at Buckeye Lake, *Licking*, on 05 Dec (Matt Mason). About 21,000 were at Friendsville Road gravel pits, *Medina*, on 04 Feb (Allen Rand).

Black-and-white Warbler

Bryan Jones saw one near Carlisle, *Warren*, on 18 Feb. That was the only winter report.

Tennessee Warbler

Renate Erwin photographed a very late migrant in Sheffield Lake, *Lorain*, on 17 Dec.



This Eastern Towhee was spotted in an urban environment, the city of Wooster, Wayne, by Su Snyder on 28 Feb.

Orange-crowned Warbler

All sightings were of single birds, except the two seen at Euclid Beech Park and Wildwood Park in Cleveland where one or two birds were seen throughout much of Dec and Jan (m. obs.). One was noted during the Grand Rapids-Waterville CBC on 30 Dec. Reports also came from **Clermont**, **Franklin**, and **Hamilton**.



Judy Schuster Richey nicely captured this Orange-crowned Warbler in the pines at the Euclid Creek Reservation, **Cuyahoga**, on 28 Dec.

Nashville Warbler

One lingered at Fernald until 08 Dec (Ezekiel Dobson).

Common Yellowthroat

Two were reported on both the Wilmot 15 Dec and Millersburg 30 Dec CBCs. Michael Hochstetler also saw two at Four Ponds, **Holmes**, on 26 Feb. All other sightings were of single birds. (13 counties)

Cape May Warbler

Two reports, both of single birds that were each photographed, are:

Beach City, **Stark**, on 15 Dec (Duane Miller and Bennie Saylor). That likely was the same bird seen on the 15 Dec Wilmot CBC

North Zanesville, **Muskingum**, from 06 to 18 Feb (Heather McFerren). The **Muskingum** bird frequently foraged at a suet feeder

Northern Parula

Three lingered into Dec. Jesse Hershberger saw one along the **Holmes** County Trail in Millersburg on 02 Dec. Four birders saw one at Mosquito Lake on 09 Dec. The other bird was at Nimisila on 26 Dec (Greg and Jamey Emmert).

Yellow Warbler

Daniel Beechy saw one along the **Holmes** County Trail while traveling between Millersburg and Holmesville on 02 Dec that numerous birders also saw later that same day. Another lingered at The Wilderness Center, **Stark**, on 03 Dec (Eli Troyer).

Palm Warbler

The Ragersville CBC tallied six on 27 Dec. Four were at Wright Marsh on 06 Dec (Kisa Weeman). (14 counties)

Pine Warbler

All reports were of single birds. (10 counties)

Yellow-rumped “Myrtle” Warbler

The Adams County CBC tallied 300 on 16 Dec. Armleder Park held 55 on 30 Dec (David Carr), and 38 were seen there on another date. Mollie and Tyler Ficker counted 52 at Deer Creek on 06 Jan. (77 counties)

Yellow-throated Warbler

Gabe Troyer photographed a late migrant along County Route 201 in Fredericksburg, **Holmes**, on 10 Dec; see Field Notes for more. The bird reported on the 29 Dec Millersburg CBC was likely the same bird as documented in Fredericksburg. Sightings at feeders continued through 01 Jan, so either there was a second bird, or the second bird that moved between **Holmes** locations of Benton and Fryburg (m. obs.).



A surprise first December record Prairie Warbler found by Aimee Phillips was re-found and photographed by Joanne Priest on 23 Dec in **Summit**.

Prairie Warbler

At least four different birders, traveling separately, photographed a Prairie Warbler at Turkeyfoot

Lake in New Franklin, **Summit**, from 23 to 25 Dec; see Field Notes for more.

Black-throated Gray Warbler

Jen Brumfield found one at Euclid Beach Park, **Cuyahoga**, on 22 Dec that many birders saw through 12 Jan. There were 333 eBird reports on that bird. The record was accepted by the OBRC.

Summer Tanager

Sarah Schmitz photographed one at a feeder in the Franklin Park area of Columbus on 21 Jan.

Scarlet Tanager

Sandy Musser photographed one in Cortland, **Trumbull**, on 18 Dec.

Western Tanager

Numerous birders saw and photographed a young male tanager visiting a feeder in Newark, **Licking**, near the OSU campus from 10 Jan until 03 Feb. There were 54 eBird reports on that bird.

Northern Cardinal

The Wilmot CBC tallied 1715 on 15 Dec. Susan Harrington counted 68 at Put-In-Bay, **Ottawa**, on 18 Feb. (all 88 counties)

Indigo Bunting

A late individual was at Meadow Ridge MP, **Butler**, on 10 Dec (Laura Jenkins).

Dickcissel

Mervin Miller saw one at his Fredericksburg, **Holmes**, feeder along Township Route 613 on 14 Jan, and that bird stayed through Feb. A trio of birders saw one at Beatty and Cowman roads in Wilmington, **Clinton**, on 17 Dec.



*This Western Tanager visited a private residence in **Licking** for several weeks. Matt Mason got to photograph it on 11 Jan.*

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ANCIENT MURRELET FIRST SIGHTING IN OHIO SINCE 1951

By Rob Swindell

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It was the shortest day of the year, and the first significant snow of the season was slowly melting away on the brisk shores of Lake Erie. A day or so earlier, the diesel-powered lake freighter American Courage, which ran aground in November, had made its way past the Lorain Lighthouse, surrounded by thousands of hungry gulls. It looked like it was traveling through the middle of a winter snowstorm.

For dedicated birders, gulls are an opportunity, and they will stand on the cold shores for hours looking for that one who looks a little different than the others. You just never know what you might see.

On this day, it wasn't an unusual gull that was shared by Alecia Gorski and Janice Farral, but a bird that had only been seen once in the state and not for over 70 years—an Ancient Murrelet! The only other sighting was reported in 1951.

The sighting of the bird quickly spread through the birding community around lunchtime, and the Lorain Fishing Pier was soon overrun by birders. Working from the sixth floor of the Lorain City building, a short distance away, I could see the crowd gathering on the fishing pier. I could only hope that it would still be there once I got off work.

The sun setting just after 5 pm meant that birders who couldn't leave work early might be out of luck. Thankfully, I got off at 4:30 and was only minutes away. I was also lucky that my wife's binoculars and camera were in the car, though her camera is quite different than mine. By the time I would get the murrelet in focus, it would dive into the lake and reappear moments later a short distance away.

Fortunately for birders from around the state, the murrelet was still there Friday morning and again attracted a large crowd. I recognized people from Akron, Columbus, and spoke to one gentleman who made the trip from Ann Arbor, Michigan. From Thursday afternoon until Friday afternoon, the murrelet was reported 207 times on e-Bird, which means it was probably seen by over 350 people over 24 hours. Birders were also rewarded with Red-necked Grebes that were in the area.

Interestingly, in early December, the American Bird Association (ABA) had a story about the Ancient Murrelet and vagrants who had recently appeared in the Great Lakes region, "Vagrant Ancient Murrelets occur mostly in fall and mostly in the Rocky Mountains, on the Great Lakes, and along the Atlantic coast. In the last decade or so, the species has been increasingly found out of range and has appeared all the way across the Atlantic to Finland and Spain. Despite being far more numerous than usual, reports in fall 2023 mainly aligned with Ancient Murrelet's established pattern of vagrancy in the Rocky Mountains and Great Lakes regions, with an outlier state first in Chattanooga, Tennessee."

In fact, in the fall of 2023, ten Ancient Murrelets have turned up across the country, including one that was seen in Lake Huron and Lake Ontario. I had quickly skimmed over the story but remember thinking that just maybe we will get one here.

Ancient Murrelets are an odd, but beautiful shorebird, not much bigger than a robin. Their range is typically off the west coast of the United States and Canada and southern Alaska, breeding in the Aleutian Islands.

As a west-coast bird, it is not one that I know much about. All About Birds describes their large colonies, "Ancient Murrelets breed in colonies along the shorelines of North Pacific islands, usually within 1,000 feet of the shoreline. They use rocky crevices or build earthen burrows for nesting. They use both grassy sites and forested areas with Sitka Spruce, Western Hemlock, or Western Red-cedar. Up to 10,000 birds may occupy a colony, but most colonies are smaller." They look similar to other murrelets, such as the Marbled Murrelet and Craveri's Murrelet.

As expected, they eat fish, such as Shiner Perch, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Herring and Rainbow Smelt as well as zooplankton, such as krill. They have a healthy breeding population of about 1 million, although they are threatened by oil spills and introduced predators.

The ABA article described the factors that have led to the large number of vagrants this year, "Several converging factors could account for the abundance of this season's out-of-range records, but all may ultimately be products of climate change, both short-term and long-term. Historically, inland birds have appeared following strong westerly winds in the Pacific pushing

storms into shore, and in late September 2023, a bomb cyclone crashed into British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and northern California—the heart of Ancient Murrelet’s range in the eastern North Pacific.”

As darkness grew, there were reports that the murrelet had been harassed by gulls and survived the interest of a Bald Eagle—all while a Peregrine Falcon lurked in the area. The small, unprotected, and out-of-place bird must have been seen as easy pickings for large predators. I hope it survives and makes its way home.

What a way to end the year! It was a winter equinox miracle.

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RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRDS RECORDS COMMITTEE

By Jon Cefus

1ST BATCH, MARCH 2024

The Ohio Bird Records Committee (OBRC) has continued to vote on records submitted to or otherwise obtained by the committee. Twelve new records and one recirculation record were chosen for review in this 1st batch of records for 2024. Ten of the new records were accepted, two were not-accepted, and the recirculation record was accepted.

This batch contained records from 2018 to 2024.

The membership of the OBRC who voted on the above records was Jon Cefus (Secretary), Su Snyder (Vice Secretary), Gautam Apte, Terry Bronson, Tim Colborn, Alex Eberts, Matt Kemp, Ben Morrison, and James Muller.

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-society-bird-checklist/>.

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

The following list of records accepted by the OBRC is presented in taxonomic sequence and chronologically within a given species. They pertain to the sighting of a single bird unless otherwise noted. The sequence and common and scientific names of species follow the American Ornithological Society *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 10 records were accepted during their first circulation:

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) 2 individuals — **Lake** (Fairport Harbor), 09 to 18 Nov 2023. Internet sources.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) — **Ottawa** (Dempsey Boat Basin), 14 Dec 2023. Internet Sources. This record represents the first specimen record of this species in Ohio and is likely also the first photographic record in Ohio. It is the first record since 2011.

Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) — **Montgomery** (Great Miami River Trail), 30 Dec 2023 to 16 Jan 2024. OBRC documentation submitted by Emma Jones via the OOS website and Internet sources.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #1 — **Preble** (Hueston Woods), 05 to 16 Aug 2023. Internet sources.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #2 — **Cuyahoga** (Warren Rd.), 08 Aug 2023. Internet sources.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) #3 — **Ottawa** (ONWR), 08 Jan 2024. Internet sources.

Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*) — **Lorain** (Lorain Harbor Fishing Pier), 21 to 23 Dec 2023. OBRC documentation submitted by Patty McKelvey and Internet sources. This is only the second record of this species in Ohio and the first record since 1951.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) — **Cuyahoga** (North Chagrin Reservation), 18 May 2018. Internet sources.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) — **Wayne** (West Lebanon Road), Nov 2023 to 11 Jan 2024. Internet sources. [Editor's addition: eBird records showed stayed through 13 Jan.]

Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*) — **Cuyahoga** (Euclid Beach Park), 23 Dec 2023 to 12 Jan 2024. Internet Sources. [Editor's addition: eBird records showed bird first found on 22 Dec.]

Not-accepted:

Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) —
Lake (Mentor Marsh), 09 Dec 2023. Internet
sources. Documentation insufficient to establish
identification.

American Goshawk (*Accipiter atricapillus*)
— **Montgomery** (Jane Newcom Park), 14 Dec
2023. OBRC documentation submitted via OOS
website. Documentation insufficient to establish
identification.

Recirculations:

Records accepted:

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

THE 124TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT REPORT

By Mike Busam

Welcome to a review of Ohio's participation in the 124th National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. Audubon has historical data for a total of 74 Ohio Christmas Bird Counts. During the 2023-2024 count period, Ohio observers participated in 69 different CBCs.

The *Cardinal* editor and I always begin the annual CBC recap with weather notes. This is because if you are a count compiler, count day weather is likely your biggest concern. The weather can drive the birds one way or another. It's hard to predict. Miserable weather also makes miserable counters, and someone has to answer about bad weather, so it is that your humble compilers are often blamed for poor weather on count days. Bad weather also creates unpredictable stress responses in people. Twenty years or so ago a compiler friend had to deal with an area leader who went rogue, contacted all the other area leaders on the count, and told them the count scheduled for the next day was canceled due to snow. A couple hours of damage control later, the count was back on, the area leader replaced, and while there was deep snow on the ground on count day, the roads were fine, and had been since the snow had fallen three days prior to the count. In the end, it was a successful CBC. But, it was all about the weather, you see.

In the contiguous United States, December 2022 was a bit cooler than recent Decembers. December 2023 by contrast, was the warmest in 129 years of record keeping, with temperatures an average of 7.3 degrees Fahrenheit above average. In the Midwest, where temperatures were 9.1 degrees Fahrenheit above the 1991-2020 normal, Ohio had its third warmest December. Though precipitation in the Midwest was normal, Ohio saw below average rainfall, and northwest Ohio was in drought. Snowfall throughout the Midwest was at historically low levels, and the Great Lakes remained almost entirely ice free for the month. It was a warm December for Ohio CBC participants. Count-day weather-related complaints were probably at near record lows, but I don't have the reports to confirm that assumption.

Ohio counters tallied 1,600,736 individual birds during the 124th CBC period, compared to 827,611 in 2023. Cumulatively, Ohio CBCs recorded 159 different species, down one from

2022-2023. The 2021-2022 count season had 167 species. There were 2205 counters in the field this season, which is 172 more than last year. Cuyahoga Falls once again had the most participants with 111. Cincinnati (103) and Columbus (102) followed. Lakewood (95) and Wilmot (94) rounded out the top five counts, participants wise. The average count had about 32 participants. Seven counts had less than ten participants. Thank you everyone for your efforts!

The first thing people usually look at among CBC results is the species totals. Four counts reached the 90s: Caesar Creek-Spring Valley and Millersburg tied for the highest count species total with 91 each. Mansfield and Toledo both reported 90. Four counts reached 85 or higher: Cuyahoga Falls (85), Quail Hollow-Hartville (86), while Western Hamilton County and Wilmot both reported 87 species. If our Decembers stay warm, perhaps the days of counts reaching the high 90s or breaking 100 are behind us?

The species numbers break down as follows: four counts were in the 90s; 14 were in the 80s; 20 were in the 70s; 13 were in the 60s; 11 were in the 50s; six were in the 40s; and one count had 39.

It's an exercise in cherry picking, but one can put together a decent morning of highlights from among Ohio's species list for the 124th CBC. Virginia Rail, Common Gallinule, eight species of shorebirds, American White Pelican (two at Toledo and 467 at Ottawa NWR), seven owl species, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, four wren species, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Hermit Thrush, Wood Thrush, Evening Grosbeak, Red and White-winged crossbills, Pine Siskin, (maybe the prior four are more popular winter highlights), Lapland Longspur, Grasshopper Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, and seven species of warblers, etc.

Along with other rarities and unusual finds we had an interesting collection of birds scattered around our state, or states, since four of our counts have portions of their circle in other states. Ten percent of the Oxford CBC is in Indiana. Five percent of Portsmouth's CBC is in Kentucky. Just over five percent of Toledo's circle is in Michigan. Somewhere near five percent of the Western Hamilton County circle is in Kentucky. If my memory serves, there's a small portion of the Cincinnati CBC in Kentucky, though it's listed in our records as being split 50-50 between Clermont and Hamilton counties. Most

of our CBCs were plotted decades ago using a drawing compass pinned to a specific spot (or “count center”) on a map. Recently, compilers have revisited their circle layouts using widely available services such as Google Maps. The differences in coverages of circles hand-plotted years ago via compass and map versus the new circles using the same centers but more exacting measurement, were sometimes surprising! This example illustrates why there is interest among compilers and some participants about the specifics of count circle coverage. Of the 69 CBC circles we have records for this season, 49 have portions of their circles in at least two counties or states. The Portsmouth CBC has the distinction of having all of its Ohio portion in a single county, Scioto, and the rest of it in Kentucky. As every border birder knows, most of the Ohio River isn’t in Ohio, and Toledo is pretty close to Michigan, as is Oxford to Indiana, so this isn’t news to southern or northern Ohio birders, but it seemed worthwhile to comment on the subject. Ohio does not have any counts that cross into Pennsylvania. Perhaps Pennsylvania has some that touch Ohio? Are there any West Virginia counts that reach us? At the moment, the answers to those questions are beyond my scope of work.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 124th National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. The CBC season is important to the birding community and is arguably our lon-

gest-running community tradition. If your count enjoyed good weather, please thank your compiler. Let’s hope for good health and good birds for everyone in 2024!

I would like to thank the National Audubon Society for making their compilation of CBC data available to us. Visit the Christmas Bird Count web site at <http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>. All the data, including historical data, is available online at <http://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/>.

I would also like to thank Marc Hanneman who is the NAS CBC editor for Ohio and who provided the Ohio CBC compilation data used in this article. The annual CBC recap would be very difficult to write without Marc’s work and assistance, not to mention his helpful annotations and the new (to this writer) information about the different percentages of county and state coverages in our active CBC circles.

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	Adams County (OHAC)	Ashland (OHAD)	Ashtabula (OHAA)	Athens (OHAT)	Beaver Creek (OHBC)	Beaver Valley (OHBV)	Big and Little Darby Creek-Darbydale (OHDC)	The Brown Family Educational Center (OHBF)	Buckeye Lake (OHLB)	Burton (OHBU)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	9	10	11
COUNT DATE	16-Dec	15-Dec	30-Dec	30-Dec	23-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	17-Dec	15-Dec	1-Jan
SPECIES										
Snow Goose	1							1	CW	
Ross's Goose										
Greater White-fronted Goose			CW					CW		
Graylag Goose (Domestic type)										
Cackling Goose							8			
Canada Goose	568	600	982	488	311	191	1,197	1,800	274	2,388
Mute Swan		2								3
Trumpeter Swan							9			6
Tundra Swan							1			
Tundra Swan (Whistling)			11							
Trumpeter/Tundra Swan										
Swan species										
Wood Duck	8					4	2		2	
Blue-winged Teal	2									
Northern Shoveler							58		CW	
Gadwall			12		4		16	10		4
American Wigeon			4				45			
American Black Duck	52	5	2					4	3	1
Mallard	73	57	195	40	59	41	428	286	64	222
Mallard (Domestic type)							6			
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)										
Northern Pintail							5			
Green-winged Teal		5					4		3	
Green-winged Teal (American)										
Dabbling duck species										
Canvasback										CW
Redhead			2				1		1	
Ring-necked Duck	10		1				12	46		13
Greater Scaup		1	5				8			
Lesser Scaup		1	15					CW		1
Greater/Lesser Scaup										
Harlequin Duck										
Surf Scoter										
White-winged Scoter			6							
Black Scoter			1							
Long-tailed Duck										
Bufflehead	5		17		8				4	4
Common Goldeneye			174							
Hooded Merganser	23	4		1	9	1	24	20	6	24
Common Merganser	17	6	37		3			11		115
Red-breasted Merganser			824				1		1	CW
Merganser species										
Ruddy Duck	1		23	1					12	17
Duck species			18							
Waterfowl species							300			
Northern Bobwhite	1									
Wild Turkey	25		18		6	6		74		27
Ring-necked Pheasant			CW							
Pied-billed Grebe				7		1				2
Horned Grebe			5					2		

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Gadiz (OHCA)	Cesar Creek-Spring Valley (OHCS)	Canton (OHCT)	Carey (OHCV)	Chandlersville (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDR)	East Fork Lake S.P. (OHET)
12	13	14	75	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1-Jan	14-Dec	29-Dec	31-Dec	22-Dec	30-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	31-Dec
	3											CW
469	7	1,789	649	368	1,136	2,270	1,147	1,839	2,164	992	329	28
		2			2	1		9	8			
		6		22				1	5		4	
CW	3		CW									
	1		1	1				3	3			
						3		18	2			
	63	16		22	32	100		130	2	88	4	3
	1			12				12				
4	2			5	1	2	21	12	27			
74	83	362	37	202	292	101	428	967	657	322	71	47
							8					
											5	
	18			3		5	2			43		
								5	7			
						2		1	4			
	15											
8	83	76		114	4	10		71	267	1		
	30	2	CW	34	4				1			
	113		CW	19	25		29		7	26		2
	1	CW		1		4	299	CW				
35	21	41	11	35	116	211	5	157	36	76	29	2
15	3	CW		26	2		2		120	2	2	
		6					3,538					
	26	1	CW	2	2		12	9	7			2
						7						
					1							
65	8	123	13	6	42		13	46	20		10	
	1										1	
31	1			2	2	5		5	1	6		16
	2						2					

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	Adams County (OHAC)	Ashland (OHAD)	Ashtabula (OHAA)	Athens (OHAT)	Beaver Creek (OHBC)	Beaver Valley (OHBV)	Big and Little Darby Creek-Oakleydale (OHDC)	The Brown Family Educational Center (OHBF)	Buckeye Lake (OHLB)	Burton (OHBU)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	9	10	11
COUNT DATE	16-Dec	15-Dec	30-Dec	30-Dec	23-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	17-Dec	15-Dec	1-Jan
SPECIES										
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	226	47	192	94	349	97	21	258	23	83
Eurasian Collared-Dove										
Mourning Dove	376	84	133	195	161	156	51	294	8	156
Virginia Rail										
Common Gallinule										
American Coot			6					CW	14	
Sandhill Crane		9						9		
Killdeer	51	67		10	5	2		2		
Dunlin										
Least Sandpiper										
Pectoral Sandpiper										
American Woodcock	5									
Wilson's Snipe		5								
Greater Yellowlegs										
Lesser Yellowlegs										
Bonaparte's Gull		135	203						8	9
Ring-billed Gull		152	1,871		11		1	3	377	100
American Herring Gull			436						30	4
Iceland Gull			CW						CW	
Lesser Black-backed Gull			CW						CW	
Glaucous Gull									CW	
Great Black-backed Gull			3							
Larus species										
Gull species			28							
Red-throated Loon										
Common Loon			4	1						1
Double-crested Cormorant		5	1				1	CW	3	
American White Pelican										
Great Blue Heron										6
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	9	75	4	6	5	3	6	9	12	
Great Egret										
Great Egret (American)										
Green Heron										
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture	478	2		120		2	CW	40	11	
Turkey Vulture	18			344		6		11	5	
Osprey										
Golden Eagle										
Northern Harrier	8			1		2	12	5	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	2	2	1		1		1	1	
Cooper's Hawk	11	2	4	3	3	2	2	5	3	3
Accipiter species						1				
Bald Eagle	6	12	23	2	7	3	10	30	2	21
Red-shouldered Hawk	32	5	8	17	11	12	3	11	6	19
Red-tailed Hawk	67	31	15	23	18	17	23	28	20	23
Rough-legged Hawk		2						1		CW
Hawk species										
Barn Owl								1		
Barn Owl (American)										
Eastern Screech-Owl	5	2			4	1			1	

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Gadiz (OHGA)	Cedar Creek-Spring Valley (OHCS)	Canton (OHCT)	Carey (OHCY)	Chandlersville (OHCH)	Cincinnati (OHCI)	Clark County (OHCC)	Cleveland (OHCL)	Columbus (OHCO)	Cuyahoga Falls (OHCF)	Dayton (OHDA)	Delaware Reservoir (OHDR)	East Fork Lake S.P. (OHET)
12	13	14	75	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1-Jan	14-Dec	29-Dec	31-Dec	22-Dec	30-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	31-Dec
126	113	95	51	97	231	116	478	1,097	278	408	94	117
175	142	256	31	132	469	10	149	380	379	129	120	97
	400				10				215	4		
	CW									CW		
43	16					12	2	CW	15	13		1
	CW											
19				1			2			2		
44	173		9			135	4			6	130	21
4,410	921	4,159	213		15	384	592	216	172	536	10	715
25	42	1,996	45			1	41	1	9	12		8
		10	1									
							1					
							35					
	9					3	1	1	1	2		1
	CW		1			1	41	7		1		
4	17	11	2	2	17	8	10	41	17	24	22	12
	CW											
9	8				157	43				3		248
2	1			21	17	1			2	3		55
7	5		7	9						2	1	2
1	2	1		1	2			2	2	1	4	1
5	2	12	5	2	12	1	7	22	21	5	3	3
											2	
7	19	7	39	4	10	7	16	9	19	13	8	11
8	27	8	2	21	38	4	10	9	24	2	4	24
44	34	56	30	39	35	14	33	33	70	20	35	11
4		1	1	2								
CW	3	5	11	1	5		1	2	2	1		1

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	Adams County (OHAC)	Ashland (OHAD)	Ashtabula (OHAA)	Athens (OHAT)	Beaver Creek (OHBC)	Beaver Valley (OHBV)	Big and Little Darby Creek-Darbydale (OHDC)	The Brown Family Environmental Center (OHBF)	Buckeye Lake (OHL)	Burton (OHBU)
CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	9	10	11
COUNT DATE	16-Dec	15-Dec	30-Dec	30-Dec	23-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	17-Dec	15-Dec	1-Jan
SPECIES										
Great Horned Owl	6	1	CW				1			6
Barred Owl	7	2			1		1		3	CW
Long-eared Owl										
Short-eared Owl	1						3			1
Northern Saw-whet Owl										
Owl species										
Belted Kingfisher	17	5		9	8	7	3	8	4	6
Red-headed Woodpecker	34	22		1	1			4	1	4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	107	68	40	76	49	43	66	69	25	103
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	16	5	1	8	2	6	5			
Downy Woodpecker	64	75	26	111	34	23	82	91	19	118
Hairy Woodpecker	24	28	10	33	16	11	24	31	2	26
Downy/Hairy Woodpecker										
Northern Flicker				44	14			18		
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)	89	33	5			18	70		13	33
Pileated Woodpecker	28	10	5	26	5	21	4	6	1	17
American Kestrel	60	7	4	15	6	21	11	25	13	6
Merlin	1		1						1	
Peregrine Falcon			1							
Eastern Phoebe	3	2		2	1	5				
Northern Shrike							1			1
Blue Jay	370	209	91	249	104	165	108	176	75	336
American Crow	391	205	313	267	261	239	133	401	42	291
Fish Crow										
Common Raven			2							
Carolina Chickadee	145	58		355	13	108	144	81	25	
Black-capped Chickadee		11	52		43					353
Chickadee species		8			54					
Tufted Titmouse	130	56	28	153	87	38	62	72	30	116
Horned Lark	30							6		2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2					2		3	1	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	46	23	3	41	9	26	45	20	14	14
Cedar Waxwing	192	58		7		11	3	13	2	19
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2	1	4		1				6
White-breasted Nuthatch	83	97	20	137	43	41	57	68	22	109
Brown Creeper	8	8		9	4	5	8	9	2	3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher										
Carolina Wren	78	33	13	160	40	75	40	44	14	36
Northern House Wren										
Winter Wren	4	4		3	1	7	1	2		1
Marsh Wren							1			
Gray Catbird		3						1		1
Brown Thrasher										
Northern Mockingbird	43	4	1	29	13	18	1	25	12	1
European Starling	1,732	771	2,310	1,321	1,066	711	1,536	3,842	390	5,795
Eastern Bluebird	262	110	68	107	58	81	25	67	18	132
Hermit Thrush	14	2		11	1	6	4	2	3	
Wood Thrush										
American Robin	2,728	359	130	441	111	134	2,199	431	196	690
House Sparrow	216	217	145	50	236	21	226	380	95	802

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12	13	14	75	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1-Jan	14-Dec	29-Dec	31-Dec	22-Dec	30-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	31-Dec
	2	1			9			2	2	CW	2	1
CW	1		1	1	4		1	1	5	CW	1	CW
		5										
3				5								
	1											
15	22	3	4	10	27	10	9	24	19	15	4	8
2	9		5	4	23		4	5	3		8	23
108	59	81	26	56	276	59	140	132	241	95	57	50
10	23	1		9	23	12		10	3	10	5	5
77	43	103	47	56	237	33	129	152	194	56	52	44
28	19	28	3	23	51	18	29	21	45	20	21	5
	38							67	76	41		
63		32	23	49	66	34	19				51	40
27	28	8	6	15	22	3	20	10	17	19	3	7
28	9	7	57	21	5	1		3	5	3	31	18
		2		1	1		1	4	5	4		
		1			2			1	1	CW		
	2			2	2			2	1			1
											CW	
212	163	250	115	104	518	80	379	324	637	58	208	142
501	321	445	53	506	368	10,000	82	428	1,341	49	105	194
									16			
8				2								
233	126	60		152	697	83		339		122	89	85
3		180	21	12			166		553			
2											38	
144	87	112	16	48	418	33	132	165	288	71	42	55
CW	34	7	42			1		29		CW	39	
		1		3	3	3	1	2		4		1
99	24	58	7	50	42	34	19	86	48	36	31	13
18	163	28		10	1,144	94	9	7	82	43	70	1,142
1	1	1					3				1	
127	58	117	41	56	120	57	125	117	214	56	62	28
19	11	17	5	8	16	6	4	31	15	32	5	2
1												
73	60	65	9	58	254	47	35	91	123	57	8	46
15	3	4	CW		2	4	5	4	5	3		
	1	1				2		1	2			
												1
8	10	13	4	11	89	6	6	10		1	2	17
3,000	886	7,260	1,719	514	3,217	677	664	7,102	45,469	1,478	2,568	1,216
116	83	70	11	108	166	13	46	115	105	82	64	99
46	17	4	2	10	19	36		8	3	5	4	6
1,437	438	1,690	271	250	4,223	913	1,270	5,519	7,164	2,334	1,732	533
170	188	479	484	95	257	68	563	1,006	770	119	246	106

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CIRCLE NUMBER	1	2	4	5	6	7	74	9	10	11
COUNT DATE	16-Dec	15-Dec	30-Dec	30-Dec	23-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	17-Dec	15-Dec	1-Jan
SPECIES										
American Pipit									CW	
Evening Grosbeak	1									
House Finch	99	44	82	105	86	38	162	96	35	121
Purple Finch	24	1	1			1	3			1
Red Crossbill										
White-winged Crossbill										
Pine Siskin		1				5				80
American Goldfinch	98	117	63	148	38	89	78	63	22	169
Lapland Longspur										
Snow Bunting			1							
Grasshopper Sparrow										
Chipping Sparrow						1				
Field Sparrow	19	2		4	11	21	11	7	1	
Fox Sparrow	13	4		1			5	1		
Fox Sparrow (Red)										
American Tree Sparrow	16	98	68	19	31	19	155	167	22	230
Dark-eyed Junco				116				211		
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	238	154	210		196	175	215		40	441
White-crowned Sparrow	40	11		13		6	5	47	16	CW
White-throated Sparrow	206	102	11	253	22	97	223	57	40	58
Savannah Sparrow										
Song Sparrow	174	54	7	202	73	115	60	75	43	38
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow	46	11		8	5	14	9	1	11	3
Eastern Towhee	44	4		45		14	2	3	7	1
Sparrow species							1	35		
Eastern Meadowlark	27	1				15	26	4		CW
Red-winged Blackbird	25	131		64	1	355	26	2	6	70
Brown-headed Cowbird	414	6	22	2	2	4		76	10	61
Rusty Blackbird		1			1		150		20	85
Common Grackle	23	7	2	3				13	3	510,000
Blackbird species							2			
Orange-crowned Warbler										
Common Yellowthroat						1				
Cape May Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Palm Warbler (Western)										
Pine Warbler	1									
Yellow-rumped Warbler	300			1				6		
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)		15			1	14	2			12
Yellow-throated Warbler										
Northern Cardinal	195	162	58	341	182	102	194	253	58	241
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	11,018	4,740	9,080	6,348	3,904	3,479	8,448	9,973	2,252	523,891
TOTAL SPECIES (COUNT DAY)	80	77	68	61	58	65	72	70	68	68

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12	13	14	75	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1-Jan	14-Dec	29-Dec	31-Dec	22-Dec	30-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	17-Dec	31-Dec
	2	1										
58	54	166	7	13	601	43	137	412	141	148	93	53
	21	6		10	4	2		2	6			24
		3			1	1	37		1			
106	84	207	72	67	434	53	189	253	452	133	116	78
		5						1				
1	1				2				1			
7	8	7		1	30	1		3	3	1		6
1	2	2			6			8	8	3		1
76	69	123	155	136	77	58	81	78	278	60	148	7
	254				263	68		453		195		213
489		471	381	187			472		766		305	
6	27	3	11	13	89	1		3	16	2	2	1
215	180	168	12	179	423	230	135	703	367	406	191	181
CW	2											
157	68	106	36	67	327	79	57	218	183	110	83	75
								CW				
19	18	7	1	4	30	5	9	6	12	5	5	4
13	38			9	73	5	2	17	2	10	2	22
9		4	CW	3	9							6
154		18	12	2	243	4	89	860	20,101	8		100
760	6	44	CW	5	151			33	20,127	CW		
		8	1			15			2			
2	16	47	21		1	1	19	66	30,107	13		1
		1										
												1
	1							CW				
	78	32			121			16		18		
21				9		20			8		5	134
377	171	385	76	237	812	81	166	736	753	208	218	174
14,668	6,476	21,990	4,916	4,397	18,677	16,455	12,183	24,791	135,352	8,876	7,605	6,397
72	91	81	56	77	78	71	66	80	85	70	59	70

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	Elyria-Lorain (OHEL)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Ireland's (OHFI)	Fremont (OHFR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL)	Grand Rapids-Waterville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)	Guernsey County (OHGU)
CIRCLE NUMBER	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	76
COUNT DATE	16-Dec	14-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec
SPECIES										
Snow Goose	CW	1			4	4				
Ross's Goose										
Greater White-fronted Goose					12	2				
Graylag Goose (Domestic type)			1							
Cackling Goose										
Canada Goose	3,248	382	1,422	2,272	1,100	756	737	319	96	247
Mute Swan	5	3								
Trumpeter Swan	3		38	154						1
Tundra Swan			399	304			15			
Tundra Swan (Whistling)										
Trumpeter/Tundra Swan			84							
Swan species										
Wood Duck			1		1					
Blue-winged Teal										
Northern Shoveler	12		52			8				
Gadwall	4		278	67		8		4		48
American Wigeon			12	1						8
American Black Duck	13		36	15	1	29	4		CW	1
Mallard	586		239	508	123	395	412	102	33	124
Mallard (Domestic type)			3							
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)										
Northern Pintail			12		1	3		1		8
Green-winged Teal										4
Green-winged Teal (American)			10							
Dabbling duck species										
Canvasback				1						
Redhead			2				33			
Ring-necked Duck				23			115			
Greater Scaup										
Lesser Scaup		2		2						
Greater/Lesser Scaup			5							
Harlequin Duck										
Surf Scoter										
White-winged Scoter										
Black Scoter										
Long-tailed Duck										
Bufflehead	3	8	2	1						1
Common Goldeneye	42		CW	10						
Hooded Merganser	3		78	103		2				2
Common Merganser	68			27			CW			45
Red-breasted Merganser	434		26	204						1
Merganser species										
Ruddy Duck	67	8	1	149	3					
Duck species								4		
Waterfowl species										
Northern Bobwhite										
Wild Turkey	6		5	1	CW		23			1
Ring-necked Pheasant		1			1		1			
Pied-billed Grebe			7	2						
Horned Grebe			2							

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System (OHSZ)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF)	Hocking Hills (OHFH)	Hoover Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHIL)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHUK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Marionfield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHML)	Michigan State Forest (OHMO)
34	35	36	37	38	39	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
2-Jan	16-Dec	17-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	31-Dec	17-Dec	30-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec
	CW					1						
				1					CW			
									1			1
1,660	542	6	467	261	187	1,130	487	162	2,660	1,412	671	373
1	1	3						2				
133					28						14	
1,523					295	CW						4
125												
2				2						2	5	1
										8		
51	23		11			1			2			
515			51	2		74	1	41	49	29	2	
13									13			
644			1	24		1	2		7	90	10	5
6,718	81	4	501	693	1	167	314	54	246	753	155	107
164								1	1		3	
43			3									
									3		2	
7,800			2	1			8					
3,500			10	24			1					
471			8					1	87			
3				3		14						
17,261			2	52		43	50		36			5
						35	1					
							1					
1						1						
							4					
104	3		56	12		539	42		19			
691	3		3			241	610		5	8		4
815	41		378	12		2	1		94	11	9	14
2,659		1	25			118			17	47		7
3,383						806	714		3	915		
						100						
590			140	25			1		2			
								8				
9	19	10	58			44	15	31	28	27	15	60
					CW	2			2			
3	11	5	13	1		2	4		20		CW	
CW						10	5			5		

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	Elyria-Lorain (OHEL)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Frelands (OHFT)	Fremont (OHFR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL)	Grand Rapids-Walerville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)	Guernsey County (OHGU)
CIRCLE NUMBER	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	76
COUNT DATE	16-Dec	14-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec
SPECIES										
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	396	24	287	172	55		389	25	100	51
Eurasian Collared-Dove										
Mourning Dove	78	12	53	105	90	45	271	47	23	70
Virginia Rail										
Common Gallinule										
American Coot	14						CW			
Sandhill Crane	3			13	CW	2			251	
Killdeer		12	36							
Dunlin			3							
Least Sandpiper										
Pectoral Sandpiper										
American Woodcock										
Wilson's Snipe								4		
Greater Yellowlegs			CW							
Lesser Yellowlegs										
Bonaparte's Gull	42		9	17						13
Ring-billed Gull	19,888	33	10,718	801	7	420	1,542			14
American Herring Gull	660		461	4	1	16	19			
Iceland Gull										
Lesser Black-backed Gull			2				3			
Glaucous Gull										
Great Black-backed Gull			CW							
Larus species										
Gull species			20							1
Red-throated Loon										
Common Loon	1		1							
Double-crested Cormorant	3		2				1			
American White Pelican										
Great Blue Heron										15
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	11	17	166	33	2	11	27	4	1	
Great Egret							2			
Great Egret (American)										
Green Heron										
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture		26						74		
Turkey Vulture	3							4	3	6
Osprey										
Golden Eagle					CW		1			
Northern Harrier	2		1	6	2		25		1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4		2	1	1		4	4	3	
Cooper's Hawk	8		7	7	CW		17	9	1	2
Accipiter species							1			
Bald Eagle	10	2	63	51	3	8	38	4	3	3
Red-shouldered Hawk	16	6	1				17	9	1	6
Red-tailed Hawk	24	19	20	42	16	1	68	14	8	25
Rough-legged Hawk			1	1						
Hawk species										1
Barn Owl										
Barn Owl (American)										
Eastern Screech-Owl			17	3	3		25	1	3	

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System (OHS)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF)	Hocking Hills (OHFH)	Hoover Reservoir (OHRH)	Indian Lake (OHL)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Marblefield (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHML)	Michigan State Forest (OHMF)
34	35	36	37	38	39	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
2-Jan	16-Dec	17-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	31-Dec	17-Dec	30-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec
23	93	53	28	28	89		89	31	245	9	954	268
2												
5	76	173	113	16	11	12	64	189	92	25	966	296
1									1		2	
										1		
92			580	611			6		270			
22	CW			CW	5						56	11
1	2	3	17			1	1		9		38	219
											26	
												1
100			27	25		14	509		1	14		166
7,518	65		269	543	1	252	1,037		31	5,372	2	36
1,117	1		18	6		193	42		92	295	1	
2				2					CW			
4						6	5			4		
1						54						1
		2	13			14			CW	1		
188		3	2	1		3	751		3			
155	11	2	14	4		7	10	2	17	38	26	9
2												
											1	
1												
	11	49	44	35			7	40	157		422	222
		2				3	8	14	9	2	277	
6	1	1		7	16	1		1	4	3	2	5
1	2	1	1			1			1		3	1
5	2	3	11	4		6	12	2	7	5	14	6
109	2		12	13	11	30	10	1	17	24	16	54
1	6	12	9			CW	6	6	19	10	28	6
13	9	14	23	16	13	8	28	17	48	12	134	54
CW				2	13	1					1	2
					1							
											2	3
5	1				2	10	1		2		5	8

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	Elyria-Lorain (OHEL)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Frelands (OHFT)	Fremont (OHFR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL)	Grand Rapids-Walerville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)	Guernsey County (OHGU)
CIRCLE NUMBER	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	76
COUNT DATE	16-Dec	14-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec
SPECIES										
Great Horned Owl			2	2	2		12	1	1	1
Barred Owl	1			1			1		2	
Long-eared Owl										
Short-eared Owl	1			1			3			
Northern Saw-whet Owl							2			
Owl species										
Belted Kingfisher	13	6	7	6	CW		7	14		7
Red-headed Woodpecker	12		5		5		29	1	2	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	73	3	68	48	21	7	181	109	34	45
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2		3	1	1		6	9	1	9
Downy Woodpecker	96	9	79	39	19	3	162	72	28	54
Hairy Woodpecker	16	3	11	5	1	2	54	15	5	16
Downy/Hairy Woodpecker										7
Northern Flicker							134			
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)	33	6	28	29	2	6		31	18	35
Pileated Woodpecker	13		6		1		20	26	3	13
American Kestrel	15	5	3	46	19	4	18	8	7	3
Merlin							2	1		
Peregrine Falcon	3		CW	2			1			
Eastern Phoebe								3		
Northern Shrike										
Blue Jay	174	23	169	125	39	13	559	87	70	132
American Crow	80	27	75	59	28		426	110	25	138
Fish Crow										
Common Raven										1
Carolina Chickadee		5				13		179	32	112
Black-capped Chickadee	110		60	16	33		292			
Chickadee species										17
Tufted Titmouse	76	11	64	13	16	5	178	83	31	79
Horned Lark			CW	234	200	15	64		31	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							1	1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	2	1	17	1	2	69	30	2	39
Cedar Waxwing	89		11		CW		108	32		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		3	2	2		19			
White-breasted Nuthatch	74	2	54	41	28	7	231	75	34	58
Brown Creeper	3	3	1	13	CW		39	9	3	7
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher										
Carolina Wren	41	3	18	12	4	6	69	85	6	47
Northern House Wren										
Winter Wren	2		1	1		1	8	4	CW	6
Marsh Wren										
Gray Catbird								2		
Brown Thrasher										
Northern Mockingbird		2		3			13	2	1	13
European Starling	2,660	830	2,782	4,252	3,500		8,093	1,455	1,556	233
Eastern Bluebird	112	1	30	21	11		330	42	24	46
Hermit Thrush			1	1			7	13		4
Wood Thrush										
American Robin	696	91	1,155	385	45	144	5,436	1,079	219	158
House Sparrow	393	22	305	1,298	138	109	517	46	99	43

123RD AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

System (OHGS)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF)	Hocking Hills (OHHS)	Hoover Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHLI)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHLK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Marionville (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHMI)	Michigan State Forest (OHMO)
34	35	36	37	38	39	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
2-Jan	16-Dec	17-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	31-Dec	17-Dec	30-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec
2				1		11	4	1	2	1	4	2
		2	1		1		4		1		9	6
				2			CW		1	3	1	
						2			CW			
	11	7	15	3		4	12	2	16	5	29	17
2	1		5		64	1	3	1	9		170	21
30	45	113	105	5	16	28	76	59	104	39	509	137
	18	7	5			7		2	3	1	13	9
38	58	97	126	9	10	65	120	64	106	51	482	136
1	8	22	24	4	8	1	23	26	48	17	108	42
				3					50			
19	32	59	42		23	54	5	16		17	211	49
	13	39	13		3		14	10	14	9	69	25
4	4	11	2	18	7		2	13	8	2	64	26
	1	1	1	1	CW	1	4		CW	1	1	
1	2			1			5			1	1	
		3							1		3	1
										1		
53	94	284	255	6	97	71	173	179	260	133	745	308
42	101	353	507	8	25	111	45	146	8,848	111	442	670
	101	213	252	4	10			142	92		618	138
22						275	166		1	63	3	3
									18		3	24
4	43	187	169	6	7	3	90	75	118	40	525	161
		4			2			2	7		297	38
	4	2	1			6					CW	2
8	32	99	45	4	8	54	13	32	28	5	101	145
16	37	169	49		14	93	9	113	30	20	23	56
	2	9	5		2	4	1		2			3
24	45	121	123	12	35	46	95	68	97	65	579	175
4	11	13	15	1	1	35	1	6	7		35	27
	1											
8	65	85	75	6	1	36	29	54	49	13	438	105
1	2	4	3	1		10		1	3	1	15	10
1			1									
			1			1	1				1	1
							1	1			2	
16	10	7	2	2			1	10	4	2	153	21
9,172	7,710	433	610	1,696	114	2,513	1,503	1,482	1,757	403	3,214	1,201
14	60	75	144	2	6	19	10	39	181	43	685	90
1	13	12	7			39		1	7	2	8	5
	1											
1,485	1,741	752	750	34	129	252	1,518	484	272	1,395	1,454	1,464
348	59	70	261	198	2	439	787	256	297	85	1,782	539

123 RD AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT										
	Elyria-Lorain (OHEL)	Fayette County (OHFC)	Frelands (OHFT)	Fremont (OHFR)	Gall Woods (OHGW)	Grand Lake-St. Marys (OHGL)	Grand Rapids-Waterville (OHGR)	Greene County (OHGC)	Greenville (OHGV)	Guernsey County (OHGU)
CIRCLE NUMBER	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	76
COUNT DATE	16-Dec	14-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec
SPECIES										
American Pipit										
Evening Grosbeak										
House Finch	178	24	110	58	6	18	532	79	21	8
Purple Finch							42	4		3
Red Crossbill										
White-winged Crossbill										
Pine Siskin	6						337	1		
American Goldfinch	83	4	42	116	22	13	403	103	44	21
Lapland Longspur							467			
Snow Bunting	36		CW		CW					
Grasshopper Sparrow										
Chipping Sparrow		4								
Field Sparrow			1				31	2		7
Fox Sparrow				3			23	3		1
Fox Sparrow (Red)										
American Tree Sparrow	171	7	99	93	19	15	402	27	19	31
Dark-eyed Junco										
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	161	17	164	354	75	55	915	56	75	148
White-crowned Sparrow	4	7	11	1			23	9	CW	3
White-throated Sparrow	72	20	137	125		11	203	134	28	66
Savannah Sparrow										
Song Sparrow	22	14	20	68	5	5	105	39	17	65
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow	7	8		5		7	13	6	CW	11
Eastern Towhee								12	2	17
Sparrow species								2		4
Eastern Meadowlark									CW	2
Red-winged Blackbird	4	3	498	115			77	40		1
Brown-headed Cowbird	25	30	1	52			142	102		1
Rusty Blackbird			19	10			17	14		
Common Grackle	76	1	302	31			11,112	1,002	3	
Blackbird species										
Orange-crowned Warbler							1			
Common Yellowthroat										1
Cape May Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Palm Warbler (Western)										
Pine Warbler										
Yellow-rumped Warbler								11		
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	5		11	15			34		4	34
Yellow-throated Warbler										
Northern Cardinal	159	23	140	147	36	27	336	111	59	146
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	31,457	1,768	21,085	12,966	5,701	2,194	36,096	6,010	3,033	2,593
TOTAL SPECIES (COUNT DAY)	73	47	81	75	47	39	79	65	50	68

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Sycam (OHSY)	Hamilton-Fairfield (OHFF)	Hocking Hills (OHHS)	Hoover Reservoir (OHHR)	Indian Lake (OHIL)	Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (OHKP)	Lake Erie Islands (OHLE)	Lakewood (OHUK)	Lancaster (OHLN)	Marblehead (OHMA)	Mentor (OHMT)	Millersburg (OHML)	Michigan State Forest (OHMS)
34	35	36	37	38	39	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
2-Jan	16-Dec	17-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	31-Dec	17-Dec	30-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec
											31	49
64	64	55	176	3	11	111	143	65	133	29	646	109
	1	6	4			9		1	1			1
		2										
		11										
									2	5	3	CW
89		172	68	41	21	66	172	49	87	74	713	223
												CW
							1			7		
												1
											6	
		32	2					5	2	1	30	32
	2	4	5			6		1			12	2
295	76	36	31	15	60	18	70	12	115	150	879	319
		588		68					235	90		
105	88		273		96	71	245	139			1,190	447
	34	7		1	1	1		33	1	9	503	14
122	310	182	175	43	13	135	50	62	48	18	663	175
											13	
19	79	168	79	12	7	17	21	75	82	12	995	189
									1			1
2	4	5	4			5	6	9	6	9	55	5
	15	46	3			1		22	8		115	7
								8				
		1								1	27	2
123	47	7	56		150	12	22	1	54	47	100	20
24	124	2	1			1	22		26		2	1
				2	2	1	1		1		8	
28	4	14	3		CW	4	10	8	64		133	60
					200			12			100	
											2	
	1											
											1	
3	12	16	31	1	CW	21			5		68	28
											1	
75	68	242	254	18	21	152	154	211	238	88	1,165	519
70,504	12,266	5,200	7,694	4,656	1,842	8,759	10,479	4,601	17,870	12,191	24,120	9,810
84	70	70	80	63	47	81	76	60	90	70	91	84

123 RD AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT										
	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOO)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPO)	Priebe County (OHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartville (OHQH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	54	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	1-Jan	31-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	18-Dec	16-Dec
SPECIES										
Snow Goose			2							
Ross's Goose										1
Greater White-fronted Goose				2						
Graylag Goose (Domestic type)										
Cackling Goose										12
Canada Goose	45	197	2,859	209	3	58	434	42	106	2,635
Mute Swan		2	8							2
Trumpeter Swan			403				12			
Tundra Swan		121	7,208							
Tundra Swan (Whistling)										
Trumpeter/Tundra Swan						3				
Swan species										
Wood Duck		2			3					
Blue-winged Teal										
Northern Shoveler			70		2					7
Gadwall		2	217		4		25	1		191
American Wigeon			5				3			
American Black Duck		23	192		1		2	3		15
Mallard		191	2,752	40	1	2	211	8	71	569
Mallard (Domestic type)										
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid)										
Northern Pintail		2	17							
Green-winged Teal			2							
Green-winged Teal (American)										
Dabbling duck species										
Canvasback		2					1			
Redhead		9					1			1
Ring-necked Duck		270			3	CW	74			56
Greater Scaup			2							
Lesser Scaup		6	99			15				9
Greater/Lesser Scaup										
Harlequin Duck										
Surf Scoter			4							
White-winged Scoter										
Black Scoter										
Long-tailed Duck		3								
Bufflehead		16	47		5		13	9		6
Common Goldeneye		159	8,561			CW				
Hooded Merganser		245	28		37	3	194	12		58
Common Merganser			245				43			56
Red-breasted Merganser			48				2			1
Merganser species										
Ruddy Duck		101			789	8				1
Duck species										2
Waterfowl species										
Northern Bobwhite										
Wild Turkey		1		36			5	8		2
Ring-necked Pheasant		1	1							
Pied-billed Grebe				1	65		1	1		3
Horned Grebe					2	2				1

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Raccoon Creek (OHRC)	Ragarsville (OHRA)	Ruddigh (OHRIJ)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTT)	Toledo (OHTO)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Wilmet (OHWI)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	SPECIES TOTALS (COUNT DAY)
76	60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
30-Dec	27-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	14-Dec	17-Dec	23-Dec	23-Dec	15-Dec	23-Dec	16-Dec	
		1				CW			2				20
													2
													16
													1
					CW								22
27	232	672	836	698	1,890	972	1,159	275	734	1,120	1,124	279	59,189
					21		54	4		2	1		62
			2	65	1,554		408		4		233		947
													12,139
													11
													87
													125
	1				5	CW				3			53
													10
					81		38		23		22		484
			3		56	2	121		58		139	69	2,567
					3				26		7		165
			6		32	50	27		7	3	70		1,455
	86	197	36	77	1,167	544	165	6	427	93	622	92	24,781
													17
									1				1
					138				6		118	36	521
					9				46				190
											11		38
											1		1
					1				1				7,824
					5	6	42	7					3,660
					1	5		10	163		5	75	2,083
					10			2					48
					709	21	68	56					18,524
					11,140								11,181
													1
													5
						1							9
													5
													3
					148	63	34	5	63			10	1,468
					2	116		3				3	10,940
	2		27		114	268	29	3	14	4	2	258	3,750
1			28		149	59						381	4,337
3					242	11							11,163
													100
					146	3	13	6				2	2,170
													39
													300
		1											3
30	288			1		17	21		73	11	138		1,485
							1			CW	CW		12
2					4		1		1		CW		226
						2							40

123 RD AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT										
	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOO)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPO)	Prefble County (OHPR)	Quail Hollow-Hartville (OHQH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	54	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	1-Jan	31-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	18-Dec	16-Dec
SPECIES										
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	110	51	49	10	40	123	39	245	37	366
Eurasian Collared-Dove				7						
Mourning Dove	60	74	135	116	76	4	84	42	46	339
Virginia Rail										
Common Gallinule										
American Coot					705		50			
Sandhill Crane		5	82	4						
Killdeer			17	11	9			1	2	8
Dunlin										
Least Sandpiper										
Pectoral Sandpiper			1							
American Woodcock										
Wilson's Snipe										
Greater Yellowlegs			4							
Lesser Yellowlegs			3							
Bonaparte's Gull		73			11					
Ring-billed Gull		87	3,194	27	170		11	1	205	71
American Herring Gull			81	1		2	6			26
Iceland Gull										
Lesser Black-backed Gull										
Glaucous Gull										
Great Black-backed Gull										
Larus species						2				
Gull species										38
Red-throated Loon										
Common Loon					3					
Double-crested Cormorant		5		1	2		1			2
American White Pelican			467							
Great Blue Heron										
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	1	31	66	11	41		1	7	1	8
Great Egret										
Great Egret (American)										
Green Heron										
Black-crowned Night-Heron										
Black Vulture		58		329	478				7	
Turkey Vulture		2			35			3		
Osprey										
Golden Eagle										
Northern Harrier	6	3	25	3	12	1	1	2		6
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2		1					1	2
Cooper's Hawk		3	6	6	1	1	4	7	1	12
Accipiter species										
Bald Eagle	2	16	121	3	6	4	15	9	1	13
Red-shouldered Hawk	9	10		10	8		12	7	2	21
Red-tailed Hawk	6	25	23	11	15	9	14	6	5	54
Rough-legged Hawk	1		1			1				
Hawk species										3
Barn Owl										
Barn Owl (American)										
Eastern Screech-Owl			8	1		2				1

123RD AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT

Raccoon Creek (OHRC)	Ragarsville (OHRA)	Rudolph (OHRL)	Salem (OHSA)	Tiffin (OHTT)	Toledo (OHTO)	Tri-Reservoir (OHTR)	Trumbull County (OHTC)	Wellington (OHWE)	Western Hamilton County (OHWH)	Wilmet (OHWI)	Wooster (OHWO)	Youngstown (OHYO)	SPECIES TOTALS (COUNT DAY)
76	60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
30-Dec	27-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	14-Dec	17-Dec	23-Dec	23-Dec	15-Dec	23-Dec	16-Dec	
25	663	132	61	92	188	8	12	33	827	1,780	150	12	13,153
										2			11
143	1,608	132	23	16	363	91	19	110	523	1,187	242	25	12,373
													4
					19	169		124				47	3,336
			2		17		51				289		831
3	32	1	8		2	1		8	8	75	10		774
													3
									1				1
													1
													5
2	7									29			97
													4
													4
1					1	108	5					9	2,022
	603	22	11		9,774	1,682	331	1	3	1	1	325	79,927
	77				1,851	134	5			4	11	25	7,799
													CW
					105								125
					3								CW
													26
													2
													177
													1
					1	2	5						67
					13	CW							1,042
					2								469
													21
	7	5	7	3	148	4	1		25	29	17		1,296
					1								5
													CW
				1	22								1
	11								69	3			24
	58			3					27	55			3,163
					CW								1,000
													CW
													1
1	10	19		8	6				5	8	14		277
	4		1		1				4	3		1	80
	15	5	4	9	9	5	1		8	44	2	1	410
											1		5
	8	19	8	44	50	8	12	1	5	11	11	7	1,143
4	2		8	5		18	7	4	14	26	4	14	649
7	123	47	18	19	33	36	2	10	17	259	33	7	2,124
		1								1			37
						1							6
	1									2			9
											2		2
1	3			7	2					4	2		162

123 RD AUDUBON CHRISTMAS COUNT										
	New Lexington (OHNL)	O'Shaughnessy Reservoir (OHOS)	Ottawa N.W.R. (OHOT)	Oxford (OHOO)	Paint Creek Area (OHPC)	Plymouth (OHPL)	Portage County (OHPT)	Portsmouth (OHPO)	Preble County (OHPR)	Qual Hollow-Hartville (OHQH)
CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	54	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	1-Jan	31-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	18-Dec	16-Dec
SPECIES										
Great Horned Owl		1	2	4		1	3			1
Barred Owl	1	1		2			4			2
Long-eared Owl										
Short-eared Owl	2		2	1						
Northern Saw-whet Owl										
Owl species										
Belted Kingfisher	3	11	3	13	7	2	8	10	3	12
Red-headed Woodpecker	2	5	5		16					3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	21	110	23	126	28	10	63	26	19	88
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	5	1	22	6			3	1	4
Downy Woodpecker	25	88	35	69	17	12	66	37	17	104
Hairy Woodpecker	8	19	8	7	6	4	18	6	6	25
Downy/Hairy Woodpecker										
Northern Flicker		98	10	43			13	19		
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)	10				9	10			3	28
Pileated Woodpecker	8	13		19	6	1	9	11	4	15
American Kestrel	12	18	41	19	13	14		5	7	10
Merlin		2		1						1
Peregrine Falcon										1
Eastern Phoebe				2	3			2		
Northern Shrike			4				1			
Blue Jay	63	208	100	107	69	32	135	113	36	249
American Crow	170	363	2	236	152	76	201	150	108	1,061
Fish Crow										
Common Raven										1
Carolina Chickadee	31	195		176	30			154	37	
Black-capped Chickadee			9			11	205			289
Chickadee species										
Tufted Titmouse	23	73	1	147	16	7	67	52	9	90
Horned Lark			96	5		75		3		16
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				6					1	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	7	56	4	36	2	2	19	42	29	19
Cedar Waxwing		41	1	27	22			7		3
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1	1	18				1		4
White-breasted Nuthatch	25	13	19	86	22	11	77	34	20	126
Brown Creeper	4	20	1	19	3	1	3	5	7	3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher										
Carolina Wren	9	66	5	75	29	3	20	33	15	64
Northern House Wren										
Winter Wren	2		CW	5				4		6
Marsh Wren										
Gray Catbird										1
Brown Thrasher										
Northern Mockingbird	2	9	2	19	10	1		7		9
European Starling	368	21,450	3,330	3,170	542	361	271	675	994	5,030
Eastern Bluebird	44	58	2	114	40	19	49	32	9	87
Hermit Thrush		3	1	26	3			1		4
Wood Thrush										
American Robin	8	1,612	375	2,379	1,101	63	261	46	337	605
House Sparrow	38	171	978	240	47	71	15	113	142	802

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76	60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
30-Dec	27-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	14-Dec	17-Dec	23-Dec	23-Dec	15-Dec	23-Dec	16-Dec	
	2	4		1	5	CW			4	16		2	128
	2	1		5			1		3	17	1	5	103
													5
	6	CW							2	6	1		45
													5
										1			1
5	14	1	3	2	4	9			23	29	7	6	593
5	25	2	1	10		17	4	2	8	57	7	28	682
26	460	38	42	55	42	50	11	23	118	722	58	36	6,076
3	22	1		3		5		1	16	12	1		358
37	408	30	32	49	85	56	26	17	92	725	55	29	5,900
7	116	9	10	4	18	7	2	4	10	259	21	7	1,557
													7
			15		48			12		308			1,051
48	196	33		26		26	6		63		36	10	1,857
11	63	1	11	8	CW	13	1	6	10	94	9	2	914
11	66	41	12	29	28	1	6	18	6	71	16	1	1,090
		1							5			1	46
	1	2							1	1			29
5	1								3	3			53
							2						10
98	626	81	140	195	137	202	62	124	264	1,014	108	70	13,355
46	475	103	370	164	10	125	17	92	1,095	424	82	5,143	39,978
													16
						1							15
44	581			7					420	592	64		7,157
	7	11	64	20	69	289	57	29		186	1	46	3,731
				1						64	7		236
29	494	11	50	23	21	76	32	12	203	824	58	55	6,740
	208	109		27	3				27	404	21		2,078
	2	1				1				2	1		57
5	190	3	4	17		13	4	2	41	205	35	3	2,265
8	4	87		21	18	21		3	187	61	12		4,507
	5				2		1		3	1		1	116
51	412	46	38	55	47	98	23	29	72	708	69	36	6,061
7	37	2		5	8	1	1		14	60	5	1	668
													2
29	393	5	21	19	15	38	10	6	126	582	91	21	4,389
	1												1
4	3			2	5	1				8	8		190
									1		5		9
	3	3			2					2	1		31
					1					1			7
8	112	3	14		8	2			44	284	15	6	1,141
879	5,083	12,351	1,350	7,353	15,941	861	304	668	4,459	5,830	1,551	137	245,371
27	603	22	53	77	23	113	16	28	54	874	122	20	6,477
1	20	1		2		1			16	8	1	1	413
													1
344	1,032	190	287	228	1,972	95	27	138	2,031	1,170	187	150	70,969
37	1,082	311	452	376	695	507	72	88	449	3,496	181	49	25,444

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CIRCLE NUMBER	48	50	51	52	53	54	56	57	58	59
COUNT DATE	1-Jan	31-Dec	1-Jan	16-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	16-Dec	18-Dec	16-Dec
SPECIES										
American Pipit										9
Evening Grosbeak										
House Finch	38	99	80	96	35	5	41	100	16	139
Purple Finch		4		9	1					2
Red Crossbill										
White-winged Crossbill										
Pine Siskin							1			
American Goldfinch	36	113	77	102	27	26	106	73	43	165
Lapland Longspur			34			CW				
Snow Bunting			51							
Grasshopper Sparrow										
Chipping Sparrow										
Field Sparrow				2						6
Fox Sparrow			4	1		1		1		
Fox Sparrow (Red)										2
American Tree Sparrow	3	73	610	26		19	91	1	5	149
Dark-eyed Junco		89	198							288
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	85			125	63	46	100	125	60	
White-crowned Sparrow	10	1			4	6		55		10
White-throated Sparrow	29	212	82	184	83	14	43		33	85
Savannah Sparrow				13						5
Song Sparrow	8	31	59	69	23	8	25	56	2	94
Lincoln's Sparrow										
Swamp Sparrow	2	2	19	5	2	CW	2	5		11
Eastern Towhee	12	2		6	3			4	8	1
Sparrow species			3							
Eastern Meadowlark				2	23					
Red-winged Blackbird		120	4,613	14	31		4,279	26		33,852
Brown-headed Cowbird			2,117	2		4	185			41,039
Rusty Blackbird			200	1			1			12
Common Grackle	1		278		1		2,295	50		28,480
Blackbird species										456
Orange-crowned Warbler										
Common Yellowthroat										
Cape May Warbler										
Palm Warbler										
Palm Warbler (Western)										
Pine Warbler										
Yellow-rumped Warbler							1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)		10		20	35			34		18
Yellow-throated Warbler										
Northern Cardinal	116	201	98	151	99	21	114	83	36	328
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1,467	27,465	40,635	8,887	5,156	1,177	10,051	2,618	2,492	118,511
TOTAL SPECIES (COUNT DAY)	45	75	81	72	67	48	62	59	42	86

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76	60	61	62	64	65	66	67	68	69	71	72	73	
30-Dec	27-Dec	16-Dec	30-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	14-Dec	17-Dec	23-Dec	23-Dec	15-Dec	23-Dec	16-Dec	
	170								2	65			329
													1
43	647	40	85	54	134	71	2	7	215	793	28	38	8,243
2	2								5	1			204
									17				19
													11
	2	CW			48	2			5				541
127	464	33	35	36	176	147	81	26	108	791	77	35	8,659
		280								2			789
		13			110								219
													1
													16
18	84		1		1	15			4	76	9		504
5	5				5				11	6	3		159
													2
24	883	137	49	21	489	104	208	24	76	1,035	347	42	9,546
		145						33	223	1,491			5,221
100	1,425		103	208	490	273	138				171	63	12,989
6	682		6		2			4	57	1,383	72		3,272
98	721	3	16	34	387	33	8	11	362	695	110	2	10,496
	15								6	3			59
41	1,465	9	51	9	81	74	5	9	157	1,360	193	9	8,360
1					1								4
52	34		6		78	5	16		23	91	81	3	837
26	107		1		1	2			38	73	7		852
													53
4	7								4	18	CW		195
7	36	3		43	770	2,529	524	1	210	3,627	62	34	74,429
	150	61	1	40	231	327			1	2,893	3		69,333
	2			1	42	82			8	90	3		800
	70	7	2	44	18	246	2	7	6	3,007		13	587,727
				10		50				1,113			1,943
													1
	1				CW					2	1		9
										1			1
	6									1	2		10
1													2
1	1												5
								3	42				629
59	19		1	8	14	11	2			35	13		808
													1
82	1,325	47	157	126	206	202	123	59	470	1,715	194	70	16,592
2,721	24,917	15,538	4,572	10,466	52,729	11,209	4,426	2,154	15,108	44,247	7,524	7,853	1,600,734
58	84	58	52	55	90	72	60	50	87	87	78	57	159

FIELD NOTES

From Tom Bartlett:

[Regarding the high count of Lesser Scaup at East Harbor on 02 Jan] Large flock of mainly diving ducks in the Middle Harbor of the park. Estimated to be about 18,000 birds (have video footage of the group). Most were Lesser Scaup, the other species were based on an estimate of the percentage and conservative.

From Tim Colborn:

[Regarding the American Herring x Glaucous Gull hybrid at Bradstreets Landing, *Cuyahoga*, on 07 Jan] Initially identified as Iceland with medium to light gray primary tips. Size appeared to be similar to nearby Herring Gulls. Bird flew in while we were watching the Red-throated Loon. Deb Sweeney took good photos and Jen Brumfield corrected the identification based on larger size. Photos revealed somewhat flatter head, as well.

From Howard Gratz:

[Regarding early arriving Tree Swallow at Knox Lake on 06 Feb] Flagged by eBird. First of year. This is the earliest date that I have recorded a Tree Swallow in *Knox*. Before I even got out of my vehicle, I noticed it flying just a short distance off the west side of the *Knox* Lake Road causeway. It continued flying up and down the edge of the causeway the whole time I was there. I saw no others. Blue back and all white beneath.

From Geoff Malosh:

[Regarding the high count of Bufflehead at Maumee Bay on 29 Dec]. There were a lot of ducks present on the bay that day, so he made the general commit: Has to be 10,000 ducks at reasonable enough scope distance to identify at least to genus level.

From Tyler McClain:

[Regarding the seasonal high count of Canvasback and Redhead at Lions Park, *Erie*, on 02 Jan] Estimate, birds were in large and compact rafts.

From Dennis Mersky:

[Regarding a late Prairie Warbler at Turkey-foot Lake, *Summit*, on 24 Dec] Scurrying along the forest floor in the center of the peninsula. Loosely associated with some bluebirds, Downy Woodpeckers and titmice. A few photos that weren't super blurry.

From Andrew O'Connor:

[Regarding the high count of Savannah Sparrow in Fairfield, *Butler*, on 12 Feb] Not an overcount. Many birds along the ditch with pictures to add. Pink legs. Striped sparrows with yellow above eye. Didn't think they winter in this area in numbers.

From Gabe Troyer:

[Regarding a Yellow-throated Warbler in Fredericksburg, *Holmes*, on 10 Dec] Continuing bird coming to the feeders here for about a week now; photos.

From Josh Yoder:

[Regarding the high count of Short-eared Owl at Cadiz-Flushing Road, *Harrison*, on 15 Dec] Probably more, I saw a group of 15 and three were flushed by an Eagle around 3:00 pm, then later at least four more hunting the fields that were not among the original 18.

ERRATA

Volume 46, No. 3, Spring 2023 issue: p.121, the number of years of weather data should read as 129 rather than 128.

Volume 47, No. 1, Fall 2023 issue: p. 32, The Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird from Berwick, Franklin, stayed until 04 Nov rather than 03 Nov.

YEARS AGO

By Craig Caldwell

10 years ago, the Winter 2012–13 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 37 No. 2 (Craig Caldwell, Editor) contained these items:

Long-tailed Ducks were reported in 26 counties and White-winged Scoters in 31.

The Brown Pelican that was first seen in Cleveland harbor on 24 Jun was last seen on 11 Jan.

There were seven reports of Common Ravens waiting for OBRC evaluation.

Jim McCormac wrote about the winter's Snowy Owl irruption. Approximately 175 birds were spread among 60 counties. (The hilly and wooded far southeast hosted none, but their absence from the agricultural extreme northwest was odd.)

There were 68 Christmas Bird Counts. (CBCs)

25 years ago, the Winter 1998–99 *Ohio Cardinal*, Vol. 22 No. 2 (Bob Conlon, Guest Editor) contained these items:

The issue was combined with that of Fall 1998.

There were 56 CBCs. Among them they tallied 12 Northern Shrikes and more were seen outside the count window.

The Wilds hosted 83 Short-eared Owls on 17 Feb.

The season's only Rufous Hummingbird spent 24 Nov to 02 Dec in *Lake*.

A “banner year” for Snow Buntings included a report of 1200 in *Preble* on 17 Jan.

Donald Burton of the Ohio Wildlife Center wrote about weather-related waterbird groundings.

No hummingbirds were reported.

50 years ago, *The Cleveland Bird Calendar* for Winter 1973–74, Vol. 70 No. 1 (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)

Lake Erie and most inland waters were ice-free.

Sixteen Little Gulls were reported, though some duplication was assumed.

An immature Yellow-crowned Night Heron was seen on the Chagrin River on 22 Dec.

At least six King Eiders were at Lorain harbor (presumably what we later called the Hot Waters).

Three Snowy owls were reported, a solo at one location and a duo at another.

Four Northern Mockingbirds, a rarity at the time, rated mention.

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

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The Counties of Ohio



Not seen in Ohio since 1951, an Ancient Murrelet drew many to the Lorain (city) fishing pier to see this rare bird. Don Danko managed a distant photo of this amazing find in Lake Erie on 22 Dec. (See the accompanying article for more about Rob Swindell's experience.)

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Back cover:

Checking Lake Erie on 11 Jan, Ed Wransky photographed this Little Gull from the Lorain (city) fishing pier.

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